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## Saturday, October 29, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Martha Savo by St. Francis  
Special Sunshine Committee

## Sunday, October 30, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Richard Kapinus by Wife,  
Kathleen & Family

## Monday, October 31

12:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

## Tuesday, November 1, All Saints Day (Masses held in Church)

8:00a.m Gloria Banek by Virginia Minehan  
5:00 p.m. Rick Callahan by Mr. & Mrs.  
Richard Bucci

## Wednesday, November 2

12:00 p.m. Bertie Sullivan by St. Francis  
Ladies Auxiliary

## Thursday, November 3

8:00 a.m. Jane Bernhardt by St. Francis  
Special Sunshine Committee

## Friday, November 4

### NO MASS

## Saturday, November 5, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Mary Savo by Carol & Bob  
Danoski

## Sunday, November 6, Thirty-Second

### Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Charles Jaworski & Bernie &  
Lois Dean 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 (10-23-22)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,470.00
Loose Collection.....	\$451.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,924.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,845.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## Faith Formation

Grades K-9 will meet as usual today.

### Looking Ahead:

- † Next Sunday, November 6th, the Rite of Changing Hearts, for the children preparing for First Reconciliation, will take place at the **10:30 Mass**.
- † Next Sunday, November 6th, Confirmation meets in the Parish Hall 9-1 PM

## Guest Speakers November 19th/20th

Joe Coffey and Michelle O'Laughlin will be at St. Francis the weekend of November 19th/20th. They will be speaking on ways to help support the Samaritan House in their mission to help those in need.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Between the COVID restrictions which resulted in church closures and our recent disruption with our church renovations, in person celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation had been disrupted. This sacrament is integral in our Catholic faith, and its celebration in our lives is a prayerful encounter to experience God's merciful and forgiving love. Fr. Tim will be available on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays, at 3PM in the church for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If not convenient for you, you may call the parish center (607-722-4388) to make an appointment to share in this Sacrament.

## Care for Creation: Ride Sharing Signup

Dear Parish Family, the Creation Care Team at St. Francis knows that all of our family cares about Creation and especially about what is happening to our environment. We all know that our vehicles contribute to the degrading of our Mother Earth, especially the air we breathe. We recognize that many Parish Family members live alone or are the only ones coming to Church each weekend. We propose that Parish Family Members share rides with members who live near them on a rotating basis. Everyone who shares rides will save some gasoline money, put less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, and likely get to know their neighbors in a more personal way. We are creating a sign up process to help potential participants find someone to share a ride with.

## Rosary and Religious Item Donations

The Sisters of St. Joseph are helping the immigrants by giving them rosaries and religious items. If anyone would like to donate rosaries or other religious items, there is a basket on the back table of the church. Thank you!

## 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.



## Thank You After a Busy October

These last few weeks have been very busy with a variety of great parish events. October began with the celebration of Confirmation with Bishop Lucia (his second visit to the parish in a matter of a few weeks). On October 15th/16th, we welcomed Archbishop Charles Brown, Papal Nuncio to the Philippines, and he celebrated and preached at our weekend liturgies, with receptions afterwards. Along with him were a number of Fr. Tim's family members and they all commented how much they enjoyed being here and meeting you. Last Saturday 34 from our parish joined together at Schnurbusch Park in Conklin to take part in the Annual Broome County Riverbank Cleanup. Working together made the time successful in the project as well as productive towards our goal of caring for our common home. Thank you for all of you who came out on a frosty morning. This past week, Rita Ferrone was with us for our parish mission. Her talks were wonderful as she put before us what it meant to be a church in today's world. Her talks resonated with Fr. Tim as he noted how our parish is meeting the challenge in being a synodal church. We are a church of community, participation, and mission. We had a great turnout of 60 people each night and many commented how much they enjoyed Rita's talks. Thank you for sharing in the mission. Thank you especially to Maria Kirk for all she did in organizing the mission with Rita Ferrone. Our hearts are all full of gratitude as we look back on this past month.

