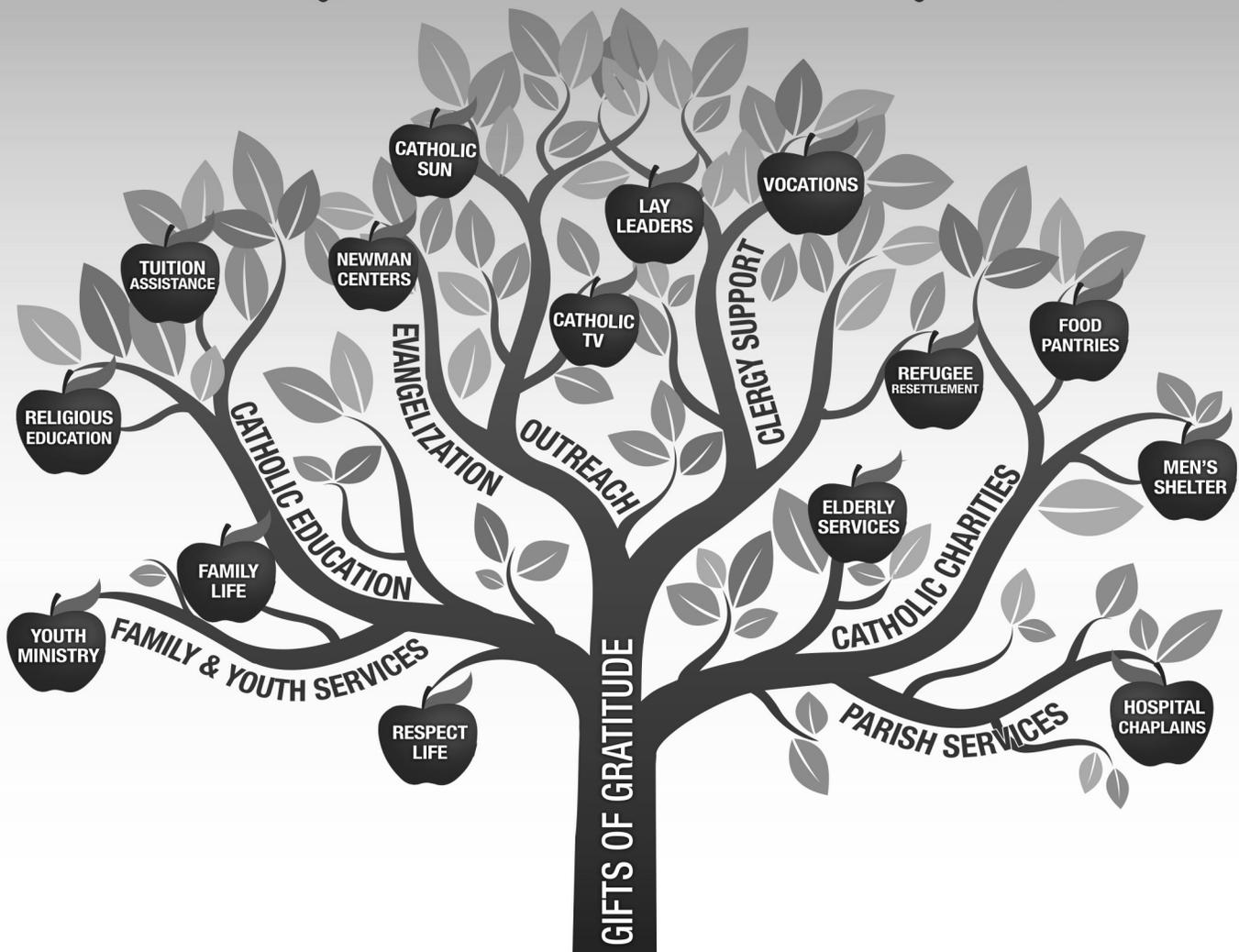


May 19, 2019

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



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

Monday, May 20
NO MASS

Tuesday, May 21
NO MASS

Wednesday, May 22
 8:00 a.m. Mary Stone by Bob & Shirley Parke

Thursday, May 23
 8:00 a.m. Frank Valenta by Jim Moffitt

Friday, May 24
NO MASS

Saturday, May 25, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. A Mass of Thanksgiving

Sunday, May 26, Sixth Sunday of Easter
 8:00 a.m. Patricia Laskowsky by Family
 11:00 a.m. John Zulko 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.

