


February 16, 2020

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



*"The love that flows  
through your heart purifies  
not only your own spirit,  
but the love you share  
with others."*

## **Staff**

Rev. Timothy Taugher, Pastor  
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## Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday:

7:30 am to 4:30 pm

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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



**Weekend's Offering (2-09-20)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,226.00
Loose Collection.....	\$292.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,852.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,370.00

*Thank You for your generous contributions!*

**Saturday, February 15, Vigil of Sunday**  
4:00 p.m. Nick Bennie by Kurt & Kelly Mohny

**Sunday, February 16, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 a.m. Henry & Mary Legos by Don & Suzanne Carr  
11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Monday, February 17**  
8:00 a.m. Esther Weckel by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

**Tuesday, February 18**  
8:00 a.m. Charles Gilroy by Laura & John Walker

**Wednesday, February 19**  
8:00 a.m. Sandy Sardella by Selma Vinci & Family

**Thursday, February 20**  
8:00 a.m. Robert Holmes by Ed & Romaine Dougherty

**Friday, February 21**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, February 22, Vigil of Sunday**  
4:00 p.m. Lillian Hidock by the Palmieri Family

**Sunday, February 23, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 a.m. Patty Ellis by Carol Breehey  
11:00 a.m. Marie Harding by Linda & Chuck Bucci

**Faith Formation**

No Faith Formation this weekend. Faith Formation for grades K-9 will resume next weekend, February 23rd.

**Looking Ahead...**  
Faith Formation Winter Carnival will take place **February 23rd** during Faith Formation. All grades will be able to participate. Admission is one item for Catherine's Cupboard. Items such as cake mixes, frosting, coffee, tea or hot chocolate are very popular and hard to get at a pantry. Perhaps your child can bring in one or two of these items. Standard sizes only.

First Eucharist Rite of Belonging **Sunday, March 1st at the 11 AM Mass.**

Thrive, our Lenten LEAP event, will be held on **Thursday, March 12th at 6:30—8 PM.** This concert/faith sharing (6:30 -7:30) will preempt Sunday's Faith Formation. This is a family event required for Grade 5—Confirmation. It is appropriate for all ages -- all are welcome! Refreshments and hospitality will follow in the Parish Hall.

**Living the Eucharist**

Living the Eucharist is a powerful Lenten ministry for the whole parish. Last year our parish had 9 groups that met each week to discuss the upcoming gospel reading and how it transforms us by encountering Christ. This year we hope to regather our groups as well as invite new participants to encounter Christ and discover new ways to come alive and grow in our Catholic faith. Like last year, Lenten devotional books will be available the Sunday before Lent begins for all parishioners. There will be sign-ups this weekend for your desired small group. The materials are fresh and relevant. Living the Eucharist is a proven and effective way to form missionary disciples. We hope you will join us in this Lenten Spiritual Journey of Encountering Christ, and Living the Eucharist. There is a Sunday morning group designed for parents with children in Faith Formation--this group meets during Faith Formation in the Parish Hall (STEAM Room). Small group participants may pick up their books in the vestibule.

