

October 15, 2017

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



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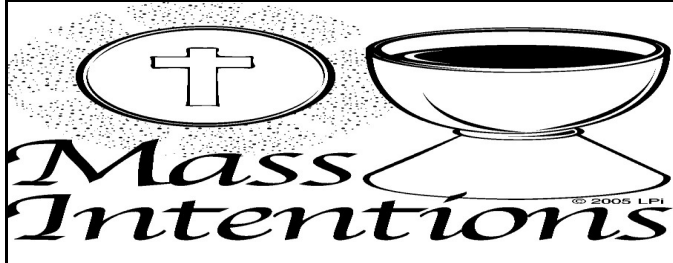
## **Mass Schedule**

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, October 14, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Catherine Koons by Family

**Sunday, October 15, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People  
 11:00 a.m. Christopher Albee by Mike & Wanda Farrell

**Monday, October 16**  
 8:00 a.m. Charles & Ruth Roth by Family

**Tuesday, October 17**  
 8:00 a.m. Joseph & Eva Vertefeuille by Family

**Wednesday, October 18**  
 8:00 a.m. Patricia Ryan by Bill & Family

**Thursday, October 19**  
 8:00 a.m. Christopher Petraske by Family

**Friday, October 20**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, October 21, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Joseph Sardella by Jack & Angie Aebli

**Sunday, October 22, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a. m. Liturgy for the People  
 11:00 a.m. Lloyd Woodruff by Ed & Dee Sleeper

**Catherine's Cupboard**

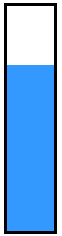
Our parish pantry is open to anyone in need of food. We are open on the **1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** No requirements except to show ID showing who you are. A person can come as often as needed. We are here to help, not to judge. So please pass the word to anyone you think may 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 (10-08-17)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,635.00
Loose Collection.....	\$115.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,869.00
Total Collection.....	\$8,619.00

Hope Appeal total donations so far are \$30,771 from 190 donors. We are 68.4% of the way to our 2017 commitment.

The diocese overall is at 80%!  
 \$14,070 LEFT TO GO for St. Francis!



**Faith Formation**

**Faith Formation this week for grades K-9. Opening Prayer will be in the Parish Hall at 9:30 AM. Dismissal form School as usual.**

First Reconciliation Parent Information Meeting will be held this **Sunday, October 15th** during Faith Formation. Meeting will be held in the Library in the School, Room 203.

**Looking Ahead:**

First Reconciliation "Coaching Session in the Parish Hall **Sunday, October 22nd** during Class time. A parent or other adult needs to be with your child during this class. Healthy snack will be provided.

First Reconciliation Rite of Changing Hearts will take place **Sunday, October 29th at the 11 AM Mass.**

**October 29th Noon-2:30 PM** Grade 5 and 6 Retreat with St., Mary's & St. Paul's here at St. Francis. 5th and 6th Grade will not meet during the Faith Formation time. They will meet in the Parish Hall **Noon—2:30 PM**. Lunch will be provided. The Retreat will focus on Laudato Si: Pope Francis' encyclical on the Care of our Common Home

**World Marriage Day**

The 33rd Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on Feb 11, 2018 at 2:30pm at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. The Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham will celebrate the Mass and witness the renewal of marriage vows of all couples in attendance. He will specially honor those couples celebrating 25th, 50th and beyond 50 years in 2018. Contact the parish office **before December 1st** to register.

**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, Bill Quinn.

### **Parish Book Club Returns**

Beginning on Tuesday November 7th our book club will be reactivated meeting either at 2PM or 7PM as usual in the Parish Center. Our book of focus is entitled, Jesus was a Migrant, by Deirdre Cornell. A timely book because it is a moving and spiritually grounded presentation of the value to the United States of migrants, immigrants, and refugees.

How are we as a people of faith to address this very important social concern?

Deirdre Cornell and her husband, together with their five children, lived in Mexico for three years as Maryknoll missionaries.

Previously they worked with migrant workers here in Upstate New York, and now continue that ministry.

Deirdre will be with us here in the parish the 1st Sunday of Advent. The book club is for those who wish to come together and discuss what was read and to learn from others their insight as well. If you just want to read the books on your own that is fine. Please call Delores at the parish center (722-4388) for your copy at only \$10!

### **Safe Environment Training**

A reminder to all church volunteers, that the United States Council of Catholic Bishops requires everyone who volunteers or is employed by any church organization to be screened. Our diocesan upcoming Safe Environment Training will be held at these locations. Screening is required every 5 years. If you have been contacted to be screened or to have your certification renewed please take advantage of these opportunities. If you have questions you can contact Maria Kirk at 722-4177. Register online at [www.syrdio.org](http://www.syrdio.org).

