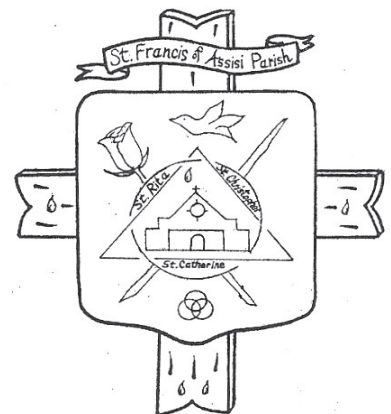
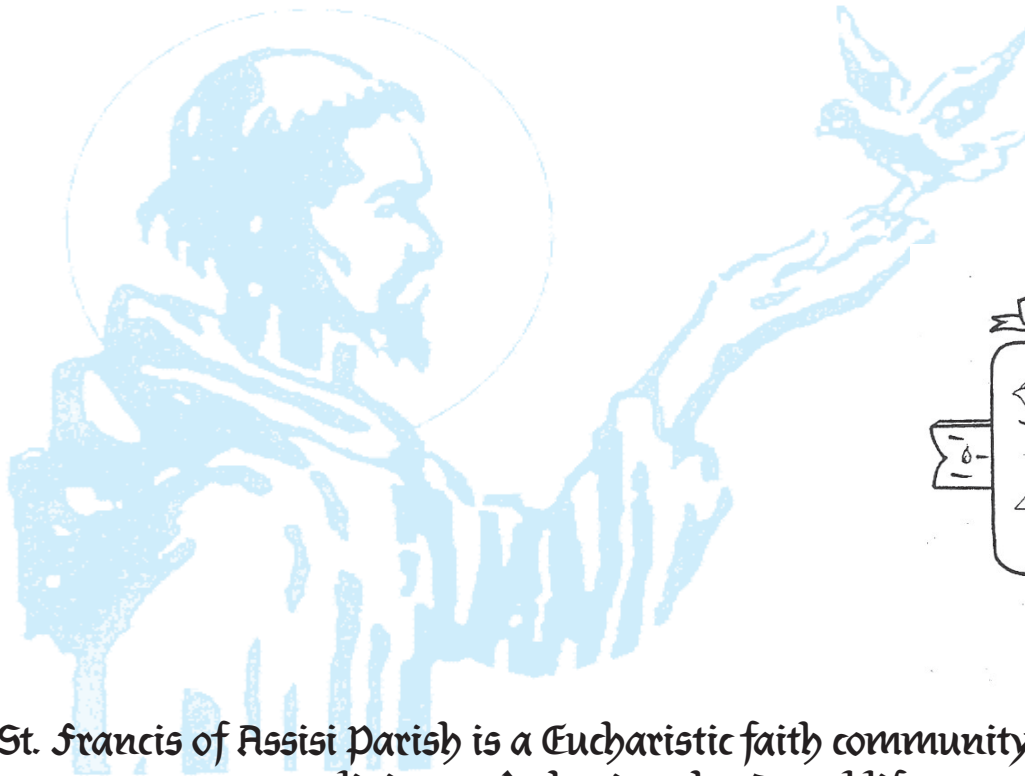


January 24, 2016

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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Monday through Thursday

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Website:

www.stfrancisbing.org

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



Upcoming Bible Study for the Year of Mercy

St. Francis of Assisi will be hosting a Threshold Bible Study based on Divine Mercy. The bible study was written by Stephen J. Binz, who is also leading us in a Lenten Mission on the Year of Mercy. "When we study the Bible—both Old and New Testaments—we discover that God’s most fundamental attribute is mercy. The God revealed in Scripture suffers with his creatures and has a heart for the poor and the lost. Again and again, God demonstrates faithful love for the world and calls people to a joyful and abundant life. In this Threshold Bible Study, Stephen J. Binz helps individuals and groups open the door to the heart of Scripture—the heart of Divine mercy."

The Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, February 9th at 2 and 7 PM in the dining room at the Parish Center and will continue for six weeks. The books are at the Parish Center and can be purchased for \$10 each. If you would like to do the Bible Study on your own or have a group of individuals that would like to meet and you have a facilitator that can assist you please contact Fr. Tim or Maria Kirk for books and any additional information you may need.

