

January 22, 2017

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

No violence to our Earth

No violence to our unborn

No violence to our partners

No violence to our enemies

No violence to our children

No violence to our prisoners

No violence to our dying

No violence. Period.

Be pro-life

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Eucharistic faith community
committed to living and sharing the Gospel life.**

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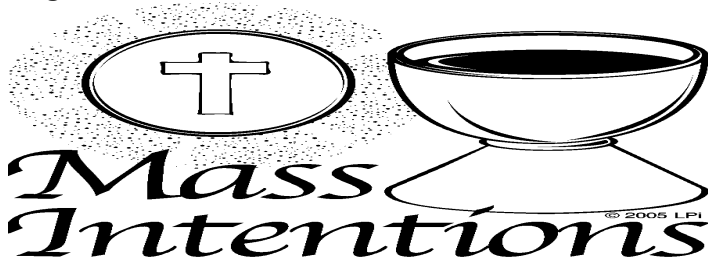
Mass Schedule

Monday-Thursday
8:00 am at the Parish Center
Chapel

Saturday Evening
4:00 pm

Sunday Morning
8:00 am & 11:00 am

Confession:
2nd & 4th Saturday of every
month at 3:00 pm at the
Church



<u>Weekend's Offering (01-15-17)</u>	
107 Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,845.00
Loose Collection.....	\$221.00
Electronic Donation.....	\$440.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,506.00

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

Faith Formation

Faith Formation for Grades K-9 will meet at 9:30-10:45 AM in the school

There is an important meeting for parents with children preparing to receive the sacrament of Eucharist today, January 22 at 9:45 AM in the Library of the school. Please be sure to attend. We will review the diocesan requirements, as well as discuss the importance of the sacrament in your lives.

Looking Ahead...

The 1st Eucharist Parent Coaching Session will take place Sunday, January 29th at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall. The 1st Eucharist Rite of Belonging will take place Sunday, February 5th during the 11 AM Mass. The front 2 pews on the Sacristy side of the church will be reserved for the children preparing to receive 1st Eucharist.

Please note! There is a typo on the calendar. Faith Formation will meet on Sunday, February 5th. February 6th is a Monday. Sorry for any confusion!

Confirmation Class Collection for Homeless

NEEDED: Items for Homeless Coalition Kits

The Confirmation Class is collecting items for kits for the homeless in Binghamton between now and April 2nd.

These are the needed items: Drawstring bags/backpacks, Bottles of Water or Gatorade, Insulated Socks, Thermal Underwear (L/XL), Warm Gloves, Warm Hats, Hand/Foot Warmers, Ponchos, Toothbrushes, Wipes, Bus Pass, Fast Food Gift Card, Clif Bars, Cracker Sandwiches, Oranges, Ziploc Bags.

All clothing should be men's sizes since women can wear them, too. Cash donations are also gratefully accepted.

We will have a box in front of the school on Faith Formation weekends before/after each Mass. It will be at the Parish Center during the week. Flyers to put up in the community will also be available.

THANK YOU to all the parishioners who have been contributing items to our collection so far! We have already taken items to the Homeless Coalition and have additional items stored for the next donation. We were already able to collect \$317.84 and use that money to purchase additional items so that we were able to put together some kits during our January retreat! As always, the generosity of our parish is awesome!

Saturday, January 21, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. 46th Anniv. Michael Pandich by Family

Sunday, January 22, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Marie Mazar by Suzanne & Don Carr
11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Monday, January 23
8:00 a.m. Ray Henshaw by Mike & Karen Dotson

Tuesday, January 24
8:00 a.m. Joanne Kopyar by Lucille Marsili & the Bible Class

Wednesday, January 25
8:00 a.m. Betty Charlier by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Thursday, January 26
8:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Friday, January 27
NO MASS

Saturday, January 28, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Ken Munney by Tozia Stacey & Children

Sunday, January 29, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a. m. Angie Ritter by Family
11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

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.

