

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, January 7th, 2024 Epiphany

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.

**"Where is the newborn
King of the Jews?
We saw His star at
its rising and have
come to do Him homage."**



Matthew 2:2

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 | 1 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

JANUARY 7, 2024

Saturday, January 6 First Saturday
SP 8:00 am Sebastian (Buster(Fiacco) req. Sister Mary Jane
STA 4:00pm Parishioners of St Thomas Aquinas
SP 5:15pm Robert & Catherine McDevitt

Sunday, January 7 Epiphany of the Lord
SP 9:00am Kathy Lash req. Beth & Mike Malane
STA 11:00am Rev. Gerald Buckley
SP 4:00pm Randy Lee Dailey

Monday, January 8 Baptism of the Lord
SP 7:00am For the People of St. Patrick's
STA 10:00am John R. Clark req. Family

Tuesday, January 9
SP 7:00am Kathleen Foley req. Harman Family
STA 10:00am Fred Griffen req. Elizabeth & Kevin Sowinski

Wednesday, January 10
SP 7:00am For an Increase in Vocations
STA 10:00am Sr. Anne Murphy req. Glenn & Rosemary Reich

Thursday, January 11
SP 7:00am For the Faithful Departed
STA 10:00am Terrence Nealon req. Mr & Mrs Richard Bucci

Friday, January 12
SP 7:00am Kathleen Westbrook req. Family
STA 10:00am Beth Levy req. Michelle Blaasch

Saturday, January 13—St. Hilary
SP 8:00 am 30 Day, Barbara Donnelly req. Family
STA 4:00pm Susan Eggleston and Sebastian Fiacco Jr. req. Family
SP 5:15pm 2nd Anniv. Edward Green req. Wife, Terry

Sunday, January 14—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
SP 9:00am For the People of St. Patrick's
STA 11:00am Memorial Mass for the deceased members of the Donnelly, Pierson, Keane, Powers, & Ryan Families
SP 4:00pm Brian Kozel req. Ellen & Dan Correll

*Let us remember and pray for all the faithful departed, and **Andrew Santecroce** 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 burns for: **Buster Fiacco** and at St. Thomas Aquinas for : **Rev. Gerald Buckley***



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.

Our Offering for:
 St. Patrick's St. Thomas

	12/24	12/25	12/24	12/25
Envelopes	\$ 2,072.	10,495.	\$ 2,231.	6,452.
Loose-	\$ 453.	3,085.	397.	2,399.
Online-	\$ 1,591.		\$ 919.	
Total:	\$ 4,116.	13,580.	3,547.	8,851.

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
The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

Our parishes support

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF BROOME COUNTY
 607-231-4149
www.csbsaints.org



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

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

JANUARY 7, 2024

The Week Ahead

Sunday, Jan 7 Epiphany—Blessing of the Home on the Epiphany - Packets available this weekend.

Monday—Friday, Jan 8—12

Outreach Ministries 10am—12:30 pm SCM Convent

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

Monday, Wednesday & Friday, Jan 8, 10 & 12

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

Thursday, Jan 11

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

Saturday—January 13—Trivia Night—7:00 pm

St. Thomas Aquinas Gym



The Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord

This weekend, **January 6-7**, 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 + 24

The initials are the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. The + sign represents the cross and 20.....24 is the year.

St Thomas Aquinas Trivia Night



**This Saturday,
January 13
7:00 pm**

St. Thomas Aquinas Gym

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.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

**Lection: Unveiling Scripture and
Tradition—Evangelization**

(From the Augustine Institute)

**Begins this Wednesday, January 10,
following the 10:00 am Mass**

**Cebula Room
St. Thomas Aquinas Church**

All are welcome.

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 John Brusa III. 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>.

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.

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

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

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 at St. Thomas. 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.

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.

FAITH FORMATION ~ A LIFE LONG JOURNEY

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

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Looking at the Faith Formation calendar....

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

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
- 28th FF Classes

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



A very special thank you goes out to all who supported our **Outreach Ministries Christmas Assistance** efforts; monetary and/or toy donations, volunteers and prayerful supports are most appreciated. We were able to assist over 200 families. Thank you for your generosity and help in making spirits bright this Christmas.

Thank you to all who gave gift cards distributed to youth through Catholic Charities.

Also a special thank you to all who assisted with decorating the churches this year.

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.

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
Prsider 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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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 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**.

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.

The focus this month is on **Altar Serving**.

Girls and boys in grade 3 and above

Youth and Adult Altar Serving

Men and women

Please call or email the parish office with your interest.

You may serve at either or both parishes.



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Select: St. Thomas Aquinas

Register: name & email

Check email & click to begin

Check documentary on the Homeless; presentations for children;

LEADERSHIP & STAFF

CLERGY & RELIGIOUS

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Rev. Stephen Ogaro

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

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Rev. Mr. Adeolu Ademoyo

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Sr. Mary Jane Atheino, LSOSF

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STA Little Sisters of St. Francis

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SP Sarah Campbell, **STA**

STAFF

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SP James Apicella, Andre Toussaint

STA Angel DeLap

Music Ministry- Music Directors

SP Hilary Rozek, **STA** Steven Nanni

Music Ministry- Cantors

SP Hilary Rozek, **STA** Steven Nanni

STA Steven Nanni

Special Events & Outreach Ministries

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