

November 13, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



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

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Monday — Thursday:
7:30 am to 4:30 pm
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2nd & 4th Saturday of every
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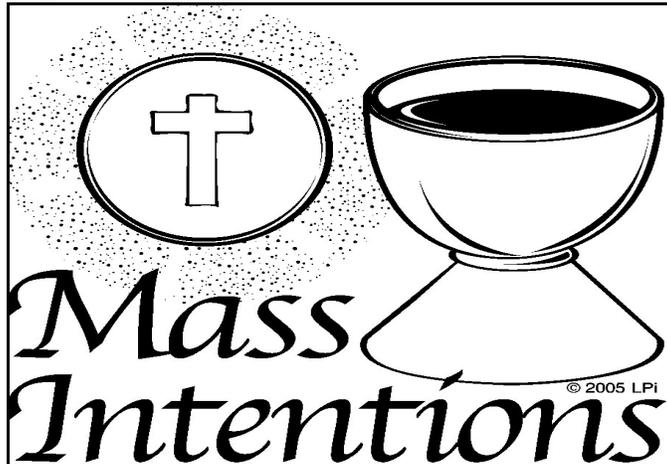
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Saturday, November 12, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. **60th Wedding Anniversary** –
 Mike & Jan Pandich

Sunday, November 13, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10:30 a.m. **24th Anniv. Ryan Carr** by Mom & Dad

Monday, November 14
 12:00 p.m. Fr. Joe Kane by Family

Tuesday, November 15
NO MASS

Wednesday, November 16
 12:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

Thursday, November 17
 8:00 a.m. John & Mary Pollock by Son, John

Friday, November 18
NO MASS

Saturday, November 19, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Daniel Minch by Tom & Rosemary Rounds

Sunday, November 20, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 10:30 a.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 (11-07-22)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,543.00
Loose Collection.....	\$509.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$3,167.00
Total Collection.....	\$8,219.00

Faith Formation

No Faith Formation this weekend

Faith Formation Grade K-9 will meet on next weekend, November 20th, 9AM in the Parish Hall for Opening Prayer.

Parents are reminded that Circles of Care the diocesan mandated Safe Environment lesson will be presented on November 20th during class.

Looking Ahead:

- † Families are asked to sign up to light the Advent Wreath at Mass. A signup sheet will be posted in the Parish Hall on November 20th.
- † No Faith Formation November 27th--Happy Thanksgiving.

Guest Speakers November 19th/20th

Joe Coffey and Michelle O’Laughlin will be at St. Francis the weekend of November 19th/20th. They will be speaking on ways to help support the Samaritan House in their mission to help those in need.

Hope Appeal: UPDATE

 We all continue to be inspired by the generosity of our St. Francis family. Thanks to all of you who have supported the 2022 HOPE Appeal. Please know that your gift makes a difference. When a chaplain sits with someone in the hospital; when you see the excitement in the face of a child preparing to receive their First Eucharist; when a homebound neighbor can participate in Mass through Catholic television. All of these moments, and so many more, are made possible by your contribution to the HOPE Appeal. We invite you to join us in supporting this year’s HOPE Appeal, which will run until the end of December. **Our parish has raised 35% of our goal of \$43,000.** There are giving envelopes at the entrances of church. We can do so much more together than we can alone. Thank you for being the “Light of Christ.”

Rosary and Religious Item Donations

The Sisters of St. Joseph are helping the immigrants, homeless, and those who need a Christian reminder by giving them rosaries and religious items. If anyone would like to donate rosaries or other religious items, there is a basket on the back table of the church. Thank you!

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, Claudette Simonis.



Volunteer Weekend

It has been quite a long time since we have had a weekend to do a Volunteer Signup for our parish ministries and outreach. COVID and the shutdown of the church, change of time on our weekend liturgies from 3 to 2 liturgies, and then the renovation of church, are factors that put this on hold. Now that we moved beyond these realities, it is time now to reconnect to what we do as a parish faith community.

