

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish



St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
Celebrates

## The Holy Year of Mercy

In order to appreciate the many facets of living a merciful life we focus on Preparation, Reconciliation and Mary our mother to begin our Journey.

We welcome **Bishop Matthew Clark's** thoughts and direction on these themes the weekend of December 5, 6 & 7.

### “Preparing for the Year of Mercy”

Guest Homilist Bishop Matthew Clark will preach at our Masses the weekend of December 5 (4 PM vigil) & 6 ( 8 and 11 AM)

### “Reconciliation: An Expression of Mercy”

Advent Penance Service, Sunday December 6, 4 PM

### “The Call to Mercy: Mary our model of Mercy”

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Vigil Mass Homily

Monday, December 7, 6:30 PM

All events take place at St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
1049 Chenango Street  
Binghamton, NY 13901

Bishop Matthew Clark was the eighth bishop of the Diocese of Rochester. He served 33 years as bishop (1979-2012) He holds Licentiate in Theology and Canon Law from the Gregorian University in Rome. He wrote about the diocese of Rochester in his popular *Along the Way* column in the Catholic Courier newspaper. He published a book *Forward in Hope: Saying Amen to Lay Ecclesial Ministry*. In the spring of 2012 he received the prestigious Bishop John England Award from the Catholic Press Association.





**Saturday, November 21 Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Shields & McCormick Family by Bob & Betsy Shields

**Sunday, November 22, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
 8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the DeNinis & Legos Family by Mary & Vince DeNinis  
 11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Monday, November 23**  
 8:00 a.m. June Antelek by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

**Tuesday, November 24**  
**NO MASS**

**Wednesday, November 25**  
 8:00 a.m. Mae & Ed Boden by the Dotson Family

**Thursday, November 26**  
**(Liturgy will be held in Church)**  
 9:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Friday, November 27**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, November 28 Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

**Sunday, November 29, First Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00 a.m. 8th Anniv. Ed Farthing by Family  
 11:00 a.m. Dc. Ray Goskowski by the Knights of Columbus #11403

**Holiday Office Schedule**

In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, St. Francis of Assisi's Parish Center will be closed on **Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th**. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

**Thanksgiving Day Liturgy...** will be celebrated on **Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 am** in the Church. How wonderful it would be to see the church full, giving THANKS to God, the Source of all our blessings. Start your Thanksgiving celebration at the Table of the Lord.

**Help Needed...**

On **Monday, Nov 23rd**, we will be meeting in Church at **9:00 a.m.** to change the missals. Many hands make lighter work!

**Faith Formation**

**Faith Formation for Grades K-9 will meet this Sunday at 9:30 am in the school. NO Faith Formation next week (November 29) because of the Thanksgiving Holiday.**

**Families** who would like to participate in lighting the **Advent Wreath** may sign up in the Faith Formation Office at the school **this** weekend. There is a small reading part for one member of the family. **Advent** begins the weekend of **Nov 28-29th**.

**Looking Ahead**

**Thanksgiving Prayer Service** will be held on **November 22nd** for all students **Grades K-9** in the church. Parents are encouraged to attend the **Prayer Service** which will begin at **10:00 am**. **Classes** will begin at **9:30 am**, as usual. Please have students bring in donations for Catherine's Cupboard.

**Circles of Care**, the diocesan mandated **Safe Environment Training for Children and Youth in Catechetical Programs**, will be presented in all **Grades K-Confirmation on Sunday, December 6th**. The Circles of Care curriculum can be accessed on our website ([www.stfrancisbing.com](http://www.stfrancisbing.com)) or you can peruse it in the Faith Formation Office in the Parish Center. Please contact Maria Kirk (722-4177) with any questions. A mailing regarding this and other Faith Formation information was sent out this week. If you did not receive one, please stop by the Faith Formation office at the school to get a copy.

**Breakfast with Santa**

Knights of Columbus' "Breakfast with Santa" Buffet on **Sunday, Dec 6 from 8:30—11:00 a.m.** All proceeds to benefit Catherine's Cupboard Food Pantry.

