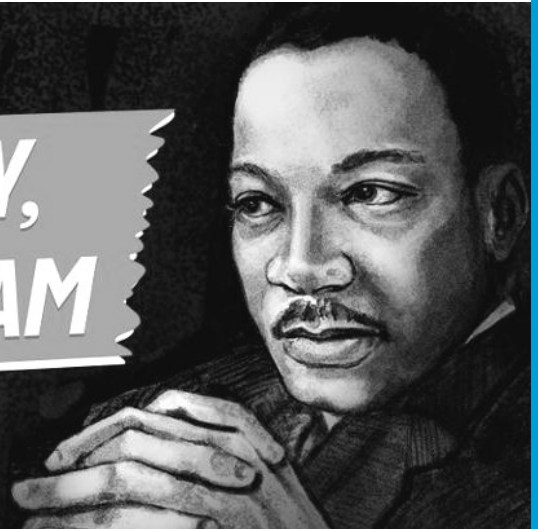


January 14, 2018

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

**HONORING THE LEGACY,
ENGAGING THE DREAM**



“I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed - we hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.”

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Mass Schedule

Monday-Thursday
8:00 am at the Parish Center
Chapel

Saturday Evening
4:00 pm

Sunday Morning
8:00 am & 11:00 am

Confession:
2nd & 4th Saturday of every
month at 3:00 pm at the
Church



Saturday, January 13, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Richard Clendening by the Bartolillo Family

Sunday, January 14, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00a.m. Ann Marie Spenard by Sandra Brick

Monday, January 15
 8:00 a.m. Jim Foran (Living Intention) by Kathy & Glen

Tuesday, January 16
 8:00 a.m. Thomas Foran (Living Intention) by Kathy & Glen

Wednesday, January 17
 8:00 a.m. Charles Doll by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Thursday, January 18
 8:00 a.m. Joe Regan by Ed & Romaine Dougherty

Friday, January 19
NO MASS

Saturday, January 20, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. 47th Anniv. Michael Pandich by Family

Sunday, January 21, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Marie Richards-Zemek by the Albee Family

Catherine's Cupboard

Our parish pantry is open to anyone in need of food. We are open on the **1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** No requirements except to show ID showing who you are. A person can come as often as needed. We are here to help, not to judge. So please pass the word to anyone you think may need assistance. Canned or dry goods, plus paper & personal care products (**toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, baby diapers, women's personal items**) are always needed and welcome. Drop off in the barrel at the church foyer or leave the items in the Parish Center.

Weekend's Offering (01-07-18)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,400.50
Loose Collection.....	\$236.00
Christmas Collection.....	\$175.00
Holy Day Collection.....	\$105.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,931.00
Total Collection.....	\$8,847.50

Thank you for your generosity!

Faith Formation

**No Faith formation this week January 14th
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**

Looking Ahead:

First Eucharist Parent Meeting January 21st at 10:00A.M. in Room 103. Please be present for this very important Meeting.

First Eucharist Coaching Session is on January 28th in the Parish Hall. Parent and Child meet in the Hall for this week's lesson.

Parish Book Club

"Falling Upward" by Richard Rohr

Book Club will meet Tuesday January 16th at 1:30 PM in the Parish Center. Please read Chapters 4-7 for this meeting.

Father Sokolowski/Food for The Poor

Please join us the weekend of January 20th to hear Rev. William R. Sokolowski speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Fr. Sokolowski will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Fr. Sokolowski was ordained in 1965 for the Archdiocese of Hartford. Fr. Bill taught Philosophy for over 25 years. Before joining Food For The Poor, he served as pastor in the Archdiocese.

Please join us in welcoming Father Sokolowski!

World Marriage Day

The 33rd Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on Feb 11, 2018 at 2:30pm at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. The Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham will celebrate the Mass and witness the renewal of marriage vows of all couples in attendance. He will specially honor those couples celebrating 25th, 50th and beyond 50 years in 2018.

Prayers . . .

Please remember all of our parishioners who are in hospitals and nursing homes and our homebound. Also, please pray for our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

Thanks to Cassie Pinataro and Greg Santa Croce

A big thanks to Greg Santa Croce and Cassie Pinataro for a wonderful concert on December 20th. The music and their talent helped bring the season to a wonderful start. A great thanks for a very generous free will offering that will be very helpful for the Santa Croce family during Megan Santa Croce's treatments for her illness. Thank you to all involved!

