

December 18, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

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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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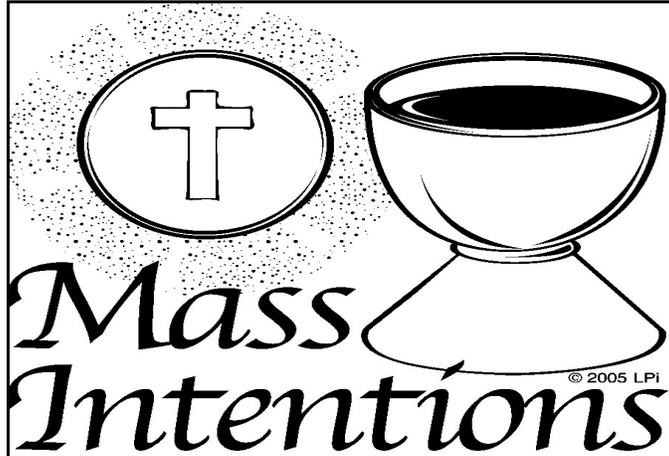
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www.stfrancisbing.org

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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 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

Monday, December 19
 12:00 p.m. Daniel Minch by John & Brenda Artman

Tuesday, December 20
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Wednesday, December 21
 12:00 p.m. Antonio Deluca & Mannio Vita by Family

Thursday, December 22
 8:00 a.m. Bill Olarin by Friends

Friday, December 23
NO MASS

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve
 4:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

10:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

Sunday, December 18, Christmas Day
 10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People

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 (12-11-22)

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| Regular Envelopes..... | \$6,386.00 |
| Loose Collection..... | \$420.00 |
| Electronic Collection..... | \$2,562.00 |
| Total Collection..... | \$9,368.00 |

Thank you for your generosity!

Faith Formation

Family Event for grades K—6 today at 9:00AM in the Parish Hall.

Faith Formation for Grades 7-9 also meet in parish hall.

Looking Ahead:

- † No Faith Formation Dec. 25th or Jan. 1st, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
- † Faith Formation resumes January 8th for grades K—Confirmation

Congratulations to those who had their First Reconciliation on December 17th

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| Sienna Cook | Kylie Murphy |
| Daniel Dundon | Adrianna Panella |
| Kiera Hamilton | Michelle Ryder |
| Abigail Harlow | Paige Ryder |
| Caroline Kirk | |

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00PM & 10:00PM

Christmas Day
 10:30AM



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.



4th Sunday of Advent: Reflection

“Has the noise of the consumer bandwagon, endless Christmas music, and merrymaking overwhelmed these last few days of Advent? There were times when my children were small that I thought I could never get a moment’s silence in the midst of so much Christmas activity and, I have to say, I found wonder in those precious days. Yet, I realized that if I was to prepare my own heart for the presence of the Lord, silence, solitude, and self-gift were necessary ingredients to a richer understanding of the coming of the Lord. At a Rome parish on the First Sunday of Advent in 2013, Pope Francis said, “life is a journey and the most beautiful gift we can receive is our encounter with Jesus... We meet Jesus in the sacraments, but we also meet Him when we do good deeds, when we visit the sick, when we help the poor, when we think of others, when we are not selfish...” (Vatican Radio via Missio app 12/1/13). The Church’s tradition of encouraging everyone to create time for waiting, watching, wondering, and welcome in these four weeks of Advent make this period one of the most spiritual. As you light your fourth Advent candle, invite others into the stillness. Breathe in the peace and calm. Let go of all distractions. Let your imagination take hold and picture a world where even the impoverished person has their needs and hopes met and they can be who they were created to be. Imagine yourself as God’s instrument to help someone less fortunate in this new Church year of grace. Then, say this prayer:

Thank you, God, for sustaining us one our Advent journey as we go forth to welcome the One who is to come within us. Plant within our hearts your living Word of promise as we seek to understand what we went out to see in the Advent wilderness. Give us strength for witnessing, that we may go and tell others what we see and hear and help us to strengthen others. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (adapted from LTP At Home with the Word 2014 p.14)
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Have a blessed and holy Christmas and may you receive the most beautiful gift of encountering Jesus.

