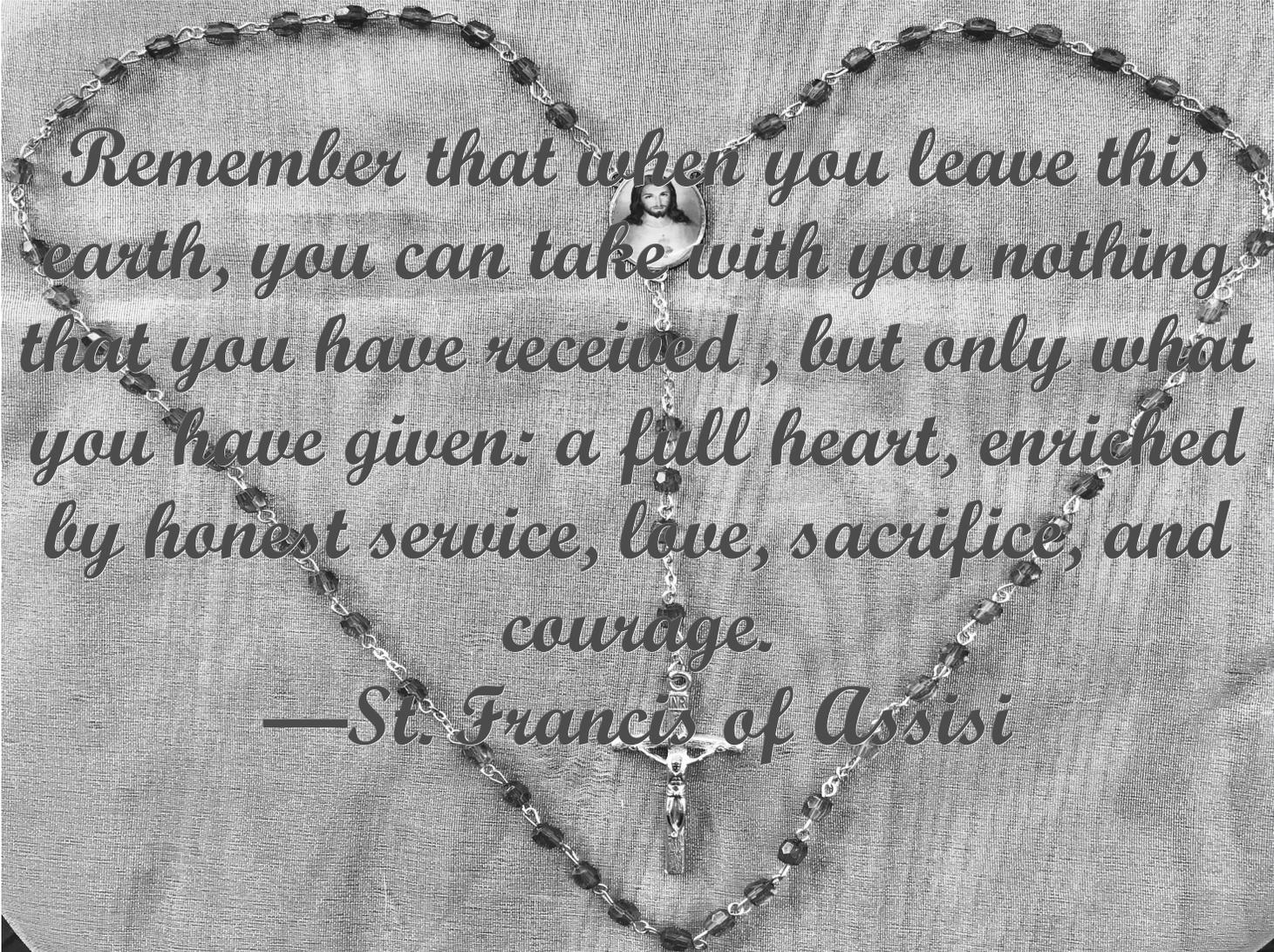


February 12, 2017

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



*Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received, but only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage.*

*—St. Francis of Assisi*

## **Staff**

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## Office Hours:

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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, February 11, Vigil of Sunday**  
 12:00 p.m. Ethan Murphy (Memorial Mass) by Family  
 4:00 p.m. 29<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Frances Hazen by Family

**Sunday, February 12, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People  
 11:00 a.m. Jean Adagio by Jim & Rose O'Neil

**Monday, February 13**  
 8:00 a.m. John Dionne by John & Carol Broderick

**Tuesday, February 14**  
 8:00 a.m. Dee, Mike & Hank Gaul by Lucille Marsili

**Wednesday, February 15**  
 8:00 a.m. Mike Lynch by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gorman

**Thursday, February 16**  
 8:00 a.m. Rita Holtslander by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

**Friday, February 17**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, February 18, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Richard Clendening by Mary & Dan Fitzgerald

**Sunday, February 19, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a. m. Liturgy for the People  
 11:00 a.m. Ron Guinane by 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.

