The Linked St. Patrick's Expression Communities of St. Thomas Aquinas



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

Sunday, December 24th, 2023 4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve

"Today a light will shine upon us, for the Rord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future and his reign will be without end."



MASS SCHEDULE

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

Saturday Morning 8:00 am St. Patrick's

ADORATION CHAPEL AT ST. PATRICK'S:

- Ssaiah 9:1.5: Ruke 1:33

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 Aguinas 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 daily 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.

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Live-steam 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 Aguinas; 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 24. 2023

Saturday, December 23

SP 8:00 am John Whiting req. Family

STA 4:00pm William P. Grace req. Mary Beth Grace &

Family

SP 5:15pm Brian Kozel req. Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bucci

Sunday, December 24 4th Sunday of Advent

& Christmas Eve

SP 9:00am Christine Meagher req. Family

SP 4:00pm Christmas Vigil For the people of the parish STA 4:00pm Christmas Vigil For the people of the par-

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SP 12:00am Midnight Mass For the people of the parish

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day, The Nativity of the Lord

SP 9:00am Christmas Day For the people of the parish STA 11:00am Christmas Day For the people of the parish

Tuesday, December 26 St. Stephen

SP 7:00am Paul & Theresa Chu req. Daughter Ann STA 10:00am Frank Curcio req. Daughter Tina Corbin &

Family

Wednesday, December 27 St. John the Apostle

30 Day, Kathleen Foley req. Family **SP 7:00am** STA 10:00am Ann Marie Donovan req.Mark & Maureen

Kadlecik & Family

Thursday, December 28 **Feast of the Holy Innocents** Tiffany Marie Hall req. Katherine Buckley SP 7:00am

STA 10:00am Mark Donovan reg. Ron & Kathie Reich

Friday, December 29 St. Thomas Becket

SP 7:00am Ann Marie Donovan reg. Matt & Mary Gilroy

& Family

STA 10:00am Bill Grace req. Hillery & Mike Beam

Saturday, December 30

Rev. Gerald McMahon SP 8:00 am

SP 2:00pm Wedding: Anne Rich & Marcus Spera Fred Griffen Month's Mind req. Family STA 4:00pm

SP 5:15pm Lena Howard Garrison

Sunday, December 31 New Year's Eve,

Feast of The Holy Family

SP 9:00am For the People of St. Patrick's STA 11:00am Robert Hidock req. Family

SP 4:00pm Brian Kozel req. Kathleen Fitzgerald

Let us remember and pray for all

the faithful departed, and for Barbara Ann Donnelly who died recently. 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 and at St. Thomas Aquinas burns for:

Barbara Donnelly



Stewardship Thought

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ.

Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

Our Offering for Dec 17, 2023

St. Patrick's St. Thomas Envelopes \$ 5,060.00 \$ 4,957.75 Loose \$ 828.00 \$ 539.00 Online \$ \$ 2,054.00 858.00 Total: \$6,140.00 \$7,550.75

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

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

QUESTION: What do you call a family which began with an unmarried pregnant teen and had a twelve year old son who ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal? ANSWER: HOLY! Two lessons in today's gospel:(1) No matter what is happening in your family, "The Lord is with you." (2) "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God.

Prayer for those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

God source of all love, Your providence has brought our couples together. As they have prepared for the Sacrament of Marriage we pray for your blessing. May they grow in respect for one another and cherish each other with a sincere love. Please keep in your prayers:

Anne Rích & Marcus Spera

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.

The Clergy, Religious and Staff of St. Patrick's and St. Thomas Aquinas wish everyone a blessed Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year. Peace and blessings upon you and yours and all your concerns.

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

St. Patrick's & St Thomas Aquinas Parishes – Binghamton, New York

DECEMBER 24, 2023

The parish offices will close for Christmas Friday, December 22nd - Tuesday December 26th

Offices will be open on Wednesday & Thursday December 27th &28th.

