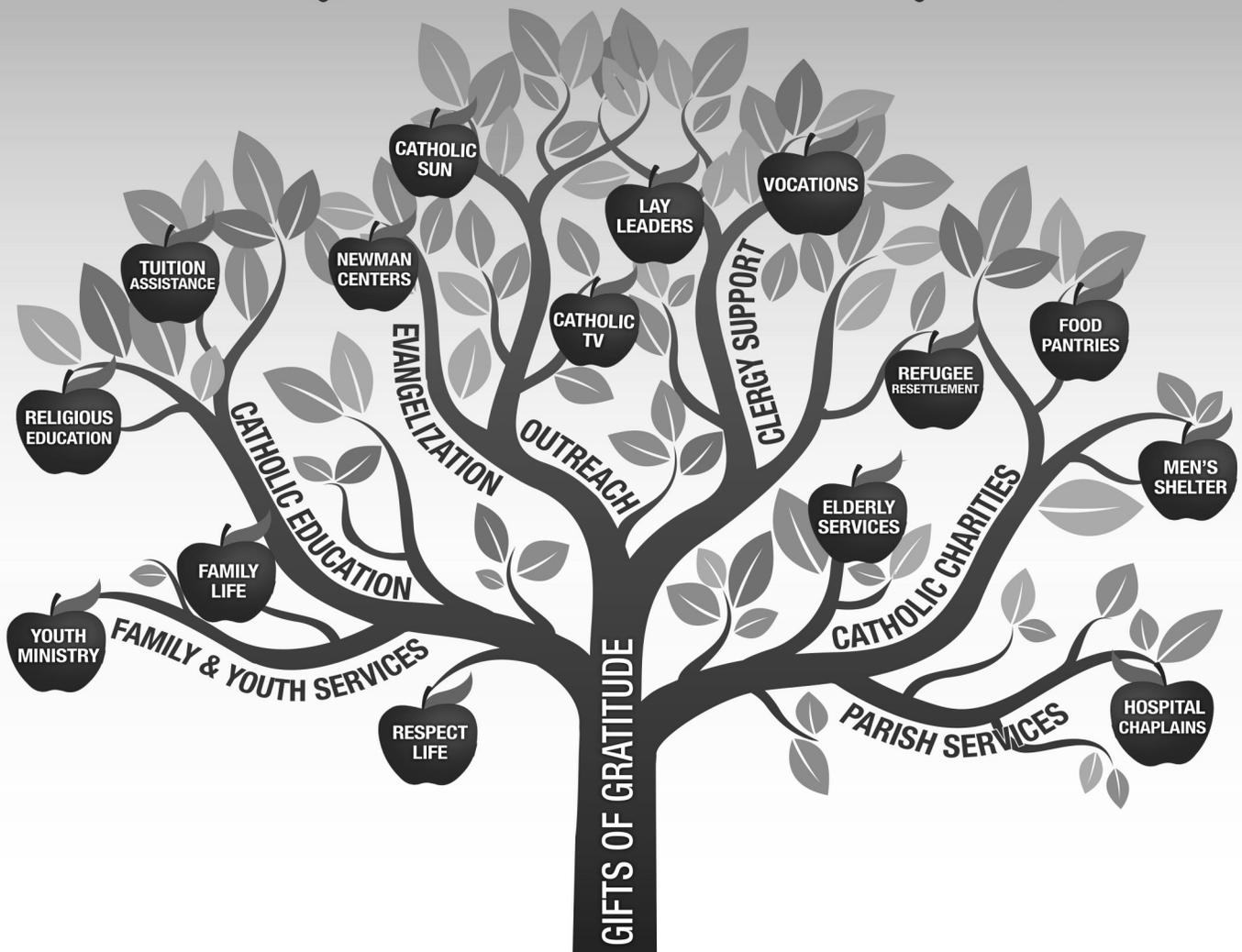


May 12, 2019

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

*Your Gift Plants Seeds of Hope!*



2019  
Annual  
**HOPE**  
Appeal

Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse



**Weekend's Offering (05-05-19)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,474.00
Easter Collection.....	\$45.00
Loose Collection.....	\$405.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,482.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,406.00

