

**Welcome!** We are glad you are with us today! We hope you find a warm and welcome experience. We are formed by Sacred Scripture and Tradition of the Catholic Church and seek to center all we do around the Eucharistic Celebration, the Mass. We hope you will feel at home. If you have not registered with a parish we invite you to do so. Please contact the priest after Mass or call the Parish Office.

**Temporary Schedule during the Pandemic**

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	4:00 pm St. Thomas Aquinas
	5:15 pm St. Patrick's
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am St. Patrick's
	11:00 am St. Thomas Aquinas
	4:00 pm St. Patrick's
<b>Mon-Fri</b>	7:00 am St. Patrick's
	10:00 am St. Thomas Aquinas
<b>Saturday Morning</b>	8:00 am St. Patrick's

**RECONCILIATION:**

<b>Saturdays</b>	11:30 am St. Patrick's
	3:00 pm St. Thomas Aquinas

*Other times by appointment, please call the rectory.*

**ADORATION CHAPEL AT ST. PATRICK'S:**

<b>Mon-Fri</b>	7:30am—9:00pm
<b>Sat</b>	8:30am—5:00pm
<b>Sun</b>	10:00am—4:00pm

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS:**

Every first Friday after the 10am Mass at St. Thomas

**PARISH CLERGY & RELIGIOUS:**

Very Rev. Msgr. John P. Putano, V.F., Pastor  
Rev. Stephen Nyamweya-Ogaro, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Paul Machira, Priest-in-Residence  
Rev. Mr. Les Distin, Deacon Emeritus  
Sr. Mary Jane Athieno, LSOSF, St. Patrick's Pastoral Care  
Sr. Teresia Mutiso, LSOSF, St. Thomas Pastoral Care  
In Residence at St. Patrick's Convent: Daughters of Divine Love  
In Residence at St. Thomas Convent: Little Sisters of St. Francis

# SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER

ST. PATRICK'S & ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISHES—BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

JANUARY 2 2022

## A daily prayer in petition to: Protect the Vocations of Our Children

Father, while our children are young, hold them close to your heart.

In this world confused by error and sin, guard their innocence and fill them with unshakable faith.

As they grow older, keep them true to your teachings, faithful to Sunday Mass, and active within Your church.

May they sincerely seek Your will in all important life decisions, and when the time comes, open their hearts to Your call, whether to Christian marriage, priesthood or consecrated life.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Prayers for Seminarians

Let us continually pray for vocations and for our seminarians. This week, especially for John Brusa III. John is in 2nd year Theology and is from Holy Family in Syracuse. He is in seminary at Mount St. Mary's in Maryland.



## Vocation Thought

"They prostrated themselves and did him homage." The magi not only brought Christ gifts, they also brought themselves and worshiped. What part of you is Christ asking you to leave at his feet, in worship?

Call Father Jason Hage at 315-470-1468,  
or write: [vocations@syrдио.org](mailto:vocations@syrдио.org)

## Please pray for the sick, for God's peace and healing touch...

Helen Asbury, Olivia Behanick, Linda Bosch, Michael Capolupo, Debra Caporoso, Judy Chandanais, Nick Chianese, Christopher Coleman, Susan Corner, Ellen Correll, William Coughlin, Jacob Devries, Deacon Les Distin, Mark Donovan, Julia Dwyer, David Earty, Lincoln Elizabeth, Trish Ervay, Maria Evans, Patrick Fallin, Anita Finch, Eugenia Margarita Cubillan Florez, Kevin Foley, **Brian Ford**, Michele Giblin, Matt Grasgruber, Caroline Hall, John Harding, Debbie Harendza, Pat Harnan, Debbie Hogan, Joan Holleran, Leah, Beth Levy, Jared Mace, Monica Mahoney, Hedy Martin, Stephanie Merenda, Donna Mooney, Joseph Munson, Boniface Owino, Kathleen Powers, Jeanette Raffa, Gabriele Reo, Elliot James Root, Dan Rowley, John Rush, Sabrina, Harry Silberberg, John Simmons, Teresa Slavetsky, Skylar Smith, Adeline Stafford, Sally Starkweather, Joyce Steed, Logan Stirr, Jess Supa, Terry Telfer, Elizabeth Vannoy, Irene Vitkus, Liam Wagner, Jennifer Wasser, Patrick Weathersby, Joe & Betty Zdimal

New names are bolded when first added to the list.

If you would like to be added or removed,  
please call the parish office.

