

October 25, 2020

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



# FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

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



**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  
**Monday, October 26**  
 12:00p.m. Bob Shields by Catherine Shafer  
**Tuesday, October 27**  
 8:00 a.m. Patricia Donahue by Dr. Jack Harding & Family  
**Wednesday, October 28**  
 12:00 p.m. Christopher Shafer by Betsy Shields & Family  
**Thursday, October 29**  
 8:00 a.m. Marion Crane by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee  
**Friday, October 30**  
**NO MASS**  
**Saturday, October 31, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Paul Miller by Wife, Angela  
**Sunday, November 1, All Saints' Day**  
 8:00 a.m. Tony Stento by Vince & Mary De Ninis  
 11:00 a.m. Dorothy Pagliarella by Jim & Rose

**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 (10-18-20)**

Regular Envelopes.....\$3,463.00  
 Loose Collection.....\$68.00  
 Electronic Collection.....\$1,311.00  
 Total Collection.....\$4,842.00

*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.

In Person Faith Formation will begin **Sunday, November 1st** at 9:30 AM with a prayer service in the GYM, a short parent meeting will follow.

Children preparing for 1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist will begin with the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies until November 1st. The Parent Meeting reviewing to review 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. 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 21, 2020  
 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Donors will receive a free pumpkin pie!  
 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).  
 COVID-19 antibody testing only available to donors who make an appointment. Get your results in 7-10 days at [redcrossblood.org](http://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 especially, Salvatore Sabato.

### **Fratelli Tutti (Pope Francis' Encyclical)**

On October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis issued his latest encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti, On Fraternity and Social Friendship*. This is more than just another Church document. It is Pope Francis' "cry from the heart" to all people of the earth to see beyond their differences— indeed, to work *with* their differences— and begin to grow together to build a new and peaceful world. Using the parable of the good Samaritan as a model, the pope lays out concrete ways to begin this process: listen to one another, caring for one another, reaching out beyond our own culture, and being willing to engage in honest and open dialogue. To achieve all this, we need to be like the good Samaritan— acting as a loving neighbor, leaving behind our self-imposed border walls (prejudice, judgementalism), and taking the risk to encounter others as they are. Returning again and again to themes he has developed throughout his papacy, Pope Francis speaks of the need for equality and justice for all, cooperation, caring for the most vulnerable, doing the hard work of learning to listen to and accompany others, and caring for the earth that nurtures and sustains us all. Pope Francis ends his letter to the world with this prayer to the Holy Spirit: "Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves."

### **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@syrдио.org](mailto:dfarwell@syrдио.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.



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. If you are still prayerfully considering your HOPE pledge, you may bring your completed pledge card to Mass or drop it by the parish office. You may also pledge your gift to our parish's campaign online at [syrдио.org](http://syrдио.org).

### **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](http://CivilizeIt.org). You can take the pledge individually or as a group and invite others to take the pledge too. Visit [FaithfulCitizenship.org](http://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

## **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](http://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.”*

# THANKSGIVING BASKETS 2020

## **FOR FAMILIES WITH 3-4 MEMBERS:**

- ❖ 2 Stuffing (bag/box)
- ❖ 1 Pie crust (boxed or **unrefrigerated only**)
- ❖ 1 Pie filling (**canned only**, check to see if additional items are needed for recipe [ie. evaporated milk])
- ❖ 1 Can cranberry sauce
- ❖ 3 Canned fruits or separate cup sizes (4 or 6 to a package)
- ❖ 3 Canned veggies
- ❖ 1 Large can sweet potatoes or yams
- ❖ 1 Large box instant mashed potatoes
- ❖ 1 Large box bread mix (pumpkin, banana, cranberry, orange, etc.)
- ❖ 2 box Jello or Pudding mixes or individual pudding/jello servings
- ❖ 2 Gravy (glass jar or canned)

Please drop off your Thanksgiving Basket at St. Francis Parish Center (Catherine's Cupboard) on Saturday or Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> or November 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> before or after any Mass.

## **OR**

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

Attach this form to your bag or box OR mark the number of family members it will serve.

**Any questions? Please contact Bev Krinik at 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 31st & November 1st, 2020

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

Designation ONLY

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

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**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:** We show our love for Jesus by loving our friends and family. Share one way that you show your love.

**Question for Youth:** Jesus tells us that we are to love others as we love ourselves. Do you love yourself? Can you see the good that God has put within you? Do you find it easier to love others or yourself?

**Question for Adults:** Repeat the two commandments which Jesus teaches today in your own words? For each of them, share how it has become part of your life.

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