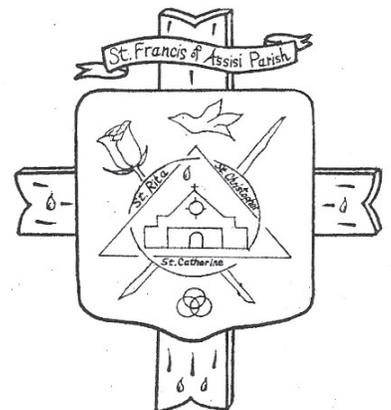


January 31, 2016

# 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.**

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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, 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

Monday, February 1

8:00 a.m. Mannino Vita by Daughter, Fina & Family

Tuesday, February 2

8:00 a.m. Robert Taugher by Family

Wednesday, February 3

8:00 a.m. Kathleen Murray by the Dougherty Family

Thursday, February 4

8:00 a.m. John Dionne by Marge Mangan

Friday, February 5

NO MASS

Saturday, February 6, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. 28th Anniv. Frances Hazen by Family

Sunday, February 7, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Michael Keough by Jean Paden

11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

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.

Children's Liturgy

Dates

Presiders



Jan 31st: Ede Blabac & Bridget Vavra
Feb 7th: Debbie Davis & Cindy White



FEBRUARY FUNDRAISING FOR FOOD PANTRY



In 2015, 1000 families visited us when we opened the 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month. So many times we are operating on the edge. 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 February.

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 are 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.

Faith Formation

- Faith Formation for Grades K-9 will meet today in the school.
First Eucharist Mini-Retreat has been re-scheduled to February 20th, 9 AM to Noon in the Parish Hall.

Did you know that the United States consumer buys more chips for Super Bowl weekend than at any other time of the year? It is estimated that over 33 million bags of chips will be sold by one supplier alone! How many bags of chips will you buy? The 7th Grade FF class will be collecting for the "Souper Bowl" of Caring next weekend (February 6 & 7) at all the Masses. Proceeds will benefit Catherine's Cupboard. Perhaps you can donate an amount equal to your "chip" purchases to Catherine's Cupboard? Or a donation of \$1 per person in your family? Either way you will make a huge impact to help feed the hungry in our area. Please remember to bring extra cash with you to Mass next weekend.

The Faith Formation Lenten Prayer Service will take place on February 7th at 9:45 AM in the church. Classes will meet in the school as usual and go over to the church at the appropriate time. Classes will return to the school after the prayer service. Parents are welcome and encouraged to join us for our Prayer Service.



**Women’s Lenten Retreat**

The 2016 Women's Lenten Retreat will be held Saturday, February 27, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Endicott, NY. Sr. Brigid O'Mahoney will offer a reflection on "The Joy of God's Mercy," with Mass to be celebrated at 8:30 am by Rev. Peter VanLieshout. Adoration, prayer, rosary, confession, and breakfast will also be offered. Mail registration with \$15.00 to Women's Commission, c/o Diocese of Syracuse, 240 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse, NY 13202; RSVP by email to swc@syracusediocese.org; or call Margaret at 761-2671 or Becky at 754-9408.

**Pope Francis This Week**

Pope Francis met with President Hassan Rouhani of Iran on Tuesday — the first meeting between a Pope and an Iranian leader in 17 years —and urged Iran to play an “important role” in finding political solutions for the various conflicts afflicting the Middle East.

The two leaders stressed “the importance of interreligious dialogue” to achieve this aim and the responsibilities of religious communities “in promoting reconciliation, tolerance and peace.” After the meeting, the Vatican spoke of “the important role that Iran is called upon to fulfill” in promoting peaceful solutions to Middle East conflicts and countering the spread of terrorism.

**Last Weekend’s Offering (01-24-16)**

186 Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,791.00
Loose Collection.....	\$487.00
Electronic Donation.....	\$635.51
Total Collection.....	\$6,913.51

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

***Ash Wednesday***

**Schedule of Events for February 10th**

***8:00 a.m. - Liturgy at St. Francis’ Church***

***12:00 p.m. Liturgy at St. Francis’ Church***

***5:30 p.m. – Simple Soup Supper  
in the Church Hall at St. Francis’ Church***

***7:00 p.m. – Joint Prayer Service with Ashes at  
St. Francis’ Church with Ogden Methodist  
Church***

**Lent 2016**

The holy and graceful Lenten season opens on Ash Wednesday, February 10th. Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our Baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we’ve done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

It is only appropriate that as a Parish in this Year of Mercy our focus for Lent will center on this theme. How do we understand Mercy? What does the Bible say about Mercy? Along the many themes in the Bible, Mercy is integral in the whole of the Scriptures. A Bible study based on Human Mercy will be offered in our Parish.

This study can be used individually, as a family, or in a group setting. The setup of the book has a passage from Scripture, with reflection and gesture to go deeper. It is a wonderful tool for your prayer journey throughout Lent. On Tuesdays, beginning February 9th at 2:00 or 7:00pm in the dining room at the Parish Center, you are invited to share in discussion on the Scriptures reflected and prayed with. The books are at the Parish Center and can be purchased for \$10 each.

Stephen Binz, the author of the Bible Study, will be with us in March for a Lenten Mission in the Year of Mercy. He is a Catholic Biblical Scholar, popular speaker, and award-winning author of more than 30 books on the Bible and biblical spirituality. He will be coming here from Louisiana to lead our Parish mission from **March 7-10**.

Lent is a time to reflect more intentionally on Pope Francis’ invitation. During these 40 days, we examine our lives in an ongoing effort “to be merciful, just as God is merciful”.

