

November 07, 2021

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



THANK YOU VETERANS

Veterans Day - November 11

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Eucharistic faith community committed to living and sharing the Gospel life.

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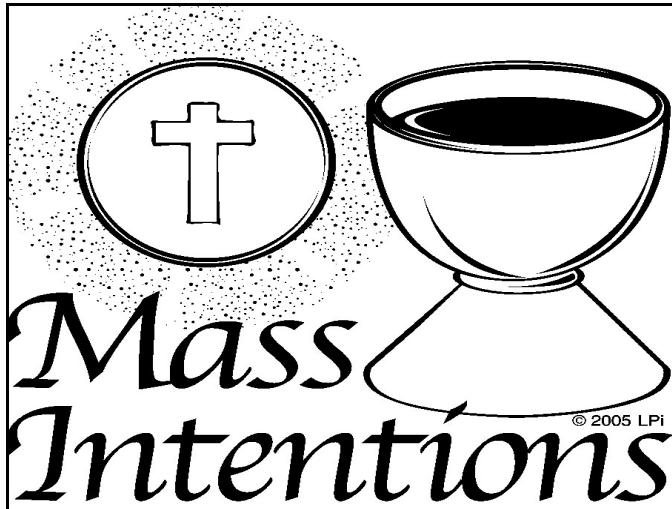
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Saturday, November 6, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Irene Pitel by Peg Pitel
Sunday, November 7, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Deceased members of the DeNinis Family by Mary & Vince DeNinis
Monday, November 8
12:00 p.m. Antonio DeLuca by Family
Tuesday, November 9
8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
Wednesday, November 10
12:00 p.m. Hattie Moll by Marge & Family
Thursday, November 11
8:00 a.m. John & Mary Pollock by Son, John
Friday, November 12
NO MASS
Saturday, November 13, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Megan Santa Croce by Family
Sunday, November 14, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. 23rd Ann. Ryan Carr by Mom & Dad

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 (10-31-21)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,210.00
Loose Collection.....	\$273.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,737.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,220.00

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. Confirmation 2022 will meet today 9:15AM—1:00PM. Go directly to the Parish Hall.

Looking Ahead:

- + **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**.
- + **Sunday, November 21st** *Circles of Care*, the Diocesan mandated Safe Environment classes for children and teens, will be presented in Faith Formation classes that day. Parents are encouraged to go online to review the materials. The session outlines and materials are also available for review in the Faith Formation Office.



Mass Intention for Sr. Lois Barton, CSJ

We will be having a Mass with intentions for Sister Lois Barton, CSJ on **Wednesday, November 24th at 12 Noon**. All are invited and welcome to attend!

Fall Book Club

Please read the first 3 chapters of your book *Spiritual Ecology: The Cry of the Earth* by Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee for discussion this **Tuesday, November 9**. Zoom links for the 2 PM and 7 PM groups will be sent to participants emails on Monday. If you have yet to sign-up and get your book call the parish center for details.

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, email Maria Kirk at mkirk@syrdio.org this week 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, Lou Angelo and Mike Aswad.

Remembering Our Veterans

Lord Jesus,

With gratitude, we honor all veterans
Who have served their fellow Americans.

We ask your blessings for them.

In sorrow, we honor the men and women
In the U.S. Armed Forces who have recently died
In foreign conflicts.

In sorrow, we acknowledge
The horror and destruction of war.

We ask your forgiveness
for our failure to be peacemakers.

We pray for all the victims of war, all children of God:
We pray for moms, dads, wives, husbands, daughters,
And sons in the U.S. who mourn deaths of loved ones.

Comfort them, O Lord.

We pray for mothers, fathers, wives, husbands, daughters,
And sons in Iraq and Afghanistan who mourn the
deaths Of loved ones, all children of God.

Comfort them, O Lord.

We pray for U.S. soldiers who are returning home
Emotionally and physically traumatized by this war.

Comfort them, O Lord.

We pray for U.S. soldiers who are still in Afghanistan.
Protect them, keep them safe, and bring them home soon.

Comfort them, O Lord.

We pray for Iraqi and Afghani civilians who live With
daily terror and destruction.

Comfort them, O Lord.

We pray for our leaders:
give them wisdom and discernment

To bring life and peace where there is death and conflict.

Guide them, O Lord.

May we honor all those who have served in the military
by creating a just and peaceful world

For the generations to come.

Guide us, O Lord. Amen.

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

November 13th is World Kindness Day. We know our society has become less caring and more indifferent over the years. Your challenge this week is to perform a random act of kindness sometime between now and Saturday. Don't plan it ahead of time. Just keep alert for the right opportunity to show kindness. If you are open to it, the Holy Spirit will let you know when the time is right to show extra kindness to someone who really needs it. By the way, this doesn't mean you shouldn't be kind all of the time—because you should!

