

October 17, 2021

# 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.

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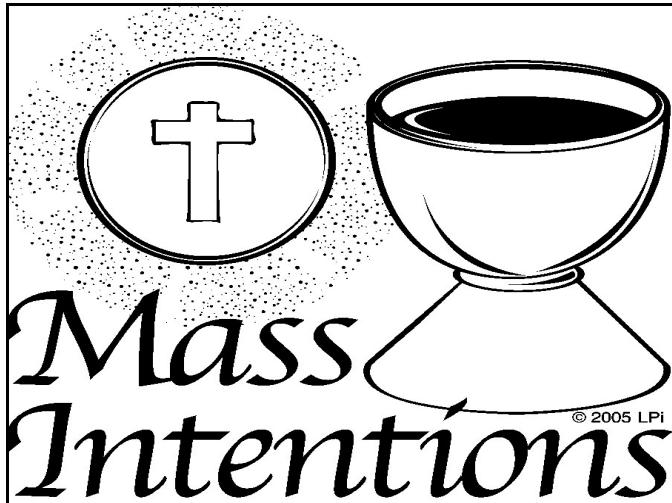
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**You can still attend weekend mass virtually!**

**Saturday, October 16, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Catherine Koons by Family

**Sunday, October 17, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:30 a.m. Charlotte Dudley by Pat Gosch

**Monday, October 18**

12:00 p.m. Gerald Davies by Jim &amp; Rose O'Neil

**Tuesday, October 19**

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Wednesday, October 20**

12:00 p.m. Mary Foran by Delores Farwell

**Thursday, October 21**

8:00 a.m. Leo &amp; Elinor Corey by Greg &amp; Lilly Pedroza

**Friday, October 22****NO MASS****Saturday, October 23, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Bob Shields by Nick &amp; Rosalie Roth

**Sunday, October 24, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:30 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna 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 (10-10-21)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$3,795.00
Loose Collection.....	\$397.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$2,280.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,472.00

*Thank You for your generous contributions!*

**Faith Formation**

**Faith Formation will begin this weekend at 9:15 AM with an Opening Prayer Service in the church.**

Parents are asked to attend and stay for a short meeting after the students are dismissed.

**Looking Ahead**

- + There will be a meeting for parents of children preparing for First Reconciliation next **Sunday, October 23, 9:30AM in the Parish Hall**. Please attend.
- + First Reconciliation "Coaching Session" for parents and children will take place in the **Parish Hall October 31, during Faith Formation. 9:15-10:15AM**.

**Volunteer Opportunity at Danielle House**

God blesses those who bless others.

Danielle House is in need of volunteers.

Three hours shifts available.

Duties to include light housekeeping, and clerical, but most importantly being a friend to our guests.

If interested and for more information, please call 607-724-1540.

**For Potential Godparents and Sponsors for Baptisms or Confirmation**

Anyone looking to be a Godparent or Sponsor to a Confirmation Candidate **MUST** be a registered member of St. Francis of Assisi to be able to get a letter of certification. This is the only way that the Church can verify you are a practicing Catholic. Please call Delores at the Parish Center (722-4388) for questions.

**Hospital Visitation**

Please remember, if you or another parishioner gets admitted to either Binghamton General Hospital or UHS Wilson Medical Center and you wish to be visited by Fr. Tim you need to tell someone. You should indicate that you are Catholic and belong to St. Francis of Assisi parish and that you wish to be visited by Fr. Tim or another Clergy member if you wish.

**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.

### Lectioary Reflection

The scriptures today offer a radical critique of the values that seem to dominate our world. Our culture seems to idealize those who are “the greatest” – those who have power over others, or the most wealth and influence, or the most exposure in the media. Jesus instead invites the disciples into lives of service not power – into lives of sacrifice not domination — into community and the common good and not just one’s own personal well-being. Catholic Social Teaching invites us into a commitment to the common good, a special option for the poor, a desire for community and solidarity between all people, and an appeal for nonviolence over the despicable sin of violence and the hatred that derives from it.