*Thank You for your generous contributions!*

**Saturday, May 11, Vigil of Sunday**  
4:00 p.m. Horace Julian by the Kenneth Munney Family

**Sunday, May 12, Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
8:00 a.m. Eva & Joseph Vertefueille by Family  
11:00 a.m. Vincent Grace by Arthur Grace

**Monday, May 13**  
8:00 a.m. Arlene Johnson by the Kalivoda Family

**Tuesday, May 14**  
8:00 a.m. Living Intention— Michael Lovaglia

**Wednesday, May 15**  
8:00 a.m. John Mando by Patricia Lawlor

**Thursday, May 16**  
8:00 a.m. Daniel Pagliarella by Chuck & Delores Farwell

**Friday, May 17**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, May 18, Vigil of Sunday**  
4:00 p.m. Martha Kostun by Jan & Mike Pandich

**Sunday, May 19, Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
8:00 a.m. Scott Allen by Eileen & Mike Fitzgerald  
11:00 a.m. Joe & Rita Brozovic by Family

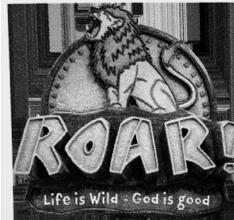
**Faith Formation**

**Have a safe summer, see you at Mass.**

**THANK YOU to our Catechists:** Sarah Blabac, Dawn Krisko, Ede Blabac, Debbie Davis, Shirley McCray, Kim Hunt, Roy Santa Croce, Julie Klepfer, Charlotte Heaney, Nora Bush, John Klepfer, Mike Stricek, Melissa Glenn, Chris Paske and Mary Lou & Emily Ekstrom. You generously share your faith and faithfully give your time to the young people of our parish.

**Looking Ahead:**

**Save the date:** Baccalaureate Mass is **Sunday, June 23rd at 11 AM.** Information will be mailed to graduating senior soon.



**Save the Date**

Vacation Bible School  
July 8-12, 6-8 PM

Binghamton First Church of the Nazarene  
1282 Chenango Street  
Sponsored by: Binghamton Nazarene, Community Baptist of Port Dickinson, Nimmonsburg Methodist, and Ogden-Hillcrest Methodist, St. Francis of Assisi Parish

**Children's Liturgy**

**May 18/19**

**4:00 PM Mass**— Maria Kirk/Sue Lee  
**8:00 AM Mass**— Ed & Kay Corcoran

**\*\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!\*\***

Catherine's Cupboard Pantry needs help on **TUESDAY MORNINGS** unloading a truck of food (1-4 pallets arrive in the Parish Center parking lot). The food must be moved into the pantry area and shelved. We have been lucky up until now to have volunteers (men & women) able to give a hour once or twice a month to do this but due to various reasons we have lost them and are now down to 2-3 people. Give Bev Krinik a call if you can help (723-2350). Thank you!

**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 homebound. Also, please pray for our deceased parishioners and loved ones.



**Annual  
HOPE  
Appeal**

The **2019 HOPE Appeal Commitment weekend** will begin on **Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, 2019.**

With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year; education of our children, college and seminary students,

evangelization, Catholic Charities services, and more. Please respond generously when you are asked to make your pledge. Each year, the HOPE Appeal gives us the opportunity to support valuable ministries, programs, and services that benefit many across the Diocese of Syracuse and beyond, including members of our own parish. This year's theme is **Gratitude.**

Next weekend is HOPE Appeal Commitment Weekend, when we join with faithful across the Diocese of Syracuse to support the HOPE Appeal. You will receive a letter from Bishop Cunningham asking for your support of the HOPE appeal. Please review the HOPE Appeal brochure and prayerfully consider making the most generous gift possible. You may bring your completed pledge card to Mass during HOPE Appeal Weekend or drop it by the parish office. You may also pledge your gift to our parish's campaign online, using your debit or credit card, at [syracuse.weshareonline.org](http://syracuse.weshareonline.org). If you did not receive the HOPE Appeal mailing, or have questions about the HOPE Appeal, please call Delores at the parish office (722-4388).

