

November 05, 2023

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**Saturday, November 4, Vigil of Sunday**

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 De Luca by Family

**Monday, November 6**

12:00 p.m. Robert Evans by The Boljevic Family

**Tuesday, November 7**

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Wednesday, November 8**

12:00 p.m. Donald Felt by Adele Felt & Denise

**Thursday, November 9**

8:00 a.m. Bob Fitzgerald by the Ruston Family

**Friday, November 10**

**NO MASS**

**Saturday, November 11, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Megan Santa Croce by Family

**Sunday, November 12, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:30 a.m. 25<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Ryan Carr 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](http://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**

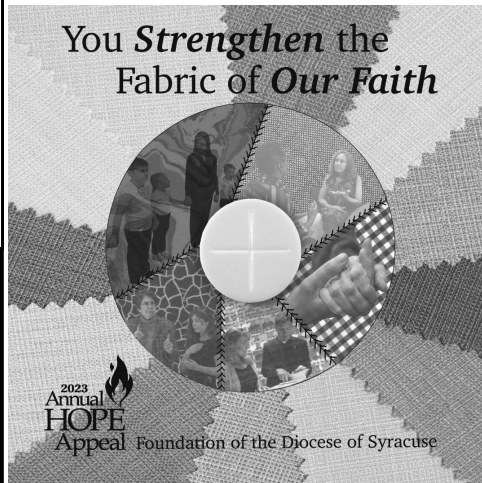
Faith Formation for grades K-9 meet at 9:00—10:15AM, in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation 2024 meets Sunday from 11:30AM—2PM, in the Parish Hall.

### **Looking Ahead:**

There will be a Thanksgiving Prayer Service in the Church on **Sunday November 19th at 9AM**, parents are invited to attend. Faith Formation will follow in the Parish Hall.

**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.syrdio.org](http://www.syrdio.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.

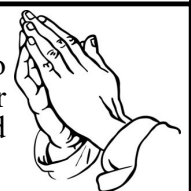
**Our parish goal for the 2023 HOPE Appeal is \$42,826.**

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](http://stfrancisbing.org) or find it on [syracusediocese.org/hopeappeal/](http://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.



**BOOK CLUB IS BACK!**

Our **Advent Book Club** will begin on **Tuesday, November 28th at 2 PM and 7 PM in the Parish Hall.** We will read and discuss "*An Unlikely Advent*" by Rachel Billups. Books will be available soon at the Parish Center for \$10. This book invites us to explore the unlikely and unexpected ways that God works in the first Christmas and continues to work in our lives today. Join us and make this Advent a faithful and inspiring way to widen your view of Christmas. This Book Club will meet on November 28th, December 5th, 12th and 19th.

**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

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](mailto:ebowman30@yahoo.com).

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
Justice Challenge**

November is Native American Heritage Month. One of the most precious gifts which Native Americans have given to our country is their deep respect for God's creation. They remind us that nature is a gift from God to be treasured and protected. As Chief Seattle said in his eloquent address to the U.S. Congress in 1854, "Every part of this soil is sacred in the estimation of my people. Every hillside, every valley, every plain and grove, has been hallowed by some sad or happy event in days long vanished." Your challenge this week is to choose one action you can do to protect our planet. It might involve better recycling, or deciding not to drink bottled water. It might be taking a bus or walking instead of using your car for a quick trip to the store. Reduce your carbon footprint while honoring our Native American brothers and sisters this month. Go on our website and use the carbon footprint calculator to donate money towards our Creation Care team.

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
Creation Care Tips**

As winter approaches and heating bills creep higher, remember what Pope Francis wrote in *Laudato Si'*: "A person who could afford to spend and consume more but regularly uses less heating and wears warmer clothes, shows the kind of convictions and attitudes which help to protect the environment." The next time you think of turning up the heat, put on another layer of clothes or cuddle up with a blanket instead.



*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](http://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)

## Do you have Household Hazardous Waste or Electronics to be Recycled?

Drop off your Household Hazardous Waste or Electronics to be Recycled on the following FREE drop off days... November 18th, December 6th, and December 16th from 7:30AM—11:30AM

The facility is located at the Broome County Landfill, 286 Knapp Road, Binghamton, NY (by the airport).

For more information go to: [www.gobromecounty.com/solidwaste](http://www.gobromecounty.com/solidwaste) or call 607-778-2250.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> or November 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> 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 11th & 12th, 2023**

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	McKenzie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Anne Smilnak
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Betsy A Shields
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Deb Carden
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Mary Russik
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Carol Danoski

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Cadhla Hamilton
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Mary Bush
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Anne Wolanski
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Suzanne Carr
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Shirley McCray
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Marie Iobst
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Catherine Shafer

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

**November 5: Sarah & Ede Blabac**

**November 12: Amy Drake & Maria Kirk**

**November 19: 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 sign-up form (on table in the back of the church) and drop it in a collection basket.**

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** How can you make the light of Christ shine through your life?

**Question for Youth:** What does it mean to humble yourself?

**Question for Adults:** Do you practice what you preach?

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Rev. Timothy J. Taugher, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Margaret of Scotland

A Hungarian princess, St. Margaret grew up in luxury and privilege, but she never lost sight of those in need and her duty to serve them. After the Battle of Hastings, her family fled to Scotland where King Malcom III sheltered them and eventually married Margaret. Although a queen, her private life was austere, dedicated to prayer and serving the poor—even washing beggars' feet. She is remembered for her life of piety, kindness, and generosity.