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. Bishop 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. Couples and their families are welcome. Please RSVP **before January 4th** to register.

The Light is On

Monday, December 19th 4:00PM—6:00PM
Parishes throughout the area will be open for Reconciliation during these allotted hours.

Catholics Should Be Outraged

Catholics should be outraged by rising antisemitism. Anti-Semitic incidents in the U.S. in 2021 reached historic levels, the Anti-Defamation League reported earlier this year. “Attacks against Jewish institutions, including Jewish Community Centers and synagogues, were up by 61%, incidents at K-12 schools increased by 106%, and incidents on college campus rose 21%”, the report found. The USCCB released a statement condemning antisemitism late last month. “The rising trend of anti-Semitic incidents has become even more painful in light of the Church’s relationship to the Jewish tradition and our connections to the Jewish people in dialogue and friendship,” the statement read. “Outraged by the deeply hurtful proliferations of anti-Semitic rhetoric, both online and in-person, and the violent attacks on Jewish individuals, homes, and institutions, we wish to convey our sincere support to the Jewish people.” The bishops continued, “In unequivocal terms, we condemn any and all violence directed at the Jewish people, whether motivated by religious, racial, or political grievances. We furthermore denounce any rhetoric which seeks to demonize or dehumanize the Jewish people or Judaism as a religious tradition. It is also noted that Pope Francis has said that a true Christian cannot be an anti-Semite. He said he recognized that there are many areas of injustice prevalent in our society, and said Christians should see “them as interrelated hatred.”

4th Sunday of Advent: Creation Care Tip

As you wrap Christmas presents this week, see if you can wrap everything (or at least more than last year) with alternatives to wrapping paper. You can use newspaper (the comic page for kids’ presents), old posters, cloth napkins, handkerchiefs, bandanas, or even re-use gift bags or grocery store bags. In this way, you won’t contribute to a market that requires cutting down tens of thousands of trees to make wrapping paper, some of which can’t be recycled and gets thrown out soon afterward. Another benefit is that you’ll raise other people’s awareness of this environmental issue.

4th Sunday of Advent: Justice Challenge

We celebrate the Incarnation on Wednesday—God taking on human flesh and becoming one of us. This is the ultimate act of solidarity. Jesus embraced humanity in all of its joy and in all of its suffering. He truly became “one of us.” We are called to be one with each other as Jesus is one with us. Your challenge during this final (short) week of Advent is to ask yourself which part of God’s community you are disconnected from. With whom does God want you to stand in solidarity—locally or globally? Say a prayer every night this week for this person or group of persons.

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 will be taken.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

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

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."

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 dhousel@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)

Giving Tree / Pantry THANK YOU!

THANKS is such a simple word but with so much meaning when you now know a baby will have dry diapers & formula. Elderly resident in at Elizabeth Church nursing home are not forgotten by our parish with families getting small gifts & cards. Children's Home residents and their families will be able to have a better Christmas thanks to many gift cards donated, and men & women will be able to take a bus to work or an appointment instead of walking miles. If they choose to walk, they will have warm gloves, socks etc to protect them from the weather. The many hundreds of greeting cards and calendars have been shared with all of the above groups plus the visitors at the pantry. Church of Nazarene and C21 Sbarra Real Estate provided extra special goodies (coffee, tea, cookies, cake mixes etc.) this month to be sure Christmas Morning is enjoyable. This weekend also, Hillcrest Fire Dept is doing the annual food drive for our pantry and CV school. **THANK YOU for all you give to others.**

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/diocesefofsyracuse> 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 24th & 25th, 2022

TBD
**VIA SIGNUP SHEET IN BACK
OF CHURCH**

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

10:30 AM Mass

Online Children's Liturgy Only

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: When you pray,
how do you hear God's voice in response?

Question for Youth: God speaks to us in
our intuitions and imagination, as he did
to Joseph in this dream. What is your ex-
perience of hearing God speak in this
way? What is God asking of you?

Question for Adults: What experiences
do you have of God "speaking to you" and
directing your life and work? How does
God speak to you in prayer?

END OF BULLETIN

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