

January 28, 2018

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



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



Saturday, January 27, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. 1st Anniv. Daniel Berry by Bob & Bea Grace

Sunday, January 28, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family
 11:00 a.m. Charles & Mary Zemek by the Albee Family

Monday, January 29

8:00 a.m. Angie Ritter by Family

Tuesday, January 30

8:00 a.m. Ray Murphy by Marge Mangan

Wednesday, January 31

8:00 a.m. Richard Mancuso by Darlene Rhodes

Thursday, February 1

8:00 a.m. 29th Anniv. Joseph Peters by Wife, Arlene & Family

Friday, February 2

NO MASS

Saturday, February 3, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Kenneth Munney by Wife, Marge & Sons, Robb, Brian & Ken Jr.

Sunday, February 4, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Robert Taugher by Family
 11:00 a.m. Mannino Vita by Daughter Fina & 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.

Weekend's Offering (01-21-18)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,259.00
Loose Collection.....	\$227.00
Holy Day Collection.....	\$55.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$673.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,214.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Faith Formation

Faith formation for Grades K-9. Opening Prayer in the Church at 9:30 AM.

First Eucharist Coaching Session January 28th in the Parish Hall. Parent and Child meet in the Hall after Opening Prayer for this week's lesson.

Looking Ahead:

February 4th, First Eucharist Rite of Belonging at 11:00 AM Mass. The children will do the readings, the front pews on the Sacristy side of the church will be reserved for the children. Mass may be a bit longer than usual, please plan accordingly.

Parish Book Club

"Falling Upward" by Richard Rohr

Book Club final meeting will be Tuesday January 30th at 1:30 PM in the Parish Center. Please finish the book this session.

Safe Environment EPDR Training

EPDR training at Maria Kirk's office (1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton) on **February 3rd at 10:30 AM.** To register call Delores the parish center (607-722-4388) or Maria (607-722-4177) or you may email Maria Kirk at MKirk@syrdio.org. The session will be held upstairs in the faith formation office. Location is not handicapped accessible. The re-certification session will last 90 minutes.

Attention Middle Grade Readers

A St. Francis parishioner is seeking reviewers for her manuscript that, utilizing Catholic symbolism, is a story about an ancient book that chooses a fatherless, 12-year-old boy to journey for keys to ensure the continuation of his world. Anyone interested (all ages welcome), please contact Bridget Grenolds at Kingdomofthekeys@yahoo.com for more information or to receive the MS Word document. Thank you!

Prayers . . .

Please remember all of our parishioners who are in hospitals and nursing homes and our homebound. Also, please pray for our deceased parishioners and loved ones, especially Catherine Gaige and Alexandra Flynn.



DACA & Congress

The fate of nearly 1.8 million Dreamers remains uncertain as Congress has yet to reach a bipartisan deal to protect these youth. On January 22nd, Congress passed a short-term spending bill that will fund the government through February 8th, ending the government shutdown. The bill did not include protections for Dreamers, however, parties have agreed to continue negotiations and work towards a fix. Unfortunately, every day that passes without a solution is a day where DACA youth fall out of status and lose their ability to go to school, serve in the military, and work legally. As Catholics we stand in solidarity with Dreamers by urging our lawmakers to work towards a bipartisan solution to these young people. What can you do? Write a letter, send an email, or make a phone call. The form below may assist you in advocating for them.

Dear Senators and Representative:

As a person of faith, I believe in protecting the dignity of every human being, particularly that of children. I write to urge you to work with all deliberate speed to find a bipartisan solution for Dreamers that includes a path to citizenship. The approximately 1.8 million Dreamers living in our country were brought to the United States as young people. They worship with us in our churches and synagogues, serve in our military, contribute to our economy, and add their many talents to American society. As you work towards this goal, I ask you to ensure that any border security measures included in such legislation are balanced, proportional, and humane. While Catholic social teaching on migration recognizes and respects the sovereignty of each nation to regulate its borders, this right must be balanced with the right of vulnerable migrants to access protection. In addition, I ask you to recognize the sanctity of families and vulnerability of unaccompanied immigrant children. As such, I urge you to reject any proposals that threaten family-based immigration or seek to undermine protections for unaccompanied children. A solution for Dreamers is long overdue. As my elected official in Congress, I call on you to help ensure that a fair and just solution is found before February 8th.