## Parish Hall Update

This past week, Scott Clements completed the work that needed completion in the kitchen with installation of new cupboards and countertops. Next is to paint the kitchen, pantry, and storage room. With that completed we can organize the areas for use. Sometime ago a sign-up sheet was available to assist in some work for the kitchen. There will be a need soon to wash utensils, plates, and other kitchenware. So, those who signed the sheet will be contacted to assist. Fred Hazlett, our maintenance employee, has done much work organizing and cleaning things both in church and in the hall. We appreciate the extra work and care he has given to these projects the last few months. With all of our events this past month our parish hall was well utilized, and it couldn't have worked out better. It is such a wonderful addition to the life of the parish! Thank you!

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Creation Care Tip

Take some time this week to look around you, whether you are outside or simply looking out the window, and thank God for every living thing you can see, whether it is something you have appreciated in your life (the redwood tree in your neighbors' yard) or something you've given little to no thought to previously (the unidentified insect crawling across the windowsill). You will be amazed how many things God created that you don't normally think to give praise for.

## All Souls Day

This week, November 2nd, we commemorate all souls of the faithful departed, this first reading from the Old Testament Book of Wisdom shows some of the first indications of the belief that the deceased survive physical death. The footnote to Wisdom 3:3 points the reader to Isaiah 57:2 which states, "the just man enters into peace." Being just in life brings peace in death. This got me to thinking about how polarization prevents us from living a just life. Polarization is the "us vs. them" mentality, the kind of thinking that says if you don't agree with me, you are against me. This kind of thinking does not build consensus and consensus, along with dialogue, is needed to build peace and to live a non-violent life.

## Prayer for Midterm Elections

*God of Justice and Peace,  
Guide us to support the common good  
As we prepare for the midterm elections.  
Help us to affirm our rights and responsibilities  
As citizens and members of our communities.  
May we be informed and committed voters  
Who value the social teachings of the Church:  
The concern for those at the margins,  
The hungry, the homeless, the sick and wounded,  
The call to kinship and to non-violence.  
May our values shape our choices at the polls.  
May we recognize our responsibilities  
To ensure that no voters face barriers  
As they freely exercise their right to vote;  
May we support the policies and measures  
To ensure that all votes are counted fairly  
And that all transfers of power are peaceful.  
God of Justice and Peace,  
We pray that we may play our part  
To ensure the common good  
As we seek to heal our nation. Amen*

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Justice Challenge

This week we celebrate both All Saints and All Souls Days. On November 1, we honor the Communion of Saints. Many of the saints found their path to holiness by serving God's most vulnerable. Your challenge this week is to choose a saint whose life modeled justice, compassion, and love for those in need. Use a book on the lives of the saints (we recommend All Saints—Daily Reflections on Saints, Prophets, and Witnesses for Our Time from Crossroads Publishing) to find a saint who inspires your whole family/household. Read the life of this saint, then discuss one thing you can do to emulate the saint in his/her outreach to those in need. Then commit to doing it—at least once. But also challenge yourselves to make this an ongoing action for your family.

## St. Paul's Annual Raffle

\$50/ticket. 400 tickets being sold.  
5 top prizes. Drawing on 12/3/22.

Call Kevin & Tracy O'Hara - 607-724-5844

## Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

### Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

### Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELVING

### Distribution

November 1st— R. O'Neil, N. & D. Oliver

### Hope Appeal Season: Now—Dec. 20th



Our parish, St. Francis of Assisi, joins other parishes throughout our Diocese in the 2022 HOPE Appeal. This annual appeal raises funds to cultivate Catholic leadership, advance social justice, and empower parish communities. This year's message is "You Are The Light." We are called to bring the light of the

Gospel into the world through the ministries of the Church. Our parish assessment goal is \$42,825.64. Please consider making a gift that is meaningful to you. Bring your completed pledge card to Mass, drop it off at our parish offices, or you may donate by going to our website [stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org) and clicking "Online Giving" in the menu where you will find "2022 Annual HOPE APPEAL" as a donation option.



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### Healing Mass

Fr. Amedeo Guida will celebrate a healing mass on Monday, November 7th at 7:00PM at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Come to this holy sacrifice of the mass with openness and expectations of receiving from God His healing and peace.

## PRAYER FOR HALLOWEEN

God of laughter and joy,

We turn to you in the way of our ancient ancestors, grateful for the abundance of food and festivity that surrounds us at this time of year. Keep all children safe as they embark on their Halloween revels.