**Prayers . . .**

Please remember all of our parishioners who are in hospitals and nursing homes and our home-bound.

Also, please pray for our deceased parishioners and loved ones, especially Charles Doll.



Come One... Come All !  
Unite with 350.org friends  
around the world  
as we

**Rally  
For Climate  
Justice  
Sunday, November 29th  
12:45 – 1:45**

Unitarian Universalist  
Congregation of Binghamton  
183 Riverside Drive  
(just west of Lourdes Hospital)  
Binghamton, NY

**A Thanksgiving Grace**

Gratitude is one of the most essential acts of worship. This grace before meals is a way to extend your gratitude to God for all those whose lives are intertwined with yours.

Bless us, O Lord.

And Bless these, your children,  
Who have planted and harvested  
And brought us this food.

Bless us, O Lord,

And Bless these, your children,  
Who still wait for such abundance  
To be brought to them.

These brothers and sisters in Christ  
Are with us at this table.

We arte grateful

For the solidarity

That we receive

Through your bounty.

Through Christ,

Our Lord, Amen

- Jane Deren

**Choir Practice**

Practice in the choir loft, **Thursday 6:30 to 8:00pm**

**Last Weekend's Offering (11-15-15)**

228 Regular Envelopes.....	\$8,231.00
Loose Collection.....	\$436.00
Electronic Donation.....	\$409.32
Total Collection.....	\$9,076.32

**Thank you to everyone for their donations.  
They are greatly appreciated.**

**Sponsor of the Week**

This week, St Francis of Assisi thanks:

**Wilson Dental**

289 Chenango St.

Binghamton, NY 13797

for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin

**Giving Tree**

The **Parish "Giving Tree"** will be up next weekend. Please take a tag, purchase what is asked (okay to share the cost with a friend, if you like), and return the gift to the church as soon as possible. All gifts are needed **no later than Dec 13th**. Gifts are for infants to elders, many of them everyday needs but if you do not have them, they become luxuries. ALL TAGS must be securely attached to wrapped packages as these are not a "general" gift but intended for a special person. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Center at 722-4388 during regular work hours. Thank you to all for your generosity.

**Thanksgiving Dinner**

Chenango Bridge Methodist Church on River Road is providing a free Thanksgiving Dinner at **noon on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov 26th**. If you would like to help on Wednesday or Thursday, or attend, please call 648-4339 for more details.

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**

Our annual Thanksgiving Service with our neighboring churches will be held on **Sunday, November 22nd at 5:30 pm at Nimmonsburg United Methodist Church, 198 Front St**. Please join us as we gather together as a Christian Community along with our combined choirs, to thank God for our many blessings.

## Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

### Transportation

Week of Nov 22nd — Michelle Warne  
Nov 29th — Ann Wilcox

### Shelving (Mondays)

Nov 23rd — E&K Corcoran  
Nov 30th — H. Lawrence, R. Chabin

### Distribution

Dec. 1st — C. Danoski, L. Gildea, B. Grace,  
M. Ryder, C. Woodruff, R. Rounds

## Catherine's Cupboard

Paper products and personal care products (toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, baby diapers, women's personal items) are always welcome.

Our parish pantry is open to anyone in need of food. **We are open on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** No requirements except to show up and ask. ID showing you live in the county is all we ask for. A person can come once or every time we are open. We are here to help, not judge. So please pass the word to anyone you think may need assistance.

## Christmas Cabaret:

The Holy Name and St. Therese Societies are presenting a Christmas Cabaret, featuring the Rockbottom Players, on **Friday, December 4th and Saturday, December 5th**, beginning at **6:00 p.m.** at Sts. John and Andrew Church Hall, 1263 Vestal Avenue, Binghamton, New York.

Admission is \$25 per person which includes dinner, adult beverages and holiday entertainment. Proceeds donated to the Parish of Saints John and Andrew. Deadline for reservations and payment is Dec. 1, 2015. To reserve your party of family and friends, contact Carol at 722-5716. Happy Holidays!

