

October 18, 2020

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

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Please go online to
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our latest Sunday mass.
We will be posting new
videos of our weekend
liturgies by 4:00PM on
Saturdays **even after our
reopening.**

Also find the videos on our
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YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi
Binghamton)

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



Saturday, October 17, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Catherine Koons by Family

Sunday, October 18, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. John Broderick by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Connerton
 11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Monday, October 19
 12:00 p.m. Kathie Rzodski by Nancy & Dave Oliver

Tuesday, October 20
 8:00 a.m. Gina Chapman by Sue Di Mascio

Wednesday, October 21
 12:00 p.m. Louise Evans by Dorothy Allen & Family

Thursday, October 22
 8:00 a.m. Jean Galloway by George & Audrey Basler

Friday, October 23
NO MASS

Saturday, October 24, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Gerald Davies by Jean Lenigan

Sunday, October 25, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 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 (10-11-20)

Regular Envelopes.....\$4,862.00
 Loose Collection.....\$56.00
 Electronic Collection.....\$2,902.00
 Total Collection.....\$7,820.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation has begun with online sessions only. If you have not received your codes from Maria Kirk, please email her (Mkirk@syrdio.org) ASAP.

Please send in Registration forms and fees (if you can) as soon as possible, this will help in ensuring proper codes are sent and assignment credits are given to the students.

Children preparing for 1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist will begin with the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies **until November 1st**. The Parent Meeting reviewing the diocesan and local requirements for reception of these sacraments will be rescheduled.

Confirmation Candidates (and parents) should have downloaded Decision Point to their personal devices especially if they have not picked up their text. **The first Confirmation session will take place on November 8th** (possibly a Zoom meeting). Watch you email and remind notices 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 and Binghamton University communities as well as at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. She was an incredible, high energy, positive person who was always busy with work, school, theater, acapella group, friends and family. 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. Thank you!

Broome County Cornell Cooperative Extension:
Taste NY Building (Large Conference Room)
840 Front St, Binghamton, NY 13905
Saturday, November 21, 2020
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Donors will receive a free pumpkin pie!

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org

Download the Blood Donor APP

Enter Sponsor Code: MEGAN

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

COVID-19 antibody testing only available to donors who make an appointment. Get your results in 7-10 days at redcrossblood.org or through the Blood Donor APP.

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.



Capital Campaign Project

As many of you may have noticed, we had the front of the church cleaned in preparation for our work on the stone facade. On Monday we will start work. The stone will be covered with a synthetic material, which will be made to match the appearance of the stone, the angels will remain. The appearance of the facade will be improved and the concern about pieces of the stone falling and injuring folks entering or leaving the church will be gone. We will also be working on the side entrances replacing the steps and sprucing up the look of those entrances.

The Book of Remembrance

The book of remembrance will be on a stand this week for you to write the names of your loved ones who have died. You may also call Delores at the parish center (607-722-4388) or email Delores at dfarwell@syrdio.org to have us to write in the names of your loved ones. This book will be in our offertory procession at the weekend Liturgies of **Nov. 7th/8th**. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Bans of Marriage

Congratulations and best wishes to **Kelsey Heller and Spencer Wallach** who will be married soon. May God bless them and their marriage.



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 parish share of the support for HOPE Appeal-funded ministries, programs, and services. If you are able to contribute more, I strongly encourage you to do so. 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 syrdio.org.

Are You Hurting in Your Marriage?

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving, or uncaring; if your relationship has grown cold and distant; if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced but want to try again, then the Retrouvaille Program can help you.

For more information call: 1-800-470-2230
Or visit: <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com>

Put your faith into action: Practice civil dialogue!

In their statement on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics that we are called to engage in charitable, respectful and civil dialogue during election season. In a culture that is dominated by "partisan attacks, sound bites and media hype," the Church calls for "a different kind of political engagement" (no. 14). Join our Catholic witness for civil dialogue by learning more and taking the pledge for civility at CivilizeIt.org. You can take the pledge individually or as a group and invite others to take the pledge too. Visit FaithfulCitizenship.org to access resources on civil dialogue and on how our faith calls us to engage during election season and beyond

A Hymn for a Time of National Crisis

*O God of all the nations, your ancient prophets saw
that kings and institutions are not above the law.
Integrity is precious, and truth will one day stand;
Your way is peace and justice,
and love is your command.
O God, when times are troubled,
when lies are seen as truth,
When power-hungry people
draw praise and not reproof,
When greed is seen as greatness,
when justice is abused,
We pray that those who lead us
will know what they must choose.
We pray they'll gather wisdom and lift up high ideals,
To guide our struggling nation along a path that heals.
We pray they'll have the vision to value each good law,
To put aside ambition, to seek the best for all.
O God of all the nations, may those who lead us see
that justice is your blessing, that truth will set us free.
Give all of us the courage to seek the nobler way,
So in this land we cherish, the good will win the day.*