Weekend's Offering (05-12-19)

Regular Envelopes.....\$6,957.00
 Loose Collection.....\$340.00
 Electronic Collection.....\$1,362.00
 Total Collection.....\$8,669.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Baccalaureate Mass

Baccalaureate Mass will be held on **Sunday, June 23rd at 11:00AM**. Information to graduating seniors has been mailed. If you did not receive a mailing please contact Maria Kirk at 722-4177.

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.

****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!

Children's Liturgy

May 25/26

4:00 PM Mass— Roberta Cushing/Catherine Shafer
8:00 AM Mass— Ede Blabac/Bridget Vavra

June 1/2

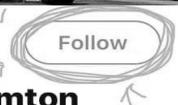
4:00 PM Mass— Maria Kirk/Sue Lee
8:00 AM Mass— Ed & Kay Corcoran

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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.



This weekend is HOPE Appeal Weekend! Together, when we pledge our gift to the Annual HOPE Appeal, we are giving thanks to Christ for the innumerable gifts we've been given and helping our friends and neighbors who benefit each year from the diocesan good

works funded through our annual appeal.

We are asking all parishioners to contribute to this year's HOPE Appeal. If we all give, we will easily meet St. Francis of Assisi's 2019 **HOPE Appeal goal of \$46,286** which is our parish share of the support for HOPE Appeal-funded ministries, programs, and services. If we exceed our target, 50 percent of the excess will be returned directly to our parish. However, if we do not meet this goal, the shortfall will be taken from our general fund. In an effort to meet our goal, I am asking every family in the parish to consider a minimum gift of \$175.00 (averages out to \$0.48 a day or \$14.38 a month). However, your gift, no matter the size, whether it is a pledge or a one-time gift, is important. Thank you to everyone returning their HOPE Appeal pledge card this weekend! If you are still prayerfully considering your HOPE pledge, you may bring your completed pledge card to Mass next weekend or drop it by the parish office. You may also pledge your gift to our parish's campaign online at syracuse.weshareonline.org.

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. Call **724-9130 ext. 342** and tell them you have food they can pick up!

**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:

Shrinking Ice Sheets

The Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets have decreased in mass. Data from NASA's Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment show Greenland lost an average of **286 Billion tons** of ice per year from 1993 to 2016, and Antarctica lost about **127 Billion tons**. The rate of Antarctica ice mass loss has tripled in the last decade!

Birthright Binghamton Thank You!

Birthright of Binghamton Inc. expresses our deepest appreciation and Thank You to Fr. Tim, the volunteers who helped, and the parishioners, for your continuing and generous support of our Mother's Day Flower Sale. Our parish itself donated \$610 !!

Birthright is a non-profit pregnancy help center staffed by dedicated volunteers. All of our services are free, including pregnancy tests, layettes, referrals and resources, as well as guidance, support, and friendship. May God Bless You. For volunteer information please call Diane Yajko at (607) 372-0312.



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 Ogdon-Hillcrest Methodist, St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of May 19th — Karen Dotson

Week of May 26th — Michelle Warne

Shelving (Mondays)

May 20th — Alex Hayes & Carol

May 27th — **CLOSED (MEMORIAL DAY)**

Distribution

May 21st — A. Short, S. Lee, M. DeNinis, L. Gildea, R. & C. Parga

Reflections From The Parish

10 Year Anniversary

"It is with a thankful, humble heart that I reflect on the parish of St. Francis. It's home. A gathering of new and former friends ever-changing, blessed with the presence of our priest, Fr. Tim, and every parishioner contributing according to God's plan. A faith filled community of members who care for each other."

