

October 22, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



Mary of Nazareth, who is both Jewish and Palestinian, extend your mantle of mercy over all the peoples of the Holy Land -- Jews, Muslims, Christians, Palestinians, Israelis, migrants, and refugees. Mother of the Messiah, show us how to be Instruments of healing and peace in the midst of war, occupation, terrorism, and divisions. Give us an embracing love for all in the Holy Land, especially hostages, innocent victims, the homeless, and the dying. Mary our Mother, given to us by Jesus on the cross, pray for us.

Staff

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Organist
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Maintenance/Groundskeeper
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Housekeeper
Brendan Kliment
Sarah & Mary Bush
Sacristans

Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday:
7:30 am to 4:30 pm
Friday: Closed

Confession:

2nd & 4th Saturday of every
month at 3:00 pm in the Church

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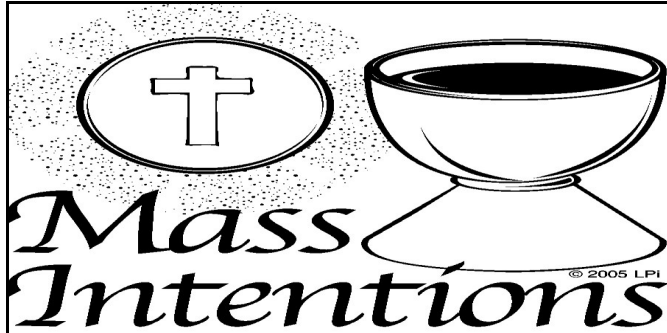
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We will be posting new
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Saturday, October 21, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Mary Wilson by John & Mary Jane Paske

Sunday, October 22, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. John Klepfer by Don & Helen Makers

Monday, October 23

12:00 p.m. Christopher Petraske by Family

Tuesday, October 24

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Wednesday, October 25

NO MASS

Thursday, October 26

NO MASS

Friday, October 27

NO MASS

Saturday, October 28, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Cynthia (Santa Croce) Kern by Kathleen Dwyer

Sunday, October 29, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Catherine's Cupboard

CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD has been serving our community for the past 20+ years, it's **open the 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month from 5 till 7 (or until all are served)**. We serve anyone who comes, asking only for ID, if they have any. As members of SOUTHERN TIER FOOD BANK, we purchase at wholesale (or less), providing **basic dry or canned goods, fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy, and frozen meats**. We try to provide **5 days of meals** and include **personal care items** also. We operate on **100% donations or grants**. Our location at the parish center means we have most overhead costs covered. However, we serve over 1200 people, requiring a budget of close to \$50,000 a year. PLEASE tell anyone you know who is feeling food insecure to stop in. **If you would like to donate food items, they can be left at parish center or food barrel in church foyer. Monetary donations can be mailed to our parish office or via the online giving tab at stfrancisbing.org**

Weekend's Offering (10-01-23)

Regular Envelopes.....\$4,500.00
Loose Collection.....\$550.00
Electronic Collection.....\$1,600.00
Total Collection.....\$5,650.00

Thank you for your generosity!

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation for grades K-9 will meet at 9 AM, in the Parish Hall.

Looking Ahead:

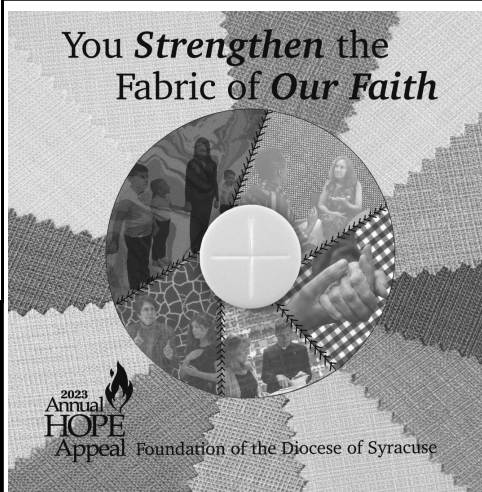
† 1st Reconciliation "Rite of Changing Hearts" will take place at the 10:30 AM Mass on October 29th.

Thank you Nick Norton/New Sacristans!

We would like to thank Nick Norton who has graced us with a great amount of help, energy, and effort over the last few years as one of our Sacristans. Thank you Nick for all you've done for the parish!

As Nick departs we would like to welcome two of our young parishioners, Sarah and Mary Bush, who will be taking over Nick's sacristan duties. If you see them around the church please show them our appreciation for their commitment.

Also, don't forget to thank Brendan Kliment for his continued efforts as a sacristan. Thank you Brendan!



2023 Annual HOPE Appeal

The HOPE Appeal is our Diocesan Appeal campaign to support programs and services throughout our diocese which touches countless lives in every city, town, and rural area in our diocese. When the goal of the HOPE Appeal is achieved we ensure that these programs will receive the funding that is needed.