**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.

**Children's Liturgy**  
**February 22/23**  
4PM— Alison & Dan Brennan  
8AM— Ede Blabac/Bridget Vavra

**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 Richard Murphy and Fr. Dennis Riter.



## **FEBRUARY: Fundraising for FOOD Pantry**

For the past few years, we have used the month of February to raise funds for our parish food pantry known as CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD. Founded in 2002, our pantry has grown and is well-known throughout the county. We serve on average 1,000 families each year. Our pantry is open the first and third Tuesday each month from 5:30pm until all are served. Our annual budget has grown to over \$30,000 and purchases from Southern Tier Food Bank the food needed to provide healthy meals for families, plus cleaning and personal items not included with SNAP (i.e., food stamps). Of the 1,000 families, one-third of them are senior citizens trying to get by on Social Security, food stamps, etc. Heating, electric and prescription bills take a bigger portion of their income each year. Many families that come are working, but due to their low wages cannot pay their basic expenses. We are the "helping hand" to them, allowing them to live in their home, with heat and lights, feed their kids and provide the best they can. Going to a food pantry and asking for help is very hard to do; we understand this and try to make it as stress-free as possible. The first week of February kicked off with the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING led by our students in Faith Formation. This is a national campaign that allows our young parish members to participate and contribute. In December, 2 food drives were held for our pantry by the Hillcrest Fire Dept. and Chenango Forks Girl Scout Service Unit. Various food drives/collections are also held which support us at Nimmonsburg Methodist, Ogden Methodist and First Church of the Nazarene and in Chenango Valley schools. These drives plus generous donations from many of you are always deeply appreciated. This past year our pantry not only helped the many who came during our regular hours, but also helped a family after a major fire damaged their home. Back in September, during a neighborhood evacuation of about 100 families, we were able to help supply breakfast at the Red Cross shelter set up at the Hillcrest Fire Station. Another event in early December caught Father Tim and I by surprise, but we were so happy we could help – during an extremely cold weekend, the Homeless Coalition rescued 30 young adults who were living under a downtown bridge on the riverbank. Three went straight to the ER due to their condition, and the rest were given shelter at a local motel - but there was no food and being a weekend all "services" were closed until Monday. Our pantry provided the basics (soups, cereal, peanut butter & jelly, coffee, juice and bread & milk plus personal care items) to get them through a couple days until more permanent care was available. These 30 were only a small fraction of the hundreds of homeless who live in Broome County. Our pantry will ALWAYS serve those who are homeless. Some pantries may not give to the homeless, but that is not the case for Catherine's Cupboard. Our pantry serves all who ask for help. Cash is not given, but a gift card to Weis Grocery is available if needed. If you help to continue our pantry's mission during this campaign, your Pantry volunteers will be forever grateful. If you have questions, feel free to speak to or call Joe Carpenter at the Parish Center (607-722-4388) or Bev Krinik, Pantry Coordinator (607-723-2350).

## **President's Weekend Reflection**

At noon on January 1, 1863, the finished draft of the Emancipation Proclamation was presented to President Lincoln for his signature. Not once but twice Lincoln picked up his pen to sign it, only to stop and put his pen down. The President explained to his concerned Secretary of State: "I have been shaking hands since nine o'clock this morning and my right arm is almost paralyzed. If my name ever goes into history, it will be for this act, and my whole soul is in it. If my hand trembles when I sign the proclamation, all who examine it will say, 'He hesitated...'" Lincoln then picked up the pen again and slowly, firmly, clearly, wrote his signature. Abraham Lincoln possessed a sense of historical perspective all too rare among political leaders. That understanding evoked in Lincoln a courage and commitment to do the right thing for the common good; to govern thoughtfully and wisely; to use his office and position as a means for reconciliation and justice in the wake of the horrors of the Civil War. On this President's Weekend, may our leaders, "put their whole soul" into seeking God's will in all things; strive not for the greatness of celebrity but for the greatness of God's wisdom; may they not pursue wealth and power for their own sakes but as a means for realizing God's reign of justice and peace.

## **Ash Wednesday**

We begin our Lenten season on **Wednesday, February 26th**, Ash Wednesday. There will be two masses with distribution of ashes, at 7:00 A.M. and Noon. At 7:00 P.M. we will have a joint prayer service at Ogden Hillcrest United Methodist Church. Join us to receive your ashes and pray to begin our holy Lenten season.

## **Special Collection**

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

## **Sickness and the Communion Cup**

In the midst of the cold and flu season, each of us has the responsibility of taking precautions to prevent the spread of these and other illnesses. If you are feeling sick, please **refrain from receiving Holy Communion from the cup, and receive only the Sacred Host**. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping you and your fellow parishioners happy and healthy.

## Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

### Transportation

Week of Feb. 16th — George & Pat Clark

Week of Feb. 23rd — Karen Dotson

### Shelving (Mondays)

February 17th — E & K. Corcoran

February 24th — J. & K. Brady

### Distribution

February 18th — S. Orband, M. Mizzoni, L. Gildea,  
M. & T. Giblin, M. Hayes

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## 6:30 PM



*How Great the  
Father's Love*



St. Francis of Assisi  
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### Theology on Tap Upcoming Series

In March 2020, the Office of Young Adult Ministry is launching a four-week speaker series.

A different speaker will present each week in the series entitled, "What does the Church REALLY teach about..."

**March 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th @ 7:00PM**

**@ Dillinger's Celtic Pub & Eatery**  
**(77 State St, Binghamton, NY 13901)**

Theology on Tap offers the finest in Speakers, Conversation & Catholic Theology for Young Adults (married and single) in their 20's and 30's.