**What to do with Leftover Food?...**

This is a question often asked after a big dinner celebration or party. Graduation season is soon upon us as well as other special celebrations this spring. The parties I have been to always have delicious choices with a very extensive selection of food and desserts to choose from. People plan hard in choosing their menu and make every effort to make sure their tables are full with enough food for all. I hate to see such good food go to waste! So after your Aunts and Uncles and Grandparents take their share of leftovers home, others could benefit from your bounty.

Broome County Council of Churches has a program called **Broome Bounty**, which is a division of CHOW. Broome Bounty is Broome County's ONLY Food Recovery Program. Broome Bounty collects food that would otherwise be thrown away. Remember, it is truly a sin to waste food! They will come to your home and pick-up your delicious leftover food. Can't get any simpler than that! A great way to have those who experience food scarcity to share from your generosity. Just call **724-9130 ext. 342** and tell them you have delicious food they can pick up for others to enjoy!

**Catholic Social Doctrine:  
Stewardship of Creation**

**“Scientific evidence for warming of the climate system is unequivocal.”**

**- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change  
Climate as a Common Good**

*The climate belongs to everyone and is a complex system linked to what is needed to sustain human life. A “solid scientific consensus” has emerged that human activity has contributed significantly to the general warming of the planet. Other factors also play into this, such as volcanic activity and the solar cycle, but it is now undeniable that our dependence on fossil fuels triggers a large increase in greenhouse gases. Fossil fuels are at the center of the worldwide energy system. Climate change affects the carbon cycle, essential to all life. Potable water supplies decrease; agricultural output is reduced; water levels rise on our coasts; polar ice caps melt, producing increased methane gas.*

—Pope Francis on Care for Our Common Home

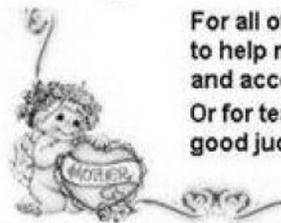
**The evidence for rapid climate change is compelling:**

**Warming Oceans**

The oceans have absorbed much of the increased heat due to global warming. The top 700 meters (about 2,300 feet) of ocean show an alarming warming of more than 0.4 degrees Fahrenheit **since 1969.**

**Happy Mother's Day!**

As I look back on my life  
I find myself wondering...  
Did I remember to thank you  
for all that you have done for me?



For all of the times you were by my side  
to help me celebrate my successes  
and accept my defeats?  
Or for teaching me the value of hard work,  
good judgement, courage, and honesty?

I wonder if I've ever thanked you for the simple things...the  
laughter, smiles and quiet times we shared...

If I've forgotten to express my gratitude for any of these things, I  
am thanking you now and want to express my love for you!  
And I'm hoping that you've known all along  
how very much you are appreciated!



**Birthright Mother's Day Carnation Sale**

Volunteers will be selling carnations at the entrances of the church after each mass for Mothers Day. The \$1 donation will benefit women with unexpected pregnancies throughout the region. Birthright of Binghamton is a pro-life non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to helping pregnant women and their babies.

## **Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule**

### **Transportation**

Week of May 12th — Pat & George Clark

Week of May 19th — Karen Dotson

### **Shelving (Mondays)**

May 13th — K. Mohneg

May 20th — Alex Hayes & Carol

### **Distribution**

May 7th — A. Short, S. Lee, M. DeNinis, L. Gildea,  
R. & C. Parga

## **Catherine's Cupboard Co-op Community Garden Enhancement**

Andrew and Elizabeth Rice are enhancing the Co-Op Garden that supplies fresh vegetables to Catherine's Cupboard, for their Eagle Scout and Gold Award projects. They are building raised beds, adding fencing and adding a rainwater collection system. They are looking for donations of the following items:

- 2x12x8ft      -2x6x8ft      -4x4x8ft
- 4 ft chain link fence      -gutters & downspout
- topsoil      -monetary donations

If you have any of these items you would like to donate, or have questions please call or text.  
(607)648-7486 home      (607)766-1041 cell/text

## **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

May 12th is Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On this day, we pray in a special way for our diocesan seminarians, parish pastors, and all clergy serving the people of the Diocese of Syracuse. Pope Francis said, "Vocation promotion is the responsibility of every Catholic". The vocation promotion team invites you to visit vocations-syracuse.org to meet our seminarians, check out upcoming events and find prayer tools and other resources for fostering a culture of vocations in your parish and family.