### Christ the King

What does it mean to say Christ is King? Do we give Him our Sundays only, or the whole week? Set aside ten minutes for God. Offer Him the events of your day and say, "Your will be done."

*"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and [the world]" (Luke 16:13).*



## Thanksgiving can inspire gratitude in action

St. Mother Teresa said, "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." At Thanksgiving, we bask in the glow of our blessings but it's also a chance to share them with others. This is "gratitude in action."

**Be generous with your time.** God can't be outdone in generosity. He gives life in His image and likeness. He gave the gift of Himself in Christ's offering on the Cross. In that spirit, how can you give of yourself? Prayerfully consider where and to whom you can give your time and attention.

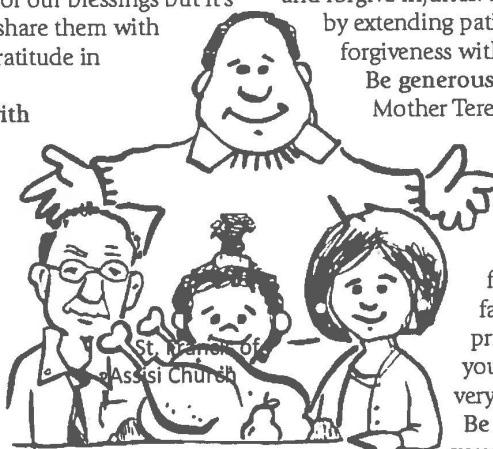
**Be generous with your patience.** Ours is the God of second chances,

generous with His mercy. Decide to generously give others the benefit of the doubt, allow room for good intentions, and forgive injuries. Love as God loves by extending patience and forgiveness without limit.

**Be generous with your family.**

Mother Teresa said, "If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family." Make your family your top priority and give your loved ones the very best of yourself. **Be generous with your joy.** Holidays can

be difficult for people without connections. Look for someone at church, at work, or in the neighborhood who might need a place to celebrate the holiday. Share holiday love and joy.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics pray for the dead?

The practice of praying for the dead is an Act of Mercy and has Scriptural roots: "Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin" (2 Maccabees 12:45-46). Someone who dies in God's



friendship with sin on his soul must be purified before entering heaven. We can literally help souls get to heaven. Rest assured: if the person we've prayed for reaches heaven, the graces of those prayers are used to help other souls.

## Dealing with loss and those left behind

Christians know that death leads to marvelous new life, but it is still difficult to lose someone we love. We take comfort knowing that we remain connected in the Communion of Saints, the spiritual solidarity binding the faithful on Earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the saints in Heaven. Still, finding or offering comfort after a death can be challenging:

**Pray.** Pray that the souls who have died may find their place in Heaven. Perhaps arrange to have that prayer included in the intentions during Mass in your parish. Including them in your daily prayers also helps to

keep their intentions alive.

**Be present.** Attend the visitation or funeral. Such customs are part of honoring and praying for the deceased person and showing compassion to the living.

**Offer material support.** Bring a meal to the family. Mass cards, notes and phone calls can also offer comfort.

**Contribute.** Consider making a donation of time or money to organizations such as a local Hospice that provide grace and dignity to those dying.



### from Scripture

#### Matthew 25:31-46, Showing mercy to the "least"

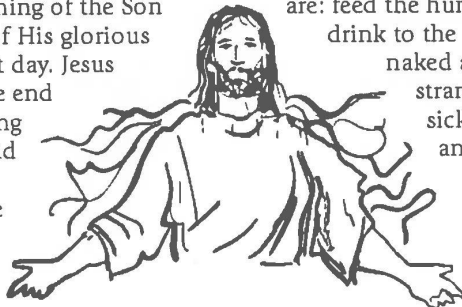
In this Gospel reading, Jesus describes the coming of the Son of Man, that is, of His glorious return on the last day. Jesus will appear at the end of time as the King of the nations and the Judge of history. Everyone who has ever lived, from the first to the last, from the greatest to the least, will stand before Christ. All of us will be judged on how we loved, especially how we treated "the least" who are suffering among us.

The specific criterion for judgment is the basis for the

Corporal Works of Mercy, which are: feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and welcome the stranger, care for the sick and imprisoned, and bury the dead.

In the end, we will be judged on our response to the suffering of others. Do we, like the

"blessed," respond with compassion and mercy, or do we, like the others, turn a blind eye and do nothing? The goal is to see Christ in others and to minister to their needs accordingly.



### 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

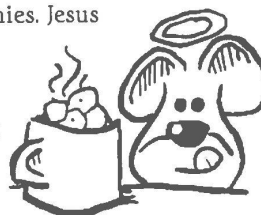
**November 1 – All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation).** In the early Church, there was a great desire to celebrate each of the martyrs. Because there were more martyrs than days of the year, Pope Gregory IV designated November 1 as All Saints Day. Celebrate the Saints by attending Mass.

**November 10 – Pope St. Leo the Great (461).** A native of Rome, St. Leo was elected pope while on a mission in Gaul. As pope, he defended the faith from heresy and promoted ecclesiastical unity.

**November 18 – St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (1852).** Born in Grenoble, France, she joined the Society of the Sacred Heart and came to America as a missionary. She opened the first free school for girls west of the Mississippi river, and the first Catholic school for Native Americans.

**November 26 – Solemnity of Christ the King.** God promised His people a king who would triumph over their enemies. Jesus

is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under His kingship.



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