

October 2, 2016

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

CONGRATULATIONS 2016 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Cameron "Patrick" Ashman

Morgan "Catherine" Ashman

Nicholas "David" Boyle

Madeline "Cecilia" Broderick

Katelyn "Catherine" Church

Natalie "Anastasia Kathleen" Ehrensbeck

Domíníc "Jerome" Francavilla

Lucas "Luke" Gaworecki

Patrick "James" Giblin

Molly "Margaret" Grady

Tobias "Patrick" Gusefski~ St. Joseph's Endicott

Zackary "Michael" MacLaren

Jonathan "Adam" Miller

Cassandra "Cecilia" Pinataro

Elizabeth "Elizabeth" Rosko

Roy "Gabriel" Santa Croce

Kathleen "Bernadette" Schultz

Laura "Lucy" Szalach

Joseph "Bonaventure" Testani

James "Michael" Wyatt

Jonathan "Stephen" Zareski~ St. Joseph's Endicott



Saturday, October 1, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00p.m. Mannino Vita by Daughter Fina & Family

Sunday, October 2, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00a.m. Frank & Charles Jaworski by Barbara Jaworski
 11:00a.m. **CONFIRMATION** – Liturgy for the People

Monday, October 3
 8:00a.m. William Leonard by Shirleyann Casterlin

Tuesday, October 4
 8:00a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Wednesday, October 5
 8:00a.m. Joe Galloway by Wife Jean, and Family

Thursday, October 6
 8:00a.m. Joseph Ferro by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Friday, October 7
NO MASS

Saturday, October 8, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00p.m. Joseph Sardella by Jean & Horace Julian

Sunday, October 9, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00a.m. Nicholas J. Cola by Rose & Tony Versace & Family

Catherine’s Cupboard

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 ID showing who you are. A person can come as often as needed. We are here to help, not to judge. So please pass the word to anyone you think may need assistance. Canned or dry goods, plus paper & personal care products (**toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, baby diapers, women’s personal items**) are always needed and welcome. Drop off in the barrel at the church foyer or leave the items in the Parish Center any

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, Elizabeth Slater.



Last Weekend’s Offering (09-25-16)

175 Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,639.25
Loose Collection.....	\$344.96
Electronic Donation.....	\$595.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,579.21

**Thank you, everyone for your donations.
 They are greatly appreciated!**

Faith Formation

No Faith Formation October 2 and October 9

Confirmation 2017

There will be an important meeting for Parents and Candidates (currently in grade 10) on Tuesday October 4th at 7 PM in the Parish Hall to review and discuss the process and requirement for direct preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Book Club will begin soon!

Parents would you like to start a group during Faith Formation? See Maria Kirk for details.

Parish Book Club

Book Club Starts on Tuesday, October 25th.

Join us at the Parish Center at 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. for Book Club. You can purchase the book, Mercy in the City for \$5 each at the Parish Center or in the Faith Formation Office.

Mercy in the City

Does giving half of your sandwich to a homeless person count as “feeding the hungry”? Does buying an occasional coffee for a coworker count as “giving drink to the thirsty”? Kerry Weber—a young, single, busy New Yorker—had done these things, but she knew she could do more. Weber decided to commit forty days to practicing the seven Corporal Works of Mercy in a meaningful way. But a big question remained: Could she do it?

Mercy in the City is Weber’s frequently humorous but always authentic story of exploring the challenges and rewards that accompany a lay Catholic trying to practice the Works of Mercy in a 24/7 city of eight million people. Weber embraces each experience as an opportunity to better understand what mercy is really all about and to grow in her love of God and others.

**Let Us Be Healers:
 A Celebration of Community**

Sunday, October 2nd

Gathering at 6:00 p.m. — Peacemaker Plaza (by the Riverwalk, behind RiverRead Books) Music will begin at 5:55 p.m. We hope you can join us!

“The day the power of love overrules the love of power, the world will know peace”
 -Mahatma Gandhi

Save The Date! Save The Date!

In October, beginning with the weekend of the 15th/16th, Fr. Kevin MacDonald will be here to offer a parish Mission focused on the Eucharist. In fact, Fr. Kevin will be doing 6 parish Missions for various parishes in our diocese throughout October and November. This will be the second time he has been here, and he was received well a few years ago.

Fr. Kevin is a former baseball player for the Pittsburgh Pirates and was ordained in 1991.

So, put this Mission on your calendars to attend and experience an event to enrich your faith and spiritual lives. I invite you to please use the following prayer in preparation for our parish Mission.

God, Our Father, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for all the many gifts you have given us through Jesus, Your Son. We thank you especially for the gift of our parish Mission.