CCHD Collection

On November 21st our special collection will support the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Black Catholic History Month

On July 24, 1990, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States designated November as Black Catholic History Month to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics. Two commemorative dates fall within this month, Saint Augustine's Birthday (November 13) and Saint Martin de Porres' Feast Day (November 3). More importantly, November not only marks a time when we pray for all saints and souls in loving remembrance, but also a time to recall the saints and souls of Africa and the African Diaspora.

Some people forget that Christianity did not originate in Europe and even express surprise when they learn that Black Catholic History began in the Acts of the Apostles (8: 26-40) with the conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch by Philip the Deacon. This text is important for several reasons. First, it chronicles the conversion of the first Black African in recorded Christian history. Second, the text suggests that the man was a wealthy, literate, and powerful emissary of the Nubian Queen and also a faithful, practicing Jew prior to his baptism. Clearly, he was not an ignorant heathen. Third, the Ethiopian Eunuch's conversion predates the conversions of Saints Paul and Cornelius. Most significantly, many cite this conversion as the very moment when the church changed from a Hebrew and Hellenist community to the truly Universal and Catholic Church. Notwithstanding the moral crimes of chattel slavery, the French and Spanish missionaries ministered to their free and enslaved African population within their respective colonies. This ministry laid the foundation for Black Catholic communities within the United States, i.e. Mobile, Alabama; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Saint Augustine, Florida. It is important to note that many African-American Catholics cherish a certain Peruvian Dominican, Saint Martin de Porres, the only Black Saint from the Western Hemisphere to date.

Tragically, the American Catholic Church did not seriously commit its time and resources to minister to the African-American population during the ante-bellum or post-bellum periods. However, God made a way!!! In spite of insuperable obstacles and opposition, African-American Catholics created a remarkable movement of faith and evangelization. Many courageous people played pivotal roles within church history like Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, Mathilda Beasley, Daniel Rudd, and the Reverend Augustus Tolton. They witnessed their faith, ministered to their people, and left lasting legacies in the face of prejudice, ignorance, and indifference. One cannot read their stories without feeling tremendous joy, sorrow, and inspiration. They are truly heroic accounts!

Black History Month provides opportunities to learn and share the whole history and rich heritage of Christian Catholicism. *Ubi Victoria Veritas!* The Victory of Truth!

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELVING

Distribution

November 16th— M. Lyons, M. Walsh, M. Peters

Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Laura's Luncheonette has been a fixture over the years; many in our Hillcrest area would go to enjoy a delicious meal, as well as the friendship of the regular patrons. There was a strong following over the years. Sadly, all of that came to a sudden end with Jimmy Gill's unexpected passing. A great loss, especially for Barb (Jimmy's sister). However, it was so nice to see the diner open as "Rockin Robin Diner" under the new owner Jon Bowie.

So welcome to the neighborhood!

Rockin Robin Diner is open...

Mon.—Fri. from 7:00AM—3:00PM

Sat. & Sun. from 7:00AM—2:00PM

**Stop by to say hello and enjoy a good meal!
1080 Chenango St, Binghamton, NY 13901**

Donate Blood In Memory of Megan Santa Croce

Megan Santa Croce was a well-known and well-loved here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. She was an incredible, high energy, positive person. She battled cancer two times before passing away at the age of 23 in November 2018. #LiveLikeMegan, give blood, and save a life.

**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**

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).

Thanksgiving Baskets Volunteers NEEDED

November 17th all baskets need to be in! On November 18th at 9:30AM baskets will need to be sorted and readied for pickup at Catherine's Cupboard. Please feel free to join us! The more volunteers the faster this job goes. Thanks!

THANKSGIVING BASKETS 2021

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 6th/7th or November 13th/14th 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 Krnik 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 13th & 14th, 2021

4:00 P.M. Mass

Altar Server.....Calliope Brennan
Altar Server.....Brendan Kliment
Altar Server.....Logan Kliment
Lector.....Kurt & Kelly Mohney
EM.....Maria Kirk
EM.....Marge Mangan

10:30 A.M. Mass

Altar Server.....Jessica Wojnar
Altar Server.....Mary Bush
Altar Server.....JD Wojnar
Lector.....First Reconciliation Kids
EM.....Anne Wolanski
EM.....Mary DeNinis

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule
November 13th & 14th

4:00PM
NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY

10:30
Cindy & Kathryn White

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: What part of
your own possessions are you called on
to share?

Question for Youth: When you think of
your own life, do you consider yourself
to be rich or poor? How do you spend
your money? Is there anything you
should be doing differently?

Question for Adults: When do you
know that you have given away enough?

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