Thank You!

Thank you for your church's recent donation of wish list gifts for 50 children at the Children's Home to help brighten the holiday for children and families in our care. At the Children's Home we partner with children, families and communities to inspire hope, develop skills, and cultivate healthy relationships for positive futures. Thank you for joining in this important task. Your support helps ensure that we can continue to provide safety and care for children and families. Thanks especially to Bev and all who remain dedicated to our holiday gift program every year. We are blessed.

Thank You!

Thank you to all those who participated in last Sunday's free will offering to benefit the victims of Hurricane Maria, Hurricane Harvey, and Hurricane Irma. Together we raised \$1,011.20 to help those in need. All donations went to the United Way Accuweather fund and the Global Giving Hurricane Relief fund. Thank you very much for your heartwarming generosity!

THANK YOU!

Sincere thanks to all the volunteers who helped deliver the poinsettias for Christmas to our parishioners who are home-bound and those in nursing homes. Remembering them brightened their days.
-Bea Grace, Chairperson, Special Sunshine Committee

Thank You from Birthright

Dear Fr. Tim and St. Francis of Assisi parish,
We are so thankful for your huge amount of donations to Birthright from your giving tree. The incredible amount of diapers, wipes, and baby formula will serve so many clients for quite some time. And along with that you also donated lots of toys, outfits, and other baby accessories.
From past experiences I know how generous this parish is, but this donation was really overwhelming! Sincere thanks. Diane Yajko and all the Birthright volunteers.

Church Call to End Racism

This Monday we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Day. It is a good time to connect the scriptures and our Catholic Christian faith to the challenges of justice in our nation, especially racial justice. Racism is a sin; a sin that divides the human family, bots out the image of God among specific members of that family, and violates the fundamental human dignity of those called to be children of the same God. In our country it has been taking us a very long time to understand and to begin to heal the racial divides in our country. Listed here are upcoming events that can be supportive, educational and community building here in our own area. You are invited to attend one or all of these opportunities.

- 1.) Please join us for a march at **6:30 p.m. on January 15th at the MLK Promenade** (the peacemakers stage near the court street bridge) to Salvation Temple Church in remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life.
- 2.) **I Am Not Your Negro** is a contemporary documentary capturing black history in the United States from the 60's civil rights movement to the present. We will have a community viewing on **January 22, 2018, in the parish hall at St. Mary's Church, at 6:30 PM.**

For about six months I (Fr. Jon Werner) have been involved with a group of clergy and laity seeking to foster multi-racial partnerships in the Binghamton area. There was a sense that we needed to start doing things to actively work for racial harmony. This is an opportunity to acknowledge racial tensions that exist and gather as a community to forge partnerships and friendships. There will be time for discussion after the movie.

- 3.) **Deeper Thank the Skin** (Building bridges with music). Join famed folk musicians Reggie Harris and Greg Greenway on **Friday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary of First Congregational Church (30 Main St., Binghamton) as they not only share a story of overcoming, but provide a living, breathing example of celebration, creative resistance, and joy. They are committed professionally to inspiring people, to encourage others to take that step beyond their comfort zone. As they reach across the racial divide, they encourage others to foster the relationships that are, in the end, a path to healing.

Prayer to End Racism

God, you have created every person In Your image. Help us recognize this gift By rejecting fear and Rejecting the sin of racism, So we can welcome and include all Our brothers and sisters As members of the human family. Guide us through the words of Our Church leadership. Open our minds and our hearts To discern how we can live together In harmony and in unity. Forgive us our sins, What we have done And what we have not done. Make us active bridge builders, To be witnesses To your Word, To the diversity You have created and blessed. Amen.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of January 14th — George & Pat Clark

Week of January 21st — Karen Dotson

Shelving (Mondays)

January 15th — P. Turnbull, A. Hanley

January 22nd — E. & K. Corcoran

Distribution

January 16th — C. Danoski, R. Serafini, B. Grace , M. Ryder, C. Woodruff, R. Rounds

PARISH REGISTRATION

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether you're a long-time resident or newly arrived in the Parish. Please check the appropriate box and place in the collection basket or return to the Parish Center.

