

January 24, 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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**You can still attend weekend mass virtually!**



**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

**Monday, January 25**  
 12:00 p.m. Gary Thompson by St. Francis' Book Club

**Tuesday, January 26**  
 8:00 a.m. Virginia Hope by the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

**Wednesday, January 27**  
 12:00 p.m. Jean Galloway by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

**Thursday, January 28**  
 8:00 a.m. David Tucker by Marilyn Cashman

**Friday, January 29**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, January 30, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Peg Smith by the Rossie Family

**Sunday, January 31, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People  
 11:00 a.m. Vita Mannino by Daughter Fina & 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)**

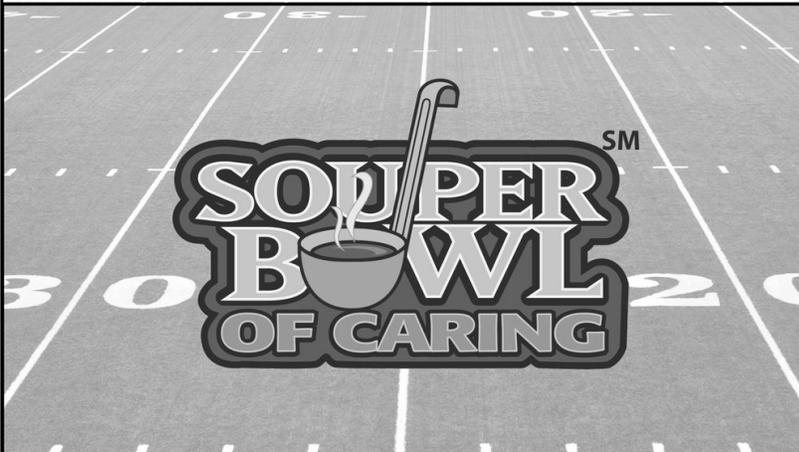
Regular/Holy Day Envelopes.....\$4,270.00  
 Loose Collection.....\$97.00  
 Electronic Collection.....\$4,335.00  
 Total Collection.....\$8,702.00

*Thank You for your generous contributions!*

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Faith Formation for Grades K-9 will meet in the school at 9:30-10:45 AM**

First Eucharist Parent Meeting in Room 104 (Emmaus Room) this Sunday, 9:45 AM--10:30 AM. Please have one parent attend to review local and diocesan guidelines for this Sacrament. If your child was not baptized at St. Francis of Assisi please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate with you.



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, Jean Julian.

**We Hold Ourselves to Christ’s Standard**

*Jesus, compassionate Word of our God,  
 a God of all people,  
 Let us walk in your way,  
 courageous in pursuing the justice you desire;  
 Let us hide not from the truth,  
 lifting it high as a healing balm for all;  
 Let us flock to your light and your love, in so doing  
 banishing the darkness of hate, violence and fear.  
 Let us commit to a peace that knows justice,  
 a faith that does justice and a people that loves justice.  
 Amen.*

**2nd Week in Ordinary Time:  
 Justice Challenge**

Justice Challenge: Sunday’s Gospel has Jesus calling together a motley group of people to be his apostles. They drop whatever they are doing—fishing, mending their nets, whatever—and begin a life of discipleship. What trust they demonstrate in Jesus! Your challenge this week is to drop the “nets” in your life which keep you from contributing to the building of God’s Kingdom as Jesus described it—a Kingdom in which everyone gets the chance to live with dignity and hope. Reflect on how willing you are to drop the mundane in order to follow Jesus.



Welcome to The Grace of Les Misérables, a six-session study for Lent. Through the use of this magnificent piece of literature, we will explore what role God plays in our culture—in our day-to-day lives and in the work of our hands that produces music and art and literature and plays and movies and technology.

In The Grace of Les Misérables, author and pastor Matt Rawle takes a look at the classic Les Misérables in a new way—through the lens of faith. Rawle dives into six themes found in the story—grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope—each represented by a character in Hugo’s story. As these imperfect and relatable characters interact, we see how these ideas work together (perhaps even in spite of each other) out in the world.

In six sessions, The Grace of Les Misérables study looks at the following themes:

1. Grace Well Received: The Story of Jean Valjean
2. When Grace and Justice Collide: The Story of Javert
3. The Poor Are Always with You: The Story of Fantine
4. The Gift of Love: The Story of Marius and Cosette
5. Building the Barricade: The Story of Les Amis
6. The Blessed Garden: A Hopeful Vision

Think about joining in a zoom Lenten Reflective study of Les Miserable. The parish has 2 copies of the acclaimed movie (Liam Neeson or Hugh Jackman) if you'd like to familiarize yourself with the story (or read Hugo's book). This study is appropriate for families with older children to do together as a Lenten Study. Please contact the Parish Center so that Participant Books may be ordered. This will be a great way to talk about the miracle of grace and how God is always present in our lives.

**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](http://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](http://csbsaints.org).



**Catholic Schools of Broome County**

**A Message of Thanks  
 From Donna & Scott Iglor**

How very privileged we have always felt, to be members of a faith community like St. Francis of Assisi; identified as it is by a multitude of households for which the parish is a vital anchor, and a potent opportunity to celebrate the Lord by serving others. Since arriving at St. Catherine of Sienna in the early 1980s, we have sought its sanctuary, been cradled by its comfort, and witnessed a wealth of stewardship, modeled so well by a parade of parishioners we are very proud to call ‘our friends’.

To be selected as the 2020’s Immaculata Award recipients is both remarkably humbling, and most gratifying. Humbling because there is that generous pool of worthy candidates in which we paddle; and gratifying because we know that all wells require replenishment and renewal, and the Immaculata clearly captures that singular joy we all seek through service.

Please know how profoundly grateful we remain for all the marvelous role models our parish has provided over the years. Our blessings in this realm do abound!

Yours in Christ,  
 —The Iglors, Donna & Scott

**Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule**  
**Transportation**  
 NO TRANSPORTATION  
**Shelving (Mondays)**  
 NO SHELIVING  
**Distribution**  
 February 2nd— Carol Botting, Diane Dobish, K. Dotson

**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!

**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](http://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>**

**NEED HELP GETTING VACCINATED?**

Joe Carpenter will be available to help with setting up COVID vaccine appointments from 10:00am to 12:00pm Monday through Thursday at the Parish Center. Call ahead to schedule 722-4388.

**United Methodist Homes "Thank You"**

United Methodist Homes would like to thank Bev Krinik, and all of the volunteers that brought gifts for their residents. This past year they have been hit especially hard by the pandemic, and the inability for their residents to have visitors, or be able to participate in anything normal the whole year. So, they cannot thank all who participated enough for their generosity. When the gifts were passed out to the residents, they were all very happy and touched. Despite everything that was going on at St. Francis, during this difficult time, we were able to bring a smile to each of their residents, and helped make them feel special. We appreciate all you do!

**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!**

**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 30th & 31st, 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:** What do you think it was like for the people in today's Gospel to be called by Jesus? What did they have to give up in order to follow him?

**Question for Youth:** At the start of Jesus' ministry, Jesus invites people to "believe in the Good News." What are some ways that you could be more open to the truth and challenge contained within the Gospels?

**Question for Adults:** If someone asked you, "To what work has Jesus called you?" how would you answer?

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