

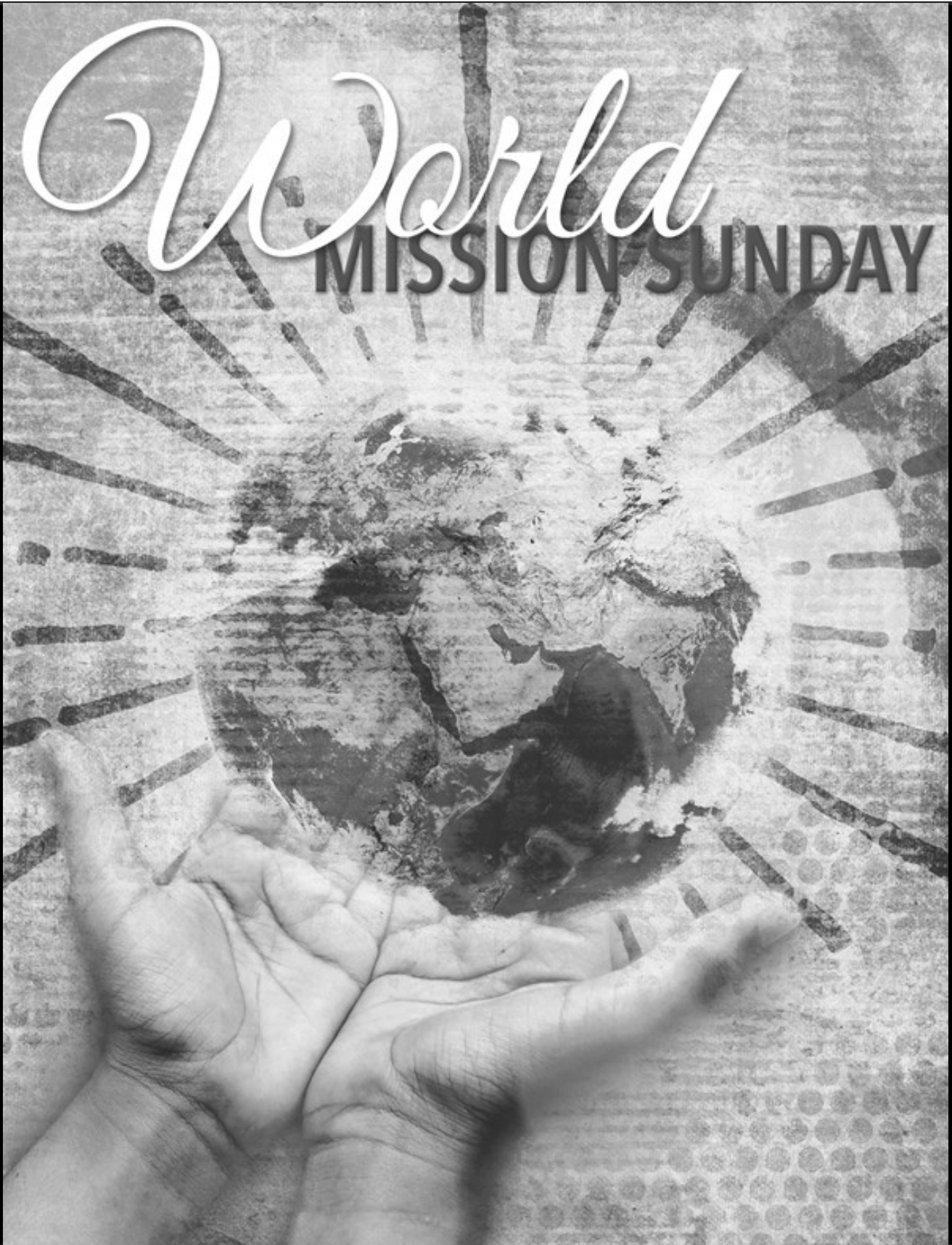
October 22, 2017

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

World

MISSION SUNDAY





Saturday, October 21, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00p.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

Monday, October 23

8:00 a.m. John Broderick by Cathy & Jack Fitzgerald

Tuesday, October 24

8:00 a.m. Nancy White by Family

Wednesday, October 25

8:00a.m Mary Lyons by Jim & Linda Cerra

Thursday, October 26

NO MASS

Friday, October 27

NO MASS

Saturday, October 28, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Sunday, October 29, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Daniel Berry by Jim & Rose O'Neil

11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

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 (10-15-17)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,126.50
Loose Collection.....	\$166.75
Electronic Collection.....	\$719.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,012.25

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 from School as usual.