## Children's Liturgy

### Dates

### Presiders

Nov 22nd: Shirley McCray & Marie Iobst  
Nov 29th: Ed & Kay Corcoran

## Nocturnal Adoration Society

will meet at St Patrick's Church 7 to 9 pm  
Saturday, Nov 21st, 2015

**St Francis of Assisi HOLY HOUR**  
**begins 7:00 to 8:00 pm**

## SUPER 50-50 Tickets

**SUPER 50-50** - only 1 week left to get your winning ticket. Applications were mailed to all registered parish members. Did not get one? Call the Parish Center or pick up a form at all church exits. Remember: more than one(1) name can be on tickets, but every one has to be 18 years old +.

## Catholic Social Thought and Consumerism

"What will it profit to teach them sound principles of economic life if, in unbridled and sordid greed, they let themselves be swept away by their passion for property, so that 'hearing the commandments of the Lord they do all things contrary.'" - Pius XI, *Quadragesimo Anno*, 131  
"... for the excessive availability of every kind of material goods for the benefit of certain social groups easily makes people slaves of 'possession' and of immediate gratification ... This is the so-called civilization of 'consumption' or 'consumerism.'" - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, 334

"Human beings are themselves considered consumer goods to be used and then discarded. WE have created a 'throw away' culture which is now spreading." - Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 53

## McArthur School Transition...

will take place this Tuesday and Wednesday, November 24th and 25th. Hard to believe that 4 1/2 years have gone by so quickly! It has been wonderful having the faculty, staff & students with us. The school was full of life! Now their new school is ready for them and I am sure they will quickly adjust to what looks like a beautiful environment to learn. **GOOD LUCK to the teachers, staff and students of McArthur School!** You have been fantastic neighbors!

## Rosary Group

If you would like to join us in praying the rosary—we continue to meet every Thursday in the Chapel at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome, anytime they can make it. Also, we will meet on the first Sunday of each month in the front of the church at 10:00 a.m. Please join us.

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**

**November 28, 2015**

**4:00 p.m. Mass**

Lector	<b>Rick Allabaugh</b>
EM Host	<b>Dc. Steve</b>
EM Host	<b>Bob Shields</b>
EM Host	<b>Betsy Shields</b>
EM Cup	<b>Debby Carden</b>
EM Cup	<b>Jan Pandich</b>
EM Cup	<b>Catherine Safer</b>
EM Cup	<b>Barb Brozovic</b>
Altar Server	<b>Mary Katherine Doyle</b>
Altar Server	<b>Bryan Heller</b>
Altar Server	<b>Sarah Shafer</b>

**November 29**

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

Lector	<b>Scott Iglar</b>
EM Host	<b>Dc. Steve</b>
EM Host	<b>Mary DeNinis</b>
EM Host	<b>Joanne Horoschak</b>
EM Cup	<b>Marie Iobst</b>
EM Cup	<b>K or K Mohny</b>
EM Cup	<b>Shirley McCray</b>
EM Cup	<b>Mike Stricek</b>
Altar Server	<b>Kathryn White</b>
Altar Server	<b>Lauren White</b>
Altar Server	<b>Sarah Bush</b>

**11:00 a.m. Mass**

Lector	<b>Jules Furrer</b>
EM Host	<b>Dc. Steve</b>
EM Host	<b>Lyndsey Church</b>
EM Host	<b>Karyn Church</b>
EM Cup	<b>Steve Church</b>
EM Cup	<b>Pat Clark</b>
EM Cup	<b>Steve Guth</b>
EM Cup	<b>Stephannie Stracuzzi</b>
Altar Server	<b>Katie Saunders</b>
Altar Server	<b>Quinn Sirgany</b>
Altar Server	<b>Katelyn Church</b>

**Question of the Week**

**Theme: Jesus reigns over us in truth.**

**Question for Children: Is it difficult or easy for you to tell the truth? How does Jesus help you?**

**Question for Youth: Today we celebrate Christ the King. How much do you let Jesus' truth rule your life? How difficult is it for you to follow Jesus?**

**Question for Adults: What is the truth for you? How do you live the truth everyday?**