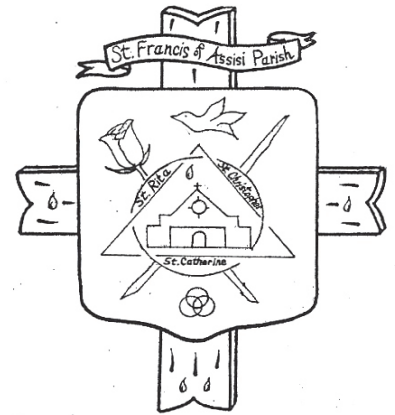


January 3, 2016

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.

Staff

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Office Hours: 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Monday through Thursday
Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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Confession:

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

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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



Saturday, January 2, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People
Sunday, January 3, The Epiphany of the Lord
 8:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. George Wida by Family
 11:00 a.m. William O., William R., & Miriam Albee by Mary Jo Albee & Family
Monday, January 4
 8:00 a.m. Mike Lynch by Joe & Sue Hester
Tuesday, January 5
 8:00 a.m. Christopher Mark Knoll by Nick & Rosalie Roth
Wednesday, January 6
 8:00 a.m. John Dromgoole by Esther Weckel
Thursday, January 7
 8:00 a.m. Sharon Goodspeed by Art & Ann Fernan
Friday, January 8
NO MASS
Saturday, January 9, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Gertrude Edwards by Melissa Glenn
Sunday, January 10, The Baptism of the Lord
 8:00 a.m. Michael Keough by Sally & Dick Everett
 11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Faith Formation

NO Faith Formation this weekend -- New Year's Break.
Faith Formation Resumes on January 10 for Grades K-9 at 9:30 am in the school.

Confirmation Retreat will take place this **Sunday January 3rd at the Newman House, 400 Murray Hill RD, Vestal**. Please be sure all paper work is completed and turned in at the Retreat. The Retreat will end with Mass to fulfill your Sunday obligation.

There will be an important meeting for all parents with children preparing to receive **First Eucharist** on **Sunday, January 10th at 9:45 am in Room 103**. Please note the location change from the main Faith Formation Calendar.

Safe Environment Re-certification Training
An **Empowered to Protect-Dedicated to Restore** mandated diocesan re-certification training will take place at **St. Thomas Aquinas Church in the Cebu-la Room, Wednesday, January 13th at 6:30 pm**. Please call the Parish Office (722-4388) or Maria Kirk (222-1477) to register. If you received certification in 2011 (or before) you must be re-certified this year.

Pope Francis'

World Day of Peace Message

“In Christ, the others welcomed and loved as a son or daughter of God, as a brother or sister, not as a stranger, much less of a rival, or even an enemy. In God’s family, we are also sons and daughters of the same family, and because they are grafted to Christ, sons and daughters in the Son, there are no disposable lies. All men and women enjoy an equal and inviolable dignity. This is the reason why no one can remain indifferent before a lot of our brothers and sisters.”

Rosary Group

If you would like to join us in praying the rosary—we continue to meet every Thursday in the Chapel at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome. Also, we will meet on the first Sunday of each month in the front of the church at 10:00 a.m. Please join us.

**January 3-9 National Migration Week:
A Stranger and You Welcome Me**

In our country, present immigration policies have become a matter of great discussion, especially during this campaign season. Recently there have been many expressions of fear concerning migrants and refugees, and especially Muslims. Today is the start of **National Immigration Week**. The feast of the Epiphany invites us to reflect on these issues and translate our faith into an inclusive welcome to all of God’s children.

In an age of globalization, the celebration of Epiphany takes on more importance than ever. The magi are not Jews, but they seek the Christ as do the Jewish people. Christ is a light for the whole world. Christ calls together the whole world and its peoples. Christ calls for healing of divisions and openness to learn from all people.

The feast of the Epiphany invites us to celebrate the wonderful reality that Jesus came as a light to all people. The categorical exclusion of anyone contradicts the good news of Jesus Christ.

New Year's Prayer for Peace

(posted on their website by a 6th grade class in Australia)

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 2016 become a year of
greater peace!**

Happy New Year!

A Christmas Thank you...

to all who were generous with their time in assist-
ing to decorate both inside & outside of the church
reflecting the beauty of the season.

To Ed Savo, the choir, and our guest instrumental-
ists, 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 things that
will make the New Year's resolution of losing
weight a necessary commitment.

With much appreciation and gratitude,

Prayer for Refugees and Migrants

Loving Father, in your infinite compassion, we
seek your divine protection for refugee children
who are often alone and afraid.

Provide solace to those who have been witness-
es to violence and destruction, who have lost
parents, family, home and all they cherish due
to war or persecution.

Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in
their time of need.

Show mercy to unaccompanied migrant chil-
dren, too, Lord.

Reunite them with their families and loved
ones.

Guide those children who are strangers in a for-
eign land to a place of peace and safety.

Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in
their time of need.

Show us how we might reach out to these pre-
cious and vulnerable children.

Open our hearts to migrant and refugee children
in need, so that we might see in them your own
migrant Son.

Give us courage to stand up in their defense
against those who would do them harm..

For this we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.
Amen.