— Mary Jane Paske

"My husband, Richard, and I officially became members of the parish only last year, but we have been attending Mass on and off since the church was St. Catherine's. I noticed a great improvement has been made since then. This church provides the feeling of kindness and spiritual comfort. Congratulations on the 10th Anniversary!!! —Chai-Kyou Mallinson

"I am very grateful for all the missions, etc offered by the parish to help me grow in my faith. The books have answered questions. I am also grateful for the social fabric we have throughout all the parish activities. So much love and helpfulness is available to us. Thank you! — Fr. Tim

"Friendship has perhaps no finer compliment than to be called upon. The social fabric that we call 'St. Francis' remains for us an absolute treasure. It is our sanctuary and the very best place we know to celebrate our faith, find solace in our sadness, and share the countless blessings with which we've been showered. Out gratitude may well be the finest echo we can offer to God's enormous grace!"

"We all in both parishes lost our personal identities changing to a new parish name was a very good idea. It seems everyone tried to make it 'ours' for both groups instead of 'the way we do it'. People from other denominations have asked me how it was working out, as many of them are also needing to consolidate. I always say it was a bit strange for all in the beginning but everyone tried their best and God guided us to a good and holy new parish."

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 to sign up for your session

Initial Safe Environment Training (PGC)

Tuesday, May 21st at 6:30 pm

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal

Recertification Training (EPDR)

Monday, May 20th at 6:00 pm

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott

Wednesday, May 29th at 7:00 pm

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal

Tuesday, June 18th at 6:30 pm

St. Joseph's Church, Endicott

Keith Urban Fundraiser Raffle

We are holding a fundraiser raffle for St Francis of Assisi

ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN...

2 tickets to Keith Urban's Dick's Open concert on August 16th, 2019, 8:00PM at Enjoie Golf Course in Endicott NY

Or

A guitar autographed by Keith Urban

\$20 per raffle ticket

Drawing: July 7,2019

Raffle tickets are available after mass, at Parish Center during regular hours, or from Pastoral Council Members.

Spring 2019 Thruway Tour Presents:

Cracks of Hope in a Rigid Institution:

Don't Throw in the Towel

Tuesday June 4th @ 7:00 PM

St. Francis of Assisi Church

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

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

May 25th & 26th, 2019

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector Rick Allabaugh
EM Host Dc. Steve
EM Host Betsy Shields
EM Host Bob Shields
EM Cup Mary Frances Charsky
EM Cup Ethan Glenn
EM Cup Dom Lomonaco
EM Cup Sue Lee
Altar Server Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server Mikey Schultz
Altar Server Logan Lomonaco

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Scott Klein
EM Host Dc. Steve
EM Host Ede Blabac
EM Host Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup Steve Baxter
EM Cup Denise Baxter
EM Cup Maureen Mizzoni
Altar Server Sydney Keough
Altar Server Braeden Krisko
Altar Server Mikayla Bucci

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Barb Novitsky
EM Host Dc. Steve
EM Host Kerri Hamilton
EM Host Virginia Thompson
EM Cup Emily Ekstrom
EM Cup Jules Furrer
EM Cup Maria Lord
EM Cup Rose O'Neil
Altar Server Abraham Watkins
Altar Server Alexander Watkins
Altar Server Nolan Sirgany

Question of the Week

Question for Children: How do you make obvious that you love your family and friends?

Question for Youth: The world is full of examples of people who don't love others. What are the results of hate that you see in the world? How would the world be different if we followed Jesus' commandment?

Question for Adults: Jesus' commandment to love another is a challenge. What will you do this week to deepen the love you have for those around you in life?

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