Looking Ahead:

First Reconciliation "Coaching" Session in the Parish Hall this **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 next **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.

OUR PARISH FOOD PANTRY (CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD) WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL WHO WORKED ON OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN. FRESH VEGGIES ARE A TREAT FOR OUR VISITOR'S.

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.

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.

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)

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

St. Francis Statue, Thank You Cameron!

Our parish is grateful to Cameron Drumm for his Eagle Scout Project. He has constructed the benches in our parking lot as well as purchased a statue of St. Francis of Assisi, our patron saint. We appreciate your hard work and commitment to this very worthwhile project. We are confident you will receive this high honor. Thank you Cameron!



Turkey Party

When: Friday, November 3rd at 7:00 P.M.

Where: St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall



\$7.00 Admission
\$4.00 (under 12 years old)
Free under 5 years old



Raffles for children and adults

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus 11403

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!

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule
Transportation

Week of October 22nd — Nancy Oliver
Week of October 29th — Ann Wilcox

Shelving (Mondays)

October 23rd — C. Woodruff & M. Ryder
October 30th — T. & M. Phalen

Distribution

November 7th — M. Peters, A. Smilnak, C. Danoski,
R. Rounds, M. Quinn, M. Hayes

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**.

Holly Day Fair

Featuring handmade crafts, holiday items, collectibles, raffles, bake sale and food

When: Fri. and Sat., November 10th & 11th

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm each day

Where: Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Center
701 West Main Street, Endicott, NY

St. Francis Annual Harvest Dinner

Sunday, November 5th, 2017

12:00PM — 3:00PM in the Church Hall

**Cost: \$8.00/adult or teen, \$7.00/adult 65+,
\$5.00/kid under 12, free/child under 5**

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.

Nov. 18th: Thanksgiving Basket give away; we need help on the 16th at 9:30AM preparing baskets, on the 17th we need a truck or a van to transport 70 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 Donation Baskets

Slips will be available on October 28th/29th and baskets need to be returned to Parish Center/Pantry no later than November 15th. We will leave pantry door open during masses for the next couple weeks. St. Francis will be doing 100 baskets including turkeys for families of 3 or more (families for 1 or 2 people will be offered gift cards). If you choose to make a monetary donation instead of shopping that would be great as we purchase gift cards, bread, and apples if affordable. Be sure to mark monetary donations as "THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS". Volunteers are needed on Thursday November 16th at 9:30a.m. to put all the baskets together and organize the room for turkeys on Friday, November 17th. We could also use a hand picking up the 70 turkeys at Walmart (thank you to Catholic Charities) so we need a truck or large van plus strong bodies on that November 17th. Call Delores at the Parish Center (722-4388) to sign up. Do YOU know of a family who could use a basket, no questions asked? Just call Delores at the Parish Center (722-4388) with the number of people in the family, how to reach them, and we will take care of them. Over 3,000 families have signed up so far at Catholic Charities this year in Broome County.

DOUG'S FISH FRY

THURSDAY OCTOBER 26TH

REC PARK

11:00AM — 6:00PM

ORDERS MAY BE CALLED IN (423-5996)

Sponsored by St. Thomas Parish Life Committee

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

October 28th & 29th, 2017

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Joe Carpenter
EM Host	Katie Ginalski
EM Host	Betsy Shields
EM Host	Bob Grace
EM Cup	Bob Shields
EM Cup	Mary Frances Charsky
EM Cup	Bea Grace
EM Cup	Jan Pandich
Altar Server	Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server	Logan Lomonaco
Altar Server	Madelyn Strnatka

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Shirley McCray
EM Host	Debbie Davis
EM Host	Lou Angelo
EM Host	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup	Mary DeNinis
EM Cup	Joanne Horoschak
EM Cup	Maureen Mizzoni
Altar Server	James Bush
Altar Server	Sarah Bush
Altar Server	Mary Bush

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Faith Formation
EM Host	David Hanzes
EM Host	Rose O'Neil
EM Host	Steve Guth
EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
EM Cup	Chris Gill
EM Cup	David Gill
EM Cup	Dave Bollinger
Altar Server	Jessica Wojnar
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	John Michael Frissora

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 to 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?

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