Last Weekend's Offering (12-27-15)

218 Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,828.50
Loose Collection.....	\$466.00
Electronic Donation.....	\$374.96
Total Collection.....	\$7,669.46

Christmas Offering

Regular Envelopes.....	\$11,121.00
Loose Collection.....	1,209.00
Total Collection.....	\$12,330.00

**Thank you to everyone for their donations.
They are greatly appreciated.**

Sponsor of the Week

This week, St Francis of Assisi thanks:

Rocco J. Testani, Inc.

for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of Jan 3rd — Karen Dotson
Jan 10th — Pat & George Clark

Shelving (Mondays)

Jan 4th — A. Short & S. Vinci
Jan 11th — D & D Talbutts

Distribution

Jan 5th — R. O'Neil, K. Dotson, A. Smilnak,
R. Serafini, A. Short, M. Hayes

Recently, some of the "Senior Angels" who stock shelves in the pantry have had to retire. We have openings if you are interested— MONDAYS, any time between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, once every 5-6 weeks or so. Give Bev a call at 723-2350 for more details. A sincere THANKS to those who have "retired" as many have contributed their time for over 5 years.

Children's Liturgy

Dates

Presiders

Jan 3rd: Ede Blabac & Bridget Vavra
Jan 10th: Debbie Davis & Cindy White

World Marriage Day Celebration ...

will be held on **Sunday, February 7th, 2016**. If you are celebrating your 25th, 50th, 60th or beyond, please call the Parish Center (722-4388) so this milestone in your lives can be recognized.

30th Annual Knights for Life Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

Sunday, January 24, 2016, noon to 5:00pm.

Sauce & Meatballs by Cortese Restaurant.

Adults: \$7.00; Children (under 12) \$3.50

Tickets also available at the door

Includes coffee, tea, milk, bread, spaghetti & meatballs, desert

Takeout orders available (call 771-8303) Benefit of local Right to Life Committee

Lemoyne College CYO Scholarship

In cooperation with Le Moyne College, the CYO will be conferring scholarships to prospective Le Moyne students in the geographical Diocese of Syracuse who have demonstrated leadership abilities and performed outstanding service to their school, community and parish. Information regarding these scholarships is available by calling the CYO office at 584-7800 x431 or emailing cyo@ccbc.net.

Birthright Thank You...

to Father Tim, Bev Krinik and the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi. The giving of St. Francis' people never ceases to amaze me! Thank you so much for the huge amount of diapers, formula, baby clothes, and supplies we received from the giving tree. We will be able to help out so many moms and babies because of your generosity.

Prayers . . .

Please remember all of our parishioners who are in hospitals and nursing homes and our home-bound.

Also, please pray for our deceased parishioners and loved ones.



2015 Tax Contribution Statements

are being prepared. Drop a self-addressed, stamped envelope in the collection basket, and they will be mailed to you when they are done. You can also call the Parish Center at 722-4388 and request your statements. They will be available for you to pick up one week later.

Breakfast with Santa

Knights of Columbus "Breakfast with Santa" Buffet on **Sunday, Jan 17 from 8:30—11:00 a.m.** Proceeds benefit Catherine's Cupboard Food Pantry.

Hospital Visitations Reminder

We try to visit the area hospitals several times a week. If you or a family member are admitted to the hospital and would like us to visit you, please be sure that you give the name of our parish, St. Francis of Assisi, along with your religion at the time of admission. Also, we always appreciate a call to the Parish Center, 722-4388, when parishioners are in the hospital, are going to the nursing home or are confined at home.

Catherine's Cupboard

Paper products and personal care products (toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, baby diapers, women's personal items) are always welcome.

Our parish pantry is open to anyone in need of food. **We are open on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 5:30 to 7 p.m..** No requirements except to show up and ask. ID showing you live in the county is all we ask for. A person can come once or every time we are open. We are here to help, not judge. So please pass the word to anyone you think may need assistance.

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**

January 9, 2016

4:00 p.m. Mass

Lector	Kathleen Tait
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Debby Carden
EM Host	Dom Lomonaco
EM Cup	Marge Mangan
EM Cup	Mary Ellen Meskell
EM Cup	Paulette Scales
EM Cup	Ron Scales
Altar Server	Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server	Mary Katherine Doyle
Altar Server	Logan Lomonaco

January 10

8:00 a.m. Mass

Lector	Debbie Davis
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Marie Iobst
EM Host	Mike Stricek
EM Cup	Steve Baxter
EM Cup	Denise Baxter
EM Cup	Lou Angelo
EM Cup	Tom Phalen
Altar Server	Andrew Rice
Altar Server	Jonah Rice
Altar Server	Braeden Krisko

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lector	Mary Jo Albee
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	McKenna Gill
EM Host	Jules Furrer
EM Cup	David Hanzes
EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
EM Cup	David Gill
EM Cup	Chris Gill
Altar Server	Anthony Frissora
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	Zachary Carr

Question of the Week

Theme: The mystery of the incarnation - Jesus is a gift to all humanity.

Question for Children: In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people such as a classmate or a friend?

Question for Youth: The star guided the Magi to Jesus. What are the people or events who have guided you in your relationship with Jesus?

Question for Adults: How this past week did you demonstrate God's love at home and at work?