

November 10, 2019

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

Blessed are the
peacemakers, for they
will be called children
of God.
(Matthew 5:9)



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Mass Schedule

Monday-Thursday

8:00 am at the Parish Center
Chapel

Saturday Evening
4:00 pm

Sunday Morning
8:00 am & 11:00 am

Confession:

2nd & 4th Saturday of every
month at 3:00 pm at the
Church



Saturday, November 9, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Lena DiDone by Selma Vinci

Sunday, November 10, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Rose Serafini by Jean Aswad

Monday, November 11
 8:00 a.m. Hattie Moll by Marge & Family

Tuesday, November 12
 8:00 a.m. Anna Breski by Nick & Rosalie Roth

Wednesday, November 13
 8:00 a.m. John & Mary Pollock by Son, John

Thursday, November 14
NO MASS

Friday, November 15
NO MASS

Saturday, November 16, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Fr. Fred Pompei by Mary Frances Charsky

Sunday, November 17, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. 21st Anniv. Ryan Carr by Mom & Dad
 11:00 a.m. Megan Santa Croce 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 (11-03-19)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$7,893.00
Loose Collection.....	\$450.00
Holy Day Collection.....	\$1,434.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$952.00
Total Collection.....	\$10,729.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation for grades K-9.
Faith Formation for Grades K-3 as usual

Grades 4-9 will have a group lesson in the church that explains the Mass. FF will end at the usual time, and students will be dismissed from the school. Parents are welcome to attend as well.

First Reconciliation will take place at 10 AM, Saturday November 23rd in the church.

Advent Wreath sign-up sheet is available in the school. Families are invited to choose a date and Mass to light the wreath.

****HELP: Hope Appeal****

The 2019 Hope Appeal Campaign is drawing to an end. We want to thank all of you who have found it in your hearts to donate to this year's effort. Unfortunately, we are still significantly behind this year's commitment of \$46,000. We are looking for one last push to get us closer to our commitment.

The Hope Appeal donation envelopes will be in the pews throughout November. If you have not donated to the Hope Appeal this year, please consider making a contribution. There are about 50 folks who donated a year ago, but have not donated this year; it would really help if some of you could donate before the end of the campaign. We are at \$32,000 so far this year. It would be great if we could narrow that gap before the end of November. Thanks again for everything you do for St. Francis!

Children's Liturgy
November 16/17
4PM— Alison & Dan Brennan
8AM— Ed & Kay Corcoran

CORRECTION

A correction must be made from last week's bulletin. It is very unfortunate that a typo was made and not seen on the cover of the bulletin until after it was printed. Apologies to the Santa Croce family for the error on Megan's first name.

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.



Prayer for Veterans Day

*Take time to pray for all those who have generously served their country.
 We ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed services.
 We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe.
 We pray especially for the young men and women in the thousands, who are coming home from Iraq with injured bodies and traumatized spirits.
 Bring solace to them, O Lord; may we pray for them when they cannot pray.
 We ask for, echoing John Paul II, an end to wars and the dawning of a new era of peace,
 As a way to honor all the veterans of past wars.
 Have mercy on all our veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan,
 Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in.
 Bless all the soldiers who served in non-combatative posts;
 May their calling to service continue in their lives in many positive ways.
 Give us all the creative vision to see a world which, grown weary with fighting,
 moves to affirming the life of every human being and so moves beyond war.*

Help Save A Life!

In two weeks, the State of Texas is planning to execute an innocent man, Rodney Reed, unless there is miraculous breakthrough in his case. I am writing to you to ask your help to save Rodney's life. Rodney has been on death row in Texas for over 22 years for a crime he did not commit. There is compelling new evidence in this case, which, if it were allowed to be presented in a new trial, would exonerate him. I have met members of the Reed family, including Rodney's brother, Roderick, and his wife, Uwana, and they are working tirelessly to save Rodney's life. They are joined by countless others who are now advocating for Rodney. Please see the below links to learn more about the case and what you can do to help save Rodney's life. Two very important things you can do is to write the Texas Board of Pardons and Parole and to Governor Abbott. The Catholic Mobilizing Network has prepared a letter that you can send to the Board of Pardons and Parole. There is also also a Clemency Petition that you can sign to Texas Governor Greg Abbott and the Board of Pardons and Parole (see below justice4rodney reed. Also send Rodney a letter or card to show him he has support on the outside. You can send a letter to this address:

Rodney Reed #999271
 Polunsky Unit Death Row
 3872 FM 350 South
 Livingston, Texas 77351

Give to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

This November 23-24, dioceses across the United States will take up the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. When you participate in this collection, you help groups of low-income people in your diocese and across the country in their efforts to provide access to affordable housing, healthcare, jobs, employee-owned businesses, and rights for immigrants. By supporting CCHD, you help out your own neighbors, because 25% of your contribution stays within your own diocese! Read more about how local groups are changing communities in the annual report, and find out how you can participate. Please be generous in this special collection, which supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Thank you for taking time to care and for doing what you can to help save Rodney's life. And please share this with your key contacts.