I am not too comfortable with naming this weekend as Volunteer Weekend, because it is more than being a volunteer, it is exercising your rightful baptismal role in being ministers in the church. There are not longer superior—inferior, active—passive, lay—clerical divisions and hierarchies. These have been replaced with the ancient scriptural paradigm of collaboration—and collaboration, or co-laboring, not by privilege or permission, but by baptismal right. So, these ministries in our parish are your baptismal right to fulfill. I see, my role here as Pastor as one of empowering you the people of God to live out your ministry to the Body of Christ.

So, next weekend you will be given a sheet of listed ministries, and it will be an opportunity to renew and/or to become involved in the mission of our parish community. The form will list; Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Choir, Altar Server/Adult Altar Server for Funerals, Funeral Luncheon, Catherine’s Cupboard, Parish Hall Coordinator, Creation Care Team, Usher, and Church Grounds.

I ask you to review these ministries; pray how you are being called to serve your parish. All of you are important, all of you have gifts that can continue to keep the parish of St. Francis of Assisi, vibrant, fresh, and alive!



**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Justice Challenge**

Today we celebrate World Kindness Day. The idea of designating a day to do random acts of kindness, pay it forward, or surprise people by just being nice is, in a way, an indictment of our current culture. We shouldn’t need a special day to be kind—that should be something disciples of Jesus do every day. But we have become more indifferent to those around us, and we often don’t feel like helping others when we ourselves are struggling. Your challenge this week is to put a justice spin on World Kindness Day. Choose someone who has been mean or unjust to you in some way, and do something nice for this person—even if you have to grit your teeth to do it. Then choose someone to whom you have been unjust, see what you can do to right the wrong, and do one extra thing just to be “kind.”

Catholic Charities

Annual Harvest for Hunger Appeal

After the holidays, food pantry shelves are almost bare. Catholic Charities of Broome County distribute more than 10,000lbs. of food each week through local pantries. On November 30th and December 1st this year Catholic Charities of Broome County will be hosting their annual Harvest for Hunger Appeal during the evening news broadcasts on WBNG-TV 12. This event helps to re-stock their shelves and allows them to help those most in need after the rush of the holidays. From 5:00—6:30PM both evenings, local priests, deacons, and staff from Catholic Charities will answer phones to take pledges of support. Please consider supporting them with a donation. A \$25 donation will feed one person for a week and a \$100 donation will feed a family for one week! Thank you for any assistance you can provide!



Maria Kirk is selling Festival of Lights tickets for the Junior League of Binghamton. Ticket prices are \$25 for a single use pass or \$50 for a season pass. Please contact Maria by November 16th if you are interested in purchasing a ticket. She will have them for you at Mass on November 19-20. For more information visit the website at bcfestivaloflights.com.

Safe Environment Training

If you are **planning on working or volunteering** in the church you **MUST** be certified.

Initial Safe Environment Training

- †Mon., 11/14: 6:00PM at Our Lady of Good Counsel
- †Thu., 12/01: 10:00AM at Our Lady of Good Counsel
- †Thu., 12/15: 6:00PM at St. Mary of the Assumption

Recertification Training

- †Wed., 11/16: 6:00PM at Saints John and Andrew
- †Sat., 12/03: 10:00AM at St. Mary of the Assumption
- †Tue., 12/13: 6:00PM at Our Lady of Good Counsel

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Creation Care Tip**

As the days and nights grow colder, consider your typical efforts to keep warm. As Pope Francis wrote in his encyclical 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” (#211). You might consider how Mary was about eight months into her pregnancy at this time of year all those years ago but she didn’t have the benefit of central heating to keep herself warm. If she managed, we can manage by using less energy to heat our homes now.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

November 15th— M. & P. Peters, J. Wyatt



The GIVING TREE will be up on the weekend of November 26/27th. Please take a tag, purchase what is requested, attach tag to gift bag, **BUT DO NOT WRAP**, gift bags are fine, and return to the tree the following weekend. ALL

GIFTS MUST BE UNDER THE TREE BY DECEMBER 11th at noon. Extra gifts are accepted including; toys, games, stuffed animal (ALL NEW) as well as large print books, throw blankets, warm socks, or gloves. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Danielle House Housing/Job Opportunity Start Date January 2023

Danielle House is the area's premier hospitality home and is looking for an energetic, compassionate employee to fill the **Resident House Manager** position.

