

January 17, 2021

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Eucharistic faith community committed to living and sharing the Gospel life.

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Please go online to

stfrancisbing.org to view
our latest Sunday mass.

We will be posting new
videos of our weekend
liturgies by 4:00PM on
Saturdays **even after our
reopening.**

Also find the videos on our

Facebook (search
“@stfrancisbing”)

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“@stfrancisbing”)

YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi
Binghamton)

**You can still attend
weekend mass virtually!**



Saturday, January 16, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. 50th Anniv. Michael Pandich by
Mike & Jan Pandich

Sunday, January 17, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

11:00 a.m. Rose Serafini by Dave & Lou
Ann Sullivan

Monday, January 18

12:00 p.m. Bob Shields by Pattie & Kevin
Magner

Tuesday, January 19

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Taugher by Family

Wednesday, January 20

NO MASS

Thursday, January 21

NO MASS

Friday, January 22

NO MASS

Saturday, January 23, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Daniel Berry by Family

Sunday, January 24, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

11:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by 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 (01-10-21)

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| Regular/Holy Day Envelopes..... | \$4,270.00 |
| Loose Collection..... | \$97.00 |
| Electronic Collection..... | \$4,335.00 |
| Total Collection..... | \$8,702.00 |

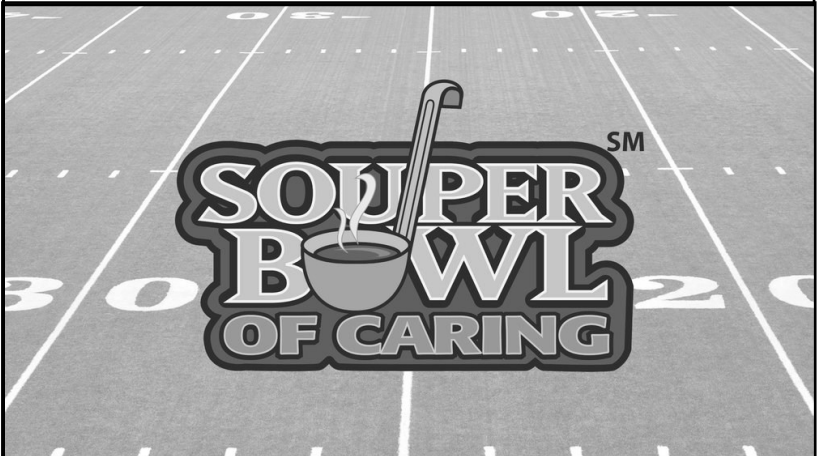
Thank You for your generous contributions!

FAITH FORMATION

No Faith Formation this weekend. Faith Formation for grades K-9 will resume next weekend, January 24th.

Looking Ahead:

First Eucharist Parent Meeting, Sunday, January 24th at 9:45AM in the Emmaus Room. Please attend. We will be discussing the diocesan and local guidelines for the reception of the Sacrament. If your child was not baptized at St Francis of Assisi, please bring a copy of their Baptismal Certificate to this meeting if you have not already done so.



Souper Bowl of Caring is transforming the Big Game into a nation-wide movement inspiring people to give locally and make a collective impact on hunger. Mobilizing grassroots resources including churches, schools, civic groups and caring individuals. In 2020, over 5,000 groups, including St. Francis of Assisi Faith Formation, collected over \$10.6 million in dollars and food donations for hunger-relief charities across the country.

Last year Catherine's Cupboard received \$1,600, so let's try to surpass that this year! Donations will be collected Super Bowl Sunday weekend after all the Masses, or you can contribute online to Catherine's Cupboard February 6-7 to have your donation be included in our Souper Bowl of Caring! Over \$163 million has been collected since Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990.

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 especially, George Stroka.

Martin Luther King Birthday and Racism

This Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We can easily recall his compelling words for equality, freedom, social justice, and courage. Many of us know his words in support of family, friendship, and forgiveness. However, it is words about love that really are the root of everything else

The following is an excerpt from, “A Christmas Sermon on Peace”, December 24, 1967 at Ebenezer Baptist Church by Martin Luther King, Jr.

“And I think this is where we are, as a people, in our struggle for racial justice. We can’t ever give up. We must work passionately and unrelentingly for first-class citizenship. We must never let up in our determination to remove every vestige of segregation and discrimination from our nation, but we shall not in the process relinquish our privilege to love. I’ve seen too much hate to want to hate, myself...hate is too great a burden to bear. Somehow we must be able to stand up before our most bitter opponents and say:

‘We shall match your capacity to inflict suffering by our capacity to endure suffering. We will meet your physical force with soul force. Do to us what you will and we will still love you.’

Inaugural Week

Wednesday is Inauguration Day— at noon, Joseph Biden will take the oath of office to become the 46th President of the United States. In 1989, Ronald Reagan began what has become an Inauguration Day tradition: The outgoing President leaves a note on the Resolute desk in the Oval Office for his successor. Perhaps the most gracious note was left by George Bush for his successor Bill Clinton (more remarkable given Bush’ campaign loss to Clinton in 1992). President Bush’s note to his successor read:

Dear Bill, When I walked into this office just now I felt the same sense of wonder and respect that I felt four years ago. I know you will feel that too. I wish you great happiness here. I never felt the loneliness some Presidents have described. There will be very tough times, made even more difficult by criticism you may not think is fair. I’m not a very good one to give advice; but just don’t let the critics discourage you or push you off course. You will be our President when you read this note. I wish you well. I wish your family well. Your success is our country’s success. I am rooting hard for you.