<u>Chuck Schumer</u> 15 Henry St., Room. 100 A-F, Binghamton, NY 13901 www.schumer.senate.gov/contact/email-chuck	<u>Kirsten Gillibrand</u> 478 Russell Washington, DC 20510 www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/email-me	<u>Claudia Tenney</u> 49 Court St. Metro Ctr., Suite 210 Binghamton, NY 13901 tenney.house.gov/contact/
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IGNITE 2018 Catholic Men's Conference

Attention men of the parish, the theme for the 10th Annual IGNITE Men's Conference is 10 Years of Building Your Faith. Again we have 3 tremendous speakers that will challenge all who attend. You can be part of it on **Saturday, March 24, 2018** at the SRC Arena & Event Center in Syracuse, NY for an amazing day that will have a tremendous impact on you. You can register for the IGNITE 2018 Catholic Men's Conference online at www.ignitecatholicmen.org or contact Delores at the Parish Center (607-722-4388). Sign up now. Limited seating is available.

What is "Fake News"?

Pope Francis defines "fake news" as "the spreading of disinformation on line or in the traditional media. It has to do with false information based on non-existent or distorted data meant to deceive and manipulate the reader." He calls for resistance to fake news, to recalling Christ as The Truth on which we can rely, and to learning to discern the true from the false in order to be free. Pope Francis has three concrete suggestions for resisting fake news, along with one deeper exhortation.

First, avoid "homogeneous digital environments impervious to differing perspectives and opinions." Francis wants us out of our "echo chambers," meeting with those whom we do not already encounter. This goes beyond cultivating a diversity of sources for media; it means cultivating a diversity of relationships. If one can avoid living in such a "bubble," one should be less susceptible to stories that simply confirm one's worst fears.

Second, slow down. One of the dangers of fake news is its "spreading so fast that it is hard to stop." Journalists in particular are encouraged not to chase the breaking, sensational headlines, but rather the "underlying causes of conflicts" in pursuit of richer and deeper understanding. This is not only journalists, though: many of us would benefit from taking a moment to read an article or story before reposting, understanding it beyond its headline, and reflecting on whether or not it is credible. Discernment of the truth takes time.

Third, communicate the truth in love. Francis focuses much of this message on "the true" in contrast to fake news, but he connects it also to "the good." He encourages us to consider the fruits of our communication. If we "provoke quarrels" or "foment division" rather than "promote informed and mature reflection," then that communication falls short. Put another way: the repetition of true facts is a necessary condition of communicating the truth, but not a sufficient one.

Finally, an exhortation: strategies are valuable, but they aren't the whole story. The three practices listed above must be part of a conversion of heart. If cultivating a diverse body of sources and relationships simply becomes pretty window dressing for the bubble one remains in, then it bears no good fruit. It is similar to his claim in *Laudato Si*: if we rely simply on technological or strategic solutions to our problems, we mask the underlying moral problems that contribute to the throwaway culture (or to continue to promote fake news).

Let us be voices of good news and not fake news.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule
Transportation

Week of January 28th — Nancy Oliver
 Week of February 4th — Anne Wilcox

Shelving (Mondays)

January 29th — J. & K. Brady
 February 5th — P. Turnbull & D. Talbut

Distribution

February 6th — M. Peters, K. Dotson, A. Smilnak, A. Short, S. Orband, S. Lee

BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO HELP THOSE IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY.
 Let's Tackle Hunger! Together we can turn the nation's largest weekend of football into the largest weekend of giving.