## REMINDER ANNOUNCEMENT: Regarding Reception of Communion During the Pandemic ~ Please and thank you! -

- ◇ Those who wish to receive communion on the tongue are asked to wait until those receiving on the hand have gone.
- ◇ Please make use of any hand sanitizer and make sure your mask is covering nose and mouth.
- ◇ Please maintain six feet apart, outside of households, while in line.
- ◇ When approaching the Minister of Communion please keep mask on, receive the host properly in your hands, step aside at least six feet, drop your mask and place the host in your mouth and return your mask to the proper position, covering nose and mouth and return down the side isles.

Again, thank you. Your courtesy in following these guidelines are much appreciated.

Let us rejoice and be glad in the  
Baptism of: Aidan Nathaniel Burns  
Welcome to the family of God.  
May peace and blessings be upon  
you and your family.



Let us pray for those who have died  
recently: Rosalie Stento.  
May her soul and the souls of all the  
faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:  
Our Clergy & Religious at St. Patrick's  
and for Timothy Coffey and  
Our Clergy & Religious at St. Thomas Aquinas



## Adoration Chapel

The new hours for the Divine Mercy Chapel Eucharistic Adoration Chapel are as follows:  
Monday—Friday: 7:30am—9:00 pm  
Saturday's: 8:30am—5:00pm  
Sunday's: 10:00am—4:00pm.

To register please contact the St. Patrick's parish office.

## St. Patrick's 'Prayer Chain'

St. Patrick's Prayer Chain Members would be pleased to pray for your intentions or to welcome you as a prayer warrior. Contact Patricia Glazier at [muzzy@stny.rr.com](mailto:muzzy@stny.rr.com) or 607-722-6036 or call the rectory.

## St. Thomas Aquinas 'Prayer Network'

We are privileged to pray for your need. To send in your prayer request or to join our prayer network, please email [prayer@sta-sp.org](mailto:prayer@sta-sp.org) or contact the parish office: 797-4015.

**Legion of Mary** The Legion of Mary is a lay Catholic organization whose members give voluntary service and pray for the Church. Please contact St. Thomas Aquinas parish or email: [stthomas@sta-sp.org](mailto:stthomas@sta-sp.org).

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

ST. PATRICK'S & ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISHES — BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

# STEWARDSHIP

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**Saturday, January 1st Solemnity of Mary**  
**SP 8:00 am** Raymond Wright req.  
 Molly & Tom Kane  
**STA 4:00 pm** Fiacco & Eartly Families  
 req. Family  
**SP 5:15 PM** Robert & Catherine  
 McDevitt

**Sunday, January 2nd The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**SP 9:00 am** Sheryl O'Brien & Daniel Corser req. Genevieve  
 Kvasnak  
**STA 11:00 am** Living Intention for Gabriele Reo req. Family  
**SP 4:00 pm** For The People of St. Patrick's

**Monday, January 3rd**  
**SP 7:00am** Living Intention of The Lynch Family  
**STA 10:00 am** Timothy Coffey req. Family

**Tuesday, January 4th**  
**SP 7:00 am** 1st. Anniversary Michael Farina req. Family  
**STA 10:00 am** Lucille Quinlivan req. Family

**Wednesday, January 5th St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
**SP 7:00 am** Mary Patricia Fallon req. Carolyn Scoville  
**STA 10:00 am** James Trainham req. Dave & Gail Munson

**Thursday, January 6th**  
**SP 7:00am** 30 Day, John O'Rourke req. Family  
**STA 10:00 am** Barbara McMahon req. Jim & Gretchen Matt

**Friday, January 7th First Friday**  
**SP 7:00 am** For The Faithful Departed  
**STA 10:00am** Edward G. McHale req. Mahar Family  
**(First Friday Devotion after 10am Mass)**

**Saturday, January 8th**  
**SP 8:00 am** John Clark req. Family  
**STA 4:00pm** Ted Sullivan req. David & Sheila Martin &  
 Family  
**SP 5:15 pm** Margaret McCormack req. Mike & Eileen Smalt

**Sunday, January 9th The Baptism of the Lord**  
**SP 9:00 am** Kevin McManus req. Family  
**STA 11:00 am** L. John Koniuto req. The Newberry's  
**SP 4:00 pm** Cindy Kuhnen req. Carolyn Scoville

## Find Live Stream & Prior Services from SP & STA

10am Mon—Fri & 11am Sun from St. Thomas Aquinas

First Sunday of each month—4:00 pm from St. Patrick's

<https://tinyurl.com/12w5eun> or go to YouTube &

search: St. Thomas Aquinas Binghamton, NY

Syracuse Catholic Television at Noon from the Cathedral. The link to Daily Mass from Cathedral is:

[www.youtube.com/syrdio](http://www.youtube.com/syrdio)

## Stewardship Thought

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold—we should reflect Christ's wisdom in our relationships. Frankincense—represents our daily prayer and adoration. Myrrh—is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

**\*Figures for December 19, Christmas and December 26th were not available by the printing deadline due to the adjusted schedule with the holidays.**

Please know that you may place your envelope in whatever parish Mass you attend and it will be matched with your proper parish.

