

November 12, 2017

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

“If one member suffers,  
all suffer together.”

— 1 Cor 12:26 ESV



*Remember in your prayers*  
Our brothers & sisters of First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, TX



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

4:00p.m. Edward Grace by Arthur Grace

**Sunday, November 12, Thirty-Second**

**Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00a.m. Liturgy for the People

11:00a.m. Jim Kalivoda by St. Francis

Prayer Chain

**Monday, November 13**

8:00a.m. Helene Benczik by Diane Benczik

& Sister Paula Matthew

**Tuesday, November 14**

8:00a.m John Broderick by Jack McEnaney

**Wednesday, November 15**

8:00a.m. Jack Koot by Maureen & John

Mizzoni

**Thursday, November 16**

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

John

**Friday, November 17**

**NO MASS**

**Saturday, November 18, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00p.m 21<sup>st</sup> Anniv. Anna Liddle by Family

**Sunday, November 19, Thirty-Third**

**Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00a. m. 19<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Ryan Carr by Family

11:00a.m. Liturgy for the People

**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 (11-05-17)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$7,573.00
Loose Collection.....	\$479.35
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,502.00
Total Collection.....	\$10,938.35

**Faith Formation**

**No Faith Formation this week (Veteran's Day Holiday)**

Faith Formation for Grades K-9 will be on November 19th, it will also be a Confirmation Make-Up class on November 19.

Circles of Care Curriculum will be presented to Grades K-9 after the Prayer Service. Please contact Maria Kirk if you have questions regarding the Diocesan mandated Safe Environment classes for children in Faith Formation Programs. You may view the program online or look at it in the Faith Formation office. Confirmation Candidates will receive the Circles of Care training on December 3rd at the end of the afternoon session.

Thanksgiving Prayer Service will begin in the Church at 9:30AM on Sunday November 19th.

**Looking Ahead**

Confirmation 2018 Rite of Acceptance will be held Sunday, December 3rd at the 11:00AM Mass.

First Reconciliation will be celebrated, Saturday, December 9th at 10:00AM in the church.

**Country Additions Fundraiser for Catherine's Cupboard**

COUNTRY ADDITIONS gift shop, 1085 Chenango St, is holding a special fundraiser that will continue from now until December 23rd. for our food pantry, Catherine's Cupboard. There will be gifts, also, so stop in for more details. We thank the owners, Cindy Fedish & Joan Wintergrass (members of our parish), for remembering our pantry once again this year.

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**

Our annual Thanksgiving Service with our neighborhood churches will be held on **Sunday, November 19th at 5:00p.m. at Chenango Bridge United Methodist Church on River Road.** Please join us as we gather together as a Christian faith community, along with our combined churches, to lift our hearts and voices in grateful praise as we thank God for our many blessings.

**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.

### **Children of Abraham: House of Worship Visit**

Children of Abraham is a group of clergy and laypeople of the Abrahamic (e.g. Christian, Muslim, Jewish, and Unitarian) faiths in Broome County committed to building mutual trust and respect across Abrahamic religious traditions through interfaith conversations and education. Many activities have taken place throughout the years and one such activity is visiting the various Houses of Worship. Our parish church is one such site, and people from the other faith traditions may be visiting us on Saturday, November 18th at our 4:00p.m. Liturgy. We welcome those who may be visiting us, and if you see a new face, welcome them to our community.

### **World Day of The Poor**

The first World Day of The Poor will be observed on Sunday, November 19th. In Pope Francis' apostolic letter to close the Year Of Mercy, he suggested the Catholic Church set aside one day each year when communities can "reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel." He designated this day as the World Day of The Poor and it will be celebrated on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time each year. The World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis stresses, "is meant, above all, to encourage believers to react against a culture of discard and waste, and to embrace the culture of encounter. At the same time, everyone, independent of religious affiliation, is invited to openness and sharing with the poor through concrete signs of solidarity and therefore, should become a powerful appeal to our consciences as believers, allowing us to grow in the conviction that sharing with the poor enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel. The poor are not a problem: they are a resource from which to draw as we strive to accept and practice in our lives the essence of the Gospel.

