

December 26, 2021

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

## HOLY FAMILY



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Binghamton)



**Saturday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord**

10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Sunday, December 26, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

10:30 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

**Monday, December 27**

12:00 p.m. Vita Mannino by Daughter, Fina & Family

**Tuesday, December 28**

8:00 a.m. Randy Swift by Bonnie Mando

**Wednesday, December 29**

12:00 p.m. David Feheley by Family

**Thursday, December 30**

**NO MASS**

**Friday, December 31**

**NO MASS**

**Saturday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

9:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

4:00 p.m. Tom Giblin by Family

**Sunday, January 2, Epiphany of the Lord**

10:30 a.m. Bernadette Keough by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

**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 (12-12-21)**

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|----------------------------|------------|
| Regular Envelopes.....     | \$4,671.00 |
| Loose Collection.....      | \$567.00   |
| Electronic Collection..... | \$1,867.00 |
| Total Collection.....      | \$7,105.00 |

*Thank You for your generous contributions!*

**Faith Formation**

**No Faith Formation this weekend or January 2nd!**

**Faith Formation for Grades K-Confirmation will start up again on January 9th.**

**There will no longer be Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 4:00PM Mass. However, you can still have your children come at 10:30AM or watch it on our website.**

**Hoping you had a Merry Christmas Day and have a safe and Happy New Year.**

**GIVING TREE: THANK YOU!**

Amazing response to our request this year **THANK YOU TOO ALL!** Gifts have been dropped off to the Children's Home, Elizabeth Church Nursing Home (along with calendars and cards), Broome County Jail Ministry, and Birthright. Now, Christmas can be brighter for so many. Special thanks to the Confirmation students: W. Paske, C. Novitsky, M. Thayne and B. McKown for doing this parish project.



Pictured above are two (out of 4) of our Confirmation Candidates, Cal and Walker who helped sort gifts from the giving tree.

**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.

**Prayer to the Holy Family**

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
In you we contemplate the splendor of true love,  
To you we turn with trust.  
Holy Family of Nazareth,  
Grant that our families, too,  
May be places of communion and prayer,  
Authentic schools of the Gospel  
And small domestic Churches.  
Holy Family of Nazareth,  
May families never again  
Experience violence, rejection and division:  
May all who have been hurt or scandalized  
Find ready comfort and healing.  
Holy Family of Nazareth,  
Make us once more mindful  
Of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,  
And its beauty in God's plan.  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.  
Amen.*

**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.*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**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.*

**Thank You for this Year**

O God, I come at the end of this year to thank you for all the good times—the fun, happiness, laughter and love. I thank you also for steering me through the bad times; for helping me cope. Thank you for all the growth I have had this year; thank you for everything I have learned about you, about others and about myself. Thank you for all your guidance during the troubling times and events of this past year. I look forward to your help in the new year to come. Amen.

**Holy Family Sunday: Creation Care Tips**

On this day when we celebrate the Holy Family, consider doing something simple and/or nature-based that doesn't create any more material trash or use extra natural resources. Although it's cold, go for a walk together outside, play cards or board games in the candlelight as a family, or sit around the table in your pajamas and make art while you create thank you cards for Christmas gifts. If there were people you wanted to send Christmas cards to but you didn't get to it, you can take the time to write to them today to let them know they are on your heart.

**Pope Francis on Getting Vaccinated**

"Vaccination is a simple but profound way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the vulnerable." "Being vaccinated with vaccines authorized by the competent authorities is an act of love. And contributing to ensure the majority of people are vaccinated is an act of love."

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

Would you like to be a fully initiated Catholic, but have yet to complete sacraments? This is just to let you know that on any Sunday that we have Faith Formation, Deacon Steve will be in the Emmaus Room in the school basement available to talk about the RCIA Rite. If you have a desire to join our Parish Community as a full member of the Catholic Church or just learn more about the RCIA, please drop in anytime between **9:15AM and 10:00AM** to talk about what the RCIA is all about.



I am reporting to you that St. Francis of Assisi Parish has **raised \$24,000** toward our HOPE Appeal **goal of \$43,000**. If we do not meet this goal, the shortfall will be taken from our general fund. In an effort to meet our goal, I am asking every family in the parish to consider a minimum gift of \$175.00 (averages out to \$0.48 a day or \$14.38 a month). If you are able to contribute more, I strongly encourage you to do so. **THANK YOU to those who have already contributed. PLEASE NOTE.... the Hope Appeal ends at the end of THIS MONTH.**

**St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Chain**

Our Parish Prayer Chain welcomes requests for prayers for those who are ill or experiencing other important needs. If you have a prayer request or would like to become a part of the Prayer Chain, please call Delores at the Parish Center (607-722-4388). She will provide you with more information about the Prayer Chain.