## **St. Francis of Assisi Co-Ed Half Day Basketball Camp**

The St. Francis of Assisi Co-ed Basketball Camp is scheduled for August 5th — 9th from 9:00AM to 12:30PM in the school gym. The camp is open to all boys and girls entering grades 1-5. Each camper will receive a camp t-shirt, along with instructions on the fundamentals of basketball. Jim Norris will be our guest speaker. Cost for the session is \$40. For more information or to register, call Delores at 722-4388.

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## **Upcoming Safe Environment Trainings**

(You must be trained before you may work or volunteer in or around any Catholic parish. EPDR every 5 years.)

Visit [www.syracusediocese.org/safe-environment](http://www.syracusediocese.org/safe-environment) to sign up for your session

### **Initial Safe Environment Training (PGC)**

**Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal

### **Recertification Training (EPDR)**

**Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott

**Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal

**Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

St. Joseph's Church, Endicott

## **Reflections From The Parish 10 Year Anniversary**

*"We are very fortunate to have an open, active church with a priest like Father Tim who is dedicated to God and practices Christianity. Our Parish offers many programs and ministries to support our parishioners and the community. Catherine's Cupboard and its many volunteers demonstrate the awareness of need within our local communities. We feel very blessed to be members of St. Francis of Assisi" — Carol & Bob Danoski*

*"I remember attending a Holy Day mass at St. Catherine's. At the time, I knew my church (St. Rita's) was closing and couldn't help thinking about where I would attend mass down the road. I remember feeling such a sense of peace as I attended that mass. John and I joined St. Christopher's after St. Rita's closed. We followed our Priest there. Then, within three years' time, we had to move to yet another church when St. Christopher's closed. Upon joining the newly formed parish of St. Francis, John and I were warmly welcomed into our new church. In St. Francis, we have found our church family and we feel blessed to be a part of such a warm, loving family." —Brenda Artman*

*"Having attended St. Christopher's for 35 years, I was concerned when our parishes merged, that it would take me a long period of time to feel fully comfortable in another parish. But... when the name for our newly formed parish was announced to be 'St. Francis', I knew, immediately, that it was all good! St. Francis of Assisi is one of my most admired saints— and long has been. So, the transformation to feeling 'at home' was almost immediate. And now I feel a loving family connection to all the parishioners here. It didn't take long at all!*

—Bridget Vavra

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

**May 18th & 19th, 2019**

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

Lector Sally Orband  
EM Host Dc. Steve  
EM Host Brenda Artman  
EM Host Carole Parga  
EM Cup Larry Koch  
EM Cup Rosemary Rounds  
EM Cup Etahn Glenn  
EM Cup John Artman  
Altar Server Delaney Wood  
Altar Server Liam Wood  
Altar Server Vincent Williams

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

Lector Maureen Mizzoni  
EM Host Dc. Steve  
EM Host Debbie Davis  
EM Host Scott Klein  
EM Cup Melissa Kliment  
EM Cup Nancy Oliver  
EM Cup Mary DeNinis  
EM Cup Mike Stricek  
Altar Server Braeden Krisko  
Altar Server Logan Kliment  
Altar Server Brendan Kliment

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

Lector George Clark  
EM Host Dc. Steve  
EM Host Pat Clark  
EM Host Anne Wolanski  
EM Cup Steve Church  
EM Cup Karyn Church  
EM Cup Lyndsey LoPiccolo  
EM Cup Betty Church  
Altar Server Brendan Heaney  
Altar Server Jessica Wojnar  
Altar Server

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Jesus promises to guard us like a shepherd does the sheep. How do you experience his loving care in your life?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus said “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” How does Jesus speak to you? What new path is he asking of you?

**Question for Adults:** What is your experience of being a follower of Christ, of being cared for and guarded with him as shepherd?

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