

November 14, 2021

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



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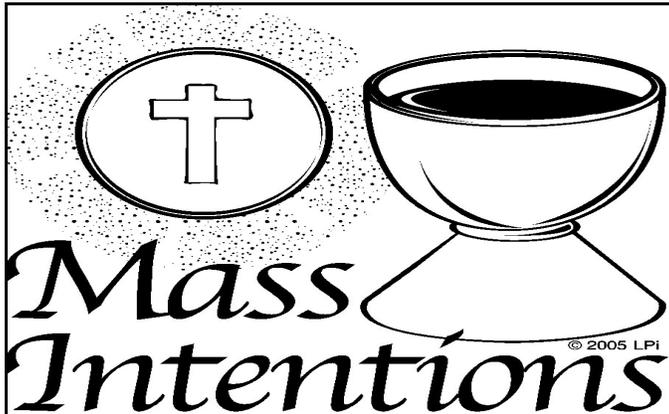
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Saturday, November 13, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Megan Santa Croce by Family

Sunday, November 14, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10:30 a.m. 23rd Ann. Ryan Carr by Mom & Dad

Monday, November 15
 12:00 p.m. Janice Gerber by Delores & Chuck Farwell

Tuesday, November 16
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Wednesday, November 17
 12:00 p.m. Anna Liddle by the Cavanagh Family

Thursday, November 18
 8:00 a.m. Theresa Yajko by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Friday, November 19
 NO MASS

Saturday, November 20, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 pm Bob Shields by Jack & Beth Evans

Sunday, November 21, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 10:30 a.m. William Curran by Judy & Gordon Ruston

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 (11-07-21)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,720.00
Loose Collection.....	\$616.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$3,177.00
Total Collection.....	\$8,513.00

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.

The Rite of Changing Hearts, for the children preparing for First Reconciliation, will take place this Sunday, at the 10:30 Mass.

Looking Ahead:

- † 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.
- † Family's who would like to sign up to light the Advent Wreath can do so **November 21st** in the Faith Formation office at the school.

Fall Book Club

Please read the assigned chapters of your book *Spiritual Ecology: The Cry of the Earth* by Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee for discussion this **Tuesday, November 16**. Zoom links for the 2 PM and 7 PM groups will be sent to participants emails on Monday.

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.**

For Potential Godparents and Sponsors for Baptisms or Confirmation

Anyone looking to be a Godparent or Sponsor to a Confirmation Candidate **MUST** be a registered member of St. Francis of Assisi to be able to get a letter of certification. This is the only way that the Church can verify you are a practicing Catholic. Please call Delores at the Parish Center (722-4388) for questions.

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, Judy Legant.



I am reporting to you that St. Francis of Assisi Parish has **raised \$8,500** toward our HOPE Appeal **goal of \$41,618.70**. If we do not meet this goal, the shortfall will be taken from our general fund. In an effort to meet our goal, I am asking every family in the parish to consider a minimum gift of \$175.00 (averages out to \$0.48 a day or \$14.38 a month). If you are able

to contribute more, I strongly encourage you to do so. If you are not able to make the minimum gift, please give something. Your gift, no matter the size, whether it is a pledge or a one-time gift, is important. Thank you to all who have pledged their support to the HOPE Appeal ministries, programs, and services that benefit so many throughout Central New York, including many in our own parish. If you are still prayerfully considering your gift to this year's HOPE Appeal, you may bring your completed pledge card to Mass next weekend or drop it by the parish center office, or make your pledge to our parish's campaign online at www.syrdio.org.

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!

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

This week is International Bible Week. Scripture is filled with so much wisdom and guidance on how God desires justice for the world and wants all of us to live justly. Your challenge this week is to open the Word, and find a passage on justice which speaks to you.

(You can do this by paging through a particular book—like Isaiah or the Gospel of Luke—or by going to www.usccb.org/bible and doing a word search on a key aspect of justice you want to read.)

Once you choose your passage, spend some time reading the text, meditating on what God is asking you to do, praying for the strength to do it, and then... just doing it!

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 SHELIVING

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 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 13th & 14th, 2021

4:00 P.M. Mass

Altar Server.....Kathryn White
Altar Server.....TBD
Altar Server.....TBD
Lector.....Kelly M Robertson
EM.....Rosemary Round
EM.....Jan Pandich

10:30 A.M. Mass

Altar Server.....Jonah Rice
Altar Server.....Abraham Watkins
Altar Server.....Alexander Watkins
Lector.....Catherine Shafer
EM.....Lyndsey Lopiccolo
EM.....David Hanzes

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule
November 20th & 21st

4:00PM

Maria Kirk

10:30

Ede & Sarah Blabac

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: If Jesus
came to visit you today, what would
you do? What would say? How
would you act?

Question for Youth: If today was
your last day, what would you be
most thankful for? What would you
regret?

Question for Adults: If today was
your last, what would you do with it?

