

December 25, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

Joy

to

the

world!



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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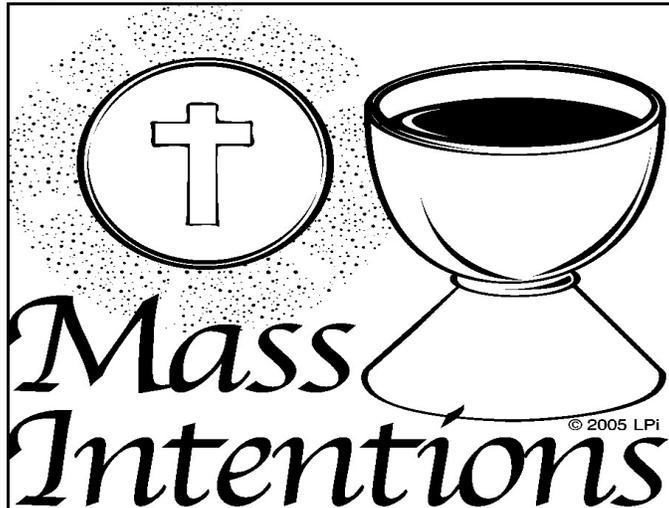
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our latest weekend reflection.

We will be posting new
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Saturdays.

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Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve
 4:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People
 10:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People
Sunday, December 25, The Nativity Of The Lord
 10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People
Monday, December 26
 12:00 p.m. Eric Daniels by John & Brenda Artman
Tuesday, December 27
 8:00 a.m. Andy Bakic by Catherine Shafer
Wednesday, December 28
 12:00 p.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family
Thursday, December 29
NO MASS
Friday, December 30
NO MASS
Saturday, December 31, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People
Sunday, January 1, Mary, The Mother Of God
 10:30 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 (12-11-22)

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

No Faith Formation December 25th or January 1st, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Looking Ahead:

† Faith Formation resumes January 8th for grades K—Confirmation

Giving Tree Birthright, Thank You!

Birthright of Binghamton thanks Fr Tim, Bev Krinik, and all our St Francis parishioners for your amazing generosity to Birthright clients from our Giving Tree. Birthright filled a room at the office with all the diapers, onesies, sleepers, pajamas, etc. They are very grateful for all the donations. Pat, Diane, and all the volunteers at Birthright THANK YOU!



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 Howard Yasharian.



Christmas Blessings...

to all of you as we celebrate the gift of God’s love in the birth of Christ. May the season of Christmas be truly a gift of love that enriches your lives in the year ahead. On behalf of the parish staff, may you have a merry and a very blessed Christmas filled in the peace and love of Christ.

for Tim & Staff



Blessing of the Home Nativity Scene

*God every nation and people,
From the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
When our need for a Savior was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.
Lord, bless all who look upon this manger;
May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
And raise up our thoughts to him,*

*Who is God-with-us and
Savior of all,
and who lives and
reigns forever and ever.
Amen.*



Prayer For Expectant Parents

*This life you have given us
is so tiny, fragile, and vulnerable,
safe in the womb of flesh and hope,
Yet subject to danger and death.
O God of love, Creator of life, hear our prayer.
We want this baby so much.
Please grant this child of ours
a full term of nurture, the joy and mystery of life,
and the blessing of your love.
Grant us the fulfillment of our dreams,
a baby to cherish and protect,
a child to teach and guide,
a blessing to our family.
Amen.*

Hope Appeal: End of the Year Opportunity



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 some 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.”

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 via Birthright in Binghamton.

Elderly resident 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.

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 and Hillcrest Fire Dept did the annual food drive for our pantry.

THANK YOU for all you give to others in your endless generosity!

Christmas Day: Creation Care Tip

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” —John 1:5

Some of us have so much excess on Christmas Day: presents, food, family, a big house, electricity, heat, and running water, while billions of others worldwide don’t have the basics. On a day when we celebrate Jesus coming as a light into the darkness, find some time to tone down the excess. Turn the lights down (or out), and spend a few minutes of quiet with only the light from some candles or the Christmas lights. Be more conscious about your use of electricity and your heating source, and celebrate that there is still light and warmth in the darkness.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

January 3rd— M. Mizzone, B. Grace, and R. Rounds

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

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.

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

Why Return to the Church? Reflection

1. Can you think of any time in your life that you returned to something you had given up? How did you feel? What made it easy? What made it hard?
2. Many people find that the church supports a lot of the basic human values they treasure, e.g., family, inner peace, personal dignity, integrity, and hope. What values do you think the church can best support in your life?
3. If you were to name the most important thing you received from your Catholic heritage, what would you say that it was? How do you see that continuing in your present and future life?

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!

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 31st & January 1st, 2022

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Thalia Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Joe Sardella
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Carol Danoski
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Steve Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Denise Baxter
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Jonah Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Juliana Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Jules Furrer
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Scott Iglar
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Donna Iglar
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Katie Ginalski

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: What do you want to tell others about the birth of Jesus?

Question for Youth: How can you share the good news of great joy with others?

Question for Adults: Jesus, God's very own Son, is God's greatest and most generous gift to us. Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise and proof of God's incredible love for us. How do you return to God your greatest gifts?

END OF BULLETIN

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