

January 29, 2017

# 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.**

## **Staff**

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## Office Hours:

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Monday through Thursday  
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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



**Weekend's Offering (01-22-17)**

107 Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,649.00
Loose Collection.....	\$310.00
Electronic Donation.....	\$682.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,641.00

**Thank you to everyone for their donations.**

**Saturday, January 28, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00p.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

**Monday, January 30**  
 8:00a.m. Joanne Kopyar by Lucille Marsili & the Bible Class

**Tuesday, January 31**  
 8:00 a.m. Beverly Gallagher by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

**Wednesday, February 1**  
 8:00a.m. Mannino Vita by Daughter, Fina & Family

**Thursday, February 2**  
**NO MASS**

**Friday, February 3**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, February 4, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00p.m. Ken Munney by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

**Sunday, February 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00a.m. Lloyd Woodruff by Dave & Louise Martin  
 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.

**Faith Formation**

**Faith Formation for grades K-9 will meet today in the school.**

The 1st Eucharist Parent Coaching Session will take place at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall. Please bring your children directly to the Parish Hall.

Please note! There is a typo on the Faith Formation Calendar. Faith Formation will meet on Sunday, February **5th**.

**Looking Ahead:**

Next weekend is Super Bowl Sunday, one of the biggest party days in our country. On this day of celebration it is important to remember that families many in our community are food insecure. Catherine's Cupboard serves these families every month. Next weekend after all masses students from Faith Formation will be collecting monetary donations for Catherine's Cupboard, by participating in the national "Souper Bow of Caring" event. This event encourages local schools and churches to collect money and donate all proceeds to a local food pantry. So please bring extra cash or your checkbook to donate to Catherine's Cupboard. Thank You in advance for your continued generosity.

The 1st Eucharist Rite of Belonging will take place Sunday, February 5th during the 11 AM Mass. The first two front pews on the sacristy side of the church will be reserved for the children. Mass may be a little longer than usual, please plan accordingly.

First Eucharist Mini-Retreat will be Saturday, February 11th at 8:30 AM in the Hall.

**Confirmation Class Collection for Homeless**

The Confirmation Class is collecting items for Binghamton Homeless Coalition kits between now and April 2nd.

**These are the needed items:** Drawstring bags, 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 must be men's sizes, since women can wear them, too; and must be new. Cash donations are also gratefully accepted.

We have a box inside the front door of the school on Sunday's during Faith Formation. There are also boxes at the church and the Parish Center. **THANK YOU** to all who have been contributing items and cash to our collection! We greatly appreciate your generosity! We were able to provide 7 complete kits and 17 partial kits to the Homeless Coalition on January 20; in time for their point-in-time distribution to the homeless in our community! They told us they could fill in the partial kits with the supplies remaining from what we donated in December. This parish is amazing! Thank you!

### St. Francis of Assisi Homebound Outreach

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!

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> "Souper Bowl of Caring" weekend... Faith Formation students will be collecting cash or checks at the entrance after Mass.
- #2 February 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> weekends BONTON coupons booklets will be available. \$5.00 a booklet gives you coupons to purchase items in the store, February 23—25<sup>th</sup>. 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 PLAYOFFS

### Communicating Hope and Trust in our Time

*MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
ON THE 51st WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY*

Access to the media – thanks to technological progress – makes it possible for countless people to share news instantly and spread it widely. That news may be good or bad, true or false. The early Christians compared the human mind to a constantly grinding millstone; it is up to the miller to determine what it will grind: good wheat or worthless weeds. Our minds are always “grinding”, but it is up to us to choose what to feed them (cf. SAINT JOHN CASSIAN, Epistle to Leontius).

I wish to address this message to all those who, whether in their professional work or personal relationships, are like that mill, daily “grinding out” information with the aim of providing rich fare for those with whom they communicate. I would like to encourage everyone to engage in constructive forms of communication that reject prejudice towards others and foster a culture of encounter, helping all of us to view the world around us with realism and trust. I am convinced that we have to break the vicious circle of anxiety and stem the spiral of fear resulting from a constant focus on “bad news” (wars, terrorism, scandals and all sorts of human failure). This has nothing to do with spreading misinformation that would ignore the tragedy of human suffering, nor is it about a naive optimism blind to the scandal of evil. Rather, I propose that all of us work at overcoming that feeling of growing discontent and resignation that can at times generate apathy, fear or the idea that evil has no limits. Moreover, in a communications industry which thinks that good news does not sell, and where the tragedy of human suffering and the mystery of evil easily turn into entertainment, there is always the temptation that our consciences can be dulled or slip into pessimism.

I would like, then, to contribute to the search for an open and creative style of communication that never seeks to glamourize evil but instead to concentrate on solutions and to inspire a positive and responsible approach on the part of its recipients. I ask everyone to offer the people of our time storylines that are at heart “good news”.

— Pope Francis (January, 24th 2017)

**Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule**  
**Transportation**

Week of January 29th — Nancy Oliver  
Week of February 5th — Ann Wilcox

**Shelving (Mondays)**

January 30th — T. & M. Phalen  
February 6th — J. & K. Brady

**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**.

**Soup Kitchen**

Your generosity of \$323.63 will warm many bodies this winter. Thank you!

**Food Pantry Thank You!**

Thank you to the Chenango Valley Moms who partied on January 21st participating in "Bad Mom's Unite", for selecting our food pantry to be the recipient of food, cash and personal care items. Such generosity is greatly appreciated.

**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)	_____	_____
<b>Additional Donation to Library</b>		<b>\$</b> _____
<b>Total Due</b>		<b>\$</b> _____

**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**

**February 4th & 5th, 2017**

**4:00 P.M. Mass**

Lector	Mary Cooney
EM Host	Dom Lomonaco
EM Host	Teresa Creeden
EM Host	Catherine Shafer
EM Cup	Ron Scales
EM Cup	Paulette Scales
EM Cup	Barb Brozovic
EM Cup	Terry Hanifin
Altar Server	Tyler Norton
Altar Server	Brian Heller
Altar Server	Elizabeth Wrighter

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

Lector	Ed & Kay Corcoran
EM Host	Lou Angelo
EM Host	Maureen Mizzoni
EM Host	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup	Mike Stricek
EM Cup	Ed White
EM Cup	Tom Phalen
Altar Server	Natalie Broderick
Altar Server	Braeden Krisko
Altar Server	Peyton Broderick

**11:00 A.M. Mass**

Lector	Faith Formation
EM Host	Lyndsey Church
EM Host	Rose O'Neil
EM Host	Steve Guth
EM Cup	Dave Bollinger
EM Cup	Jim Lewis
EM Cup	David Gill
EM Cup	Chris Gill
Altar Server	Zachary Carr
Altar Server	Quinn Sirgany
Altar Server	Nolan Sirgany

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Choose one of the Beatitudes and share how you will make it part of your life.

**Question for Youth:** Jesus gives us a plan for our happiness in the beatitudes. Do the things that make you happiest also lead you towards God? Do they follow God's plan?

**Question for Adults:** How do you describe what it means to be "blest" in your own life?

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