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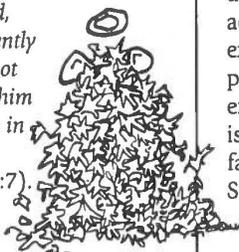
One Minute Meditations

Happiness
As a loving Father, God wants us to be happy. True happiness is: "Joy and beatitude over receiving the fulfillment of our vocation as creatures: a sharing in the divine nature and the vision of God. God put us into the world to know, love, and serve Him, and so come to the happiness of paradise" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, # 1720). The happiness the world offers doesn't last, but the happiness God offers is forever.

Nurture faith
Spiritual growth doesn't stop with formal religious education. To know God better, start with the Bible and consider adding spiritual reading. (Hint: ask a priest for recommendations.) Read so that you may learn more about God's ways.

Patience makes sense
Don't be tempted to compare yourself to others. God's plan for you is unique. "Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over him who prospers in his way" (Psalm 37:7).





Prepare for an amazing truth

At Christmas we celebrate the truth that God came and lived among us. What's even more amazing is that He will come again at our death or at the end of the world, whichever comes first. To help us prepare, the Church created the season of Advent, beginning this year on November 28. It is a watchful time during which we can ...

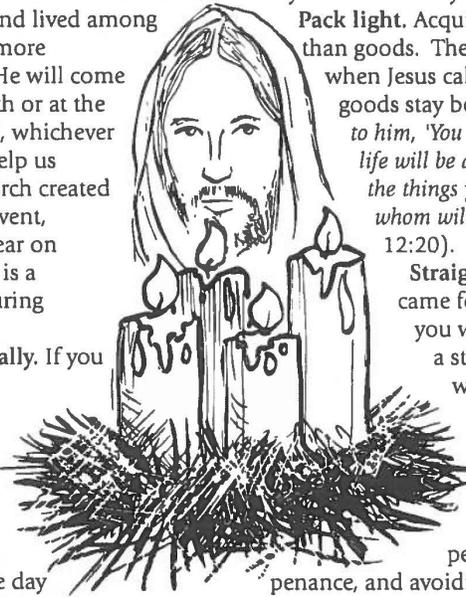
Live intentionally. If you knew that Jesus would come for you tomorrow, how would you spend today? Chances are you would devote the day to asking and granting forgiveness, spending time with loved ones, and preparing your heart for your Savior.

Try to live each day that way.

Pack light. Acquire graces rather than goods. The graces come along when Jesus calls for you, but the goods stay behind. "But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?'" (Luke 12:20).

Straighten up. If Jesus came for you tomorrow, you would need to be in a state of grace to go with Him. Prepare now by never missing Mass, going to Confession regularly, performing heartfelt penance, and avoiding sin so that you'll be ready to greet Jesus with joy anytime.

The truth is, Jesus really could come tomorrow – or even today!

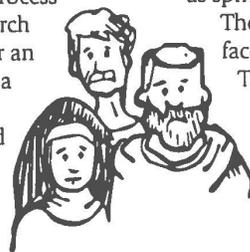


Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics honor saints?

Canonization is the process through which the Church acknowledges that, after an extensive investigation, a person demonstrated extraordinary virtue and is now in Heaven, face-to-face with God. Saints are offered to us

as spiritual guides to lead us to God. The saints were real people who faced problems similar to our own. They allowed God's grace to transform them. When we are facing difficulties, trials, and temptations, we can look to the saints and be encouraged by their faithfulness.



Thankfulness is good for the health

Studies show that people who are thankful are less likely to be depressed or unhappy, and find they enjoy simple pleasures like sunsets and good health. Here is how you can join them ...

Calculate your ratio. For three days straight, keep track of how many times you think grateful thoughts versus complaining. This is your Grateful to Grumbling Ratio. The higher your G2G Ratio, the happier you will be.

Gather inspiration. Ask others what inspires their gratitude. You will probably discover something for which



you can also be thankful but haven't thought of.

Fast. Forgo something you like such as food, TV, the internet. It will make you thankful for it when you get it back.

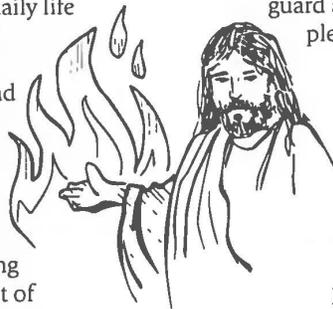
Guard the company you keep. Attitudes are contagious. Do the people around you encourage gratitude or griping? Consider changing your environment or your friends to lean toward gratitude.

Detach. Have you noticed that the people who have the least seem the happiest? Take stock of your possessions. Keep only what you need.

from Scripture

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36, the Advent of hope

The virtues of patience and perseverance aren't strengths for most of us. Often the concerns of daily life overshadow our pursuit of holiness. We can get lured into sin by the comforts and pleasures the world has to offer. We can forget our ultimate goal is Heaven. Knowing this, Jesus warned His followers about the end times, hoping to shake them (and us) out of "drowsy" complaisance.



in God's friendship will have no reason to fear. The key is, He said, to stay on guard against sin and worldly pleasure.