Loving and gracious God, quiet our minds and hearts, that we may be open to the gift of your truth. Grant that our Mission may be:

A Time of Grace for all,

A Time of growth for the young,

A Time of refreshment for the old,

A Time of renewal for families,

A Time of healing for the broken,

A Time of joy for the sorrowing,

A Time of challenge for the complacent,

A Time of forgiveness for the sinner,

A Time of strength for the holy,

A Time of homecoming for those who have been away.

Grant, most Loving God, that our Mission may bring down your richest blessings on each and every member of our Parish community.

We pray through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, in the name of Jesus Christ who lives with you and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Outreach to the Homebound

Currently, our Parish is ministering to 63 homebound parishioners and 31 nursing home parishioners. Are you aware of any other parishioners who are homebound or in a nursing home that we are not visiting? If so, please call Sister Karen at 722-4388 with their names, addresses and phone numbers, and we will be very glad to visit and bring Communion to them.

Also, if you would like to be a part of this beautiful ministry to the sick and/or elderly, please let us know!

Faith in Action Volunteers Dining for Dollars

Thursday, October 27, 2016

5:30 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner & Entertainment

Polish Community Center, 347 Prospect St., Binghamton

Tickets \$30.00

Local clergy will serve dinner and entertain you for TIPS!

Reservation deadline is October 13th. Please join. Fr. Tim will be participating as a server for the event.

Visit www.broomecouncil.net/FIA/fia.html

Or call (607) 724-9130

Blessing of Animals

Bring your animals to be blessed on October 9th at 10:00 a.m. in front of the church. We love all of God's creatures.

Save The Date — November 6th, 2016

The Harvest Dinner has been officially scheduled for November 6th. Help will be needed in preparing, serving and clean-up, along with gift baskets and raffle tickets. More information to follow.

Quilt Raffle Fundraiser

The Quilt Raffle was kicked off at the Parish Picnic and tickets will be sold at various Masses until November 6th. Please stop by and get your tickets for \$5 per chance to win 1 of 3 prize quilts. Have your \$5 ready.

Bring Materials for Our Compost

The compost for Catherine's Cupboard garden is being prepared for next spring, and we could use your help. A compost consists of decayed organic material which is later used to improve soil, and ours will be used next year in the "Co-Garden" for Catherine's Cupboard. Creating this compost is not only a way for us to learn about our environment, but a fantastic way for all of us to take care of the Earth that God left for us. A great way to take care of our Earth is by recycling materials. We'd like your assistance in collecting organic material for our project by bringing in some of the following items: **shredded newspaper (no colored newspaper), straw, fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, cardboard (preferably not waxed cardboard), dried leaves, wood chips, small branches/twigs, paper towel, tissue paper.** Collection of these materials will be in front of the Faith Formation school building as students walk to their classes on Sunday mornings, including September 25, and October 16th, 23rd, 30th. Thank you for making the decision to help us in caring for our earth! Julie Heaney and James Bush

Southern Tier Pastoral Care Conference

Sister Donald Corcoran, O.S.B., from Transfiguration Monastery in Windsor, will be the presenter for this conference on "The Acts of Mercy," to be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Hall, 801 Main St., Vestal, on **Tuesday, October 11th**. The day will begin with Mass at 9:00 a.m., include lunch, and end at 2:00 p.m. All of our parishioners who visit our homebound and nursing home parishioners or work in funeral or bereavement ministries are cordially invited.

FOOD PANTRY HELP NEEDED

Tuesday Oct. 4th 10:00 a.m. moving shipment of food for pantry. The truck leaves items in the driveway and we need to move it in and shelf. Call 725-7645 for details.

Celebrate the Transitus of St. Francis

You are cordially invited to join the Secular Franciscans as we celebrate the Transitus of St. Francis on October 3rd during a 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Cyril and Methodius Church at 14 St. Cyril Ave. (Clinton St.). A reception will follow in the church hall. Come celebrate with us!

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of October 2nd — Marie Giordano

Week of October 9th — George & Pat Clark

Shelving (Mondays)

October 3rd — C. & B. Danoski

October 10th — P. Turnbull, A. Hanley

Distribution

October 4th — C. Danoski, L. Gildea, B. Grace ,
M. Ryder, C. Woodruff, R. Rounds

Fourth Annual Red Mass for the Legal Community in Southern Tier

Judges, lawyers, law students, fire fighters, police and sheriff personnel, and the leaders from all faith communities are invited to join us with the entire justice community, asking the guidance of the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice. Members of the Bar Association who died this past year will be honored.