Offices will be closed for New Year's Friday, December 29th—January 1st

The Week Ahead

Friday—Tuesday, Dec 22-26
Parish Offices are Closed

Sunday, Dec 24 4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at both SP and at STA 4:00pm

Monday, Dec 25th Christmas Day, Midnight Mass at SP 12:00am Mass at SP 9:00am Mass at STA 11:00am

Tuesday—Friday, Dec 27th—29th

Outreach Ministries 10am—1pm SCM Convent

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

Wednesday & Friday, Dec 27th & 29th CHOW Pantry 11am—1 pm St. Patrick's Oak St Entrance

Thursday, Dec 28th
Open Church 10:30am —4:30pm STA side chapel

Sunday, December 31 The Holy Family

Monday, January 1, 2024 Mary, Holy Mother of God

Save the Date:

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.



Church of the Holy Family Ladies Guild

is planning a trip to Lancaster, PA to see a new show **DAN-IEL** on May 8, 2024. The cost is **\$180**, which includes bus ride, ticket to the show, lunch after the show, and gratuities. This is a great holiday gift. Please call Ann at (607)754-8727 for questions and reservations.

New York State Discernment Retreat 2024

Please consider inviting a young man between the ages of 18 and 39 to attend this 39 to attend this year's New York State Winter Discernment Retreat.

Please take advantage of this incredible opportunity in our diocese! Every year the Diocese of Syracuse gets to host this discernment retreat for all young adult men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood from across Upstate New York. It is hosted right here in Syracuse at Christ the King Retreat House.

Tuesday, January 2nd through Thursday, January 4th.

This retreat has been very powerful for those who have attended.

All of the Vocation Directors from across the State give each of the talks.

Bishop Lucia will also be saying Mass for us on Wednesday of the retreat.

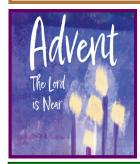
Please RSVP by Thursday, December 28th to vocations@syrdio.org.

<u>Plenary Indulgence during this time of Eucharistic Revival and Jubilee celebration of St. Thomas Aquinas</u>

One may make pilgrimage to a church or oratory under the patronage of St. Thomas Aquinas to obtain this indulgence. By making a visit during this special double jubilee period, continuing now through January 28th 2025. One may obtain a plenary indulgence each day for their own soul or for a soul in purgatory under the three usual conditions:

Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and offering prayers for the pope's intentions.

Or by making pilgrimage / visit to St. Thomas Aquinas church and spend a considerable amount of time in prayer concluding with the Lords Prayer, The Creed and Invocation to the Blessed Mother and St. Thomas Aquinas. Open Church with Eucharistic Adoration available on Thursday's 10:30am—4:30pm in the side chapel.



WEEK FOUR A SEASON FOR LOVE

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring fourth a Savior. Come Lord Jesus Come!

Doing a Christmas tree blessing helps us focus on the true meaning of this busy season. Christmas symbols, especially the creche and trimmed tree, bring us back to the certainty that fills the heart with peace, with joy for the Incarnation, to God who becomes familiar: He dwells with us, He fills our days with the rhythm of hope.—*Pope Francis*



Christmas Tree Blessing

Dear God,

You sent Jesus into this world to show us how much you love us. As we look at this tree, we think about Jesus's birth and the eternal life he give us. Bless this tree and help it to serve as a reminder of your Son's birth. May the gifts we place under this tree remind us of the many gifts you have given us. We ask you to bless this home and watch over us during this holy season. Amen.

Low Gluten Hosts are available for anyone who is gluten intolerant. Please use the celebrant priest's communion line.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please stop in the sacristy before Mass to let us know.



O come let us adore Cim!

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.



Blessing
of the
Manger Scene
in the Home

All make the sign of the cross.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Reader: Luke 2:1-8; The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader prays with hands joined:

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Prayers for Seminarians

Let us pray for vocations and our seminarians. This week especially for Joseph Ryan. He is in Theology III, residing at St. Mary's Seminary.

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



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, 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, Bill Harendza, John Harding, Pat Harnan, 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, Sally Starkweather, Sara Marie, Joyce Steed, Logan Stirr, Terry Telfer, Elizabeth Vannoy, Dina Velasquez, Dr. Dan Walsh, Matt Walsh, Maureen Walsh, Jennifer Wasser, Patrick Weathersby, Yutain Jack Wang, Joe & Betty

New names are bolded when added to the list. To add or remove a person's name, please call the parish office.

FAITH FORMATION ~ A LIFE LONG JOURNEY

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

DECEMBER 24, 2023

Looking at the Faith Formation calendar....

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

A big thank you to all who participated in the Christmas Caroling at Susquehanna and Bridgewater nursing facilities. Two very lovely evenings spreading the good cheer of Christmas!