**Have you considered giving your gift to your parish online? Hit the "Online Giving" button on the parish website: The St. Patrick's and for St. Thomas Aquinas Joint Parish website: [www.sta-sp.org](http://www.sta-sp.org)**

Contact us to learn more about the ways that a planned or deferred gift can build a bridge to our future and ensure that our Church will remain strong for those who will come after us.

Special thanks to those who have been sending in their envelopes and making up past envelopes, and for those using online giving.

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions are available by calling the parish office. The suggested donation is \$5.00.

## A Family Perspective

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done

## STAFF MEMBERS OF OUR PARISHES

### Parish Secretaries

SP Marie Evans, Kathy Lash, Carolyn Scoville  
STA Mickey Carbo, Kathy Strong, Maria DePersiis

### Rectory Caretakers

SP Mary Peck  
STA Mary Peck, interim

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STA David Blaine, Alexander Wixsom

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Danita Fiacco

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Angel DeLap

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STA Steven Nanni

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STA Steven Nanni

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### Joint Faith Formation Director

Jeanne Higgins

### Joint Youth Ministry Caretaker

Karen Leighton

### Special Events & Outreach Ministries

Barb Donnelly

### Joint Technology Caretaker

Fred Kelley



# SCHEDULE OF PARISH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

ST. PATRICK'S & ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISHES – BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

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## The Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord



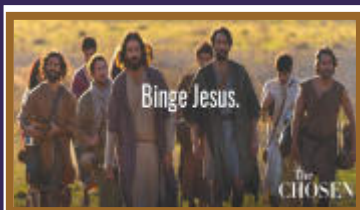
On this **weekend, January 1st & 2nd**, we will continue the tradition of the blessing of the home. A Holy Water bottle and chalk for the marking of your home will be available. An explanation of this tradition and a Blessing of the Home will be included.

This is one way we can dedicate our homes to the Lord and ask the Lord to watch over and protect all who dwell and visit there.

Use the chalk to write above the home's entrance:

**20 + C + M + B + 22**

The initials are the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. The + sign represents the cross and 20.....22 is the year.



### "THE CHOSEN" Watch Group – Season Two

Thank you to all who joined us for "The Chosen" Season One. We hope you enjoyed viewing this wonderful program as much as we did. "The Chosen" Season Two Watch Group will begin on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 in St. Patrick's Parish Hall from 7-8:30 p.m. There will be 8 episodes that run approx. 1 hour each with group discussion following. All are welcome.

### Wednesday Morning Bible Study at STA

Our Wednesday morning Bible Study will resume Wednesday, January 12th and will follow the 10 am Daily Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas. All are welcome to join in the Cebula Room 10:40am –noon. The particular study is to be determined and will be announced in the new year.



	Pledges	Goal	%
St. Patrick's	\$27,865.00	\$31,826.96	87.5
St. Thomas Aquinas	\$26,805.00	\$27,898.53	96.1

As of Dec 21st 21; Thank you very much! Please remember that everything above goal comes back to the parish.

To the Parishioners of St. Patrick's and St. Thomas Aquinas,



My dear friends, I am amazed at how time flies. Five years have passed since I came to your parish for my second assignment in America. As I look at these five years, I realize that God has answered the deepest desire of my heart, namely, to become more and more conformed to his Son, the High-Priest Jesus Christ.

But such a gift did not come because I deserved it; rather, the Lord chose to bless me with parish communities that reflected the Gospel truth of the Father's love characterized by genuine friendship. Your friendship, prayers and support has enabled us to grow in faith and charity making the love and mercy of God visible in our parish communities and beyond.

May the Lord bless you abundantly for responding to his grace and embracing all the African priests and nuns who are serving in different parishes with such great love. Please know that I am grateful beyond words that you have shown me what it means to exercise my priesthood for others.