Benefits include: Fully furnished apartment on-site, utilities (gas and electric), cable/internet, and a mobile phone **Salary and hours to be discussed**.

Primary duty: Responsible for guest hospitality.

If interested, please contact Danielle House at 607-724-1540 or email dhouse1@stny.rr.com for more information. www.daniellehouse.org

Cutler Gardens Wreath Sale

The Broome County Master Gardeners create holiday wreaths as a fundraiser for the Cutler Botanic Gardens. All proceeds support infrastructure and programming in the gardens.

Make checks payable to "CCE-BC"

Mail or deliver form and payment by November 15 to: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County 840 Upper Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905 Attn: Wreath Sale

Order online at: ccebroomecounty.com

Pre-paid orders will be accepted until Tuesday, November 15th. Wreaths will be available for pick-up on Saturday, November 26th or December 3rd from 9AM to 1PM at the Broome County Regional Farmers Market.



Horizontal Swag \$25



Vertical Swags \$25



Lg. (28") Wreath \$30
Sm. (22") Wreath \$25

Catholic Charities: Gift Card Donations

Youth ages 11-17 living in Broome County will have the opportunity to receive a gift card through the month of December at either of two Catholic Charities pantries:

**Community Empowerment Center (100 Main Street)
Mother Teresa's Cupboard (202 Garfield Ave, End.)**

In order to offer gift cards this holiday season Catholic Charities of Broome County is asking for parish support in donating gift cards to Walmart, Target, Burlington, or any other youth-friendly store in the area. They would like to offer cards in \$25-\$40 amounts to each teen. Cards in \$5 increments work best.

Gift Cards may be dropped off at the parish center or given directly to Catholic Charities (232 Main St, Bing.)

39th ANNUAL PIZZA SALE Support Birthright of Binghamton

A portion of all take-out pizza orders on **Wednesday November 16th** will benefit Birthright. Places to purchase your pizza will be in Binghamton at Cortese (607-723-6477) 11:30AM to CLOSE, and Grande (607-723-9011) as well as in Johnson City at Rossi Pizza (607-777-1313) 10AM to CLOSE. Please mention Birthright when you call and pick-up.

Thanksgiving Baskets Help Those in Need

Thanksgiving basket drop-off deadline is November 16th at the parish center. On Thursday November 17th at 9:30AM, volunteers will gather to complete and set up for pick up. Join us, if possible, it takes a hour and is great way to meet fellow parish members and make a big job fun. Baskets will be distributed on Saturday, November 19th from 10AM—Noon to those assigned to pickup from our parish.

FOR FAMILIES WITH 3-4 MEMBERS:

- ❖ 2 Stuffing (bag/box)
- ❖ 1 Pie crust (boxed **only**)
- ❖ 1 Pie filling (**canned only**, check to see if additional items are needed for recipe [i.e. 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)

MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS ACCEPTED TO COVER BREAD AND APPLES

Please drop off your Thanksgiving Basket at St. Francis Parish Center (Catherine's Cupboard) on **Saturday or Sunday, November 5th/6th or November 12th/13th 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 Krinik 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 12th & 13th, 2022

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Kathryn White
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Michaela Wood
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Kelly M Robertson
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Betsy A Shields
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Anne Smilnak
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Terry Hanafin
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sydney Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Mary Bush
10:30 Mass	Lector	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Mike Stricek
10:30 Mass	EM Host	David Hanzes
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Katie Ginalski

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

10:30 AM Mass

November 20: Maria Kirk & Melissa Kliment

December 4: Ede & Sarah Blabac

VIRTUAL LITURGIES

Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org
to watch our latest Sunday Mass or Liturgy
of the Word as well as Children's Liturgy
videos.

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: Jesus teaches us that work is good for us. What kind of work do you do during the week? How does it help you?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that even though bad things will happen, we are safe in God. When have you felt the safety of God's life in your own life?

Question for Adults: Paul's words to the Thesalonians are tough: if you want to eat, you must work! How does this translate into our society today? How do you reconcile this with Jesus' command to love and feed the poor?

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