Good Luck, —George

As President-elect Biden and VP-elect Harris take office, may the sentiments of President Bush’s note be our prayer for them: that they may persevere and stay “on course” in bringing a deeply divided nation together, in restoring our democracy as the “shining city on the hill” for the world, in making the dream of “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” a reality for us all. O God, send your Spirit of wisdom upon our new President and leaders that they may create peace and prosperity. And send your Spirit upon us, that we may put aside our differences to become “one nation” under you and work together to realize our founders’ vision of “liberty and justice for all.”

2nd Week in Ordinary Time: Justice Challenge

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on January 18th. So often in our world, we emphasize our differences with others instead of the things we share in common. Yet, our God is everyone’s God, and Jesus came as a universal Savior— for everyone, everywhere, all the time. If those of us who believe in Jesus can’t get along, how will we ever bring peace to our world? Your challenge this week is to participate in this special time by praying for unity among all Christians. Then let your prayer lead you to action. What is one thing you can do as a family or household to be more connected— with the Lutheran community down the block or on the neighboring farm, or the Methodist family that lives next door? How can you celebrate with them our common belief in Jesus Christ?

Prayer: Deliver Us From Evil

“Racism is not merely one sin among many, it is a radical evil dividing the human family.” Brothers and Sisters to Us, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1979.

We hear words of prejudice, fear, and anger in our communities. We see acts of discrimination and bloodshed in our streets.

We cry out to you, O Lord, to deliver us from the evils of racism That cause great pain and anguish, dividing our nation.

Deliver us from the evil of active racism, The outspoken language of hate,

The visible acts of violence,

The clear calls to divide and destroy.

Deliver us from the evils of racism, O Lord.

Deliver us from the evil of passive racism, The attitudes and actions that allow racism To continue to exist because too many people

Say nothing and do nothing to stop active racism. Deliver us from the evils of racism, O Lord.

Deliver us from the evil of systemic racism,

The biases that have long been a part of so many systems, In education, housing, health care, jobs, and in our court and penal structures, Creating disadvantages that remain for generations.

Deliver us from the evils of racism, O Lord.

Deliver us from the evil of cultural racism, From attitudes of superiority and privilege, From stereotyping and devaluing a culture even as we appropriate cultural expressions

Of those different from us without sensitivity or concern.

Deliver us from the evils of racism, O Lord.

In your mercy, O Lord, deliver us from the evils of racism So that our communities can be renewed

By the rejection of all prejudice, all violence, With a new awareness of those different from us And with deep respect for every human person, So the healing bonds of solidarity may grow

And the common good may flourish in this land. Amen.

- Jane Deren, Ph.D.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

January 19th— P. Peters, K. & T. Barnhart

Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 31st—Feb. 6th)

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week is Jan. 31st— Feb. 6th: Learn more about Catholic Schools of Broome County this week— For a full list of events go to csbsaints.org/csw. Contact the Office of Admissions at 607-231-4149 for more information or to schedule a tour for any of our schools. Apply now. You belong here. csbsaints.org.



Catholic Schools of Broome County

Instructions for Celebration of Sacraments

In order to permit Mass each parishioner must:

- † Seek information for registration for Mass, and procedures
- † Remain home if sick, symptomatic, or at risk
- † Wear a face mask in church (required) and, if possible, bring personal hand sanitizer
- † Observe the commands on the posted signage and follow the directives of ushers

Prepare for the reception of Holy Communion:

- † Masks will be worn by ALL
- † Direction will be provided for those receiving
- † The Precious Blood will NOT be offered
- † Reception will involve: receiving the Body of Christ in the hand **ONLY**, stepping aside, lifting the mask, consuming the Eucharist, returning the mask..
- † Please maintain social distancing of 6 feet!

Why Volunteer?

There are so many reasons to volunteer:

- † Lets you share your knowledge and talents.
- † Provides opportunities for making many new friends.
- † Brings the special fulfillment that comes only from helping others.
- † Helps you “get outside” yourself and put your own problems — even grief — in perspective.
- † Allows you to polish old skills and learn new ones.
- † Lets you “repay” an organization that has helped you or someone you love.

So, go out and give volunteering a try!

For Potential Godparents and Sponsors for Baptisms or Confirmation

Anyone looking to be a Godparent or Sponsor to a Confirmation Candidate **MUST** be a registered member of St. Francis of Assisi to be able to get a letter of certification. This is the only way that the Church can verify you are a practicing Catholic. Please call Delores at the Parish Center (722-4388) for questions.

Online Giving

Would you like to save paper and time when giving monetary donations to us? We have the option of online giving for your convenience. Visit our website stfrancisbing.org and click “online giving” in the menu. It's easy to set up using your checking account, credit, or debit card for automatic or one-time donation options and you can choose where the money goes. Check it out!

Are You Hurting in Your Marriage?

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving, or uncaring; if your relationship has grown cold and distant; if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced but want to try again, then the Retrouvaille Program can help you.

**For more information call: 1-800-470-2230
Or visit: <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com>**

PARISH REGISTRATION

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you, 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're with us.*

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

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

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
January 23rd & 24th, 2021

4:00 P.M. Mass

Designation ONLY

8:00 A.M. Mass

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11:00 A.M. Mass

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**Children’s Liturgy of The Word will be
posted by Noon on Saturdays!**

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Why does Baptism make you special?

Question for Youth: You were baptized as a member of the Christian community. What does it mean to you to belong to this community? How is it a support in your life?

Question for Adults: What meaning does your Baptism have for your everyday life?

END OF BULLETIN

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