DATE/TIME: February 3rd & 4th After Mass

LOCATION: St. Francis of Assisi

COLLECTING FOR: Catherine's Cupboard



32nd Annual Knights for Life Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

Please join the KOC Peter T. Campon Council No. 206 at 136 Park Ave., Binghamton, NY on **January 28th from noon to 5:00p.m.** for Sauce & Meatballs by Cortese to benefit our local Right to Life & Birthright. Tickets may be obtained at the door and are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Purchase of ticket voucher includes; coffee, tea, milk, bread, spaghetti & meatballs, and dessert. Take out orders are available by calling 771-8303 before 4:00p.m.

Collection for Homeless Coalition

Faith Formation will be collecting items for the Homeless Coalition again **from now until April 15th.** These are the needed items:

- Bottles of Water or Gatorade**
- Insulated Socks**
- Thermal Underwear (L/XL)**
- Warm Gloves/Hats**
- Hand/Foot Warmers**
- Ponchos**
- Toothbrushes**
- Wipes**
- Fast Food Gift Cards**
- Clif Bars**
- Cracker Sandwiches**
- Raisins (or other dried fruit)**
- Ziploc Bags**
- Drawstring Bags**

* All clothing must be new and must be men's sizes

There is a box just inside the front door of the school on Sundays during Faith Formation. Another box is at the church and another at the Parish Center.

Fenton Free Library Doughnut Fundraiser

Funds Raised will be used for Children's Programming
PRE-ORDER Krispy Kreme Doughnuts
Orders due by Wednesday, Feb 21st
Pickup on Saturday, Feb 24th, 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 (\$8/dozen)	_____	_____
Chocolate Iced (\$7/half doz)	_____	_____
Glazed/Lemon filled (\$7/half doz)	_____	_____
Glazed/Rasp. filled (\$7/half doz)	_____	_____
Glazed/Cream filled (\$7/half doz)	_____	_____

Additional Donation to Library \$ _____

Total Due \$ _____

Make checks payable to "Fenton Free Library"
Drop off or mail form to Library,
1062 Chenango St, Binghamton, NY 13901

St. Pauly Textile Shed

Thank you for continuing to collaborate with us on the St. Pauly Textile clothing drop off shed project! In 2017 roughly 34,326 garments of clothing were donated to your shed. This was enough to clothe an estimated 4,161 people. This clothing is being used right now by people in one or more of 44 different countries (including the U.S.) to which our clothing is likely to have been distributed this past year. Your congregation raised \$2,019.51 in 2017 through hosting this shed. We ask that you continue to spread the word about the clothing shed to other community members. Thank you for all your support, and please feel free to reach out to us anytime.

Ladies of Charity Scholarships

The Ladies of Charity will award two \$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 April 27, 2017.**

Knights of Columbus 11403



Hooley in Hillcrest

Save the Date:
03/10/18



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

February 3rd & 4th, 2018

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Joe Carpenter
EM Host	Katie Ginalski
EM Host	Betsy Shields
EM Host	Bob Grace
EM Cup	Bob Shields
EM Cup	Mary Frances Charsky
EM Cup	Bea Grace
EM Cup	Jan Pandich
Altar Server	Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server	Logan Lomonaco
Altar Server	Madelyn Strnatka

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Shirley McCray
EM Host	Debbie Davis
EM Host	Lou Angelo
EM Host	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup	Shirley McCray
EM Cup	Joanne Horoschak
EM Cup	Maureen Mizzoni
Altar Server	James Bush
Altar Server	Sarah Bush
Altar Server	Mary Bush

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Faith Formation
EM Host	David Hanzes
EM Host	Rose O'Neil
EM Host	Steve Guth
EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
EM Cup	Chris Gill
EM Cup	David Gill
EM Cup	Dave Bollinger
Altar Server	Jessica Wojnar
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	John Michael Frissora

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Name some bad things that you want to pray that Jesus will take away from our world.

Question for Youth: Jesus was able to free the man from the unclean spirit within him. What do you hope Jesus will free you from? What is happening in the world that need's Jesus' help?

Question for Adults: What are the evils in today's world that you pray God will free us from?

END OF BULLETIN

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