A Prayer for Civility

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where uncivil words prevail,
show me how to model love.
Help me remember the God-given dignity of all
and invite others to do the same.
Show me how to build bridges and not walls
and see first what unites us rather than how we diverge.
Let me seek to understand
before asking to be understood.
Give me a listening heart
filled with empathy and compassion.
May I be clear in sharing my own position
and respectful and civil in describing those of others.
Let me never tolerate hateful ideas.
May I invite all to charity and love.
Lord, help me to imitate your compassion and mercy.
Make me an instrument of your peace.
Amen.*

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

October 19th — Alma Short, Michelle Hayes, Ginny Thompson

THANKSGIVING BASKETS 2020

Starting on the 1st of November we will start collecting your donated Thanksgiving baskets. We are expecting to be asked to fill 125 or more this year. With shortage of items in the store lately, I thought I would give you a heads up of what will be needed.

⇒ **Stuffing (bag/box)**

⇒ **Pie crust (boxed or unrefrigerated only)**

⇒ **Pie filling (canned only, nothing refrigerated)**

⇒ **Cranberry sauce**

⇒ **Canned fruits, veggies and sweet potatoes**

⇒ **Instant mashed potatoes**

⇒ **Boxed bread or pudding mixes**

⇒ **Gravy (glass jar or canned)**

The shopping list will also be out in late October explaining more, but if you see these items now pick them up to make it easier later. It will be a challenge to complete this annual project but feel we will succeed one way or another. What is for sure is this year will be "Drive-up" pick-up for everyone's safety.

HELP WILL BE NEEDED on November 18th & 19th with sorting and getting organized. For safety purposes we will do this in 2 hours shifts of no more than 4 people working at any time. More details to follow.

Fenton Free Library

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

For Children's Programming

PRE-ORDER Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

Orders due by Wednesday, Oct. 21st

Pickup on Saturday, Oct. 24th, 8 am to 4 pm

FIVE Choices to Pre-Order

ORDER FORM

Name _____

Phone# _____

Variety _____ Quantity _____ Amount _____

Due _____

Glazed (\$8/dozen) _____

Chocolate Iced Glazed (\$7/half doz) _____

Glazed / Lemon filled (\$7/half doz) _____

Glazed / Rasbery filled (\$7/half doz) _____

Glazed / Cream filled (\$7/half doz) _____

Additional Donation to Library \$ _____

Total Due \$ _____

Make check payable to "Fenton Free Library"

Drop off or mail form to Library,

1062 Chenango St, Binghamton, NY 13901

Southern Region Special Mass

"In Time of Pandemic"

Bishop Lucia will celebrate a Mass "In Time of Pandemic" on Wednesday, October 21, at 7:00 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Binghamton. As the number of positive cases continues to increase not only in our own area, but in many parts of the state, in our country and throughout the world, we will gather to pray for an end to the Pandemic: to remember all those who have died, to pray for those who are seriously ill, those who have tested positive, for all healthcare workers in our hospitals, Nursing Homes and other health care facilities, for First Responders, for medical researchers working on a vaccine, for all essential workers, and for all who are fearful of this dreaded disease. All are welcome to attend this mass or watch it virtually since it will be live-streamed on St. Thomas Aquinas YouTube Channel.

Danielle House 13th Annual November-Fest Fun Raiser Raffle

Danielle house Fun Raiser Raffle will be held

Friday, November 6th @ 6:00PM

\$20,000 in cash prizes if all tickets are sold!

Information on ticket purchase can be accessed on the Danielle House website – www.daniellehouse.org.

"Danielle House was created in response to the need for shelter and emotional support for family members visiting seriously ill patients in Binghamton-area hospitals."

Thank You!

I would like to thank all for the many cards and prayers while I was recovering from my heart attack. God bless you all!
—Mary A. Russik

PARISH REGISTRATION

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether you're a long-time resident or newly arrived in the Parish. Please check the appropriate box and place in the collection basket or return to the Parish Center. *We thank God that you are with us.*

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

New Parishioner, send registration form

Change of address or phone number

Temporarily away. Stop envelopes

Moving, please remove from Parish Roster

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
October 24th & 25th, 2020

4:00 P.M. Mass

Designation ONLY

8:00 A.M. Mass

Designation ONLY

11:00 A.M. Mass

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**Children’s Liturgy of The Word will be
posted by Noon on Saturdays!**

Question of the Week

Question for Children: In your young life, who has helped you know Jesus as a friend?

Question for Youth: We are supposed to give to God the things that are God’s. What in your life is dedicated to God? How do you keep those things sacred?

Question for Adults: If you were to write a thank you note to someone or to a group who has helped you grow in faith, to whom would you write and what would you say?

END OF BULLETIN

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