### **\*\*Rescheduled: Current & Prospective Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers\*\***

Deacon Steve would like **all** Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers to gather after the Mass they attend on the Weekend of **February 22nd and 23rd** immediately after Mass. Please gather in the front left pews. Also, this would be a wonderful time for anyone (especially the newly Confirmed) to begin these important ministries. If you're concerned that you're not worthy to proclaim Scripture or be a Eucharistic Minister well, none of us are, but the good God needs us anyway!

### **Happy 100th Birthday...**

To George Zabadal. Congratulations on this milestone in your life. If you want to send him a card, send it to

George Zabadal: Vestal Nursing Home  
105 W. Sheedy Road  
Vestal, NY 13850

# THANK YOU!

## St. Francis of Assisi's 2020 Collection

raised:

# \$1,600.30

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



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### **BEST LENT EVER**

Possibilities are everywhere! Big possibilities. Small possibilities. Amazing possibilities. God sees them all. And the saints are ready to help you see them, too. Join Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic Team for another incredible journey through our BEST LENT EVER daily video reflections. Because Lent isn't about what you give up. It's about who you become.

SIGN UP NOW by going to the website...  
[dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever](http://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever)

### **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 or info.

### **Safe Environment Training**

Who must train?

All clergy, all members of religious orders, all parish and diocesan employees, including those who have no contact with children, all volunteers whose ministry or role places them in regular contact with children, young people, or vulnerable adults.

Completion of a first-time Safe Environment PGC training session is required within 60 days of assumption of duties. Recertification training should be completed every 5 years.

Visit [www.syracusediocese.org/safe-environment](http://www.syracusediocese.org/safe-environment) to register for a session.

### **Initial Safe Environment Training (PGC)**

**Thursday, February 20 at 6:30 pm**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal

**Wednesday, March 4th at 1:00 pm**

Catholic Charities of Broome County, Binghamton

### **Recertification Training (EPDR)**

**Saturday, February 22nd at 9:00 am**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**  
**February 22nd & 23rd, 2020**

**4:00 P.M. Mass**

Lector	Marge Mangan
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Betsy Shields
EM Host	Bob Shields
EM Cup	Mary Frances Charsky
EM Cup	Katie Ginalski
EM Cup	Dom Lomonaco
EM Cup	Sue Lee
Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
Altar Server	Anna Ginalski
Altar Server	Ian Ginalski

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

Lector	Debbie davis
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Ede Blabac
EM Host	Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Steve Baxter
EM Cup	Denise Baxter
EM Cup	Maureen Mizzoni
Altar Server	Delaney Wood
Altar Server	Brigid Birtch
Altar Server	Liam Delaney

**11:00 A.M. Mass**

Lector	Rose O'Neil
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Chris Gill
EM Host	David Gill
EM Cup	Virginia Thompson
EM Cup	David Hanzes
EM Cup	Emily Ekstrom
EM Cup	Sue Jones
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
Altar Server	Alexander Watkins

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Which rules cause you the most difficulty? Why?

**Question for Youth:** In your own words, describe what the spirit of God's law is.

**Question for Adults:** Have you considered that laws are made with love? Do you accept God's love through his laws?

# *St. Francis of Assisi Parish*

## *Looking Forward in Faith – Vision 2020 Capital Campaign*

Volume IV

Saturday-Sunday

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## **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS**

The response to our request for volunteers, which was held last weekend, was very encouraging. Over 100 parishioners signed up to assist in the campaign. These volunteers are to be congratulated for their commitment and sacrifice to St. Francis of Assisi Parish and they will play an important role in our eventual success. Father Tim and the Campaign Committee also wish to extend a sincere thank you to these volunteers. We will have multiple volunteer opportunities going forward. At the conclusion of the reception phase of our campaign, we will have a clear direction on how to best use our volunteer's time. Until then, **we encourage all of our volunteers to consider attending one of several receptions over the coming weeks.**

## **EMBRACING STEWARDSHIP**

We congratulate the many members of our parish family who have already embraced Stewardship and are sharing their gifts of time, talent and treasure with our *Looking Forward in Faith – Vision 2020 Capital Campaign*. Stewardship is a way of participating in the life of the church, and its origin can be found in the scriptures which reveals our relationship to God as creator and giver of all gifts. To be a steward means we are not owners of these gifts, but rather grateful caretakers and servants. As stewards of Gods gifts we view our resources of time, talent and treasure as gifts from God. We don't own or possess these resources in the true sense of the word, but we are entrusted with them to nurture their growth and to use them wisely. Here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish many have already given generously and responsibly in order to make the best use of their resources of time, talent and treasure.

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