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 Jennie Braman and Lloyd Woodruff.

Life and Dignity of the Human Person

The very first principle of Catholic Social Doctrine is the life and dignity of the human person. We are — that is **all** of us — created in the image and likeness of God. Our patron, St. Francis of Assisi, is one who, among many others, preached and lived this principle in all of creation.

To be right to life should mean that we are advocates of life and should be committed to the protection of life, which is threatened in today's world by war, abortion, poverty, the death penalty and euthanasia. In light of Pope Francis' message for World Day of Peace, "Violence is **not** the cure for our broken world." Let us uphold a consistent life ethic that reflects the value and dignity of everyone.

Ladies of Charity Scholarships

The Ladies of Charity will award three \$500 scholarships to high school seniors who plan to pursue a service oriented career which specifically makes a difference in someone's life. The scholarship is based on academic achievement, financial need, and service to school, Church and community. Please see your school guidance counselor for an application. Deadline is May 5, 2017.

31st Annual World Marriage Day

The 31st Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on Sunday, February 12th, 2017, 2:30p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. The Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham will celebrate the Mass. All couples will be invited to renew their commitment to holy marriage. Bishop Cunningham will specifically honor those couples celebrating their 25th (Silver Anniversary), their 50th (Golden Anniversary), and those celebrating beyond their 50th year in 2017. Families of those celebrating are also welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact the parish office to register for this event!

February Fundraising for Food Pantry

In 2016, 1200 families visited us when we opened the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month. So many times we are operating on the edge. Our budget last year ran over \$25,000 in purchased food or personal care items for these visitors. In order to continue our pantry outreach, we will be doing a major fundraiser during the month of **February**.

- #1 Feb 5th "Souper Bowl of Caring" weekend... Faith Formation students will be collecting cash or checks at the entrance after Mass.
- #2 February 12th and 19th weekends BONTON coupons booklets will be available. \$5.00 a booklet gives you coupons to purchase items in the store, February 23—25th. We keep the entire \$5.00 donations, plus get a bonus check from the store (last year it was over \$800 total received).

Thank You for all you have done in the past and for whatever you can do in the future.

CYO Boys Basketball Upcoming Games

Sunday, January 22nd

Modified @ 4:30 @ Home

JV @ 6:00 @ Home

Thursday, January 26th

Modified @ 6:00 @ Home

JV @ 7:30 @ Home

PLAYOFFS

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Christian Unity is celebrated from January 18th—25th each year, which covers the days between the feast of St. Peter and the feast of St. Paul. This Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was first observed in January of 1908. It is a time when churches around the world express their longing for and commitment to Christian unity.

The 2017 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "Reconciliation— The Love of Christ Compels Us." In selecting this theme, it is viewed as an opportunity to take steps toward reconciliation. May we both pray and work towards the unity Christ desires for the Church.

Prayer for Christian Unity

In a fractured and fragmented world awaken within us the deep desire to be made whole again.
 Give us the courage to bring Your reconciling presence to the divisions in our world today.
 Call us back to that place where all are one in You.
 Where pain and misunderstanding foster resentment,
 Make us whole again, where distraction and division destroy the bonds of community.
 Make us whole again, where the impulse to label and judge leads to rejection and violence.
 Make us whole again, where silence permits evil to flourish.
 Make us whole again, where we fail to forgive or be forgiven.
 Make us whole again, where borders of compassion and understanding become impassable.
 Make us whole again,
 God of Unity, restore the essential bonds of community.
 Remove the blindness that distorts our ability to see
 Your great love in each human you bring into being.
 Draw us together in deeper communion with You
 and with each other.
 Heal the divisions in our hearts, our families, our communities, and our world.
 Grant us the grace to remove the obstacles that we place in our own path and in the paths of others, so that our desire for wholeness may become a reality.

