

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 31st, 2023 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

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.



### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

#### MASS SCHEDULE

##### **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  
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:**

**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 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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**St. Thomas Aquinas** | Aquinas St. Binghamton, NY 13905 | 607-797-4015 | [stthomas@sta-sp.org](mailto:stthomas@sta-sp.org)

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10am Monday—Friday & 11am Sunday's from St. Thomas Aquinas; First Sunday of each month—4:00 pm from St. Patrick's

## Saturday, December 30

- SP 8:00 am** Rev. Gerald McMahon
- SP 2:00pm Wedding:** Anne Rich & Marcus Spera
- STA 4:00pm** Fred Griffen Month's Mind req. Family
- SP 5:15pm** Lena Howard Garrison

## Sunday, December 31 **The Holy Family** **New Year's Eve**

- SP 9:00am** For the People of St. Patrick's
- STA 11:00am** Richard Hidock req. Family
- SP 4:00pm** Brian Kozel req. Kathleen Fitzgerald

## Monday, January 1, 2024 **Mary, The Mother of God,** **New Year's Day**

- SP 7:00am** Kathleen Foley req. John & Michelle Barron
- STA 10:00am** Cecelia Gourley req. Ron & Kathleen Reich

## Tuesday, January 2

- SP 7:00am** Bill Grace req. Matt & Mary Gilroy & Family
- STA 10:00am** Betty Guilfoyle req. Family

## Wednesday, January 3

- SP 7:00am** For an Increase in Vocations
- STA 10:00am** John Bennett req. Kathy Miller

## Thursday, January 4

- SP 7:00am** Stuart Bumgardner req. Hilary & Michael Beam
- STA 10:00am** Elizabeth Hollenbeck

## Friday, January 5—First Friday

- SP 7:00am** Lena Howard Garrison
- STA 10:00am** 1st. Anniv. Buster Fiacco req. Family

## Saturday, January 6—First Saturday

- SP 8:00 am** Sebastian (Buster) Fiacco req. Sister Mary Jane
- STA 4:00pm** For the People of St. Thomas Aquinas
- SP 5:15pm** Rebert and Catherine McDevitt

## Sunday, January 7

- SP 9:00am** Kathy Lash req. Beth & Mike Malane
- STA 11:00am** Rev. Gerald Buckley
- SP 4:00pm** Randy Lee Dailey

*Let us remember and pray for all the faithful departed, and for **Joyce Steed** 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 :  
**A Blessed New Year***



## 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 24 and Christmas will be posted next week due to early submission of bulletin**

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

*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 Rich & Marcus Spera***

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

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

DECEMBER 31, 2023

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

## The Week Ahead

**Friday—Tuesday, Dec 29-Jan 1**

*Parish Offices are Closed*

**Sunday, Dec 31 The Holy Family, New Year's Eve**

**Monday, January 1, 2024 *Mary, The Mother of God, New Year's Day (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)***

*Offices are closed*

*Mass at SP 7:00am*

*Mass at STA 10:00am*

**Tuesday—Friday, Jan 2—5**

*Outreach Ministries 10am—1pm SCM Convent*

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

**Wednesday & Friday, Jan 3 & 5**

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

**Thursday, Jan 4**

*Open Church 10:30am —4:30pm STA side chapel*



## Tandem Heart Devotion

**First Friday Devotion**-Friday, January 5 at STA immediately following the 10:00 am Mass.

**First Saturday Devotions**-Saturday, January 6 at St. Patrick's Mass at 8am followed by Rosary & Confessions.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart is an offering of reparation for the indignities Christ suffered and continues to suffer all the while He continues to offer His Most Sacred Heart full of His love and mercy.

The Devotion to the Immaculate Heart representing Mary's continuing work of calling all and bringing them to her Son. Together they comprise the tandem hearts of love and mercy, God who is love and mercy itself and Mary, Mother of God; always leading souls to her son our Lord.

## 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 in the sacristy after the weekend Masses or at the rectory.

Cost: \$25.00 per book.

## New York State Discernment Retreat 2024

Please consider inviting a young man between the ages of 18 and 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@syrдио.org](mailto:vocations@syrдио.org).**

## Plenary Indulgence during this time of Eucharistic Revival and Jubilee celebration of St. Thomas Aquinas

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.

# SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER

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

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## 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@syrдио.org



## 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>.



## QUO VADIS

### Catholic Leadership Experience

Quo Vadis is a one day Catholic Leadership Camp. Quo Vadis means "Where are you going?"

It is open to all young people (co-ed) ages 13-18 from the Diocese of Syracuse and will be held on **Saturday, March 2** from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at Immaculate Conception Church in Fayetteville.

The Leadership Camp is filled with dynamic talks, small group discussion, prayer experiences, and plenty of fun.

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.

More information to follow.

**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.



*Come let us adore Him!*

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:prayer@sta-sp.org) or contact the parish office: 797-4015.