We thank God that you are with us.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

- New Parishioner, send registration form
- Change of address or phone number
- Temporarily away. Stop envelopes
- Moving, please remove from Parish Roster

Collection for Homeless Coalition

Faith Formation will be collecting items for the Homeless Coalition again **from now until April 15th**.

These are the needed items:

Bottles of Water or Gatorade

Insulated Socks

Thermal Underwear (L/XL)

Warm Gloves/Hats

Hand/Foot Warmers

Ponchos

Toothbrushes

Wipes

Fast Food Gift Cards

Clif Bars

Cracker Sandwiches

Raisins (or other dried fruit)

Ziploc Bags

Drawstring Bags

* All clothing must be new and must be men's sizes, since women can wear them too.

There is a box just inside the front door of the school on Sundays during Faith Formation. Another box is be at the church and another at the Parish Center.

Nocturnal Adoration Society

Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet at St. Patrick's Chapel on Saturday, January 20th from 7-8 pm; **All Members.**

Year of The Poor & Our Food Pantry

Pope Francis declared this coming year the "Year of the Poor", but here at St. Francis of Assisi the poor are taken care of year round. The food pantry started in the spring of 2002 serving less than 10 families a month. We now serve 100 to 125 families monthly, and can even rise to 150 during the holidays. This is not including the 145+ families that received Thanksgiving Baskets from us on November 18th and during the week leading up to Thanksgiving Day.

On **December 19th** we opened again, and offered turkey, ham, and/or chicken to our visitors as well as assorted gifts to complete their Christmas. On the 11th our "special elves" delivered over 200 gifts to; The Children's Home, Elizabeth Church Nursing Home, Birthright, and Broome Council of Churches for Jail Ministry.

These are "our neighbor's" living within the parish who may not have anything this holiday without **your help**. Words cannot suffice in explaining how much **you do** for the poor. Your monetary donations, dropping off food items, the food drive done by Chenango Forks Girl Scouts, brought in 800 lbs of food in November and Hillcrest Fire dept is doing another food drive for us this weekend. The volunteers who give up their time to sort, shelve, or give out through out the year are invaluable and extraordinary.

If you wish to join us, please call Delores at the parish center (722-4388). Whatever you do, it is greatly appreciated and all is used to the best of our ability. **Thank you** all for taking time to care for the poor.

32nd Annual Knights for Life

Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

Please join the KOC Peter T. Campon Council No. 206 at 136 Park Ave., Binghamton, NY on **January 28th from noon to 5:00p.m.** for Sauce & Meatballs by Cortese to benefit our local Right to Life & Birthright. Tickets may be obtained at the door and are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Purchase of ticket voucher includes; coffee, tea, milk, bread, spaghetti & meatballs, and dessert. Take out orders are available by calling 771-8303 before 4:00p.m.

Knights of Columbus 11403



Hooley in Hillcrest



Save the Date: 03/10/18

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**

January 20th & 21st, 2018

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Denise Talbut
EM Host	Katie Ginalski
EM Host	John Artman
EM Host	Brenda Artman
EM Cup	Larry Koch
EM Cup	Paulette Scales
EM Cup	Marge Mangan
EM Cup	Ron Scales
Altar Server	Delaney Wood
Altar Server	Mikey Schultz
Altar Server	Liam Wood

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Dom Lomonaco
EM Host	Tom Phalen
EM Host	Debbie Davis
EM Host	Marie Iobst
EM Cup	Shirley McCray
EM Cup	Ed White
EM Cup	Denise Baxter
EM Cup	Steve Baxter
Altar Server	Brigid Birtch
Altar Server	Kathryn White
Altar Server	Lauren White

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Brian Sirgany
EM Host	Chris Gill
EM Host	David Gill
EM Host	Dave Bollinger
EM Cup	Joseph Frissora
EM Cup	Stephanie Stracuzzi
EM Cup	Steve Guth
EM Cup	Jim Lewis
Altar Server	John Michael Frissora
Altar Server	Nolan Sirgany
Altar Server	Jessica Wojnar

Question of the Week

Question for Children: What can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

Question for Youth: Andrew seemed to know immediately that he should follow Jesus. Do you have that same sense of confidence in your faith in Jesus? What helps? What makes it hard?

Question for Adults: In what ways do you experience being called by Jesus? What does he want you to do?

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