Light their way through the dark night and surround them in love.

May the real treat in their lives be grace and faith that multiplies as they grow older.  
We pray this with all the saints in heaven. Amen.



### Trunk or Treat

Wm. R. Chase & Son  
Funeral Home

(737 Chenango St.)

October 31st 5:30PM—7:30PM

Come in costume for cider, candy, and community.

### Thanksgiving Baskets Help Those in Need

On November 19th, our parish, along with many other Catholic parishes in the county, will distribute over 2000 Thanksgiving food baskets to families who have signed up through Catholic Charities over the past few weeks. This is a tradition that has been going on for over 40 years. We ask, if you are able, to fill a bag of the items listed below and return it to the Parish Center. On November 17th volunteers will complete the process and have them ready to go. St. Francis of Assisi is responsible for 135 families. Turkeys are donated through Catholic Charities to us, but if you would also like to donate one you may drop it off at Walmart, Vestal November 15th--18th. Thank you always for your generosity.

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

- ❖ 2 Stuffing (bag/box)
- ❖ 1 Pie crust (boxed **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)

#### MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS ACCEPTED TO COVER BREAD AND APPLES

Please drop off your Thanksgiving Basket at St. Francis Parish Center (Catherine's Cupboard) on Saturday or Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> or November 12<sup>th</sup>/13<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**

**November 5th & 6th, 2022**

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Thalia Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	John Artman
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Beatrice Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Robert Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Peggy Munson

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sydney Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Children Readers
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Suzanne Carr
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Mary DeNinis
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Kerri Hamilton

**Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule**

**10:30 AM Mass**

**November 6:** Cindy & Kathryn or Lauren White

**November 13:** Ede & Sarah Blabac

**November 20:** Maria Kirk & Melissa Kliment

**VIRTUAL LITURGIES**

Please go online to  
[stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org)

to watch our latest Sunday Mass or Liturgy  
of the Word as well as Children's Liturgy  
videos.

We will continue to post new videos for  
reflection by 4:00PM on Saturdays.

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

**You can still view children's liturgy  
virtually!**

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Jesus showed that he loved Zacchaeus by having supper with him. How does Jesus show his love for you?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus saw Zaccheaus as he was – mistakes and all. What masks, if any, do you hide behind so others won't see who you really are? Who do you trust to see your true self?

**Question for Adults:** Why do you suppose Jesus was so kind to Zacchaeus? What lesson do you draw from this reading regarding those who are considered "public sinners" today?

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## One Minute Meditations

### So many saints

In the early Church, there was a great desire to celebrate the saints and martyrs by assigning each a feast day. However, Christians had been so persecuted that there weren't enough days in the calendar for individual commemorations. Eventually Pope Gregory IV designated November 1 as All Saints Day.



### Happiness

As a loving Father, God wants us to be happy. True happiness is: "Joy and beatitude over receiving the fulfillment of our vocation as creatures: a sharing in the divine nature and the vision of God. God put us into the world to know, love, and serve him, and so come to the happiness of paradise (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, # 1720).

### Patience makes sense

Don't be tempted to compare yourself to others. God's plan for each of us is unique. "Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over him who prospers in his way" (Psalm 37:7).



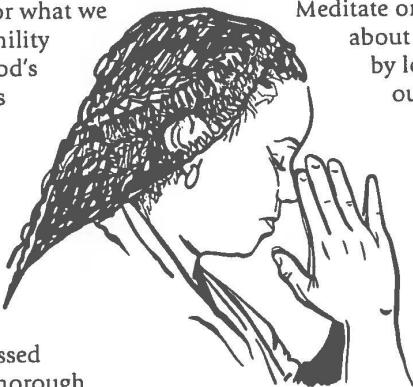
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## Effective prayer is humble, yet bold

Jesus said, "*Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it, and you will*" (Mark 11:24). The best prayers require the boldness to ask for what we want and the humility to surrender to God's will. Try these tips to pray with humility and boldness:

**Seek reconciliation:** The most common reason for ineffective prayer is unconfessed sin. Start with a thorough examination of conscience to see what needs confessing. Seek forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly. Ask for the grace to improve.

