

December 29, 2019

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



Happy · New · Year

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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



**Saturday, December 28, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

**Sunday, December 29, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

8:00 a.m. Brian Petraske by Family

11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Monday, December 30**

**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, December 31, New Year's Eve**

5:00 p.m. Lloyd Woodruff by St. Francis

Special Sunshine Committee

**Wednesday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

12:00 p.m. Mildred Brush by Sandra, Ed & Emily Abdallah

**Thursday, January 2**

8:00 a.m. Mary Stone by Tom & Sue Wendell

**Friday, January 3**

**NO MASS**

**Saturday, January 4, Vigil of Sunday**

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

**Sunday, January 5, Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

11:00 a.m. Rose Serafini by Shirley De Lucia

**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 (12-15-19)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,107.00
Loose Collection.....	\$321.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$687.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,115.00

*Thank You for your generous contributions!*

**Faith Formation**

**No Faith Formation until January 12th Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**

Confirmation 2020 Retreat will be held at the Newman Center January 5th. Permission slips have been distributed and are also online. Forms and fee will be due on January 5th. Mass will be celebrated at the end of the retreat.

**A Christmas Thank you.....**

To **all** who were generous with their time in assisting to decorate both inside & outside of the church, all reflected the beauty of the season.

To **Ed Savo, the choir**, and our guest instrumentals for the liturgies. Your music lifted our spirits with the wonderful sounds of Christmas.

To **all** of you who were so generous in the gifts of cards, cookies and so many other sweet goodies.

For all of this and much more, I express much appreciation and gratitude.

May this sacred season of Christmas gift us with the magic power to stop the clock, so as to keep God alive within the world. For if God is love, then God may be found in the mystery of love exchanged. May we be holy messengers of the mystery.

**Thank you!**

Thank you Fr Tim and St Francis parishioners for your amazing donations to Birthright from your giving tree. The huge amount of diapers, baby formula, outfits, sleepers, toys, and crochet and knitted sweaters and afghans will help so many of our clients for Christmas and for months to come

St Frances' parish is truly living the spirit of Christmas with your great generosity.

Sincerely, Pat McCoy and Diane Yajko

**Children's Liturgy**

**January 4/5**

**4PM— Kathy Tait/Catherine Shafer**

**8AM— Shirley McCray/Marie Iobst**

**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.



### New Year's Prayer for Peace

*Lord, our God, let there be peace in the world,  
no more wars, no more fighting, no more killing.*

*Teach us to trust one another so we can share  
our problems as well as our joy.*

*Teach us to care about one another and to  
understand each other.*

*Teach world leaders to respect all people,  
especially their own.*

*Help us make peace wherever we are and to do  
our small bit to bring peace to the world.*

*We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**May the New Year of 2020 become a year of greater  
peace!**

**Happy New Year**

### A Christmas Prayer for Peace



*Thank you, God of peace, for announcing the coming  
of peace on earth and for coming among us to make  
peace. Thank you for siding with the homeless, the  
refugee, the marginalized, the immigrant, the outsider,  
the disenfranchised. Thank you for being good news  
for the and the oppressed. Thank you for your  
incarnation in the nonviolent Jesus, for showing us the  
Way, the Truth, the Life of Peace. Thank you for  
loving us so much, for bringing your universal,  
unconditional, nonviolent love into the world. Thank  
you for teaching us how to live, how to love, how to  
serve, how to pray, how to make peace, how to show  
compassion, how to practice nonviolence, how to resist  
empire, how to suffer, and how to die. Thank you for  
calling us away from violence, injustice and empire  
into the new life of nonviolence, justice, community  
and resurrection. Most of all, thank you for teaching  
us how to be human. Alas, so many of us want to play  
god that we've become inhuman. You, God of peace,  
on the other hand, let go of your divinity to share our  
humanity, and in the process, teach us how to be  
Godly. Dear God, we celebrate the birth of the  
nonviolent Jesus, his life and love, his teachings and  
works, his steadfast resistance, and his suffering, death  
and resurrection. We celebrate the most nonviolent life  
in human history, the greatest peacemaker the world  
has ever seen. We celebrate how his life and love  
continue to disarm, heal, and transform us all. This  
Christmas, give us the grace to imitate his life, to  
become new people of creative nonviolence like him.  
Help us to be better practitioners of peace,  
contemplatives of peace, teachers of peace, apostles of  
peace, prophets of peace. Help us abolish systemic  
injustice, resist empire, end war, dismantle weapons,  
and study war no more, that we might reverence life  
and creation as he did. Bless us that we might be your  
beloved sons and daughters, peacemakers, people who  
love one another, love your neighbors, and love our  
nation's enemies. Bless us that we might be a new  
Christmas people, who, like Mary and Joseph,  
welcome Christ into the world, see Christ in the poor,  
serve Christ in the world's children, raise Christ  
through our nonviolent actions, and bring Christ's  
Christmas gift of peace on earth to fruition in our lives  
and work. Help us all to honor Jesus by obeying his  
commandments, following his footsteps and doing  
what he did, that we too might incarnate your holy  
spirit of peace and nonviolence. This Christmas, God  
of peace, bless us all over again, that we might live  
with a new, mature faith, that we might become  
peacemaking saints, that we might be instruments of  
your Christmas gift of peace on earth. Bless us all, that  
suffering may end, that all may be healed, that all may  
live in peace, that all may radiate your love. In the  
name of the nonviolent Jesus. Amen.*

### Pope Francis

#### World Day of Peace Message 2020

Pope Francis laments in his message for 2020's World Day of Peace that the human community "bears the scars of ever more devastating wars and conflicts," calling on Christians to reject systems of security, such as nuclear deterrence, built on fear of others.

