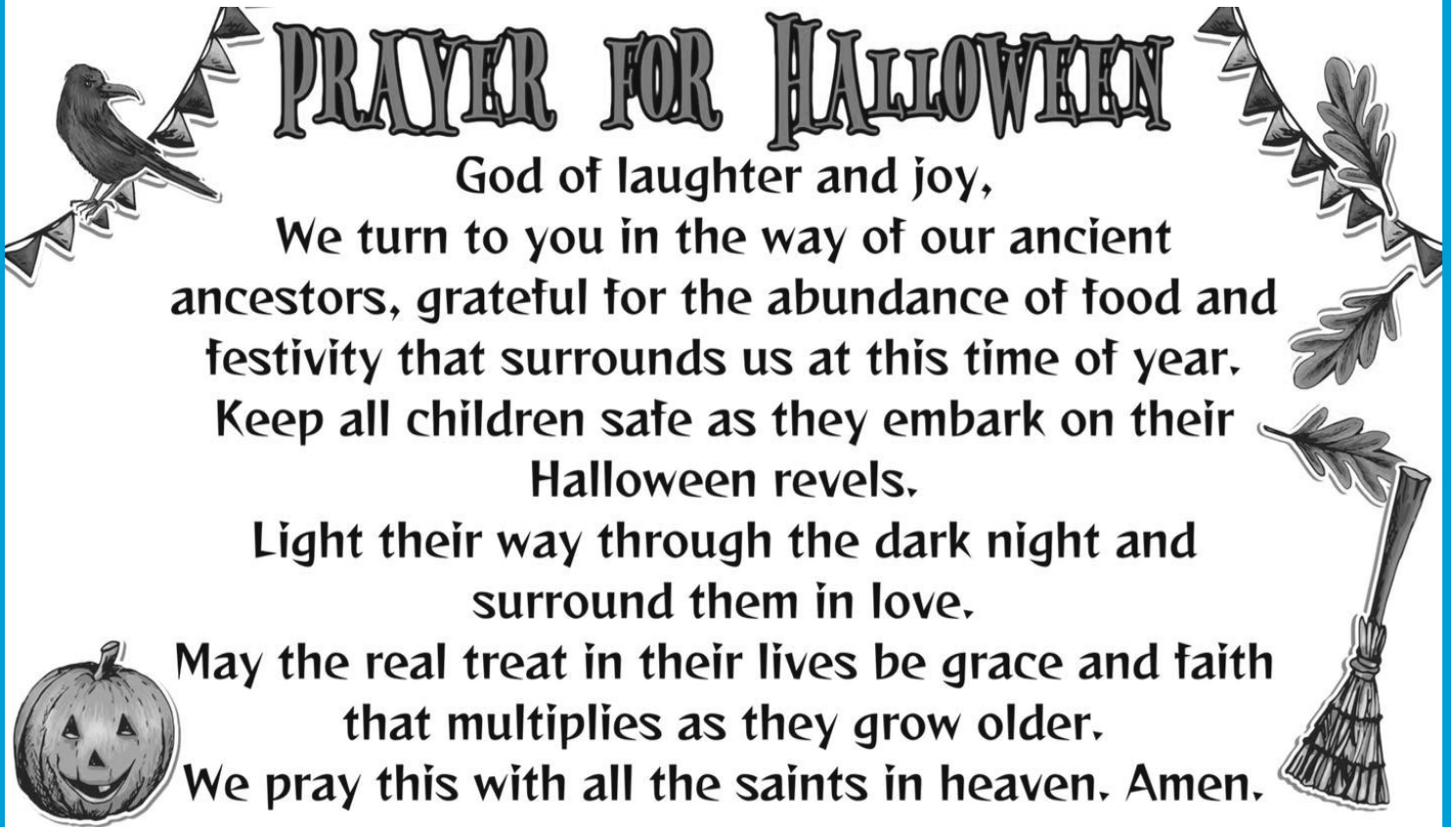


October 29, 2023

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.

Staff

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Tina Silvestri
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

Parish Office Phone: 722-4388

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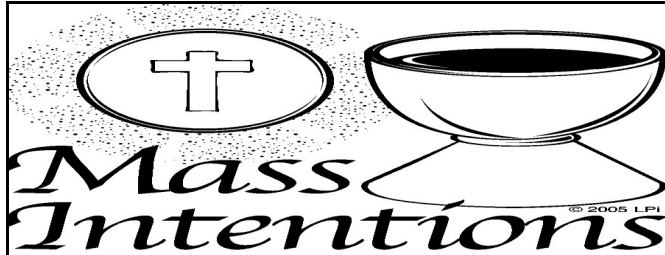
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our latest Children's Liturgy.
We will be posting new
videos by 4:00PM on
Saturdays.

Also find the videos on our
Facebook (search
"@stfrancisbing")
Twitter (search
"@stfrancisbing")
YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi
Binghamton)

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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

Monday, October 30

NO MASS

Tuesday, October 31

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Wednesday, November 1, All Saints Day (Liturgies in Church)

12:00 p.m. Stephanie Stracuzzi by Mike & Karen Dotson

5:00 p.m. Michael Pratt by Diane & Mike Huzar

Thursday, November 2, All Souls' Day

8:00 a.m. Claudette Simonis by Maureen & Tim Roberts

Friday, November 3

NO MASS

Saturday, November 4, Vigil of Sunday

1:30p.m. Wedding Kerry Heller/Daniel Coleman

4:00 p.m. Chet & Ann Danoski by Carol & Bob Danoski

Sunday, November 5, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Antonio DeLuca 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!