**Step aside:** Sometimes our prayers become lists of demands instead of



conversations with our beloved Father. Put the focus back on Him. Choose a Scripture verse, Biblical image, or a mystery of the Rosary, for example.

Meditate on it and talk with Him about it. We learn humility by lessening the focus on ourselves.

**Give thanks:** Each day, honor God as the source of all that is good in your life. Think of four or five of your favorite blessings and thank Him for them. Doing this daily strengthens our faith in His care.

**Act in faith:** "*Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares for you*" (1 Peter 5:7). Asking God for help with all your concerns – which is different from demanding – is a sign of humility and bold faith.

### Why Do Catholics Do That?

The Liturgy of the Hours is a cycle of prayers said throughout the day. It's the highest form of prayer in the Church after the Mass. The Hours are a meditation on the psalms, canticles, and Scripture readings, and bring us closer to

### Why do Catholics pray the Liturgy of the Hours?

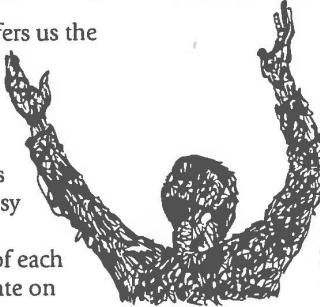


Christ, and to each other. The practice began in the monasteries, but has been extended to priests, deacons, religious orders and the lay faithful. At any given time, someone somewhere, is praying the Liturgy of the Hours.

## Become new during Advent

During the Advent season, the Church offers us the chance to prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. It's our opportunity to become the people God intended us to be.

**Be mindful.** Fulfilling our responsibilities well is how we glorify God. Yet, it can be easy to get lost in the routine of daily life. St. Josemaria said, "Carry out the little duties of each moment: do what you ought and concentrate on what you are doing."



Resolve to do better. "I want to be more considerate," is a great start. Specifics will make it happen. "I'll give others my full attention when they're speaking to me," or "I will be on time to respect others' schedules."

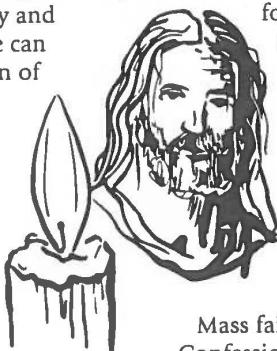
**Be flexible.** If you struggle to find 20 minutes to pray each day, try two 10-minute sessions morning and evening. If you lack time for an entire Rosary, pray one decade at a time throughout the day. Don't miss this chance to prepare well for the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

### from Scripture

#### Matthew 24:37-44, Don't be afraid, do be prepared

The Church calendar is a gift to help us mark the seasons of joy and sorrow, work and rest. We can withdraw from the pattern of the world and remember that we wait in joyful hope for Jesus to come.

Beginning at the end of this month, the season of Advent is a time of warning and a time of preparation. Next month we celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas. But he will come twice more: at our own death, and at the end of time. This Gospel reading reminds us that we will never know ahead of



time just when he will come for us. Advent is the time to ask, "What do I need to do to be ready to greet the Lord?"

Start by examining your conscience and pick one or two sinful practices you want to eliminate.

Then try to spend more time in prayer, attend Mass faithfully, and go to Confession.

Finally, spend a few extra minutes each day in prayer. Then when Christmas comes, you will know you are ready to greet the Lord with joy.

### Q & A

#### How does the Church decide who is a saint?

There are many people in Heaven who are saints but whose names we may never know. They are uncanonized saints. Canonization is the formal process by which the Church identifies and

determines whether someone has become a saint.

In its simplest form, official Church procedures detail three steps to recognizing a saint. First, the bishop of the diocese where the person died begins an extensive investigation. The results are passed to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. If the Congregation approves, the prefect presents the cause to the pope. With the pope's approval, the petitioner becomes "venerable" and is called "Servant of God."

Next, "beatification," may come after further investigation and a miracle has proven to be attributed to the Servant of God's intercession after his or her death. Then the person can be called "Blessed."

Finally, canonization may follow additional investigation and a second miracle also proven to have occurred after the beatification and as a result of the candidate's intercession. After canonization, the "Blessed" is called "Saint."