Our parish goal for the 2023 HOPE Appeal is \$42,826.

The overall theme this year is, "You Strengthen the Fabric of our Faith". This year's HOPE Appeal video can be viewed online in one of two ways. You can go to our parish website stfrancisbing.org or find it on syracusediocese.org/hopeappeal/ You can donate to the HOPE Appeal by going to our parish website and choosing "online giving".

Donations are appreciated and important!

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, Kerri Hamilton and Michael Rinker.



For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission

Right now the Synod in Rome is being held. This convening is a major event in the church, and it comes after the universal listening sessions that took place two years ago. In the bulletin there is regular information about this Synod, and what it means for the church. "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium." — Pope Francis

Stop trying to go it alone, being all things to all people. Every

parish is not the entire Body of Christ. Self-sufficiency, redundancy, and competition impede learning together, journeying together and serving together. Build bridges, collaborate, share, and serve as one Body in Christ.



Synod
2021
2023

For a synodal Church
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World Mission Sunday

Today, October 22nd, is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all! The collection will be for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it supports priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity!

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Justice Challenge

This Sunday's Gospel has Jesus reminding us to give to God what is God's. As Catholics, we are called to practice stewardship—to use our time, our resources, and our gifts and talents to build God's kingdom here on earth. Your challenge this week is to examine your efforts to tithe financially. How much of your money goes toward those most in need? In addition to your support of the local parish and the universal Church, to which charities do you contribute? If you don't have a favorite charity, consider making a Catholic organization your charity of choice. Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul, and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development are a few of the many great Catholic organizations which exist to serve the most vulnerable in our world. Make them part of your practice of stewardship, and give to God what is God's.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Creation Care Tips

As the leaves fall this autumn, rake them and add them to your compost pile rather than stuff them into plastic bags which will end up in the landfill. Don't have a compost bin? Rake them into a pile in the corner of the yard or over a garden plot to decompose back into the soil. As a last resort, ask if any of your neighbors will accept them for their gardens.

PARISH MISSION: A Grace Time

So much work went into last week's parish mission for which I am very grateful. De. Steve Meyer offered so much in each of his presentations as well as his homily last weekend. I came away, and hope all those who attended benefitted as much as I did. His focus was, "Living with Real Presence: Eucharist As An Approach To Life", and he really gave a wonderful way for us to appreciate the Eucharist, and to better understand the value and gift we so often take for granted. Not only I am grateful for his presence and talks, but also for David Barocsi, who is a regional representative for Pflaum Publishers. All our Faith Formation materials are from Pflaum. Davis along with Creative Communications and Twent-Third Publications were a generous sponsor for the mission. With their wide network of parishes there were parishes who too participated in the mission via livestream. Very grateful for Sue Ekstrom making this all happen for us. Doing much work with set up, coordinating each session was Maria Kirk. Her assistance was a tremendous help for all of us. Also, Fred Hazlett for his making everything clean and presentable. A BIG THANK-YOU to all of you who attended not only parishioners, but also several people from various parishes. Hopefully, this parish mission empowered us to live out our parish mission statement, to being "Eucharistic faith community committed to living and sharing the Gospel life."

Savings, Health and Comfort!

A Presentation by Diane Stefani of Climate Reality Project

WHEN: Wednesday, 11/8/2023, 7:00pm

WHERE: St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall

Diane Stefani, a trained Climate Reality Project leader and co-chair of the Finger Lakes Greater Region chapter, will give a presentation on how you can achieve Savings, Health and Comfort via electrification with the help of money saving incentives.

This presentation covers:

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), the 3 step home electrification process, the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and New York State incentives for home electrification and electric vehicles.

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) helps New Yorkers get the latest clean energy technologies and equipment that will save energy for years to come. From the cars we drive, to HVAC, the IRA is helping New Yorkers choose clean energy technologies that improve their health, safety, and quality of life.

Diane serves on the executive committee of Tier Energy Network, a regional network of industry, community and higher education representatives supporting the development of energy strategy for New York State. She taps into her professional background by focusing on workforce development strategy and implementation for clean energy jobs. She is also a Cornell Cooperative Extension Energy Navigator and, a former chair and on-going member of the Broome County Environmental Management Council.

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

November 7th: C. Danoski, A. Smilnak, M. Hayes, and J. Wyatt

Thank you from Catherine's Cupboard

THANK YOU to our neighbors, Fenton Library, Odgen Methodist, and Church of Nazarene who support our pantry. WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS ON TUES NIGHTS FROM 5:00—7:30PM. CALL BEV 607-725-7645 FOR MORE INFO.