**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.

**Weekend's Offering (02-05-17)**

191 Regular Envelopes.....	\$7,632.41
Loose Collection.....	\$372.00
Electronic Donation.....	\$1,320.00
<b>Total Collection.....</b>	<b>\$9,324.41</b>

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

**Faith Formation**

**Faith Formation for Grades K-9 will meet today at 9:30 A.M. in the school.**

Confirmation Service Retreat will take place on Friday, February 17th beginning at 8 AM in the Parish Center, 1931 Chenango ST. Please be sure you bring your permission form with you.

Thank You to our generous parishioners who contributed \$1694.11 to the "Souper Bowl" of Caring. Our contributions went directly to Catherine's Cupboard. This event brought in over 4.57 million dollars to more than 1750 local agencies nation wide. Many hands feed many people! Thank You!

**Looking Ahead**  
No Faith Formation next Sunday, February 19th President's Weekend.

**LEAP Event**

Our Parish Faith Formation LEAP Event will be Sunday, March 5th. Grades K-4 will meet for Lenten Activities, Grades 5-9 will meet for guest speaker, Dave Gamache from Character University. Dave was the keynote speaker at this year's Confirmation Retreat. He is a local person who gives talks around the country to teens and young adults about integrity, character and living a virtuous life. Parents are encouraged to attend this event with their children. If you have children in both age groups attend with your older child in order to discuss at home.

**St. Francis of Assisi Winter Carnival and Planting for the Co-Garden**

On March 12th during Faith Formation. This year we will continue to support the Homeless by partnering with our Confirmation class. We are asking for items to make up the Homeless Coalition Kits or monetary donations. A flyer will be sent out February 27th with more details, our whole parish is welcome to attend!

**Altar Server Training**

There will be an altar server training for new servers on Saturday, February 25th from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Any child who has received his or her First Communion is welcome to become a server. If you have any questions, please call Deacon Steve at 648-215.

## 6th Annual Hillcrest Community St. Patrick's Day Parade



To Benefit US for Kids  
Saturday, March 11th  
12:00p.m. Line-up  
1:00p.m. Kick-off



Parade begins at the Hillcrest Post 1194 American Legion down Chenango Street and ends at My Uncle's Place (120 East Arterial Highway)

## 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 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).
- #2 Envelopes are attached to the flyer or in the pews February 12<sup>th</sup>—19<sup>th</sup> or use your own during the month to drop in a cash or check (tax deductible) or go online at your own convenience.

## The Law of Love

The focus of today's liturgy is "obedience to God's word." We are challenged to "keep the commandments, to walk in the law of the Lord."

In order to keep the commandments, we must first know what they are and then we must understand them correctly. Jesus deals with this problem in the Gospel. The Jews had a law about murder, but they had misread it to mean that one was in the clear as long as one was not actually, personally killing someone. Jesus challenged his Jewish followers to follow the correct interpretation of the law, which meant that they were not to be the kind of people who would kill or would do anything that leads to someone else's death.

We Christians believe that God's "command of perfect love" obliges us to do what is just and right. It is not good enough to stay out of trouble; we must work at setting things right in the world. It is not good enough to give food to the hungry; we must work at making ours a society in which people do not go hungry.

"Give me discernment, that I may observe your law and keep it with all my heart"

"Let us not tire of preaching Love, it is the force that will overcome the world" — Archbishop Oscar Romero

# THANK YOU!

St. Francis of Assisi's 2017 Collection

raised:

**\$1,694.11**

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



February 5, 2017

*Clara B. Cooper*  
Clara Cooper  
President and CEO  
Super Bowl of Caring

## A Note from Sister Karen

My dear friends, after much prayerful reflection, I have decided that it is time for me to retire from my ministry here as Pastoral Associate. After 25 years here and after 40 years altogether in this beautiful ministry, I believe God is calling me to begin a new chapter in my life. (Maybe my turning 75 last month had something to do with it, too!)

