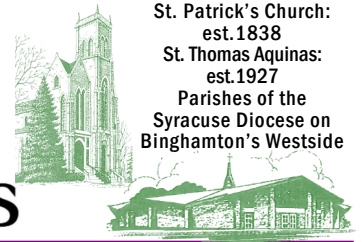


The Linked
Roman Catholic
Communities of

St. Patrick's & St. Thomas Aquinas



St. Patrick's Church:
est.1838
St. Thomas Aquinas:
est.1927
Parishes of the
Syracuse Diocese on
Binghamton's Westside

Sunday, December 10th, 2023 2nd Sunday of Advent

We welcome you to the linked Catholic community of St. Patrick's & St. Thomas Aquinas on Binghamton's Westside. We are glad you are here with us to celebrate Mass. If you have not registered with a parish, we invite you to do so. Please speak with the priest after Mass or contact the Parish Office.

2nd Sunday of Advent

**"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight His paths."**

Mark 1:3

This is the time of wait - ing; sal - va - tion
soon will be born. We will make read-y our
hearts, Oh God. Pre - pare the way of the Lord.

Temporary Mass Schedule during the Pandemic

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

ADORATION CHAPEL AT ST. PATRICK'S:

Mon—Sun 7:30 am—9:00 pm
Please contact the parish office to register.

OPEN CHURCH AT ST. THOMAS

Thursday's 10:30am—4:30pm, after daily Mass

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 11:30 am St. Patrick's
3:00 pm St. Thomas Aquinas

Other times by appointment, please call the rectory.

DAILY ROSARY 25 minutes before the start of Mass

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS:

First Friday devotional prayers are offered after the 10am Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION:

First Saturday devotion following the 8am Mass at St. Patrick's. *Rosary, Short Talk, Consecration & Confessions with the Mount St. Francis Hermitage Friars*

More information about the St. Thomas Aquinas double jubilee Plenary Indulgence is in the bulletin, special booklet available at the church.

St. Patrick's Church | 9 Leroy St. Binghamton NY 13905 | 607-722-1060 | stpatrick@sta-sp.org
St. Thomas Aquinas | Aquinas St. Binghamton, NY 13905 | 607-797-4015 | stthomas@sta-sp.org

Visit us on the web at: www.sta-sp.org

Live-stream at: <https://www.youtube.com/@sta-sp> or search on YouTube **St. Patrick's & Thomas Aquinas, Binghamton**
10am Monday—Friday & 11am Sunday's from St. Thomas Aquinas; First Sunday of each month—4:00 pm from St. Patrick's

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

STEWARDSHIP

DECEMBER 10, 2023

Saturday, December 9

SP 8:00am 30 Day, Joseph Mayko req. family
STA 4:00pm Tom Hull req. Family
SP 5:15pm Deceased Members of the Burke and Faughnan families req. Family

Sunday, December 10 2nd Sunday of Advent, Human Rights Day

SP 9:00am Kathy Lash req. John Lash
STA 11:00am Joseph Sullivan req. Rose Salamida
SP 4:00pm Thomas Butchko, Sr. req. Beth and Mike Malane

Monday, December 11

SP 7:00am Living Intention for Pam Campbell req. Family
STA 10:00am Month's Mind Ann Marie Donovan req. Family

Tuesday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

SP 7:00am For the People of St. Patrick's
STA 10:00am Lawrence Henneberger req. Sue & Jim Miller & Family

3:00 pm Hilltop

Wednesday, December 13 St. Lucy

SP 7:00am 4th Anniversary James Flynn req. Family
STA 10:00am Rev. Greg LeStrange

Thursday, December 14

SP 7:00am Robert and Catherine McDevitt
STA 10:00am Helen Monaco req. Husband, Art

2:00 pm Susquehanna Nursing Home

Friday, December 15

SP 7:00am Catherine Legg req. Tom and Molly Kane
STA 10:00am Peggy McCormack req. the Curley Family

Saturday, December 16

SP 8:00 am Kathleen Foley req. Jim and Donna Barron
STA 4:00pm Louis Augostini req. Family
SP 5:15pm 4th Anniversary Peggy McCormack req. Bill, Pat and Joe

Sunday, December 17 3rd Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday

SP 9:00am Memorial Donor Mass: Barbara York, Stuart Bumgardner, Rob Gardner, Louis Howell, Joseph Mayko, Christopher Mackin, John Whiting, Charles Sauger, Adam App and Kathleen Foley

STA 11:00am Helen Miller 20th Anniv. req. Family
SP 4:00pm 1st Anniversary James Brundage req. Family



Let us remember and pray for all those who have died recently, especially:

Kathleen Foley, Elizabeth Hollenbeck, Betty Guilfoyle, Sr. JoAnne Murphy, OSF and Dr. David P. Earley

May their souls and the souls of all of our faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

The sanctuary lamp at St. Patrick's burns for: **Brian Kozel**
and at St. Thomas Aquinas they burn for: **Joseph Sullivan**



Stewardship Thought

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example to others to be holy too. How are you helping others to get to heaven?