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

Saturday, October 21st at 9:00 AM

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott

Wednesday, November 8th at 6:00 PM  
SS John & Andrew Parish, Binghamton

Wednesday, November 8th at 1:00 PM  
Catholic Charities, Binghamton (limited seating)

Saturday, November 27th at 6:00 PM

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott

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

Wednesday, October 25th at 5:30 PM

Church of the Holy Family, Endwell

Monday, October 30th at 6:00 PM

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Endicott

Saturday, November 11th at 9:00 AM

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Endicott

Wednesday, November 29th at 6:00 PM

Parish of Saints John & Andrew, Binghamton

### **Black & White 5th Anniversary Fundraiser for Sean's Standing Strong Memorial Fund**

(a not-for-profit foundation that financially assists young adults diagnosed with cancer with their educational or recreational pursuits)

**Saturday, November 4th**

**7:00PM—10:00PM**

**Holiday Inn, 28 Hawley Street, Binghamton**

\$40 Ticket (\$50 at the door) Includes:

Light fare, dessert, a cash bar, raffles and entertainment.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit:

[www.seanstandingstrong.org](http://www.seanstandingstrong.org)

### **A Wonderful and Graceful Mission...**

The days of our Parish Mission were such a rich time of prayer, song, and fellowship. It was a new venture for our parishes of St. Francis, St. Mary's, and St. Paul's, and everything came together in such a wonderful way. The spirit was strong throughout the various days—from the ministry appreciation day at St. Paul's, the concert at St. Mary's, and the mission here at St. Francis.

We had a strong and faithful committee that worked well together to see that everything came together. I want to thank Joe Carpenter, Maria Kirk, Shirley McCray, Ed Savo, Emmanuel Sikora, Maria Klawiter, Mary Frances Charsky, Mike Meagher, Norm Shadduck, Steve Gardner, Sue Barry, and Fr. Jon Werner! This committee did a fantastic job! Also, the choirs of the various parishes added a richness to our prayer and liturgy.

A big thank you to Fr. Ken Beale for all he gave to our parishes in song, prayer, and talks!

Our hearts have been awakened and faith ignited! Now may we continue to bring that spirit to our parishes in our ongoing mission! Thank you! —Fr. Tim Taugher

### **A Message From Fr. Ken Beale**

"To the good people of the parish of St. Francis (and St. Mary and St. Paul), especially the organizing committee, the music ministry, greeters, and so many volunteers. Words cannot express the gratitude in my heart for your hospitality to me and Mike Gilbert during our stay at your wonderful parish. Perhaps the names will fade, but the memory of a church alive has been emblazoned on our hearts. Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,813.00! Please be assured that I will remember you all as I continue my ministry. And as you continue to allow the Lord to awaken your hearts, kindly remember us and the ministry of Faith on Fire Missions in your prayers as well. May God bless you! Father Tim and Father Jon, may God continually bless your ministry as shepherds of the people your parishes!"

-Fr. Ken Beale

**Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule  
Transportation**

Week of October 15th — Marie Giordano  
Week of October 22nd — Nancy Oliver

**Shelving (Mondays)**

October 16th — P. Turnbull & A. Hanley  
October 23rd — C. Woodruff & M. Ryder

**Distribution**

October 17th — M. Walsh, P. Peters, M. Turna, K. Dotson, M. Ryder & C. Woodruff

**Maryknoll Magazine Student Essay Contest**

Information for the 2017 Maryknoll Magazine Student Essay Contest is in the Faith Formation Office. This year's topic is "Recognizing Violence and Promoting Peace". The contest is open to students in Grades 6-8 and 9-12. Students are asked to write an essay citing examples of violence and telling what actions they are taking or could take to promote peace. Cash prizes of \$1000, \$300, and \$150 per division are awarded. The deadline is November 10, 2017.

**Danielle House**

Danielle House, our local healthcare hospitality guest home, is in need of volunteers. If you are looking to invest a few hours each week to serve families in a medical crisis, Danielle House may be the charity that you would love to be a part of. To learn more, please visit their website [www.daniellehouse.org](http://www.daniellehouse.org), or call 724-1540.

***St. Francis Annual Harvest Dinner***

**Sunday, November 5th, 2017  
12:00PM — 3:00PM  
In the Church Hall**

Our harvest dinner will be approaching soon. The signup sheets for working and/or donating food items, is posted on the bulletin board in the rear of the church. Please stop as you exit today and help make our Harvest Dinner a success.

