

November 17, 2019

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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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 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

Monday, November 18

NO MASS

Tuesday, November 19

8:00 a.m. Anna Liddle by the Cavanagh Family

Wednesday, November 20

8:00 a.m. Special intention for Linda Harding by Arlene

Thursday, November 21

8:00 a.m. John Turna by Marge Mangan

Friday, November 22

NO MASS

Saturday, November 23, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Council # 11403 Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 24, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

11:00 a.m. Kay Lynch 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 (11-10-19)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,945.00
Loose Collection.....	\$195.00
Holy Day Collection.....	\$111.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,799.00
Total Collection.....	\$8,050.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation for grades K-9.

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.

Confirmation 2020 Rite of Acceptance will take place on December 8th at 11 Am Mass. The front pews on the sacristy side will be reserved for candidates, Mass may be a bit longer than usual, please plan accordingly.

****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

November 23/24

4PM— Maria Kirk & Sue Lee

8AM— Ede Blabac/Bridget Vavra

November 30/December 1

4PM— Roberta Cushing/Catherine Shafer

8AM— Shirley McCray/Marie Iobst

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 Maddie Shaw.



Justice for Immigrants ACTION ALERT

Ask your U.S. Senator to Support S. 874, the Dream Act of 2019

From November 2019 until Spring 2020, while the U.S. Supreme Court deliberates, it is vital that we encourage Congress to act to provide DACA recipients with a path to citizenship. As the House passed H.R. 6 which includes a path to citizenship for DACA recipients, we ask that you turn your attention to your Senators and urge them to stand in support of young adult immigrants by supporting legislative protection for DACA recipients generally and the Dream Act of 2019, S. 874, specifically.

Background

H.R. 6 would provide critical permanent legal protection to DACA recipients, TPS and DED holders who are living in a state of uncertainty and fear. The USCCB's Committee on Migration Chairman, Bishop Joe S. Vaisquez of Austin, Texas, has voiced support for the bill numerous times: issuing a March 15, 2019 statement endorsing H.R. 6, sending a letter to each Member of the U.S. House of Representatives in support of the bill, and endorsing individual component bills of H.R. 6 prior to markup in the House Judiciary Committee on May 22, 2019.

ACTION

While the House passed its version of the Dream Act, we ask you to stand in solidarity with immigrants and their families by sending a message to your Senators and request that they support S.874, the Dream Act of 2019. TAKE ACTION NOW and send the following message!

Dear Senator,

As a person of faith, I stand with the U.S. Catholic Bishops and write to express my strong support for the "Dream Act of 2019" (S. 874). The young people protected by this bill are contributors to our economy, veterans of our military, academic standouts in our universities, and leaders in our parishes and communities. As Catholics, we have long supported DREAMERS as we believe in protecting the dignity of every human being, especially that of our children.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is a program that has benefited over 800,000 young people by ensuring that recipients are able to live their lives free of the anxiety that they could be deported at any time to a country they do not know and separated from their families.

I urge you to:

- * Support and co-sponsor S. 874, the Dream Act of 2019; and*
- * Continue to work towards larger legislative reform of our immigration laws.*

Catholics stand with you in support of the DREAM Act of 2019, S. 874.

Thank you.

World Day of the Poor: November 19th

Pope Francis has designated November 19th as the World Day of the Poor. He invites people from all walks of life who support the poor to make their day "a tradition that concretely contributes to evangelization in today's world." This day of remembrance, Francis reminds us that we "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." He continues, "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." Let us reflect on the words of Pope Francis and his invitation to love the poor, not just with kind words, but with deeds of love rooted in justice.

Star of Bethlehem Christmas Concert

The movie STAR OF BETHLEHEM and a Christmas music concert will be offered at the Kopernik Observatory & Science Center, 698 Underwood Road, Vestal, on Friday, Dec. 13. The Star of Bethlehem unlocks the mystery of the what the Wise Men saw in the night sky by relating scientific knowledge about astronomy and historical clues from the bible. Doors for this event open at 6:00 PM. At 6:30 PM, students in the flute studio of Aimee Backus will offer a concert of Christmas music. The movie begins at 7 PM. Admission \$5 adults, \$3 seniors/students, \$16 family max, includes telescope viewing after movie (if clear). Kopernik members are free. Go to www.kopernik.org or call 607-748-3685 for more information.

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. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information is at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of Nov. 17th — Anne Wilcox

Week of Nov. 24th — Marie Giordano

Shelving (Mondays)

November 18th — N. & D. Minch

November 25th — C. Woodruff & M. Ryder

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: syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/initial-training-for-adults/

Initial Safe Environment Training (PGC)

Thursday, December 5th at 6:00PM

St. James Church, Johnson City

Recertification Training (EPDR)

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.

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 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

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://catholicismobilizing.salsalabs.org/mercy-in-action>

Chenango Valley Craft Fair

November 23rd

9AM—3PM

Chenango Valley High School

Sponsored by: C.V. Student Council

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
November 23rd & 24th, 2019

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	John Artman
EM Host	Carol Danoski
EM Host	Bob Grace
EM Host	Carole Parga
EM Cup	Mary Frances Charsky
EM Cup	John Pierce
EM Cup	Sue Lee
EM Cup	Bea Grace
Altar Server	Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server	Madelyn Strnatka
Altar Server	Logan Lomonaco

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Mike Stricek
EM Host	Mary DeNinis
EM Host	Marie Iobst
EM Host	Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Maureen Mizzoni
EM Cup	Scott or Donna Iglar
EM Cup	Ed White
Altar Server	Braeden Krisko
Altar Server	Brigid Birtch
Altar Server	Mikayla Bucci

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Tom Giblin
EM Host	Maria Lord
EM Host	David Gill
EM Host	Kerri Hamilton
EM Cup	Betty Church
EM Cup	Chris Gill
EM Cup	Virginia Thompson
EM Cup	Sue Jones
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	Nolan Sirgany
Altar Server	

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?

END OF BULLETIN

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