

December 11, 2022

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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Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday:
7:30 am to 4:30 pm
Friday: Closed

Confession:

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

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Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org to view
our latest weekend reflection.
We will be posting new
videos by 4:00PM on
Saturdays.

Also find the videos on our
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Saturday, December 10, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Martha Savo by Patricia Dempsey

Sunday, December 11, Third Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. Richard Kapinus by Wife, Kathleen & Family

Monday, December 12

12:00 p.m. Daniel Minch by Marge Mangan

Tuesday, December 13

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Wednesday, December 14

12:00 p.m. Dick Talbut by Wife, Doris & Family

Thursday, December 15

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Walter by Family

Friday, December 16

NO MASS

Saturday, December 17, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Sophia & Joseph Patsko by Carol & Bob Danoski

Sunday, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. Tab De Novellis by Ed & Lola Gualtieri

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 (12-04-22)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,842.00
Loose Collection.....	\$371.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$2,557.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,770.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation for grades K-9 will meet next weekend.

Looking Ahead:

- † Saturday December 17th at 10:00AM in the church we will celebrate First Reconciliation. Please be prepared.
- † Sunday, December 18th there will be a family event for grades K—6 at 9:00AM in the Parish Hall. Faith Formation for Grades 7-9 will meet as usual.

ATTENTION: Lectors, EMs & Altar Servers

It is time again to submit your dates of unavailability for the months of January, February, and March. If there are week-ends when you are not available to Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Serve, please let us know.

Please call Ed and Cindy White at 607-648-2784 or by cell 607-206-3469 **BEFORE 12/12/22! Thank You!**

Hope Appeal: UPDATE



We all continue to be inspired by the generosity of our St. Francis family. Thanks to all of you who have supported the 2022 HOPE Appeal. Please know that your gift makes a difference.

When a chaplain sits with someone in the hospital; when you see the excitement in the face of a child preparing to receive their First Eucharist; when a homebound neighbor can participate in Mass through Catholic television. All of these moments, and so many more, are made possible by your contribution to the HOPE Appeal.

We invite you to join us in supporting this year's HOPE Appeal, which will run until the end of December.

Our parish has raised 35% of our goal of \$43,000. There are giving envelopes at the entrances of church. We can do so much more together than we can alone. Thank you for being the "Light of Christ."

Rosary and Religious Item Donations

The Sisters of St. Joseph are helping the immigrants, homeless, and those who need a Christian reminder by giving them rosaries and religious items. If anyone would like to donate rosaries or other religious items, there is a basket on the back table of the church. Thank you!

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, Mary Zulko



3rd Sunday of Advent

We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into our darkness. With the coming of this light there is hope. Because of Christ we not only have hope but believe that good is stronger than evils. God wants us to work for good in this world.

Heavenly Father, let your hope arise in our hearts!

Lift our eyes up to see that you alone are where our hope comes from.

Help us to shake off the anxiety, discouragements, and distractions that have filled this year.

May we pause to remember that we have hope in you.

Give us the grace we need to wrap up this year joyfully.

We invite your Spirit into this beautiful Advent season.

Renew our sense of holy anticipation!

Let us be those who are waiting eagerly for Jesus to come again.

More than anything, we ask that you be glorified in this season of expectation. Amen.

2022 Immaculata Award Recipient

Sarah Blabac



Sarah Blabac has been a faithful catechist in our parish for many years. Her warm and quiet demeanor makes the children feel special as they learn about God's great love for them. Sarah always makes the children feel important, finding joy in the simplest encounters with them; her willingness to share her faith with our youngest

members shows just how deep Sarah's relationship with God is. Sarah also works behind the scenes making sure things get done. Whether it be set up, clean up, or decorating Sarah is always willing to help. Sarah is dedicated to her faith, and an example of what it means to be a disciple building the Kingdom of God. Thank you Sarah for your faithful commitment to our parish.

3rd Sunday of Advent: Justice Challenge

This Sunday's Gospel has Jesus answering the question of who he is, stating: "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: the blind recover their sight, cripples walk, lepers are cured, the deaf hear, dead men are raised to life, and the poor have the good news preached to them" (Mt. 11:2-11). Jesus equates his very identity with care for the poor and marginalized. Your challenge this week is to identify the blind, the lepers, and the poor in your life. Discuss one particular person in need whom God is calling you and your family to serve. Select an action you can do for this person, just as Jesus did. And remember that Pope Francis said that having a friend who is poor is a pathway to heaven. So, just do it!

World Marriage Day

The 40th Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on Feb 19th, 2023 2:00pm at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. The Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia will celebrate the Mass and invites all couples in attendance to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony. He will specially honor those couples celebrating 25th, 50th and beyond 50 years in 2023. If you are celebrating your 25th, 50th, or 50+ anniversary in 2023, please contact Delores at the parish office to receive a special invitation from Bishop Lucia. **ALL** married couples and their families are welcome. Please **RSVP before January 4th** to register.

3rd Sunday of Advent: Creation Care Tip

"The wilderness and the parched land will exult; the Arabah will rejoice and bloom; like the crocus, it shall bloom abundantly, and rejoice with joyful song." — Isaiah 35:1-2

While parts of the world are parched by more frequent and prolonged droughts and others are flooded by hurricanes and superstorms, we are called to be ever-more conscious of our water usage. Fresh water shortages are predicted to become even more extreme in the coming years. While we are fortunate to have access to clean running tap water, let's not take it for granted. This week, be mindful of times when you run the water longer than necessary in the shower, bathroom, or kitchen sink. Strive to shorten those intervals and make using less water your norm.