The **Red Mass will be held on Wednesday, October 5th at 12:10 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church**, 9 Leroy St. in Binghamton. Our homilist for this Mass will be the Rev. Edward Zandy. The Mass asks the guidance of the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice, and offers the opportunity to reflect on what Catholics believe is the God-given power and responsibility of all in the legal profession. A reception will follow in the vestibule of the church. Members of the community of all denominations are invited to attend. The legal community is sending info to all judges—lawyers— law enforcement— inviting their participation.

Broome County Catholic Charities Thanksgiving Basket Sign-Up

September 21 to October 21 at both

Catholic Charities Food Pantries.

- ◆ Individuals 18 years and older must provide proof of residency within the last 30 days
- ◆ ID for each household member

Binghamton Food Pantry, 100 Main St. :

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00-11:30 &
1:00-3:30

Tuesday 1:00-3:30

Mother Teresa's Cupboard, St. Ambrose Church:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00-2:30

◆ **Residents of Vestal, Endwell and Endicott** please sign up at Mother Teresa's Cupboard

◆ **Residents of Johnson City** may choose either pantry to sign up but must sign up at **only** one

◆ **Residents of the Windsor Central School District** must sign up with Windsor Human Development. For more details for Windsor residents, please call 217-8839

◆ **All other Broome county residents please use the Binghamton Pantry**

For Information or to Volunteer, Call Mary Whitcombe at
584-7800

SUPER 50-50 TICKET COUNTER

Super 50-50 drawing is on December 4th

Currently sold: 1 ticket

Must sell: 399 more

If you did not receive any, there are extras at entrances of the church. Remember you can not WIN if you do not buy! Thank you to McCormack Funeral Home for the printing of our tickets.

HOPE Appeal 2016

As of mid September, status of HOPE Appeal was:

Assessment: \$44,733.04

Pledged: \$28,648.75

Balance Needed: 16,084.29

Thank you to all who have generously contributed to this worthy cause. Your support helps many in the Diocese. There is still time to make your pledge if you have not already done so. Contact the Parish Center at 722-4388 if you would like a HOPE Appeal envelope sent to you.

Fall 2016 Parish Events

HELP NEEDED

Sept. 29th — **THANK YOU** for your help in the mailing for the Super 50-50 drawing.

Oct. 15th @ 9:30 a.m. — Clean up gardens around church (bring your own gloves)

Nov. 5th & 6th — Harvest Dinner **NEED GIFT BASKETS to raffle off** (various other jobs in the kitchen and raffle tables)... more details to follow

Fenton Free Library

Doughnut Fundraiser

Scholarship Funds for CV Graduates

PRE-ORDER Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

Orders due by Wednesday, October 12th

Pickup on Saturday, Oct. 15th, 8 am to 4 pm

FIVE Choices to Pre-Order

ORDER FORM

Name _____

Phone# _____

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
Glazed (\$7/dozen)	_____	_____
Chocolate Iced Glazed (\$6/half doz)	_____	_____
Glazed / Lemon filled (\$6/half doz)	_____	_____
Glazed / Rasbery filled (\$6/half doz)	_____	_____
Glazed / Cream filled (\$6/half doz)	_____	_____

Additional Donation to Library \$ _____

Total Due \$ _____

Make check payable to "Fenton Free Library"

**Drop off or mail form to Library,
1062 Chenango St, Binghamton, NY 13901**

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

October 8th & 9th, 2016

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Kathleen Tait
EM Host	Tony Mazza
EM Host	Catherine Shafer
EM Host	Dom Lomonaco
EM Cup	Marge Mangan
EM Cup	Mary Ellen Meskell
EM Cup	Peggy Munson
EM Cup	Jan Pandich
Altar Server	Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server	Logan Lomonaco
Altar Server	Sarah Shafer

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Tim Hogan
EM Host	Tom Phalen
EM Host	Tim Vaverchak
EM Host	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Mary DeNinis
EM Cup	Mike Stricek
EM Cup	Lou Angelo
EM Cup	Sr. Karen Gaube
Altar Server	Brendan Kliment
Altar Server	Natalie Broderick
Altar Server	Peyton Broderick

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Brian Sirgany
EM Host	Dave Bollinger
EM Host	Sue Jones
EM Host	Jules Furrer
EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
EM Cup	Maria Lord
EM Cup	Rose O'Neil
EM Cup	David Hanzes
Altar Server	John Michael Frissora
Altar Server	Nolan Sirgany
Altar Server	Quinn Sirgany

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Jesus teaches us that our faith is powerful and with it, we can do great things. We can forgive, love, and share with others. Which of these do you do most often?

Question for Youth: The Gospel tells us even a little bit of faith is enough to make amazing things happen. How are you keeping your faith alive and growing? What good things happen in your life because of your faith?

Question for Adults: Being "in Christ" means living as Christ teaches. What signs do you see in your life of generosity, forgiveness, hospitality, or any other of Jesus' teachings?

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