While in Kenya you can always reach out to me through my email: ([fremwa2009@yahoo.com](mailto:fremwa2009@yahoo.com);

or by mail: Fr. Fredrick Mwangi Kooro  
Catholic Diocese of Nakuru  
PO. Box 938-20100  
Nakuru, Kenya (East Africa)

Cell Phone +254798-288-940

God bless you abundantly. -Fr. Fred

Fr. Fred will celebrate  
all of the Masses  
at St. Patrick's & St. Thomas'  
the weekend of  
January 8th & 9th 2022



A Farewell Reception  
will take place at  
Sunday, January 9th  
12:30 pm– 2:30 pm  
St. Patrick's Gym

# FAITH FORMATION ~ A LIFE LONG JOURNEY

ST. PATRICK'S & ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISHES -BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

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## "GYMBOREE" — Grades K-6th

(open gym that follows  
faith formation classes)

Games, Crafts and more

11:10am—12:30pm St. Pat's Gym

Next date to be determined

## OPEN GYM NIGHT 6th—12 grade

Ping Pong, Spike Ball, Basket Ball and more...

Pizza and snacks too!

Wed, Jan 12th @ 6pm— 7:30pm St. Pat's Gym

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT—all ages

Family friendly night out with movie, food and  
activity. A little discussion. Fun for all.

Next date to be determined

Happy! Healthy! Holy! - Faith Formation 2021-2022

Youth Faith Formation K-10th

In-Person at St. Patrick's School.

We are on Christmas Break Sunday December  
26th, no classes

Classes resume Sunday, January 2nd 2022!

We have 12 young boys and girls preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation in January and Holy Communion in May and 11 for Sacrament of Confirmation. There are 8 youth in our RCIC program. Please keep these children and their parents in your prayers!

If your child is in Kindergarten—10th grade  
make sure they are signed up for Faith Formation!

### The Office of Safe Environment

**Online initial and re-certification training sessions** for those required or interested now available.

Pre-registration is a must for all sessions.

The complete schedule of available training sessions and registration links can now be found on the diocesan Safe Environment page:

<https://syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/>

Contact Joelle Zarnowski,

Safe Environment Program Coordinator:

email Joelle at: [safeenvironment@syrдио.org](mailto:safeenvironment@syrдио.org) or

call 315.470.1421.

Currently Jan 4th@10am & 13th @6pm for Initial training.

And Jan 6th @ 6pm for recertification.

### Registration is now open for the Syracuse Diocese Pilgrimage for Life youth trip to Washington, D.C.! - reserve your spot now!

On this powerful 3-day experience, participants will travel to Washington D.C., attend Mass with Bishop Lucia, enjoy a guided walking tour of the monuments, see the Smithsonian Museums, join an evening Youth Rally with Sr. Josephine Garret, CSFN and music by Dave Moore, Life is Very Good Youth Rally and of course, participate in the National March for Life. This is open to youth in grades 7-12. Contact [Karen@sta-sp.org](mailto:Karen@sta-sp.org).

January 2022



## MARCH FOR LIFE

March for Life - January 20-21, 2022

The Office of Family/Respect Life Ministry will be sponsoring a one-day pilgrimage to Washington, DC for adults and families! This trip includes Mass with Bishop Lucia at the National Basilica, participation in the March for Life with the diocesan group, transportation, meals and a diocesan scarf. Each parish and all diocesan Respect Life Coordinators will soon be receiving flyers and postcards to help promote the March for Life. To register, please visit: <http://march4lifesyracuse2022.eventbrite.com/>

### Access a free subscription to FORMED.org



Go to: [FORMED.org/signup](http://FORMED.org/signup)  
Click: "I belong to a parish";  
Enter: zip code 13905;  
Select: St. Thomas Aquinas;  
Register: your name & email;

### Winter Blues and Barbecue @ Christ the King Retreat House

6 pm- 8 pm

Thursday, January 27th 2022

Beat the winter Blues and enjoy a barbecue in the middle of winter to lift your spirits. To further recharge your spiritual life, enjoy inspirational speaker Adam Eichelberger. We will renew our promise to God this winter by learning from St. Paul how to change our minds to match our hearts. *Offering: \$30 includes barbecue dinner*



### Liturgical Ministries are an opportunity to express love for the Eucharist & Community

We also invite any parishioner who is interested in serving any of the liturgical ministries- Usher, Lector, Greeter, Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist or Altar Server to please stop in the Sacristy or call the parish office with your interest. You may serve at either or both parishes.

For St. Patrick's: 722-1060 or [stpatrick@sta-sp.org](mailto:stpatrick@sta-sp.org).