*God, you create the heavens and the earth for all; yet, many build barriers, walls, and fences, betraying the original gift intended for all humanity, where no one is discounted or excluded. May we react against a culture of discard and waste, and embrace a culture of encounter. May we be attentive to the cries of all who suffer from life's uncertainties and the lack of what they need. May we learn from the poor, the valuable lessons of life and recognize they are our teachers who help us live our faith more consistently and faithfully. May we learn from the poor's abilities to trust and their readiness to receive help, how to live simply, and how to give ourselves freely and totally to God. On this World Day of the Poor, may we grow in our conviction that sharing with the poor allows us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel. Amen.*

### **A Harvest Delight! Thank You!**

Last Sunday's Harvest Dinner was a tremendous event. The food, from the turkey to the scrumptious pies filled everyone, and I believe no one left hungry. The response from so many of you, with your creative gift baskets, contributions, donations of pie (especially that mince meat) and other various foods was deeply appreciated. Also, a big THANK YOU for the donations of the many people who assisted with setting up, working in the kitchen before, during, and after the dinner, including our confirmation candidates who made the time enjoyable and the work load all that much easier. Kathy Hooker coordinated the entire event, and her time, hard work, laughter and expertise contributed greatly to this wonderful dinner. Again, THANK YOU to all of you for the generosity of your time and talent.

### **Blood Drive**

There are two real need in our community as we head into the Holiday Season. The first is blood. The second is unity amongst all of God's people. All Saints Episcopal Church is working in conjunction with St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Ahmadiyya Muslim Community to address both of these needs. On **Wednesday, November 22nd (the day before Thanksgiving) there will be a joint blood drive. The event will be held from 12:00—5:00 at All Saints Episcopal Church in the Great Hall.** Please consider giving blood. If you are unable, please ask others to participate in your honor. For questions or information on preregistration contact Debbie Thorpe at [dthorpe@stny.rr.com](mailto:dthorpe@stny.rr.com).

### **Remembering All Those Who Lost Their Lives to Gun Violence**

We pray in the spirit of the Psalms:  
We are in distress, we are in anguish.

Our tears are bitter as once again

The lives you have created are disrespected, destroyed,

Because of fear, of hate, of refusal to see the others

As part of oneself,

Because weapons are more common than compassion,

Than solidarity.

We pray for the dead,

For their families and friends in grief.

We pray for the living,

May the healing begin,

For the wounded,

For all those in the frantic crowd,

For the local communities,

For this nation,

In distress, in anguish.

We pray that we may begin

To see the violence end

And peace be with us all. Amen.

**Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule**  
**Transportation**

Week of November 12th — George & Pat Clark  
Week of November 19th — Marie Giordano

**Shelving (Mondays)**

November 13th — D. & D. Talbuts  
November 20th — J. & K. Brady

**Distribution**

November 21st — R. & P. Scales, R. O'Neil, K. Dotson, R. Serafini, S. Orband, B. Grace (**Bev will not be there**)

**Harvest Dinner Gift Basket Winners**

Listed below are the list of winners of this year's Harvest Dinner Gift Basket Raffle. Congratulations to all the winners!

- Mr. Kerila
- Kerri Hamilton
- Kathy Tait
- Betty Tait
- Chris Paske
- Theresa Tiffany
- Bethanne Brooks
- Patty Turnbull
- Keith Zulko
- Patricia Coughlin
- Kay Mosher
- Mary Deninis
- Peggy
- Betty Church
- Monica Buckland
- Maria Kirk
- Jonah Rice
- Kelly Carr

Diane Yajko won the quilt

Willard Cooper won the 50/50 raffle

We are so grateful to all the generous individuals that donated baskets and to those who supported the event.