Bans of Marriage

Congratulations and best wishes to **Kerry Heller and Daniel Coleman** who will be married soon. May God bless them and their marriage!

Mass Card Stipend Increase

The stipend for Mass Cards is now \$15 each. The increase in price went into effect in July 1st, 2023. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Donate Blood In Memory of Megan Santa Croce



Megan Santa Croce was a well-known and well-loved member of the Chenango Valley and Binghamton University communities. She was a high energy, positive person who was always busy with work, school, theater, acapella, friends and family. She battled a rare, aggressive 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. She always had time to share a smile with others. #LiveLikeMegan, give blood, save a life, and help us keep our daughter's memory alive! Thank you!

Hosted by St. Francis Church

In the Hall
1049 Chenango St.
Binghamton, NY 13901

**Saturday, November 11th, 2023
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Please call 1-800 RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to make your lifesaving appointment today!

All presenting donors will receive their choice of a Pura Vida bracelet or a purple winter beanie.

All who come give 11/10 to 11/30 will get an exclusive pair of Elf & Red Cross socks Ltd qty. Make giving a tradition!



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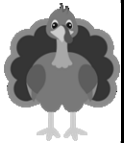
I can't think of anything Megan would be more proud of than saving a life and helping a person in a serious health crisis. Please give blood in her memory on 11/11, I want EVERY appointment slot filled, that's 45 total! If you've never given, you CAN DO THIS for Meg! Non- Binghamton friends, please consider donating in your area on 11/11. Please share! (PS Trivia Night will be in the Spring)

Catherine's Cupboard: PANTRY NEWS

Fall is here, we are now collecting **2024 calendars**, you know those that show up by the dozen in your mailbox. Last year 150 went to a nursing home & jail ministry plus they're given out year round to pantry visitors. Greeting cards are used year-round as well. Leave donations in the foyer barrel at church or drop off at the pantry during parish center business hours. The **Thanksgiving Baskets** this year will be collected starting on November 1st through November 14th. **We expect to do 135 baskets** and know already we will be short on turkeys SO start buying items like pie crust & filling, stuffing etc as it is always hard to find the closer you get to the holiday. IF you have an extra turkey we can accept them starting November 1st. Drop off at Catherine's Cupboard food pantry, located inside St. Francis of Assisi's Parish Center during regular office hours Mon-Thru 8AM—4PM. THANK YOU for the ongoing support of blue trash bags and food items as it is desperately needed.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS 2023

FOR FAMILIES WITH 3-4 MEMBERS:



- 1 Stuffing (bag/box)
- 1 Pie crust (boxed or **unrefrigerated only**)
NO Graham Cracker
- 1 Pie filling (**canned only**, check for additional items needed for recipe [ie. evaporated milk])
- 1 Can cranberry sauce
- 3 Canned fruits or separate cup sizes (4 or 6/pack)
- 3 Canned veggies
- 1 Large can sweet potatoes or yams (or 2 med size)
- 1 Large box instant mashed potatoes (or 2 med)
- 1 Large box bread mix (pumpkin, banana, cran etc.)
- 2 box Jello or Pudding mixes or individual servings
- 2 Gravy (glass jar or canned)

MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS ACCEPTED FOR CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD

Please drop off your Thanksgiving Basket at St. Francis Parish Center (Catherine's Cupboard) on **Saturday or Sunday, November 4th/5th or November 11th/12th before or after any Mass. No later than November 15th**

OR

Drop off during normal parish center hours, Mon.--Thurs. 7:30AM to 4:30PM (Ring the doorbell beside the double doors if locked)

Questions? Contact Bev Krinik at 607-723-2350

PLEASE NO ADDITIONS OR SUBTRACTIONS TO THE MENU ABOVE

Thank you for your generosity during this holiday season! — Catherine's Cupboard Committee



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

October 28th & 29th, 2023

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Michaela Wood
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Barb Brozovic
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Judy Daniels
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Betsy A Shields
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Deb Carden
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Mike Stricek
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sydney Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	1st Communion Children
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Marie Iobst
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Shirley McCray
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Catherine Shafer
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	David Hanzes

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

October 22: Amy Drake & Maria Kirk

October 29: Patti Klepfer & Toni Robinson

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

Do you have a child or grandchild who has already received their First Eucharist? If so, they can be altar servers! **We are in desperate need of more altar servers** as we barely have enough to cover the masses alone week to week.

Why altar serve?

- 1.) It is a good way to get actively involved in the mechanics of mass. Some kids who find it hard to sit still may benefit from the activity that it provides.
- 2.) It allows for kids to be a closer part of the church community and make connections.
- 3.) Direct religious education learning opportunity
- 4.) Gives kids a sense of purpose and pride Church

Call the parish center (607)722-4388 or fill out a liturgical signup form (on table in the back of the church) and drop it in a collection basket.

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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