Saturday, January 23, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. 45th Anniv. Michael Pandich by Family
Sunday, January 24, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. William Libous by Dave & Louise Martin
11:00 a.m. Craig Woodruff by John & Carol Broderick

Monday, January 25
8:00 a.m. Theresa Kelleher by Rose Serafini

Tuesday, January 26
8:00 a.m. Anita Bibbins by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Wednesday, January 27
8:00 a.m. Scott Michael Secaur by Mom & Dad, Ellen & Robert

Thursday, January 28
8:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Friday, January 29
NO MASS

Saturday, January 30, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Angie Ritter by Family
Sunday, January 31, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Michael Putrino by Dick & Doris Talbut
11:00 a.m. Mike Lynch by 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 any time.

Faith Formation

- Faith Formation for Grades K-9 will meet today in the school.
- First Eucharist "Coaching" session Sunday at 9:30a.m. in the Parish Hall. Parents please attend to "coach" your child through the lesson.
- First Eucharist Rite of Belonging will take place Sunday, January 31st, after class, at the 11a.m. Mass. The first three rows on the Sacristy side of the church will be reserved for the children preparing to receive First Eucharist. Mass may be a little longer than usual, please plan accordingly.
- Looking Ahead
Calendar Change!! Please note the First Eucharist Mini-Retreat will be held on Saturday February 20th, 9-Noon in the Parish Hall.

Save the date

The Women's Commission will host the 2016 Women's Lenten Retreat Saturday, February 27, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Endicott, NY. Guest speaker is Sr. Brigid O'Mahoney. Mass, confession, breakfast, and more. Registration information to follow.

Children’s Liturgy



Dates **Presiders**
Jan 24th: Ed & Kay Corcoran
Jan 31st: Ede Blabac & Bridget Vavra

Last Weekend’s Offering (01-17-16)

197 Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,209.50
Loose Collection.....	\$274.00
Electronic Donation.....	\$481.32
Total Collection.....	\$6,964.32

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

Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet has been rescheduled to Sunday, January 31st from 8:30—11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Pope Francis News This Week
 Pope Francis denounced all religiously inspired violence during a visit to Rome's main synagogue Sunday, January 18th, joining the oldest Jewish community in the Diaspora in a sign of interfaith friendship at a time of Islamic extremist attacks around the globe.
 Francis also rejected all forms of anti-Semitism and called for "maximum vigilance" and early intervention to prevent another Holocaust.
 The visit comes amid a flood of Islamic extremist attacks in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and elsewhere, violence which Francis has repeatedly condemned as anathema to religion, particularly given that Christians and religious minorities have often been the target.
 "Violence of man against man is in contradiction to every religion that merits the name, in particular the three monotheistic religions," Francis said, referring to Christianity, Judaism and Islam. "Every human being, as a creature of God, is our brother regardless of his origins or religious belief."

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 at Knights of Columbus on Park Avenue
 Sauce & Meatballs by Cortese Restaurant.
 Adults: \$8.00; Children (under 12) \$4.00
 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

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.



Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule
Transportation
 Week of Jan 24th — Michelle Warner
 Week of Jan 31st — Karen Dotson
Shelving (Mondays)
 Jan 25th — E. & K. Corcoran
 Feb. 2nd — P. Turnbull, N. Minch
Distribution
 Feb 2 — A.& S. Faughnan, J. Wyatt, M. Quinn, R.&P. Scales
 Feb 16 — M. Walsh, P. Peters, M. Turna, M. Ryder & C. Woodruff

Birthright Organization
 Birthright is a volunteer organization dedicated to the mission that it is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born.
 For more information or if interested in volunteering, please call Diane Yajko at 724-3186.
Items most needed:

- Receiving blankets, crib blankets, baby afghans
- Onesies
 - Sizes: 0-3 and 3-6 months
- Stretch suits / sleepers / kimonos
 - Sizes: 0-3 and 3-6 months
- Newborn sweater sets
- Maternity jeans or casual maternity pants
 - Sizes: Large and XL
- Casual maternity tops
 - Sizes: Large and XL
- Diapers
 - Sizes: 1 and 2

Birthright is most grateful for any and all donations

Like us on Facebook!
 If you have not already, take this opportunity to like us on Facebook to receive updates on Parish information and some fun videos and pictures.