The appreciation of the residence and the staff was not hard to see. Bless you.

December- Month of The Divine Infancy

No classes, Christmas break No classes, Christmas break 31st

January - Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

7th Faith Formation Classes resume 14th No classes MLK holiday weekend Celebration of First Reconciliation 20th

21st FF Classes 28th FF Classes

Attention all Faith Formation Parents-

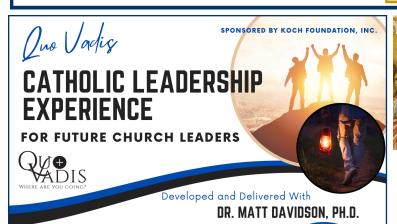
Sitting in your car waiting for your child while they attend their faith formation class?

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! All parents and guardians are welcome!

Don't forget CYO Open Gym after classes on the Sunday's with faith formation classes!



Quo Vadis is a one day Catholic leadership camp and is cosponsored by the Office of Adolescent Catechesis & Discipleship and the Office of Vocation Promotion. Quo Vadis means, "Where are you going?" This Catholic leadership camp is filled with dynamic talks, small group discussion, prayer experiences, and plenty of fun. Qou Vadis is open to all young people (co-ed) ages 13-18 from the Diocese of Syracuse. We are looking for young people who want to grow in their Faith and learn more about how they can serve as leaders in their faith communities.



Dr. Matt Davidson, Ph.D., is the President of the Excellence with Integrity Institute, a Syracuse-based organization with more than 25 years experience in leadership and culture development. Dr. Davidson has developed programs and delivered trainings around the world. In October 2016 he participated in Sport at the Service of Humanity, the first Global Conference on Faith and Sport, convened by Pope Francis at the Vatican in Rome. He has worked extensively on leadership and culture development in intercollegiate athletics including the University of Notre Dame, Drake University, Le Moyne College, the University of Scranton, Fairfield University, Stanford University, Syracuse University, and Michigan State University. In Quo Vadis Dr. Davidson will bring his extensive faith and leadership development experiences to create a one-of-a-kind opportunity for emerging leaders to get hands-on, faith-based leadership development





Immaculate Conception Church in Fayetteville



From the Augustine Institute. Join us Wednesday's starting January 10th after the daily Mass in the Cebula Room at St. Thomas Aquinas 10:30am. All are welcome.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study will present: "Lectio: Unveiling Scripture and Tradition - Evangelization"

Unveiling Scripture and Tradition

EVANGELIZATION

Please call the parish office with your Sacramental needs:

Baptisms: Parents should inform the parish of the birth of the child and to make arrangement for Baptism. Through the gift of our Baptism we begin to live a new life with God by becoming members of the Church, the Body of Christ.

RCIA or RCIC: Interested in becoming Catholic? Interested in having your children make their Sacraments? For inquiries regarding Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or for Children, please call the parish office.

Marriage: Couples should call the parish secretary at least six months in advance. The celebration of marriage is also a liturgical act, appropriately held in a public liturgy at church. Catholics are urged to celebrate their marriage within the Eucharistic Liturgy.

Unveiling Our New Digital Home

Explore the <u>Diocese of Syracuse's new website</u>, a digital sanctuary offering a unique Catholic content feature that includes Bishop Barron's insightful Advent Reflections! Immerse yourself in a spiritually enriching online experience, navigating through a seamless platform dedicated to fostering faith and connection within our community of faith.

Visit <u>www.syracusediocese.org</u> to learn more.

World Marriage Day Celebration

41st Annual World Marriage Day 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.

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.



'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!

For up to date Safe Environment training schedule and information, please visit: https://syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/

Hope Appeal 2023

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

\$28,124 of \$32,749 goal or 85.8% for SP

\$36,807 of \$28,707 goal or 128%+ 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.*

Liturgical Ministries, An opportunity to express love for the Holy Eucharist & Community

In this special time of Eucharistic Revival, we extend a special invitation to all parishioners to consider serving any of the liturgical ministries: **Youth and Adult Altar Serving**, Usher, Lector, Greeter and Hospitality, Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist, Tech Booth, Music Ministry, Liturgical Environment, Liturgical Seasons Planning; to please call or email the parish office with your interest. You may serve at either or both parishes.

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