## **Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule**

### **Transportation**

NO TRANSPORTATION

### **Shelving (Mondays)**

NO SHELIVING

### **Distribution**

TBD

## **Bereavement Support Group** **A journey from grief to healing**

For those who are living through the loss of a loved one, our highly successful support group provides a safe space to share ideas, thoughts and experiences that can lead to healing. This is one of life's most difficult journeys and there is no need to travel it alone. New knowledge, skills and perceptions can ease your way to move on without your loved one. This 9 week program will begin on January 6th 2022 from 1:30PM—3:00PM and from 6:30PM to 8:00PM at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center. For more information and to register, please call Ginny Thompson at 607-222-1621.

## **2022 Le Moyne College CYO 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. Please send me 2-4 students that you would recommend for this award. 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.

You can find the application packet on our website [stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org) under the "scholarship forms and contests" tab. Completed application packets must be returned to the **Regional Chairperson, NOT Le Moyne College, no later than January 1st, 2022.** For questions or concerns please call (315)445-4300.

## **Hospital Visitation**

Please remember, if you or another parishioner gets admitted to either Binghamton General Hospital or UHS Wilson Medical Center and you wish to be visited by Fr. Tim you need to tell someone. You should indicate that you are Catholic and belong to St. Francis of Assisi parish and that you wish to be visited by Fr. Tim or another Clergy member if you wish.

## **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.

## **Thank You Poinsettia Volunteers!**

A special thank you to all our volunteers who helped in delivering poinsettia plants to our shut-ins! It's the little things that can help brighten peoples' day, so thank you for your contribution.

## **Birthright Giving Tree: Thank you!**

Dear Fr. Tim and Giving Tree volunteers and parishioners of St Francis Church. Thank you so much for the amazing outpouring of love that you gave to Birthright. The huge amount of diapers, formula, and the so soft and cozy sleepers and blankets, along with other mom and baby items will be a tremendous help to many moms. This will keep our suppliers up for several months. Thank you.

—Pat McCoy and Diane Yajko and all the volunteers

## **Catherine's Cupboard Update:** **Calendars & Cards**

THANKS for all the calendars & cards!! Hundreds came in and are being given out. Over 250 Christmas cards were signed this month and shared with shut ins in our community. Families visiting the pantry loved getting to be able to receive and pass cards on to loved ones. **For now, we will no longer be accepting any more but thank you.**

## **Hillcrest Fire Department Food Drive:** **Thank You!**

This weekend the HILLCREST FIRE DEPT held their annual food drive for Catherine's Cupboard and again thanks to all who supported this. The Osteen family will be sorting and shelving this for us in conjunction with a Confirmation service project.

## **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 1st & 2nd, 2021**

|                |              |                   |
|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>4:00PM</b>  | Altar Server | Kathryn White     |
| <b>4:00PM</b>  | Altar Server | Liam Wood         |
| <b>4:00PM</b>  | Altar Server | Michaela Wood     |
| <b>4:00PM</b>  | Lector       | Edward White      |
| <b>4:00PM</b>  | EM Host      | Brenda Artman     |
| <b>4:00PM</b>  | EM Host      | John Artman       |
| <b>4:00PM</b>  | EM Host      | Debra Carden      |
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| <b>10:30PM</b> | Altar Server | Jonah Rice        |
| <b>10:30PM</b> | Altar Server | Juliana Rice      |
| <b>10:30PM</b> | Altar Server | Sydney Keough     |
| <b>10:30PM</b> | Lector       | Jules Furrer      |
| <b>10:30PM</b> | EM Host      | Mike Stricek      |
| <b>10:30PM</b> | EM Host      | Lyndsey Lopiccolo |
| <b>10:30PM</b> | EM Host      | Katie Ginalski    |

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**Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule**

**4:00PM**  
**NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  
**10:30**  
**TBD**

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**[stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org)**  
to view our latest Sunday mass and  
Children's Liturgy.

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!**

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**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Why is it important to obey our parents? Why is it important to obey God?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus was obedient to his parents, even though he was the Son of God. Why is obedience so important? Is it something you struggle with?

**Question for Adults:** How are you, too, called to our Father's house?

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