Advent Penance Service

Our parish Advent Penance Service will be celebrated this **Sunday, December 11th at 4:00PM.**

Visiting clergy will be here for individual confessions.

Take this opportunity to prepare for Christmas, and make room in your hearts for Christ.

Oplatki (Christmas Wafers)

Oplatki (Christmas Wafers) are available at St. Francis' Parish Center. If you are interested, please call Delores at 722-4388 to reserve a package or stop by and pick some up during regular business hours. No offering taken.

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.

The Light is On

Monday, December 19th 4:00PM—6:00PM

Parishes throughout the area will be open for Reconciliation during these allotted hours.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

December 20th— A. & S. Faughnan , M. Lyons



Giving Tree

The GIVING TREE is up. Please take a tag, purchase what is requested, attach tag to gift bag, BUT DO NOT WRAP, gift bags are fine, and return to the tree the following weekend. **ALL GIFTS MUST BE UNDER THE**

TREE BY DECEMBER 11th at noon. Extra gifts are accepted including; toys, games, stuffed animal (ALL NEW) as well as large print books, throw blankets, warm socks, or gloves. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Danielle House **Housing/Job Opportunity** **Start Date January 2023**

Danielle House is the area's premier hospitality home and is looking for an energetic, compassionate employee to fill the **Resident House Manager** position.

Benefits include: Fully furnished apartment on-site, utilities (gas and electric), cable/internet, and a mobile phone **Salary and hours to be discussed.**

Primary duty: Responsible for guest hospitality.

If interested, please contact Danielle House at 607-724-1540 or email dhouse1@stny.rr.com for more information. www.daniellehouse.org

Catholic Charities: Gift Card Donations

Youth ages 11-17 living in Broome County will have the opportunity to receive a gift card through the month of December at either of two Catholic Charities pantries:

Community Empowerment Center (100 Main St)
Mother Teresa's Cupboard (202 Garfield Ave)

In order to offer gift cards this holiday season Catholic Charities of Broome County is asking for parish support in donating gift cards to Walmart, Target, Burlington, or any other youth-friendly store in the area. They would like to offer cards in \$25-\$40 amounts to each teen. Cards in \$5 increments are best. Gift Cards may be dropped off at the parish center or given directly to Catholic Charities (232 Main St, Binghamton)

You Are Invited to A Special Event

The St. Francis Secular Fraternity will hold a Greccio Prayer Service on Wednesday, December 14th at 1:00PM at St. Vincent de Paul Blessed Sacrament Church in Vestal followed by refreshments in the Social Hall. Greccio, Italy is the location of the very first Nativity Scene originated by St. Francis of Assisi.

THANK YOU, THANKSGIVING BASKETS!

THANK YOU for all the help, food and monetary donations given the past few weeks to create THANKSGIVING BASKETS for the 125 families we served. Nothing can be done with only one person, it takes many hands to accomplish a job like this. Without the many volunteers we couldn't do what we do year round for the community. The basket's also featured a turkey for those who wanted them (100 given out) or a choice of a gift card to purchase what they'd like. The monetary donations come in so handy here. THANK YOU TO ALL.

Le Moyne & CYO College Scholarship

For many years, Le Moyne College and the Catholic Youth Organizations have worked together to offer eight \$4,000 scholarships (\$1,000/year). The C.Y.O. Scholarships will be conferred again this year to eight deserving students in the geographical Diocese of Syracuse. These scholarships will be awarded to prospective Le Moyne students who have demonstrated leadership abilities and have performed outstanding service to their school, community, and parish. Application packets are available at the parish center.

Deadline is January 1st, 2023

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York
Case No. 20-30663

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On June 19, 2020, The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York, ("**Diocese**") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "**Bankruptcy Code**").

The Court has established **January 17, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.** (prevailing Eastern time) (the "**Supplemental Bar Date**") as the deadline to assert claims against the Diocese arising from or relating to abuse that occurred when the survivor was 18 years of age or older, and which, prior to the enactment of the Adult Survivors Act (S.66A/A.648A) would have been subject to a statute of limitations defense ("**Adult Claims**").

If you have an Adult Claim against the Diocese you must file a claim on or before the Supplemental Bar Date, which will be treated confidentially in accordance with prior court orders in this Case.

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/dioceseforsyracuse> for call (855) 329-4244 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
December 17th & 18th, 2022

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Kathryn White
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Ed White
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Brenda Artman
4:00 Mass	EM Host	John Artman
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Rosemary Rounds
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sydney Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Marie Iobst
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Shirley McCray
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Catherine Shafer

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

10:30 AM Mass

December 11: Maria Kirk & Melissa Kliment

December 18: Cindy & Kathryn/Lauren White

VIRTUAL LITURGIES

Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org
to watch our latest Sunday Mass or Liturgy
of the Word as well as Children's Liturgy
videos.

We will continue to post new videos for
reflection by 4:00PM on Saturdays.

Also find the videos on our
Facebook (search "@stfrancisbing")
YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)

**You can still view children's liturgy
virtually!**

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Why is Christmas such a time of happiness for people?

Question for Youth: God speaks to you every day: Isaiah tells us our ears and eyes will be opened in Christ to hear God's voice. What do you hear God saying to you?

Question for Adults: What is there in this promise from the Prophet Isaiah that gives you hope? How have you seen this promise fulfilled in Christ?

END OF BULLETIN

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