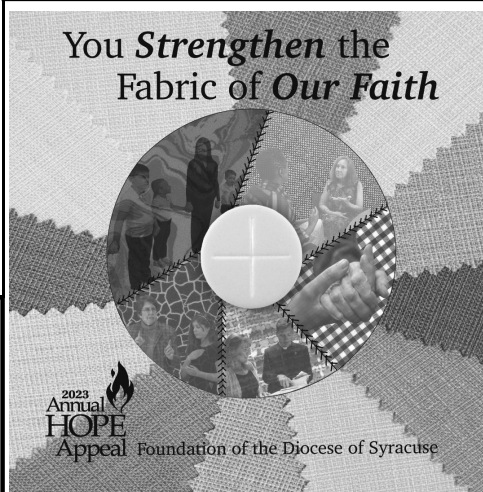
FAITH FORMATION

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

November 5th Confirmation Prep sessions will begin after 10:30AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Classes will meet the first Sunday of each month until 2:00PM unless otherwise noted. Please check your Confirmation Calendar for assignments and other important information.

Looking Ahead:

Circles of Care the diocesan required Safe Environment classes for youth will be presented for grades K-9 on **Sunday, November 19th** after the Thanksgiving Prayer Service. Parents who wish to review the materials can stop by the Faith Formation office in the Parish Hall or may go online to www.syrдио.org to review the information. Parents may opt out of this very important training by signing the waiver in the Faith Formation office.



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

Dream with God. That means actively imagining a future filled with joy of the Gospel. It means creatively embracing God's call to us to co-create the Kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven, now!

Special Fundraiser for Hamilton Family: November 18th

What: Corn Hole Tournament Fundraiser in Memory of Kerri Hamilton

When: November 18, 2023 - Doors open at 1:00 PM, Registration Begins at 2:00 PM, Starts at 3:00 PM

Where: Endwell Greens, 3675 Sally Piper Road, Endwell, NY

In addition to the Corn Hole Tournament, there will be fundraising through different raffles. Registration is \$60/Team, but all donations are welcome. All proceeds will benefit the Hamilton family. Kerri Hamilton was a beloved wife, mother of three girls, and an active member of St. Francis of Assisi parish. For more info, please contact Craig Bowman 607-343-4302 or ebowman30@yahoo.com.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Justice Challenge

The Sunday readings challenge us to care for the most vulnerable in our midst. The First Reading focuses on immigrants, orphans, widows, and the poor. The Gospel has Jesus linking the great commandment of loving God with the command to also love our neighbor. Jesus made them inseparable. Your challenge this week is to explore your definition of neighbor. Whom does it include? Can you identify the people whom is God calling you to love as you love yourself? Stretch yourself as an individual and as a family by expanding your circle of neighbors to include those beyond your comfort zone and beyond your own parish or neighborhood. Have a conversation, meet for coffee, sit in the school cafeteria, or share a ride with someone with whom you haven't connected. Make a new neighbor!

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Creation Care Tips

As the days in the northern hemisphere grow shorter, don't immediately reach for the light switch. Experiment with doing activities in lower light, or turn off your gadgets earlier in the evening as you try to stay in touch with the natural rhythms of the seasons and daylight. Do activities by candlelight and enjoy the slower, quieter intimacy of the experience.



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.

Savings, Health and Comfort!

Presentation: Diane Stefani 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!



American Red Cross

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

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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)

DOUG'S FISH FRY FUNDRAISER FOR PORT DICK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST 11:00AM—6:00PM
@LOWES- 1318 FRONT ST**

To order ahead until 4:00 please call (607)753-9184 ext 2 All proceeds will go towards the repair/replacement of field lights at Lee Heller Field. Other monetary donations can be made to the PDCA through Venmo @PortDickCivic or mailed to 786 Chenango Street attn: PDCA Thank you for your support!

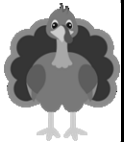
39th ANNUAL PIZZA SALE TO SUPPORT BIRTHRIGHT OF BINGHAMTON

A portion of all take- out pizza orders on **Wednesday, November 8th** will benefit Birthright. Places to purchase your pizza will be...

Cortese's Binghamton (607-723-6477) 11:30AM--9PM
Grande's Binghamton (607-723-9011) 11AM--10PM
Rossi's Pizza Johnson City (607-777-1313) 10AM--8PM
Rossi sEndicott(607-754-4567) 11AM—8PM
Bud's Place Apalachin(607-625-9918)4PM--10PM
Please mention Birthright when you call and pick-up.

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 CHANGED 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**

November 4th & 5th, 2023

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Thalia Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Kelly Robertson
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Marge Mangan
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Maria Kirk
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Larry Koch
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Kelly Mohny
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Kurt Mohny

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Jonah Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Julianna Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Shirley McCray
10:30 Mass	EM Host	David Hanzes
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Catherine Shafer
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Donna Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Scott Igler

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

October 29: Patti Klepfer & Toni Robinson

November 5: Sarah & Ede Blabac

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: 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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