Catholic Relief Services’ **Rice Bowl** is our tool to do just this. Through CRS Rice Bowl, we encounter those living in conditions of poverty around the world, and we have the opportunity to practice the corporal and spiritual Works of Mercy through our prayer, fasting and alms giving. The Rice Bowls will be in next week’s Bulletin.

We are also looking at other resources for our Parish website and Facebook page that you could use to enrich your prayer during Lent. Check the website and Facebook for updates, and we will let you know when they will be online.

**Other Lenten Opportunities:**

- Stations of the Cross– Fridays at 3pm in the Church
- Daily Mass– Monday thru Thursday at 8am in the Parish Center
- Penance Service– Sunday, March 13th at 4pm

If you wish to return last year’s palm branches—please drop them off at the Parish Center or bring them to church next week. We will burn them for the Ash Wednesday ashes!

### **World Marriage Day Celebration**

The 30th Annual World Marriage Day will be held on **Sunday, February 7th, 2016, 2:30pm, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse.** The Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham will celebrate the Mass and witness the renewal of marriage vows of all couples in attendance. If you are celebrating your 25th, 50th, 60th or beyond, please call the Parish Center (722-4388) or contact the diocesan Family Life Office (315-472-6753) so this milestone in your lives can be recognized.

### **Portable Electric Piano Wanted**

The church is in need of a portable Electric Piano, no less than 76 keys and in good condition. If anyone is wishing to donate or to sell, contact the Music Director Ed Savo (724-4970) or edsavo@stny.rr.com

### **Don't Miss This!**

*“Way of The Cross”* presented by The Franciscan Mystery Players of St. Mary’s, Clayton, NY.

#### When and Where:

- Friday, February 12, 7:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Windsor
- Friday, March 11, 7:00pm at St. Joseph’s Church in Endicott

### **“Seeking Serra”**

An evening with our newest Saint: St. Junipero Serra presented by Dc. Tom Picciano. Wednesday, February 17th 6:30-8:30pm at the Southern Region Office of Faith Formation.

Join Dc. Tom on a Journey with St. Junipero Serra from his birth on Mallorca to his death in the missions of California and on to canonization in Washington.

Please register by February 12th, contact Phyllis at (786-9649) or pgonzales@syrdio.org.

Donation for this offering will be \$10 or whatever you can afford. (Catechists are free).

### **Joke of the Week**

A young boy was talking to God and asked God the question, "What is a million years like?"

God answers back and tells the boy, "A million years is like a second." The boy then asks God, "What is a million dollars like?" God replies, "A million dollars is like a penny." So the little boy asks God, "Can I have one of your pennies?", to which God replies, "Just a second."

### **Sponsor of the Week**

This week, St. Francis of Assisi thanks:

#### **Hanks for her**

1339 Front Street, Binghamton  
for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin

### **Catherine’s Cupboard Volunteer Schedule**

#### **Transportation**

Week of Jan 31st — Karen Dotson

Week of Feb 7th — Marie Giordano

#### **Shelving (Mondays)**

Feb 1st — P. Turnbull, N. Minch

Feb 8th — D. & D. Talbut

#### **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

### **To the St. Francis Of Assisi Family...**

*“Food For The Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Father Wilderotter on our recent visit to your Parish. On behalf of our brothers and sisters throughout the Caribbean and Latin America, we thank you for your compassion and care. We are all blessed by and grateful for your generosity.”*

In Christ, The Food For The Poor Family

### **2015 Tax Contribution Statements**

are being prepared. Drop a self-addressed, stamped envelope in the collection basket, or call the Parish Center at 722-4388 to request your statements.

### **2015-2016 Le Moyne College C.Y.O. Scholarship**

For many years, Le Moyne College and the Catholic Youth Organization 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. Information is available at the Parish Office, if interested.

### **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.



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

**February 6th & 7th, 2016**

**4:00pm Mass**

**Lector Barb Brozovic**  
**EM Host Dc. Steve**  
**EM Host Kelly Benjamin**  
**EM Host Debby Carden**  
**EM Cup Marge Mangan**  
**EM Cup Mary Lou Ekstrom**  
**EM Cup Mary Frances Charsky**  
**EM Cup Larry Koch**  
**Altar Server Mary Katherine Doyle**  
**Altar Server Bryan Heller**  
**Altar Server Sarah Shafer**

**8:00am Mass**

**Lector Tim Hogan**  
**EM Host Dc. Steve**  
**EM Host Denise Baxter**  
**EM Host Steve Baxter**  
**EM Cup Donna Iglar**  
**EM Cup Scott Iglar**  
**EM Cup Debbie Davis**  
**EM Cup Ede Blabac**  
**Altar Server Sarah Bush**  
**Altar Server James Bush**  
**Altar Server Lauren White**

**11:00am Mass**

**Lector George Clark**  
**EM Host Dc. Steve**  
**EM Host Sue Jones**  
**EM Host Lyndsey Church**  
**EM Cup Steve Church**  
**EM Cup Karyn Church**  
**EM Cup Pat Clark**  
**EM Cup David Hanzes**  
**Altar Server Georgia Novitsky**  
**Altar Server Brendan Heaney**  
**Altar Server Zachary Carr**

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Name some bad things that you want to pray that Jesus will take away from our world.

**Question for Youth:** Jesus was able to free the man from the unclean spirit within him. What do you hope Jesus will free you from? What is happening in the world that needs Jesus' help?

**Question for Adults:** What are the evils in today's world that you pray God will free us from?

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