<https://catholicmobilizing.salsalabs.org/mercy-in-action-rodney-reed/index.html>



PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN HOUR OF WITNESS, SHARING AND PRAYER FOR OUR

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT AND DACA YOUNG PEOPLE

On Sunday, November 10th please take time to pray for the Supreme Court and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) young people as the court will begin hearing oral arguments regarding current efforts to rescind this protection.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of Nov. 10th — George & Pat Clark

Week of Nov. 17th — Anne Wilcox

Shelving (Mondays)

November 11th — J. & K. Brady

November 18th — N. & D. Minch

Distribution

November 19th — C. Woodruff, M. Ryder, B. Grace, K. Dotson, R. Rounds, M. Lyons

Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate

A divided country. Fights at the dinner table. Political vitriol. What does it mean to love our neighbors in the midst of such a climate? As Catholics, we have a long tradition of engagement in the political process as a means of putting our faith into action. We are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith to the public square and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol and harsh language, often directed at people themselves. When personal attacks replace honest debate, no one wins. This kind of attack, no matter the reason, only serves to further divide our communities. We must model a better way. We invite you to join the Civilize It campaign by taking the pledge to promote civility, love our neighbors, and build community. We are called to recognize that each one of us is a beloved child of God and to respond in love to that reality. Civilize It is a non-partisan call to focus on the dignity of all people, even when we disagree, and to put faith in action by bearing witness to a better way forward. Take the pledge as an individual, family, or community. Anyone and everyone can commit together to honoring human dignity through civil conversation.

Take the pledge at: wearesaltandlight.org/civilize-it

Safe Environment Training Schedule

Safe Environment Training is required for EVERYONE who works or volunteers at any catholic church regardless of whether or not they are in direct contact with children. If you have not yet had your Initial Safe Environment Training please reserve your spot at the PGC trainings listed below. If you had your Initial Training over 5 years ago, then you are due for your Recertification (EPDR).

To sign up for one of these training sessions go online: syracusedioocese.org/safe-environment/initial-training-for-adults/

Initial Safe Environment Training (PGC)

Wednesday, November 13th at 1:00 PM

Catholic Charities of Broome County, Binghamton

Thursday, December 5th at 6:00PM

St. James Church, Johnson City

Recertification Training (EPDR)

Tuesday, November 12th at 6:00 PM

Sts. John & Andrew, Binghamton

Monday, November 18th at 6:00 PM

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott

Thursday December 5th at 6:00 pm

St. James Church, Johnson City

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Shopping lists are at tables as you leave mass. We will provide a turkey or gift card plus bread to each one. Currently we have been asked to do **127 families** but if you are aware of someone in need of a basket, feel free to call the parish center (607-722-4388) with name, address and the number of people in family. We are always here to SERVE. Please purchase items requested and drop off at parish center before **NOVEMBER 19th**. Pantry area will be open before and after masses (30 minutes) for the next couple weekends. Parish center is always open during regular office hours so you can also drop off during the week. Monetary donations are welcomed also to cover our expenses. **Can YOU help on Thursday, November 21st 9:30AM for a hour or so?** That's when we set up and have everything ready to go for Saturday, November 23rd pick up. Confirmation students will help pick up our turkey's and hand out baskets.

Confluence: A Flowing Together

Our Interfaith Call to Prayer

Tuesday, November 12th

6:30—7:30PM

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

(705 West Main Street, Endicott, NY)

Join us for the first of our monthly prayer services to help us choose the energy of "yes" in these troubled times.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Chenango Valley Athletic Club Trivia Night

November 15th

McGirk's Blarney Room

7PM—9PM

Cost is \$20

To secure your spot email cvathleticclub@gmail.com with the name of your team and teammates ASAP.

Payment will be due on or before November 6th

Includes pizza and wings

Join CV Athletic Club for a fun night of trivia, raffle baskets, 50/50, cupcake contest, and more

2019 Maryknoll Student Essay Contest

Courageous Missionaries

Pope Francis challenges young people in his letter *Christ Alive*, "Learn to swim against the tide, learn how to share Jesus and the faith he has given you."

Assignment: Write an essay explaining how and with whom you share the good news of God's love.

Prizes Per Division:

1st Place- \$1K 2nd Place- \$300 3rd Place- \$150

Deadline: November 15th, 2019

Division I: Grades 6-8

Division II: Grades 9-12

To enter, see Maria Kirk or

submit your entry online: maryknollsociety.org/publications/essay-contest/courageous-missionaries/

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
November 16th & 17th, 2019

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Joe Sardella
EM Host	John Artman
EM Host	Brenda Artman
EM Host	Melissa Kliment
EM Cup	Larry Koch
EM Cup	Daniel Minch
EM Cup	Catherine Shafer
EM Cup	Rosemary Rounds
Altar Server	Brendan Kliment
Altar Server	Logan Kliment
Altar Server	Calliope Brennan

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Virginia Thompson
EM Host	Nancy Oliver
EM Host	Ede Blabac
EM Host	Debbie Davis
EM Cup	Kurt or Kelly Mohney
EM Cup	Scott Klein
EM Cup	Shirley McCray
EM Cup	Mike Stricek
Altar Server	Andrew Rice
Altar Server	Jonah Rice
Altar Server	Juliana Rice

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Anne Wolanski
EM Host	Virginia Thompson
EM Host	Lyndsey LoPiccolo
EM Host	Karyn Church
EM Cup	Rose O'Neil
EM Cup	Steve Church
EM Cup	Pat Clark
EM Cup	Steve Guth
Altar Server	Jessica Wojnar
Altar Server	Josie Wojnar
Altar Server	

Question of the Week

Question for Children: God always stays with you, no matter what. What signs can you see to help you believe that?

Question for Youth: Death is a hard reality in our human life, but if we believe in the resurrection, we know it isn't the end of the journey. How does your belief in heaven affect the way you live?

Question for Adults: Having faith in difficult times is hard! What makes you believe in the promise that God will be your strength, as Paul says?

END OF BULLETIN

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