Our Offering for Dec 3, 2023

	St. Patrick's	St. Thomas
Envelopes	\$.00	\$.00
Loose	\$.00	\$.00
Online	\$ 3,305.00	\$ 1,081.00
Total:	\$.00	\$.00

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: [Joint Parish website: www.sta-sp.org](http://www.sta-sp.org)

Mass Intention offering is \$15.00 and Sanctuary Lamp Intention suggested offering is \$5.00.
Please call or stop by the parish office to schedule.

Family Perspective

Why is it so hard to forgive, yet so easy to get even? Listen to John the Baptist in today's gospel and repent of the anger and ugly feelings which block your ability to forgive. This Christmas give a gift which makes a difference. Give forgiveness.

Let us rejoice and be glad in the Baptism of:

Veda Marie Sacco

Welcome to the family of God. May the peace and blessings of Christ be upon you and your family today and always.



The tradition of Oplatki will be available in the sacristy

at both parishes on the weekend or at the rectories during the week. Donation of \$3.

A Polish custom, the Christmas wafer symbolizes the unity of the family as well as symbolizing forgiveness and reconciliation.



Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. -Psalm 80:2-3

ST. PATRICK'S & ST. THOMAS CALENDAR; PCA EVENTS

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

DECEMBER 10, 2023

The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 10 2nd Sunday of Advent

Faith Formation 10:10am SP School

Parents Café 10:10am SP School

Monday—Friday

Outreach Ministries 10am—1pm SCM Convent

Sandwich Ministry 11am—12:30pm at SP Hall rear door

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

CHOW Pantry 11am—1 pm St. Patrick's Oak St Entrance

Wednesday, Dec. 13

Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:30am—Noon St. Thomas Aquinas Cebula Room

SP Christmas Choir Rehearsals 6-7pm SP Church

Thursday, Dec 14th

Sunday, December 17 3rd Sunday of Advent

Faith Formation 10:00am SP Gym—Breakfast with Santa!

Breakfast With Santa

Sunday, December 17th
10am in St. Patrick's Gym
Families Welcome!



Menu:

Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, danish, juice and coffee.

Families can enjoy a **visit from Santa.**

Adults \$5, Children \$2, Under 2-free.

If interested in helping, call Barb Donnelly at 607-349-0724.

St Thomas Aquinas Trivia Night

is being planned for January 13, 2024 at 7PM.
Get your teams together for a fun night!

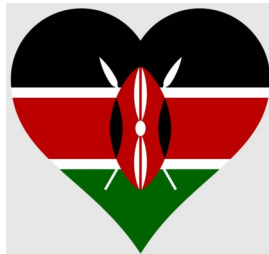
Fundraiser

To aid the
Holy Family Orphanage
Nakuru Diocese, Kenya

Coupon Books useable
within Broome County.

Available at main entrance of the church
after the weekend Masses.

Cost: \$25.00 per book.



The Light is ON for You.



Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Light is On For You

Monday, December 18
4-7pm.

Confessions will be offered at both
St. Patrick's and St. Thomas Aquinas.

Are You Hurting in your Marriage?

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring; if your relationship has grown cold and distant; if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced but want to try again, then the **Retrouvaille** Program can help you.

For more information call 1-800-470-2230 or visit <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org>.



Rosary Rally

"Keeping Christ in Christmas"
Saturday, December 16, 2023
at 12:00PM Court Street,
by the Metro Center Mall

Sponsored by
"America Needs Fatima"

Join us for an hour to *Encounter Jesus and Revive your Faith*

Adoration, Praise & Worship

at
Our Lady of Sorrows
801 Main St, Vestal

Sunday, December 17
6:30 - 7:30 pm

Live Music † Prayer † Scripture † Testimony

SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER

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

DECEMBER 10, 2023



WEEK TWO:
Sunday, December 10th—
Saturday, December 17th
A SEASON FOR PEACE

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Come Lord Jesus Come!

2023 ADVENT EMBER DAYS FOR EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

Ember days are days of prayer and fasting that mark the changing of times and seasons in order to bring about deeper spiritual renewal; to entreat the Lord for the various needs of humanity as well as give thanks for the blessings received.