The scriptures today also remind us that God wants to be connected with our humanness and weakness. God shares our suffering and our struggle for what is right and just in the world. The God whom we find in Jesus is a God who is the “servant of all” and gives his life as a “ransom for the many.” Jesus reminds us to remember that the goal of life is bigger than our self.

God’s hope is that our mission is the mission of Jesus. It is a mission of service to the world and not one of domination over it or the world’s people. Pope Benedict wrote something that is also applicable today: “...the Church works not to extend her power or assert her dominion, but to lead all people to Christ, the salvation of the world...The Church’s mission is to spread hope ‘contagiously’ among all peoples.” It is a mission that is as big as the whole world. We are invited to see things from and learn from a perspective much bigger than our own self or family or nation or political or ethnic group.

### Prayer: Peace for the Children of God

*O God, all holy one, you are our Mother and our Father and we are your children.*

*Open our eyes and our hearts so that we may be able to discern your work in the universe.*

*And be able to see Your features in every one of Your children.*

*May we learn that there are many paths but all lead to You.*

*Help us to know that you have created us for family, for togetherness, for peace, for gentleness, for compassion, for caring, for sharing.*

*May we know that You want us to care for one another as those who know that they are sisters and brothers, members of the same family, Your family, the human family.*

*Help us to beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks, so that we may be able to live in peace and harmony, wiping away the tears from the eyes of those who are less fortunate than ourselves.*

*And may we know war no more, as we strive to be what You want us to be: Your children.*

*Amen.*

—Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town,  
South Africa



I am reporting to you that St. Francis of Assisi Parish has raised **\$6,600** toward our HOPE Appeal goal of **\$41,618.70**. 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). If you are able to contribute more, I strongly encourage you to do so. If you are not able to make the minimum gift, please give something. Your gift, no matter the size, whether it is a pledge or a one-time gift, is important. Thank you to all who have pledged their support to the HOPE Appeal ministries, programs, and services that benefit so many throughout Central New York, including many in our own parish. If you are still prayerfully considering your gift to this year's HOPE Appeal, you may bring your completed pledge card to Mass next weekend or drop it by the parish center office, or make your pledge to our parish's campaign online at [www.syrdio.org](http://www.syrdio.org).

### 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Justice Challenge

Saturday is National Make a Difference Day (celebrated the fourth Saturday in October). All of us want to leave our mark on the world in some way. Your challenge this week is to choose one action you can take to make a difference in the life of a person who is a victim of injustice in your community. It might be a student victimized by bullying, or worker who is denied a fair wage. You may see racism alive and well and choose to do something to break that cycle. Whatever you choose, see if you can make a difference so someone experiences more justice than he or she did before.

### Online Giving

Would you like to save paper and time when giving monetary donations to us? We have the option of online giving for your convenience. Visit our website [stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org) and click “online giving” in the menu. It’s easy to set up using your checking account, credit, or debit card for automatic or one-time donation options and you can choose where the money goes.

- Ordinary Contribution — Repair, Maint. & Utilities*
- Catholic School Support — Catherine's Cupboard*
- Special Sunshine — Annual HOPE APPEAL*
- Capital Campaign*

Check it out!

## Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

### Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

### Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELVING

### Distribution

Oct. 19— Michelle Hayes, Ginny Thompson, A. Short

### Thanksgiving Baskets Collection

Thanksgiving basket collection will begin **October 30th until November 17th**. Slips will be in church and also in the bulletin shortly. In the meantime if you are shopping, pick up pie crust mix, turkey gravy (can's only please), cranberry sauce, instant potatoes, etc as there are shortages this year. A full list will be posted of what is needed, where, and when to drop off. Details to follow. If you know a family in need, call Delores at the parish center (607-722-4388).

### Danielle House 14th Annual Virtual November Fest Fun Raiser Raffle

November 5, 2021  
6:00 PM

\$20,000 in cash prizes (provided all tickets are sold)

Tickets can be purchased either through...