In July I will be moving to our Provincial House in Latham, outside of Albany. There I hope to be of service, in even some small ways, to our Sisters living there.

I will truly miss all of you here. Even though Binghamton is my hometown, I have always felt especially "at home" with you. You have inspired and supported me in so many ways. Your loving responses to our many requests for help are always given with such generosity. I am confident that this will continue.

We have shared many joys and some sorrows, both personally and as a parish family. Be assured that you will always have a special place in my heart and in my prayers.

With love and gratitude,  
—Sister Karen

## Sanctuary Prayer

Who offered the stable for the birth of a child?  
Who offered refuge in Egypt when the family had to flee?

Who welcomed them there?

Who will offer sanctuary to the immigrants in our communities?

As they face roundups, as their human dignity is ignored?

Who will welcome and protect them,  
Who will choose love and inclusion over fear?

Who of us will recognize

A holy family, a mother, a child?

Who of us will remember Christ's words:  
"I was a stranger and you welcomed me;

What you do for the least of these,  
You do for me." Amen.

—Jane Deren, Ph.D.

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

Week of February 12th — George & Pat Clark  
 Week of February 19th — Karen Dotson

**Shelving (Mondays)**

February 13th — K. Mohney  
 February 20th — C. Woodruff & M. Ryder

**Distribution**

February 21st — R. & P. Scales, K. Benowski, M. DeNinis, P. Peters

**Nocturnal Adoration Society**

There will be a Nocturnal Adoration Society meeting at St. Patrick's Chapel from 7:00 -9:00p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18th St. Francis of Assisi Holy Hour is from 7:00-8:00p.m.

**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.

**Memorial for Sister Kathleen Duncan**

There will be a Memorial Mass to honor Sister Kathleen Duncan on Saturday, February 18th at 1:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church in Binghamton. Sister Kathleen so generously served the people of the Southern Tier for many years in education and at the Samaritan House.

During Sister Kathleen's ministerial life, she was called to be teacher and principal, speech and language therapist, superintendent of schools, development director and regional superior. All of these gifts came together when she founded Samaritan House, a resource and assistance center in Binghamton. Sister Kathleen frequently referred to Samaritan House as her "dream," and it also became the dream of dozens of volunteers, friends and supporters.

**Knights of Columbus 11403**



**Save the Date**

**March 11th, 2017**

**Hooley in Hillcrest**

**7:00 P.M. — 11:00 P.M.**

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish Gym**

Requested Donation:

\$15/person (in advance) \$18/person (at the door)

Tickets available in advance from any Knights of Columbus member or call the Rectory at 722-4388.



**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**

**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/Feet 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 just inside the front door of the school on Sundays during Faith Formation. There is also a box at the church and another at the Parish Center. THANK YOU to all the parishioners 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. They told us they could fill in the partial kits with the supplies remaining from what we donated in December. And, our timing was good since they were doing the point-in-time surveys, when they go out to where homeless people are located to identify them, bring them kits, and encourage them to come to shelters where other resources are available. This parish is amazing! Thank you!!

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

**February 18th & 19th, 2017**

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

Lector	Sr. Maureen Rainone
EM Host	Paulette Scales
EM Host	Mary Cooney
EM Host	Carol Danoski
EM Cup	Jan Pandich
EM Cup	Brenda Artman
EM Cup	Ron Scales
EM Cup	John Artman
Altar Server	Bryan Heller
Altar Server	Tyler Norton
Altar Server	Elizabeth Wrighter

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

Lector	Tom Phalen
EM Host	Sr. Karen Gaube
EM Host	Marie Iobst
EM Host	Joanne Horoschak
EM Cup	Lou Angelo
EM Cup	Marie Iobst
EM Cup	Mike Stricek
EM Cup	Suzanne Tierno
Altar Server	Natalie Broderick
Altar Server	Peyton Broderick
Altar Server	Mikayla Bucci

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

Lector	Anne Wolanski
EM Host	Steve Guth
EM Host	Maria Lord
EM Host	Dave Bollinger
EM Cup	Lyndsey Church
EM Cup	Stephanie Stracuzzi
EM Cup	Katie Ginalski
EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
Altar Server	Nolan Sirgany
Altar Server	Quinn Sirgany
Altar Server	Zachary Carr

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Which rules cause you the most difficulty? Why?

**Question for Youth:** In your own words, describe what the spirit of God's law is.

**Question for Adults:** Have you considered that laws are made with love? Do you accept God's love through his laws?

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