DECEMBER 20TH

PRAY a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament;
FAST from online activity / social media

DECEMBER 21ST

PRAY that all the faithful may believe and participate in the Eucharist ;
FAST by eating only one full meal (and two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal)

DECEMBER 23RD

PRAY the Litany of the Blessed Sacrament; FAST from buying something not needed



Adoration Chapel - Hours for the Divine Mercy Eucharistic Adoration Chapel are as follows: **7:30am—9pm every day of the week**

All those who wish to come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament should register with the parish office. Please contact St. Patrick's by phone 722-1060 or email: stpatrick@sta-sp.org.

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 muzzyg@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 or contact the parish office: 797-4015.

Prayers for Seminarians

Let us pray for vocations and our seminarians. This week especially for Jonathan Hoole. He is in Theology I, residing at Mount St. Mary's Seminary.

Contact Fr. Jason Hage at
315-470-1468 or at
vocations@syrdio.org



World Marriage Day Celebration

41st Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on February 11th, 2:00pm, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse.

The Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia will celebrate Mass and invite all couples in attendance to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony. He will specially honor couples who will celebrate their 25th, 50th, and beyond 50 anniversary in 2023.

If you are celebrating your 25th, 50th, or 50+ anniversary in 2024, please contact the parish office to receive a special invitation from Bishop Lucia.



'MyParish' App is available for St. Patrick's or St. Thomas Aquinas. Wonderful Catholic content and parish information at your fingertips. Download for free today!

Pastoral Care is available for Homebound, Hospital and Nursing Home Visitation

Please inform the rectory if you have someone in the hospital or Nursing Home who would like a visit by our Pastoral Care Staff. Also, please let us know if you or someone you love is homebound so we can make contact. We are also happy to mail a copy of the bulletin upon request. If you would like to help, please call the parish office.

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

Violet App, Helen Asbury, Olivia Behanick, Linda Bosch, **Pam Campbell**, Mary Louise Campos, Judy Chandanais, Nick Chianese, Noralynn Collins, Carol Ann Conrad, Ellen Cook, Susan Corner, Daniel Correll, James Curley, Jacob Devries, Deacon Les Distin, Julia Dwyer, David Eartly, Samuel Edwards, Lincoln Elizabeth, Trish Ervay, Maria Evans, Patrick Fallin, Anita Finch, Karen Flynn, Eugenia Margarita Cubillan Florez, Brian Ford, Michele Giblin, Joyce M. Gilroy, Matt Grasgruber, Caroline Hall, John Harding, Pat Harman, Fisher Harris, Debbie Hogan, Sharon Jakowski, Xavier Lake, Leah, **James Lee**, Tim Leonard, Peter M., Jared Mace, Christina McBrayer, Christine McCane-Gonyean, Michael McCormick, Hedy Martin, Stephanie Merenda, Donna Mooney, Goretti Mugambwa, Joseph Munson, Boniface Owino, Carolyn Pappas, Connor Peck, Kathleen Powers, Jeanette Raffa, Gabriele Reo, John Rush, Lois Rutter, Harry Silberberg, Teresa Slavetsky, Skylar Smith, Adeline Stafford, Sally Starkweather, Sara Marie, Joyce Steed, Logan Stirr, Terry Telfer, Elizabeth Vannoy, Dina Velasquez, Dr. Dan Walsh, Matt Walsh, **Maureen Walsh**, Jennifer Wasser, Patrick

FAITH FORMATION ~ A LIFE LONG JOURNEY

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

DECEMBER 10, 2023

Christmas Caroling Fun!

The Parishes of St. Patrick's & St. Thomas Faith Formation program invite you to join us in our Christmas caroling event. Come spread some holiday cheer with your voices and festive fun-wear.

All are welcome to this family event.

December 13, 2023, 6:00pm-7:00pm

—with cookies afterward

Susquehanna Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
282 Riverside Drive, Johnson City

December 14, 2023, 6:00pm-7:00pm

—with cookies afterward

Bridgewater Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing
159-163 Front Street, Binghamton

We look forward to seeing you there!

Check our website for any updates or changes
(<https://stasp-tilmaplatform.com>)



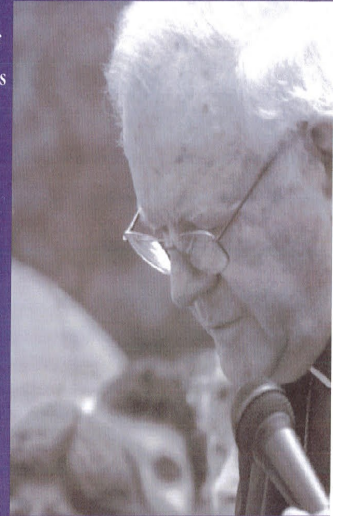
Bishop James Moynihan Pro-Vita Scholarship

Awards presented by Bishop Lucia on January 20, 2024

Contest is open to all public or private school Catholic students in the Syracuse Diocese.