Checks made payable to The Danielle House – mail to  
160 Riverside Drive Binghamton, NY 13905

Pay Pal on line at <https://www.daniellehouse.org/novFest.html>

Credit card or cash – Please call The Danielle House  
at 607-724-1540 for availability

Thank you in advance for your continued support

Have you had enough of COVID? Plan a cruise to the  
Land of the Midnight Sun in July 2022.

**Berkshire Travel Agency Presents  
A 14-Day Best of Norway Aboard the Rotterdam**

July 9 — 24, 2022

Hosted by Fathers:

John Yonkovig, Don Henry, Tom Ryan, and Tim  
Taucher

Valid U.S Passports Required

**Berkshire Travel Group Rates**  
(Per person/double Occupancy)

Category	Stateroom Description	Berkshire Rate
J	Inside Stateroom	\$2,855.00
E	Outside Stateroom	\$3,454.00
VD	Verandah Stateroom	\$3,805.00

**Rate includes:** Cruise accommodations as desired, port taxes and government fees, meals and entertainment on board ship, cocktail party for group

**Not included:** personal items, gratuities on board ship, airfare and transfers

Cancellation insurance is available and recommended

**Deposit:** \$600 per person is required to secure a room.

Contact Kathy Coll (610)372-4652 for more information!

### Donate Blood In Memory of Megan Santa Croce

Megan Santa Croce was a well-known and well-loved member of Chenango Valley Schools and Binghamton University communities as well as here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. She was an incredible, high energy, positive person. She battled cancer two times. First as a 15-year-old, and then as a 22-year-old. She battled for 17 months the second time before passing away at the age of 23 in November 2018. #LiveLikeMegan, give blood, and save a life in her memory.

**Broome County Cornell Cooperative Extension:  
Taste NY Building (Large Conference Room)  
840 Front St, Binghamton, NY 13905  
Saturday, November 20, 2021  
9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**1 blood donation can potentially save up to 3 lives!**

For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
Download the Blood Donor APP  
Enter Sponsor Code: MEGAN  
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



### **Fenton Free Library**

**Moody Memorial Building**  
1062 Chenango Street  
Binghamton, NY 13901  
607-724-8649

### **Doughnut Fundraiser**

Funds raised will be used for exterior improvements

**PRE-ORDER Krispy Kreme Doughnuts**



**Orders due by Wednesday, October 20th**

**Pickup on Saturday, October 23rd, 8 am to Noon**

**5 Choices to Pre-Order**

### **Krispy Kreme ORDER FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Variety	Quantity	Amount Due
Glazed (\$9/dozen)		
Chocolate Iced Glazed (\$8/half doz)		
Glazed / Lemon filled (\$8/half doz)		
Glazed / Raspberry filled (\$8/half doz)		
Glazed / Cream filled (\$8/half doz)		
+Additional Donation to Library		
		Grand Total

Make Checks Payable to "Fenton Free Library"  
DROP OFF OR MAIL FORM TO LIBRARY  
1062 Chenango Street, Binghamton, N.Y. 13901

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**  
**October 23rd & 24th, 2021**

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

Altar Server.....Calliope Brennan  
Altar Server.....Brendan Kliment  
Altar Server.....Logan Kliment  
Lector.....Joe Carpenter  
EM.....Carol Danoski  
EM.....Larry Koch

**10:30 A.M. Mass**

Altar Server.....Jessica Wojanar  
Altar Server.....Jonah Rice  
Altar Server.....Juliana Rice  
Lector.....Scott Igler  
EM.....Marie Iobst  
EM.....Shirley McCray

**Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule**  
**October 23rd & 24th**

**4:00PM**  
**Dan & Alison Brennan**

**10:30**  
**Ede & Sarah Blabac**

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**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Name some ways that you can serve others.

**Question for Youth:** Jesus changed the way we think of leadership to be someone who serves others. How are you a leader in school, your family, the parish and/or your community?

**Question for Adults:** What are some times in your own life when you have the chance to be last instead of first?

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