PARISH REGISTRATION

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, 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 are 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**

Gluten Free Hosts

A health concern today known as "Celiac Disease" affects as many as 1 out of every 133 people. Those suffering from this condition cannot ingest any gluten, a protein found in wheat. Thus it raises a concern for those wanting to receive the Eucharist because many hosts are made with wheat. If you are one with this health concern, bring it to my attention because we have available the hosts for this special need.

Choir Practice

Practice in choir loft, Thursday 6:30 to 8:00pm .

Hospital Visitations Reminder

We try to visit the area hospitals during the 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 and not only 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.

Sponsor of the Week

This week, St Francis of Assisi thanks:
William J. Murray Plumbing & Heating
267 Mt. Hunger Road
Lisle, NY 13797
for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin

FEBRUARY FUNDRAISING FOR FOOD **PANTRY**

Since April 2002 our parish (St. Francis of Assisi) has had a food pantry opened for anyone in need of food. This pantry has been self sufficient by your generosity of donated food and funds to cover the cost of purchased items. We joined the Southern Tier Food Bank, part of FEEDING AMERICA (also regional agency of Catholic Charities) a few years ago in order to be able to purchase food at 18 cents a pound or wholesale and also be qualified to receive grants thru State and Federal programs. Last year we received \$5,360 from Diocese of Syracuse Mc Devitt Grant, \$2822, from government grants, plus a few thousand pounds of FREE food, over and above the many donations from parish families and local groups.

As generous as everyone has been in 2015, about 1000 families visited us when we opened the 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month. So many times we are operating on the edge. In the past we gave a package of fish and meat per family to last 2 weeks, now only one item is given per visit. They get to make the choice of which they want. Can you make it on a package of 5-6 fish fillets for 2 weeks? Our budget last year ran over \$25,000 in purchased food or personal care items for these visitors. In order to continue our pantry outreach we will be doing a major fundraiser during the month of FEBURARY. There will be 3 ways you can support us. #1 Feb 7th "Souper Bowl of Caring" weekend...Faith Formation students will be collecting cash or checks at entrance after mass. #2 February 13th, & 20th weekends BONTON Coupons booklets will be available. \$5 a booklet gives you coupons to purchase items in the store Feb 28th. We keep the entire \$5 donation plus get a bonus check from the store (last year it was over \$1,000 total received). #3 Envelopes in pews or use your own during the month to drop in a check (tax deductible) or cash at your convenience.

THANK YOU for all you have done in the past and for whatever you can do in the future.

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.

Le Moyne College C.Y.O. **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.

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

January 30 & 31, 2016

4:00pm. Mass

Lector Mary Cooney
EM Host Dom Lomonaco
EM Host Teresa Creeden
EM Host Jan Pandich
EM Cup Ron Scales
EM Cup Paulette Scales
EM Cup Judy Murphy
EM Cup Terry Hanifin
Altar Server Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server Mikey Schultz
Altar Server Logan Lomonaco

8:00am. Mass

Lector Ed & Kay Corcoran
EM Host Lou Angelo
EM Host Suzanne Tierno
EM Host Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup Mike Stricek
EM Cup Ed White
EM Cup Tom Phalen
Altar Server Natalie Broderick
Altar Server Braeden Krisko
Altar Server Peyton Broderick

11:00am. Mass

Lector Faith Formation
EM Host John Klepfer
EM Host Rose O'Neil
EM Host Steve Guth
EM Cup Dave Bollinger
EM Cup Jim Lewis
EM Cup David Gill
EM Cup Chris Gill
Altar Server Katelyn Church
Altar Server Quinn Sirgany
Altar Server Katie Saunders

Question of the Week

Question for Children: What do you think it was like for the people in today's Gospel to be called by Jesus? What did they have to give up in order to follow him?

Question for Youth: At the start of Jesus' ministry, Jesus invites people to "believe in the Good News." What are some ways that you could be more open to the truth and challenge contained within the Gospels?

Question for Adults: If someone asked you, "To what work has Jesus called you?" how would you answer?

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