## Grief Counseling

Will be available at St Thomas Aquinas, on Wednesday's 3:00pm-5:00pm Call the Rectory to sign up! (607)797-4015

## 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.

## Fisherman's Club Continues!

For college-age and young adult men who are thinking about the priesthood; FC is about fraternity among young adult Catholic men and assist them in the discernment of their vocation. The next meeting is **Tuesday, February 16th at 6:30pm Christ the King Retreat House in Syracuse**. Meetings begin with Mass at 6:30pm and conclude with dinner and time for fellowship and conversation and end at 8:30pm. Contact: [vocations@syrдио.org](mailto:vocations@syrдио.org)

**Future dates: Mar.5, Apr. 9**

## 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, Logan Stirr, Terry Telfer, Elizabeth Vannoy, Dina Velasquez, Dr. Dan Walsh, Matt Walsh, **Maureen Walsh**, Jennifer Wasser, Patrick Weathersby, Yutain Jack Wang, Joe & Betty Zdimal.

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

# FAITH FORMATION ~ A LIFE LONG JOURNEY

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

DECEMBER 31, 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 Bridge-water 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

31st No classes, Christmas break

### January- Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

7th Faith Formation Classes resume

14th No classes MLK holiday weekend

20th Celebration of First Reconciliation

21st FF Classes

**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! All parents and guardians are welcome!

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

## Syracuse March for Life

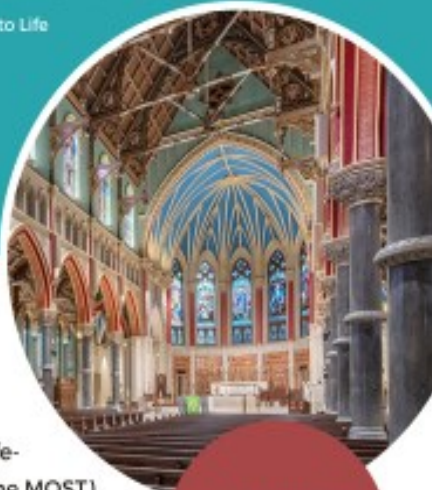
\*Sponsored by Syracuse Right to Life

A Day of Prayer for  
the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children

Join us at the  
Cathedral of the  
Immaculate  
Conception for:

- Mass- 9:30am
- Holy Hour- 10:30am
- Syracuse March for Life-  
12:00pm (starting at the MOST)
- Chik-fil-A provided after the March!

Bishop Douglas J. Lucia  
Prsident and Homilist



Saturday  
January 20, 2024

Co-Sponsored by the Offices of  
Family/Respect Life Ministry and  
Adolescent Catechesis & Discipleship



For More Information

Contact:  
Sophia Corso,  
Program Coordinator  
(315) 472-6754 x.7  
familyrespectlife@syrdio.org



### Wednesday Morning Bible Study will present:

"Lectio: Unveiling Scripture and Tradition - Evangelization"  
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.

### 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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

DECEMBER 31, 2023

## Unveiling Our New Digital Home

Explore the Diocese of Syracuse's new website, 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 [www.syracusediocese.org](http://www.syracusediocese.org) 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 ask you to join in support of this year's HOPE Appeal. Our parish pledges / goals:

**\$29,564 of \$32,749 goal or 90.3% for SP**

**\$36,917 of \$28,707 goal or 128.7%+ 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, it's not too late to return your envelope. Forms available at the entrances or donate **online at [www.syradio.org](http://www.syradio.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.

**St. Patrick's: 722-1060 or [stpatrick@sta-sp.org](mailto:stpatrick@sta-sp.org)  
St. Thomas Aquinas: 797-4015 or [stthomas@sta-sp.org](mailto:stthomas@sta-sp.org)**



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### CLERGY & RELIGIOUS

#### Pastor

Rev. Msgr. John P Putano

#### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Stephen Ogaro

#### Priests in Residence

**SP** Rev. Augustine Okwuzo,

**STA** Rev. Paul Machira, Rev. Thomas Macauley, OP

#### Deacons

Rev. Mr. Les Distin, emeritus

Rev. Mr. Adeolu Ademoyo

#### Pastoral Associates

Sr. Mary Jane Atheino, LSOSF

#### Religious In Residence

**SP** Daughters of Divine Love

**STA** Little Sisters of St. Francis

### LAY LEADERSHIP

#### Parish Trustees

**SP** Susan Burtis & Rusty Grace

**STA** Kevin McKeown & Sue Roessner

#### Finance Council Chairs

**SP** John Burtis, **STA** Vincent Pasquale

#### Parish Pastoral Council Chairs

**SP** Sarah Campbell, **STA**

### STAFF

#### Music Ministry- Organist/Musician

**SP** James Apicella, Andre Toussaint

**STA** Angel DeLap

#### Music Ministry- Music Directors

**SP** Hilary Rozek, **STA** Steven Nanni

#### Music Ministry- Cantors

**SP** Hilary Rozek, Cassandra Profera, Gavin Rice

**STA** Steven Nanni

#### Special Events & Outreach Ministries

Marie Evans

### Parish Secretaries

**SP** Marie Evans, Carolyn Scoville, Erika Grimminger

**STA** Mickey Carbo, Kathy Strong,

### Joint Coordinator of Family & Children's Ministry

Peg Gaska

### Faith Formation Associate

Kurt Hoover

### Joint Youth Ministry Caretaker

Karen Leighton

### Joint Technology Caretaker

Fred Kelley

### Joint Communications Specialist

Angel DeLap

### Building & Grounds Caretakers

**SP** Jim Foley, Jim Brown,

**STA** David Blaine, Alexander Wixsom, Deb Harendza

### Joint Rector Caretaker

Mary Peck

### Joint Parish Administrator

Danita Fiacco