

October 31, 2021

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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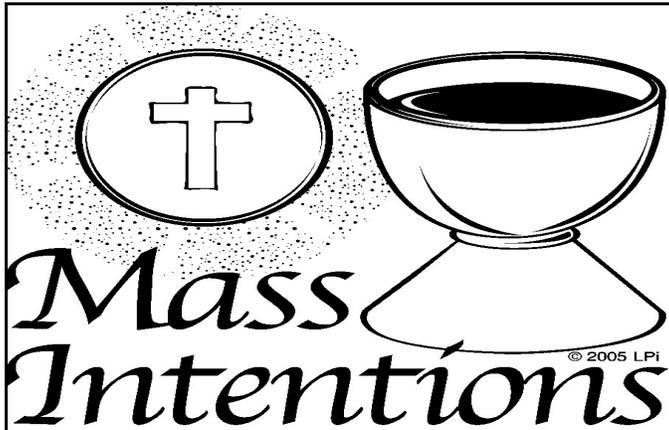
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our latest weekend reflection.
We will be posting new
videos by 4:00PM on
Saturdays.

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



Mass Intentions
 Saturday, October 30, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Patricia Dean by Son, Bill
 Sunday, October 31, Thirty-First Sunday
 in Ordinary Time
 10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People
Monday, November 1
 12:00 p.m. Vita Mannino by Daughter,
 Fina & Family
Tuesday, November 2
 8:00 a.m. Josephine Marascia by St.
 Francis Special Sunshine Committee
Wednesday, November 3
 12:00 p.m. Bob Shields by Anne Riley
Thursday, November 4
 8:00 a.m. Cora Yacovazzi by the Kirk
 Family
Friday, November 5
NO MASS
Saturday, November 6, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Irene Pitel by Peg Pitel
**Sunday, November 7, Thirty-Second
 Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 10:30 a.m. Deceased members of the
 DeNinis Family by Mary and Vince
 DeNinis

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 (10-17-21)

Regular Envelopes.....\$3,443.00
 Loose Collection.....\$338.00
 Electronic Collection.....\$1,831.00
 Total Collection.....\$5,612.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation for Grades K-9 will meet at 9:15 AM in the School. Please go directly to your classroom.

This Sunday, October 31st, First Reconciliation Parent Coaching session will take place in the Parish Hall, 9:15—10:15AM. Parents will teach the lesson to their children. Please drop off your other children first and go directly to the Parish Hall with your child preparing for First Reconciliation.

Looking Ahead:

- † **Sunday, November 7th**, Confirmation Class meets in the **Parish Hall 9:15AM—1:00PM**
- † **Please note:** November 14th Sessions for Grades K-9 will be held as usual, there is **NO** family event planned for that Sunday.
- † **Sunday, November 14th**, the Rite of Changing Hearts, for the children preparing for First Reconciliation, will take place at the **10:30 Mass**.

Remembrance Liturgies

We will be celebrating remembrance liturgies on the weekend of **November 6th/7th**. We will be remembering all those who have been buried from the parish this year.

Fall Book Club

Our Fall Book club selection: *Spiritual Ecology: The Cry of the Earth* by Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee will begin soon. Books have arrived. Please pick up your book (\$10) at the Parish Center. Contact Maria Kirk (if you haven't already) to participate in Book Club, by calling the parish center (607-722-4388) or email (MKirk@syrdio.org). This book club will meet via Zoom on Tuesdays at 2:00PM (Dave Bollinger moderator) or 7:00PM (Deacon Steve moderator). This book is longer than usual, so we will take a short break (Tuesday, November 30th — Tuesday, December 21st) during Advent. The book club will finish *Spiritual Ecology* after Christmas.

Advent Program--The Redemption of Scrooge

Remember our Lenten Program based on Les Mis? This Advent, join us, via Zoom, for an exciting and thought provoking series by Matthew Rawle, *The Redemption of Scrooge*. The sessions will meet **Tuesday November 30th—Tuesday, December 21st at 2:00PM or 7:00PM**. Books will be ordered soon, contact Maria Kirk if you are interested.

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, Robert Blabac and Judy Legant.

Prayer for the Synod

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer Adsumus Sancte Spiritus, the first word of the Latin original meaning, "We stand before You, Holy Spirit," which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, being attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we are called to embrace this synodal path of the Synod 2021-2023, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. For the Synod 2021-2023, we propose to use this simplified version, so that any group or liturgical assembly can pray more easily.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen

Creation Care Team

Our Creation Care Team will meet together as a team on **Tuesday, November 2nd, at 7:00PM**, in the church hall. Those who have already attended the first meeting may come if they wish. It's important to get together to explain our purpose and direction.

A Celebration of Life for Sr Lois Barton, CSJ



A celebration of life for Sr. Lois Barton will be held on **Sunday, November 7th at 6 PM** at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 701 Main St In Endicott. All are welcome to attend.

Contributions in Sister Barton's memory may be made to The Office of Mission Advancement, St. Joseph's Provincial House, 385 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham, NY 12110

Hospital Visitation

Please remember, if you or another parishioner gets admitted to either Binghamton General Hospital or UHS Wilson Medical Center and you wish to be visited by Fr. Tim you need to tell someone. You should indicate that you are Catholic and belong to St. Francis of Assisi parish and that you wish to be visited by Fr. Tim or another Clergy member if you wish.