**Collection for Homeless Coalition**

Faith Formation will be collecting items for the Homeless Coalition again **from now until April 15th**.

These are the needed items:

Bottles of Water or Gatorade, Insulated Socks, Thermal Underwear (L/XL), Warm Gloves, Warm Hats, Hand/Foot Warmers, Ponchos, Toothbrushes, Wipes, Fast Food Gift Cards, Clif Bars, Cracker Sandwiches, Raisins (or other dried fruit), Ziploc Bags, String Bags.

\* All clothing must be new and must be men's sizes, since women can wear them too.

There will be a box just inside the front door of the school on Sundays during Faith Formation. There also will be a box at the church and another at the Parish Center.

**Fall 2017 Parish Events: \*HELP NEEDED\*!**

**Nov. 18th:** Thanksgiving Basket give away (18th); we need help on the 16th at 9:30AM preparing baskets.

**Dec 11th** We need help transporting gifts from the Giving Tree.

As time approaches call Delores at the parish center (722-4388) during regular office hours.

Thank you! **OUR** Parish needs **YOU**.

**Thanksgiving Donation Baskets**

Baskets need to be returned to Parish Center/Pantry no later than November 15th. We will leave pantry door open during masses for the next couple weeks.

St. Francis will be doing 130+ baskets including turkeys for families of 3 or more (families for 1 or 2 people will be offered gift cards). If you choose to make a monetary donation instead of shopping that would be great as we purchase gift cards, bread, and apples if affordable. Be sure to mark monetary donations as "THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS".

Volunteers are needed on Thursday November 16th at 9:30a.m. to put all the baskets together and organize the room for turkeys on Friday, November 17th.

Do YOU know of a family who could use a basket, no questions asked? Just call Delores at the Parish Center (722-4388) with the number of people in the family, how to reach them, and we will take care of them. Over 3,000 families have signed up so far at Catholic Charities this year in Broome County.

**Tickets Now Available for Sale**

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish**

**"Super 50/50 Raffle"**

Drawing to be held on December 3, 2017

**\$10,000 in Prizes**

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$5,000

2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$2,000

3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$1,000

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Place \$500

6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Place \$200

All proceeds from the raffle will be used to initiate funding to assist in meeting some immediate needs of the Parish and to build earnings to renovate and update the church hall.

**Only 400 tickets will be sold.**

**\$50 donation per ticket.**

You must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a ticket.

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**

**November 18th & 19th, 2017**

**4:00 P.M. Mass**

Lector	Bob & Betsy Shields
EM Host	Marge Mangan
EM Host	Bob Grace
EM Host	Mary Frances Charsky
EM Cup	Barb Brozovic
EM Cup	John Pierce
EM Cup	Teresa Creeden
EM Cup	Bea Grace
Altar Server	Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server	Mikey Schultz
Altar Server	Logan Lomonaco

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

Lector	Tom Phalen
EM Host	Katie Ginalski
EM Host	Marie Iobst
EM Host	Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Lou Angelo
EM Cup	Joanne Horoschak
EM Cup	Ed White
Altar Server	Sydney Keough
Altar Server	Brigid Birtch
Altar Server	Mikayla Bucci

**11:00 A.M. Mass**

Lector	Tom Giblin
EM Host	Chris Gill
EM Host	David Gill
EM Host	Kerri Hamilton
EM Cup	Maria Lord
EM Cup	David Hanzes
EM Cup	Dave Bollinger
EM Cup	Sue Jones
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	Jessica Wojnar
Altar Server	John Michael Frissora

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** If Jesus came to your house today, what would you do to get ready for him?

**Question for Youth:** Even though you are still young, what strategy do you have to make sure you are “ready” for the inevitable moment when you will die?

**Question for Adults:** How are you preparing to be ready for that moment that no one escapes, the moment when you come to the end of your life as you know it now?

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