For St. Thomas Aquinas: 767-4015 or [stthomas@sta-sp.org](mailto:stthomas@sta-sp.org)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

PATRICK'S & ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISHES, BINGHAMTON, NY

JANUARY 2ND 2022



## ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SYRACUSE

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December 22, 2021

### OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Diocesan Family,

As I continue to traverse across our diocese to its various corners, I am becoming more familiar with the territory and the faith communities that make up the Roman Catholic Church in Central New York. Upon study and discussions both with the Diocesan Administrative Team and the Diocesan Presbyteral Council, I am pleased to announce a reformulation of the regions of our Diocese effective January 1, 2022. This endeavor seeks to further cooperation and collaboration among parishes and to allow for improved and more direct communication between the office of the Bishop, pastoral leaders and parishioners.

Each region will have a Vicar Forane who will be my personal representative to that particular region of the Diocese. This title is different than the previously used "Regional Vicar," but it will better reflect the provisions of Canons 553-555 of the *Code of Canon Law*. A particular responsibility of the Vicar Forane will be to meet with the pastoral leaders of a region both clergy and lay regularly for prayer, communications, education, and social gatherings.

I wish to express my gratitude to the following priests who have accepted my request to become the Vicar Forane for the new regions:

- Region I – Rev. Richard Prior, VF – [Oswego-Northern Onondaga]  
Consisting of the parishes located in Baldwinsville, Central Square, Constantia, Cicero, Fulton, Hannibal, Liverpool, Mattydale, Minetto, North Syracuse, Mexico, Oswego, Phoenix, and Pulaski.
- Region II – Rev. Andrew Baranski, VF – [Western Onondaga]  
Consisting of the parishes of Camillus, Jordan, Lakeland, Marcellus, Skaneateles, Solvay, and Syracuse – Cathedral, All Saints, Assumption, Sacred Heart, Holy Family, Most Holy Rosary, Our Lady of Pompei-St. Peter, St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity, Our Lady of Hope, SS. Michael & Peter, St. Lucy, St. Charles, St. Ann, & St. Patrick.
- Region III – Rev. John Kurgan, VG, VF – [Eastern Onondaga]  
Consisting of Bridgeport, Cazenovia, Chittenango, DeRuyter, Dewitt, East Syracuse, Fayetteville, Manlius, and Syracuse – Blessed Sacrament, St. Anthony, St. Daniel, St. Vincent de Paul, & Transfiguration. Also included in this region will be the retirees of the Western and Eastern Onondaga region.
- Region IV -Rev. Sean O'Brien, VF -[Rome]  
Consisting of Boonville, Camden, Canastota, Forestport, Hamilton, Holland Patent, Lee Center, Marcy, Morrisville, North Bay, Oneida, Oriskany Falls, Otter Lake, Rome, Sherrill, Sylvan Beach, Taberg, Vernon, Verona and Waterville.
- Region V -Rev. Thomas Servatius, VF -[Utica]  
Consisting of Chadwicks, Clark Mills, Clinton, New Hartford, New York Mills, Utica and Whitesboro.
- Region VI -Rev. Joseph Zareski, VF -[Cortland, Southern Onondaga, Northern Chenango] Consisting of Cortland, Cincinnatus, Homer, Lafayette, Marathon, New Berlin, Norwich, Otisco, Oxford, Pompey, Sherburne, South Onondaga, Tully, Truxton and Whitney Point.
- Region VII-Rev. James Serowick, VF-[Southern]  
Consisting of Afton, Bainbridge, Binghamton, Deposit, Endicott, Endwell, Greene, Johnson City, Kirkwood, Maine, Sanitaria Springs, Vestal and Windsor.

These new regions may lead to further re-configuration of a few PCAs, but even more it is my sincere hope that these new designations will assist and re-affirm PCAs in their need to work together ever more closely. These alterations are meant also to foster the needed care for our clergy both active and retired and greater contact with them.

I would be sorely remiss if I did not extend my deep appreciation and gratitude to Fr. Mark Kaminski, Fr. Robert Kelly, and Msgr. John Putano for their service as Regional Vicars. I express once more my indebtedness to the newly-appointed Vicars Forane for their willingness to serve. I am most appreciative of their commitment in helping me to strengthen the bonds of communion within our diocesan family and in aiding me in my service to them.

In the coming New Year, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, may God give success to the work of our hands and continue to help the Diocese of Syracuse as sowers and reapers of the harvest. A blessed 2022 to all!

In the Name of Jesus, +Douglas J Lucia, Bishop of Syracuse

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