Submissions may be video, essay, song, music, photos, or art (limit to 2 minutes or 500 words).

Scan the QR Code to send submissions by December 15, 2023.



Bishop Moynihan praying for those involved with abortion.

SPECIAL ADVENT ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE

All families are welcome to stop in our Parents Café to find great resources for your home and family this Advent Season:

- Acts of Kindness Straw for Baby Jesus;
- Advent Calendars; Activity Sheets;
- Making Ornaments for the Nursing Homes;
- Prayer Garland; & more...



Two - \$1000 and One - \$500 Scholarships to High School Seniors



Awards are based on answering:

Why are you Pro-Life &

How will You help build a culture of life?



Looking at the Faith Formation calendar....

All classes are from 10:10am – 11:10am; @ SP school with early dismissal for 11am Mass attendees

December- month of The Divine Infancy

10th Faith Formation Classes 6th direct prep for First Reconciliation

13th **Christmas Caroling** and cookie Social, Susquehanna Nursing Home 6pm

14th **Christmas Caroling** and cookie Social, Bridgewater Nursing Home 6pm

17th **Breakfast With Santa Family Event**
10am SP Gym

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE 9AM MASS SUNDAY'S AT ST. PATRICK'S

Attention all Faith Formation Parents-

Sitting in your car waiting for your child while they attend their faith formation class? Getting home after dropping your child off for faith formation only to turn right around and come back?

We have a special option for you- The Parents Café

Offering assortment of coffee, teas and hot chocolate. Open during the faith formation class times. Corner room just inside the faith formation office. (The former K-1 grade faith formation room.) The K-1st grade faith formation class outgrew the space so we turned it into an opportunity for parents!

Copies of the Word Among Us magazine for the month of December, and the little blue books with daily reading and meditations for Advent, are available at the church entrances.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

DECEMBER 10, 2023

Advent Giving Tree at St. Thomas Aquinas

The Parish Life Committee will once again be sponsoring the giving Tree during Advent in conjunction with Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities is asking for gift cards to be purchased in the denominations of \$5, \$10, \$15 and \$20. Each ornament on the tree will designate the amount of the gift card to be purchased. They are asking for the gift cards to be from Wal-Mart, Oakdale Mall, Target or Boscov's. Please return in an envelope marked Giving Tree.



Christmas Gift Cards for Youth-

Community Empowerment Center Pantry and Mother Teresa's Cupboard will distribute gift cards to youth 11-17 and are in need of your donations. We are accepting gift cards in \$5 increments up to \$40. Walmart, Target, Burlington Coat Factory or any other youth/teen friendly store will help us meet the need. You may turn in gift card to the parish office or place in offertory basket.

Attention All Current & Potential Volunteers:

We are dedicated to providing a safe environment for all God's children, especially vulnerable persons.

All employees and regular volunteers are required to take the Safe Environment trainings. All parents are welcome and encouraged to take the training which is provided for free. Our children and vulnerable persons are safer when we are aware!

Safe Environment Recommendation:

Parents, it is best to accompany your child to public restrooms, even ones in familiar locations.

Local Safe Environment Trainings

Pre-registration is a must for all sessions!

The complete schedule of training sessions and registration:

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

FMI: Contact Safe Environment Program 315.470.1421 or email at: safeenvironment@syrdio.org

Immaculata Award Recipients

Kathleen Reynolds of St. Patrick's

William Benedict of St. Thomas Aquinas

will be honored this Sunday, December 10th. at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse by The Most Reverend Douglas J Lucia.

The Immaculata Awards recognize those who generously and unselfishly give of themselves to their parishes and whose love for the Church have been shown through their dedication to the Church, local, diocesan and universal.



Thank you **Kathy and Bill** for your care of your parish and parish family throughout the years. Your time & efforts are very much appreciated!

Hope Appeal 2023

We asks you to join in support of this year's HOPE Appeal. Our parish pledges / goals:

\$26,239 of \$32,749 goal or 80.12% for SP

\$30,187 of \$28,707 goal or 106.02%+ for STA

All gifts we receive above our goal will be returned directly to our parish. Thank you to everyone donating to HOPE Appeal! If you are still prayerfully considering your pledge, its not too late to return your envelope. You may also donate **online at www.syrdio.org**.



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Register: name & email Check email & click to begin

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