I am reporting to you that St. Francis of Assisi Parish has **raised \$1,845** toward our HOPE Appeal **goal of \$41,618.70**. If we do not meet this goal, the shortfall will be taken from our general fund. In an effort to meet our goal, I am asking every family in the parish to consider a minimum gift of \$175.00 (averages out

to \$0.48 a day or \$14.38 a month). If you are able to contribute more, I strongly encourage you to do so. If you are not able to make the minimum gift, please give something. Your gift, no matter the size, whether it is a pledge or a one-time gift, is important. Thank you to all who have pledged their support to the HOPE Appeal ministries, programs, and services that benefit so many throughout Central New York, including many in our own parish. If you are still prayerfully considering your gift to this year's HOPE Appeal, you may bring your completed pledge card to Mass next week-end or drop it by the parish center office, or make your pledge to our parish's campaign online at www.syrdio.org.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Justice Challenge

In Sunday's Gospel, we hear Jesus proclaim the greatest commandment of loving God with our whole beings. But then Jesus adds the second greatest: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Your challenge this week is to think about how loving God and loving neighbor are inseparable. Then choose one neighbor (near or far) who needs help. It might be spiritual, financial, emotional, physical, or something else. Reach out to this neighbor and offer your assistance. It's a great way to show how much you love God!

Online Giving

Would you like to save paper and time when giving monetary donations to us? We have the option of online giving for your convenience. Visit our website stfrancisbing.org and click "online giving" in the menu. It's easy to set up using your checking account, credit, or debit card for automatic or one-time donation options and you can choose where the money goes.

- Ordinary Contribution*
- Repair, Maint. & Utilities*
- Catholic School Support*
- Catherine's Cupboard*
- Special Sunshine*
- Annual HOPE APPEAL*
- Capital Campaign*

Check it out!

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

November 2nd— N. Oliver, B. Grace, R. Rounds

Thanksgiving Baskets Collection

Thanksgiving basket collection will begin **October 30th until November 17th**. Slips will be in church and also in the bulletin shortly. In the meantime if you are shopping, pick up pie crust mix, turkey gravy (can's only please), cranberry sauce, instant potatoes, etc as there are shortages this year. A full list will be posted of what is needed, where, and when to drop off. Details to follow. If you know a family in need, call Delores at the parish center (607-722-4388).

Danielle House 14th Annual Virtual November Fest Fun Raiser Raffle

November 5, 2021
6:00 PM

\$20,000 in cash prizes (provided all tickets are sold)
Tickets can be purchased either through...

Checks made payable to The Danielle House – mail to
160 Riverside Drive Binghamton, NY 13905

Pay Pal on line at <https://www.daniellehouse.org/novFest.html>

Credit card or cash – Please call The Danielle House
at 607-724-1540 for availability

Thank you in advance for your continued support

Have you had enough of COVID? Plan a cruise to the
Land of the Midnight Sun in July 2022.

Berkshire Travel Agency Presents

A 14-Day Best of Norway Aboard the Rotterdam

July 9 — 24, 2022

Hosted by Fathers:

John Yonkovig, Don Henry, Tom Ryan, and Tim
Taughner

Valid U.S Passports Required

Berkshire Travel Group Rates

(Per person/double Occupancy)

Category	Stateroom Description	Berkshire Rate
J	Inside Stateroom	\$2,855.00
E	Outside Stateroom	\$3,454.00
VD	Verandah Stateroom	\$3,805.00

Rate includes: Cruise accommodations as desired,
port taxes and government fees, meals and entertain-
ment on board ship, cocktail party for group

Not included: personal items, gratuities on board ship,
airfare and transfers

Cancellation insurance is available and recommended

Deposit: \$600 per person is required to secure a room.

Contact Kathy Coll (610)372-4652 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 Schools and Binghamton University communities as well as here 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 20, 2021
9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

1 blood donation can potentially save up to 3 lives!

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Download the Blood Donor APP
Enter Sponsor Code: MEGAN
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

37th Annual Pizza Sale (Supporting Birthright of Binghamton)

A portion of all take-out orders on **Wednesday, November 3rd** will benefit Birthright. Places to purchase your pizza include **Cortese** (607-723-6477) 11:30AM—Close, **Grande** (607-723-9011) 11:30AM—Close, and **Rossi's Pizza in JC** (607-777-1313) 10:00AM—Close. **Please mention Birthright when you call and pick-up.**

PARISH REGISTRATION

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you, celebrating with us, whether you're a long-time resident or newly arrived in the Parish. Please check the appropriate box and place in the collection basket or return to the Parish Center. *We thank God that you're with us.*

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

- New Parishioner, send registration form
- Change of address or phone number
- Temporarily away. Stop envelopes
- Moving, please remove from Parish Roster

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
November 6th & 7th, 2021

4:00 P.M. Mass

Altar Server.....TBD
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Altar Server.....TBD
Lector.....Marge Mangan
EM.....Kurt Mohny
EM.....Kelly Mohny

10:30 A.M. Mass

Altar Server.....Alexander Watkins
Altar Server.....Mary Bush
Altar Server.....Sarah Bush
Lector.....Maureen Mizzoni
EM.....Catherine Shafer
EM.....Ed White

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule
November 6th & 7th

4:00PM

Alison & Dan Brennan

10:30

Ede Blabac & Bridget Vavra

Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org
to view our latest Sunday mass and
Children's Liturgy.

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: How often do you
put God first in your life? Do you think
you can love others as much as you love
yourself?

Question for Youth: What do you think
Jesus meant when he said to the scribe,
"You are not far from the reign of God"?

Question for Adults: When you heard the
Greatest and New Commandments, which
one should you improve on in your own
life?

END OF BULLETIN

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