Advent is a time of waiting for the coming of Christ. God has promised us that if we are faithful to Him, we will be rewarded. This is a time when we must pray for patience and perseverance to keep us ready

for the arrival of our Savior. Then we can hold our heads high and stand confident expecting our promised reward.

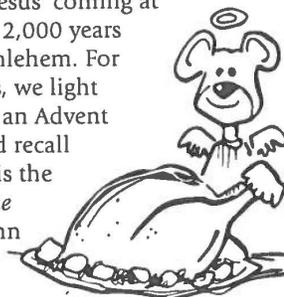
Feasts & Celebrations

November 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1231). The daughter of the King of Hungary, she married at the age of 14. Her beloved husband was killed after only six years of marriage. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order and spent her life caring for the poor.

November 21 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. God promised his people a king who will be triumphant over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under His kingship.

November 22 – St. Cecilia (230). A native of Rome, St. Cecilia was forced to marry although she wanted to consecrate herself to God. She eventually converted her husband and both were martyred for the faith.

November 28 - First Sunday in Advent. During Advent, we prepare to celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas 2,000 years ago at Bethlehem. For four weeks, we light candles in an Advent wreath and recall that Jesus is the "Light of the world" (John 8:12).



Q & A Is our belief in Purgatory rooted in the Bible?

In the Old Testament, the Jewish leader Judas Maccabee required his soldiers to offer prayers and sacrifices for dead comrades who died wearing "magic" amulets in service of pagan gods – a serious violation of the covenant. *"Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out"*



(Maccabees 12:42). By offering prayers on their behalf after their death, Judas Maccabee demonstrated his faith that the prayers could still benefit the dead.

In the New Testament, Jesus speaks of the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit that won't be forgiven in this life or in the next (Matthew 12:32). We conclude that other sins are forgiven in the next life.

If we die in God's friendship but still have attachment to venial sin, purification will be necessary. It is difficult to see a beautiful landscape through a dirty window. To enjoy the view, the window must be cleaned. Likewise, Purgatory cleans us up so we can enjoy the view, in this case, the beatific vision of God.

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Advent 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 28 Buy or make an Advent wreath. Bless it and light the first candle tonight and every night this week. Read Luke 21:25-28, 34-36.	29 Advent is about waiting for the Savior to come. Offer a simple prayer of praise anytime you have to wait during Advent.	30 The presence of Jesus reminds us to hope in God's mercy. Make a list of reasons for your hope today.	1 Pick one habit that is keeping you from holiness. Identify your "go-to sin" and resolve to conquer it during Advent.	2 Add 20 minutes of daily prayer during Advent. Set an alarm to remind you to pray for 10 minutes each morning and night this month.	3 In gratitude that God provides for your needs, set aside gently used clothing and give it to the poor. Add a piece you love as a special sacrifice.	4 Perform a thorough examination of conscience today. Then attend Confession to ready your soul to greet the Savior.
5 At sundown tonight, light two violet candles in the Advent wreath and read Luke 3:1-6.	6 St. Nicholas was a generous man and a courageous bishop. Today, make at least one generous act of love in his honor.	7 In your Christmas cards write a note about the blessings you received this year as a witness to God's love.	8 The feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrates Mary's freedom from Original Sin. Attend Mass and pray a Rosary.	9 Today, let nothing discourage you in honor of St. Juan Diego. He never gave up, placing his trust in Jesus and His Mother.	10 Buy Christmas gifts from stores or online merchants that carry "fair trade" items to support workers in developing countries.	11 To honor the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe tomorrow, place a rose in a vase in your home and play a "Hail Mary" whenever you pass it.
Gaudete 12 Sunday-Joy! Celebrate the halfway point of Advent. Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. Read Luke 3:10-18.	13 Spend time in silence today. Say "no" to unnecessary distractions. In silence and peace, you will be open to God's will.	14 Think of biblical accounts of God's mercy to sinners. Ask forgiveness from someone you have hurt and forgive those who wronged you.	15 In honor of the Holy Family's trek to Bethlehem, pray for all those who have been forced from home.	16 Send a card to someone who lost a loved one in the last year. Offer your thoughts and prayers for healing and comfort.	17 Pray for the men and women in the armed services who won't be able to spend Christmas with their families.	18 Pray the Angelus at 6:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 6:00pm every day until Christmas.
19 Light all four candles in the wreath tonight and all week. Read Luke 1:39-45.	20 This can be a sad time for those who are alone. Include anyone in your own gatherings who might be otherwise forgotten.	21 As a gift to the coming Savior, repair a relationship with a friend or family member that needs healing.	22 Make an effort to share God's love today. Say a kind word or listen with compassion to someone who is suffering.	23 Gather friends and neighbors and Christmas carol (safely) at a nursing home or homeless shelter.	24 Even if you live alone, put up and decorate a Christmas tree. Light it as a symbol of Christ, the Light of the World.	Rejoice! 25 Read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-20 and focus on each detail. Think of how joyful it will be to meet Jesus when he comes again.