In the message, released Dec. 12, the pontiff also ties together his frequent call for global nuclear disarmament with his pleas for a more just economic system and better protection of the environment and natural resources.

"Every war is a form of fratricide that destroys the human family's innate vocation to brotherhood," the pope writes in the text, which will be officially sent out Jan. 1, the Catholic feast day for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Mentioning his recent trip to Japan, where the pontiff visited the nuclear-bombed cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Francis warns that world powers seek to create "a false sense of security sustained by a mentality of fear and mistrust."

"Mistrust and fear weaken relationships and increase the risk of violence, creating a vicious circle that can never lead to a relationship of peace," states the pope.

"Even nuclear deterrence can only produce the illusion of security."

"The desire for peace lies deep within the human heart, and we should not resign ourselves to seeking anything less than this," he writes.

Francis' message for the World Day of Peace is the 53rd prepared by a Catholic pontiff. It carries the theme: "Peace as a journey of hope: Dialogue, reconciliation, and ecological conversion."

Pope Paul VI first dedicated the Solemnity of Mary to world peace in 1967, and each feast since 1968 has seen release of a papal message.

To read the full text of Pope Francis' message go to:

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-message-for-world-day-of-peace-full-text/>

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

### **Transportation**

Week of Dec. 29th — Marie Giordano

Week of Jan. 5th — Anne Wilcox

### **Shelving (Mondays)**

December 30th — N. & D. Minch

January 6th — E. & K. Corcoran

### **Distribution**

January 7th — D. Kellett Team #2

## **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 on the parish website and at the parish center.

**Deadline is January 1st, 2020**

## **Volunteer Opportunity!**

The Broome County Council of Churches is an organization that collaborates with many facets of the community to serve people with needs. Through our growing and diverse programs, the Council provides services to the hungry; elderly and lonely; disabled; sick; imprisoned; homeless and poor; and youth of Broome County. We advocate for change and reconciliation, promoting peace, justice, and genuine community across racial, ethnic, gender, socio-economic, and religious lines.

There are many volunteer options available, so go online and sign up to become a volunteer:

**<https://broomecouncil.net/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/>**

**Help improve our community!**

## **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.

**Please join us!**

## **Catherine's Cupboard Thanks You!**

St Francis of Assisi people are the most generous, caring one's I know. Our pantry shelves are overflowing at this time due to very successful food collection from the Hillcrest Fire Dept and CF Girl Scout service unit #321. About 1,400 lbs of food arrived at our pantry this past weekend. One parish family has offered to organize and shelf much of it over the holiday school break. The Giving Tree was overwhelmingly successful also. 150 Tags were placed on the tree and over 185 gifts came in. People throughout our area will enjoy the holidays thanks to all of YOU! Your generosity is overflowing throughout the year but most especially during the holidays each year. THANK YOU and MERRY CHRISTMAS to all!

## **\*\*Attention Those Wishing to Become Altar Servers\*\***

Deacon Steve will be presenting an Altar Server Training for anyone wishing to become an Altar Server. The date is January 11, 2020 at 9:00am in the Church. At least one parent must be present with Deacon Steve to fulfill our Safe Environment Pledge. Anyone who has received First Communion is eligible to participate. Let's start the new year with a large number of new servers!!

## **Super 50/50 Raffle Winners**

The year's SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE was drawn last Sunday after the Faith Formation Christmas program, which was beautifully done. The big winners this year were our good friend Marge Mangan, Wendy Loitsch & Laura Citrak. The total tickets sold were 245 for a total of \$12,250. The three winners divided \$6,125 and the church received the remaining \$6,125. This will pay the remaining balance on the new boilers for the church.

Thanks to all the folks who purchased tickets and a BIG thanks to Margaret and Mary Quinn. These ladies dedicate a lot of time and effort accounting for the tickets, making sure the money is deposited promptly and sending ticket information AND thank you notes to each purchaser. WE COULDN'T DO THIS WITHOUT THEM!!

## **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!**

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**  
**January 4th & 5th, 2019**

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

Lector	Rick Allabaugh
EM Host	Katie Ginalski
EM Host	Mary Frances Charsky
EM Host	Bob Grace
EM Cup	Bea Grace
EM Cup	Ethan Glenn
EM Cup	Daniel Minch
EM Cup	Carol Danoski
Altar Server	Tyler Norton
Altar Server	Anna Ginalski
Altar Server	Ian Ginalski

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

Lector	Debbie Davis
EM Host	Maureen Mizzoni
EM Host	Steve Baxter
EM Host	Ede Blabac
EM Cup	Mike Stricek
EM Cup	Denise Baxter
EM Cup	Scott or Donna Iglar
EM Cup	Marie Iobst
Altar Server	Sydney Keough
Altar Server	Sarah Bush
Altar Server	Mary Bush

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

Lector	George Clark
EM Host	Betty Church
EM Host	Emily Ekstrom
EM Host	Chris Gill
EM Cup	Karyn Church
EM Cup	Steve Church
EM Cup	Pat Clark
EM Cup	David Gill
Altar Server	
Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
Altar Server	Alexander Watkins

**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 experience 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?

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