We ask families to bake (bakery brought is ok too) 2 pies: Apple, pumpkin, or mince meat. Pies may be dropped off on Saturday, November 4th or Sunday morning, November 5th. If you need special drop off or pick up, call Kathy at (607)-621-6348. Help is needed to prepare Saturday morning at 9:00AM in the Church Hall.

**Harvest Dinner Gift Basket**

November 5th is the Harvest Dinner, time to plan now what your GIFT BASKET donation will be. The choices are always so wonderful and a part of the day so many look forward to. Plan now and drop off on November 4th in church hall.

**Fall 2017 Parish Events: HELP NEEDED!**

**Nov. 4th & 5th:** Harvest Dinner; we need gift baskets to raffle & someone to take charge of gift baskets, other jobs in the kitchen and at raffle tables will need filling. More details to follow

**Nov. 18th:** Thanksgiving Basket give away; we need help on the 16th 10AM preparing baskets, on the 17th we need a truck or a van to transport 50 turkeys from 4-5PM.

**Nov. 25-Dec. 10:** Giving Tree; we will need help putting tags on the tree and then on **Dec 11th to transport gifts.**

**Dec. 9th:** Pick up (truck or van) turkeys from Wegman's for pantry give away on the 19th 10:30-11:30.

As you can see there are various needs to complete many of the parish projects. Save this announcement and think about what **YOU** would like to help with. As time approaches call Delores at the parish center (722-4388) during regular office hours or sign up at church foyer (Harvest Dinner). Thank you! **OUR** Parish needs **YOU**.

**Thanksgiving Baskets**

**Sign-ups will be held September 11<sup>th</sup> — October 20<sup>th</sup> at our pantry locations.**

Catholic Charities Binghamton Pantry at 100 Main St.:  
Mon., Wed-Fri. 9-11:30am & 1-3:30pm, Tues. 1-3:30pm

Mother Teresa's Endicott Pantry located at St. Ambrose Church, 202 Garfield Ave:

Mon., Wed., & Fri.: 9:00 AM-2:30 PM

Residents of Vestal, Endwell and Endicott may sign up for a basket at Mother Teresa's Cupboard

Residents of Johnson City may choose either pantry to sign up, but must sign up **ONLY** at one.

Residents of the Windsor Central School District **MUST** sign up with Windsor Human Development. For more details for Windsor residents, please call 273-8839

All other Broome County residents please use the Catholic Charities Binghamton Pantry

**Samaritan House, NEEDS HELP**

Samaritan House is celebrating 20 years of helping those in need. To help us continue, we need blankets, sheets, towels, dishes, silverware, pots, pans, children's clothing, as well as hygiene products. Thank you for your continuous support. Ph:724-3969, Mon.-Thurs. 8AM-11AM & 1PM-3:30PM 11 Fayette Street

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet**

The Knights of Columbus will be having a Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, October 29th from 8:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. in the Church Hall. Please come and join us for a truly wonderful breakfast!

**Nocturnal Adoration Society**

Nocturnal Adoration Society meets at St. Patrick Chapel from 7—8 pm, October 21st. All members same time.

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

**October 21st & 22nd, 2017**

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

Lector	Sr. Maureen Rainone
EM Host	Dc.Steve
EM Host	Joan Storer
EM Host	Judy Murphy
EM Cup	John Pierce
EM Cup	Barb Brozovic
EM Cup	Ron Scales
EM Cup	Paulette Scales
Altar Server	Vincent Williams
Altar Server	Sarah Shafer
Altar Server	Tyler Norton

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

Lector	Ed & Kay Corcoran
EM Host	Dc.Steve
EM Host	Scott or Donna Iglar
EM Host	Ede Blabac
EM Cup	Suzanne Tierno
EM Cup	Tom Phalen
EM Cup	Mike Stricek
EM Cup	Kurt or Kelly Mohney
Altar Server	Andrew Rice
Altar Server	Jonah Rice
Altar Server	Juliana Rice

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

Lector	John Klepfer
EM Host	Dc.Steve
EM Host	Steve Church
EM Host	Karyn Church
EM Cup	Pat Clark
EM Cup	Jules Furrer
EM Cup	Lyndsey LoPiccolo
EM Cup	Stephanie Stracuzzi
Altar Server	Katelyn Church
Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
Altar Server	Alexander Watkins

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Why is it important for you to do what Jesus asks of you?

**Question for Youth:** Each week we are invited to participate in Mass. When you are at Mass, how well do you really participate? How could you be more present in heart, mind, and spirit?

**Question for Adults:** Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words who will be welcome and why they will be welcome, at the eternal banquet of God.

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