—Sr. Katherine Feely, S.N.D. (2010)

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule
Transportation

Week of January 22nd — Michelle Warne
 Week of January 29th — Nancy Oliver

Shelving (Mondays)

January 23rd — N. Minch & N.J. Mirabito
 January 30th — T. & M. Phalen

Distribution

February 7th — R. & P. Scales, R. O'Neil, K. Dotson, R. Serafini, S. Orband, B. Grace


Children's Home "Thank You"

Thank you for the church's recent donation of wish list gifts for 50 children to the Children's Home to help brighten the holiday for children and families in our care. At the Children's Home we partner with children, families, and communities to inspire hope, develop skills, and cultivate healthy relationships for positive futures. Thank you for joining in this important task. Your support helps ensure that we can continue to provide safety and care for children and families. Our thanks to Bev Krinik and all involved in making this happen every year. We are very grateful! —Margaret Tatich

2017-2018 Le Moyne College
C.Y.O. Scholarship

For many years, Le Moyne College and the Catholic Youth Organization have worked together to offer eight \$4,000.00 scholarships (\$1,000/year). The C.Y.O Scholarships will be conferred again this year to eight deserving students in the geographical Diocese of Syracuse. These scholarships will be awarded to prospective Le Moyne students who have demonstrated leadership abilities and have performed outstanding service to their school, community, and parish. Information is available at the Parish Office, if interested. Applications are due **before February 1st.**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NIGHT
AT THE B-SENS
 BENEFITTING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF BROOME COUNTY

SATURDAY JANUARY 21st - 7:05 PM
VS SPRINGFIELD THUNDERBIRDS

\$7 STUDENT TICKETS & \$16 ADULT TICKETS

INCLUDES FREE POST GAME PHOTO ACTIVITY ON ICE AFTER THE GAME
 *Prices Increase \$2 Day of Game

CALL 607-722-SENS TO ORDER
 (Ask for a Group Sales Rep)

All tickets generate \$2 donation towards Catholic School of Broome County

Knights of Columbus 11403

Save the Date
March 11th, 2017
Hooley in Hillcrest



Fenton Free Library
Doughnut Fundraiser

Scholarship Funds for High School Graduates

PRE-ORDER Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

Orders due by Wednesday, Feb 15th

Pickup on Saturday, Feb 18th, 8 am to 4 pm

5 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

PARISH REGISTRATION

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether you're a long-time resident or newly arrived in the Parish. Please check the appropriate box and place in the collection basket or return to the Parish Center.

We thank God that you are with us.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

- New Parishioner? Send registration form
- Change of address or phone number?
- Temporarily away? Stop envelopes
- Moving? Please remove from Parish Roster

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

January 28th & 29th, 2017

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector Joe Sardella
EM Host Dc. Steve
EM Host Larry Koch
EM Host John Artman
EM Cup Brenda Artman
EM Cup Jan Pandich
EM Cup Judy Murphy
EM Cup Marge Mangan
Altar Server Mikey Schultz
Altar Server Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server Logan Lomonaco

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Joe Carpenter
EM Host Dc. Steve
EM Host Scott Iglar
EM Host Marie Iobst
EM Cup Donna Iglar
EM Cup Denise Baxter
EM Cup Steve Baxter
EM Cup Suzanne Tierno
Altar Server Andrew Rice
Altar Server Jonah Rice
Altar Server Brendan Kliment

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Barb Novitsky
EM Host Dc. Steve
EM Host Katie Ginalski
EM Host Karyn Church
EM Cup Steve Church
EM Cup Pat Clark
EM Cup David Hanzas
EM Cup Kerri Hamilton
Altar Server John Michael Frissora
Altar Server Brendan Heaney
Altar Server Katelyn Church

Question of the Week

Question for Children: How do you hear Jesus calling you to do what he wants you to?

Question for Youth: As you grow into young adulthood, Jesus calls you to follow him in particular ways, both big and small. What are some of the small ways in which Jesus calls you to follow him?

Question for Adults: How does Jesus call you to assist in his ministry: the building up of the Reign of God? How do you know what God wants of you in this regard?

END OF BULLETIN

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