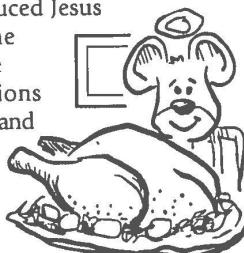
### Feasts & Celebrations

**November 2 – All Souls Day.** On this day we pray for the dead, especially our loved ones and the souls in Purgatory. Our prayers and sacrifices can help them get to Heaven.

**November 16 – St. Gertrude the Great (1301).** Born in 1256 in Germany, St. Gertrude was raised by and later joined the Benedictine nuns. When she was about twenty-six, she began having visions of Christ. She was known for her personal holiness, her kindness to the rich and poor, and her prayers for the souls in Purgatory.

**November 27 – First Sunday in Advent.** We anticipate Christ's birth and his coming on the last day. Catholics around the world light candles in an Advent wreath to signal the coming of the light of Christ.

**November 30 – St. Andrew (1st Century).** The son of a Galilean fisherman and brother of Simon Peter, he introduced Jesus to Peter. After the Resurrection, he conducted missions in Turkey, Greece and Macedonia. He was martyred on a X-shaped cross.



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## 2022 Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27 November</b> Buy or make an Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle for Hope. 	<b>28</b> Decide how to prepare for Jesus' birth during Advent: deeper prayer, acts of charity, fasting. 	<b>29</b> Make a playlist of music appropriate for Advent that anticipates Christ's birth. Listen and meditate to it until Christmas. 	<b>30</b> St. Andrew the Apostle St. Andrew answered Jesus' call and led others to Him. Pray for those discerning the priesthood or religious life. 	<b>1 December</b> Ask God to reveal what's keeping you from fully experiencing His love. Resolve to deal with it by Christmas. 	<b>2 First Friday Devotion</b> Attend Mass or visit Jesus in the Eucharist in church (find the red candle). Give thanks for His blessings. 	<b>3</b> Set up a nativity. Leave it empty and add the figures slowly through the weeks. 
<b>4</b> Read Matthew 3:1-12. Tonight, light one violet candle and a second one for Faith. 	<b>5</b> Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Ask Mary, who received Christ perfectly, to help you welcome Him. 	<b>6</b> St. Nicholas of Myra Perform a simple act of kindness in honor of this generous saint. 	<b>7</b> Singing is praying twice. Play some Advent hymns to get into the season and sing along. 	<b>8</b> The Immaculate Conception of Mary To honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, attend Mass and pray for the Church in the United States. 	<b>9</b> Contact Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS or <a href="http://www.catholicrelief.org">www.catholicrelief.org</a> ) to see how you can help. 	<b>10</b> Attend Confession and experience God's mercy. Find an examination of conscience here, under "Prayers": <a href="https://www.usccb.org">https://www.usccb.org</a> 
<b>11 Gaudete Sunday</b> Read Matthew 11:2-11. Light two violet candles and the rose one for Joy. 	<b>12 Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> Display flowers at home to honor Mary. Pray for expectant mothers and their babies. 	<b>13</b> At the half-way point of Advent, renew your resolutions for change. 	<b>14</b> Set out an empty box. Add gently used clothes, starting today. When it's full, bring it to a clothing drive. 	<b>15</b> Christmas is a busy time for parishes. Stop by your parish office and offer your services. 	<b>16</b> Eat a simple, meatless meal and donate the money you saved to the poor box at church. 	<b>17</b> Pray one of the seven "O Antiphons" daily, found in the hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." 
<b>18</b> Read Matthew 1:18-24. Light all the candles and the last one for Peace. 	<b>19</b> Visit your parish and light a candle for anyone traveling this week. 	<b>20</b> Write down all your worries and entrust them to God, "Jesus, I trust in You." 	<b>21</b> Straighten up the house and make any final preparations. The King is coming! 	<b>22</b> Read Luke 2:1-7 and place yourself in the scene. Imagine how you'd react if you were there. 	<b>23</b> Think of the Advent resolutions you want to keep year-round. 	<b>24 Christmas Eve!</b> Tonight, place Jesus in the manger and rejoice! Offer thanks to God for sending His Son for us. 