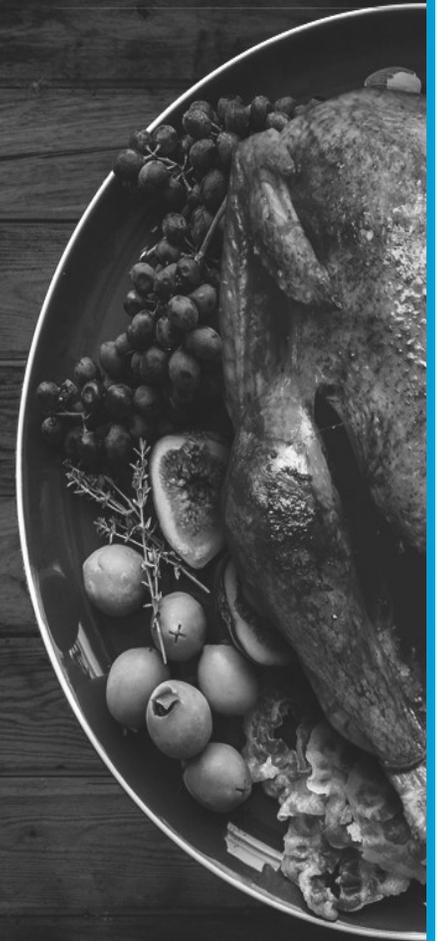


November 18, 2018

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

Thanksgiving  
WE ARE BLESSED & GRATEFUL



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

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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 17, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Daniel Berry by Pat & Becky Grace  
**Sunday, November 18, Thirty-Third**  
**Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Ryan Carr by Mom & Dad  
 11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Monday, November 19**

8:00 a.m. Bernice Guth by Paul & Mary Jo Minch

**Tuesday, November 20**

8:00 a.m. Tom Libous by Rose Mary & Phil McGovern

**Wednesday, November 21**

8:00 a.m. Frank Snow by Patty Turnbull & Family

**Thursday, November 22, Thanksgiving Day**  
**(Liturgy in Church)**

9:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Friday, November 23**

**NO MASS**

**Saturday, November 24, Vigil of Sunday**

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

**Sunday, November 25, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

11:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna 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 (11-11-18)**

Regular Envelopes.....\$6,107.00  
 Loose Collection.....\$299.00  
 Electronic Collection.....\$1,824.00  
 Total Collection.....\$8,230.00

**We are up to \$30,010 so far in the Hope Appeal**

**This is 63% of our commitment**

**The deadline is November 30.**

**Faith Formation**

**Faith Formation for Grades K-9 today**

Opening Prayer on November 18th will focus on Gratitude/Thanksgiving. Children are asked to bring a monetary offering for the Food for the Poor Project.

First Reconciliation Rite of Changing Hearts will take place after Faith Formation at the 11 AM Mass on November 18th.

Parents are asked to sign up to light the Advent Wreath today in the Faith Formation Office at the school.

**Parish Book Club**

Our Book club will meet again Tuesday, November 20th at 2 PM and 7 PM. The new books "Wrestling with God" by Ronald Rolheiser are in if you wish to pick one up at the Parish Center for \$10.

**"Crisis in the U.S. Catholic Church Clericalism or the Gospel?"**

**An Advent reflection with Fr. Roy Bourgeois**

Fr. Roy Bourgeois, Catholic priest and founder of the School of America Watch (SOAW), was a Naval Officer decorated with a Purple Heart and later became a Maryknoll missionary priest who was awarded the Pax Christi Award as a "Teacher of Peace" in 1997.

**December 5th at 7:00PM**

**St. Francis of Assisi Church**

(1049 Chenango Street, Binghamton, NY 13901)

**Children's Liturgy**

**November 24/25**

**4:00 PM Mass**— Roberta Cushing/Kathryn Shafer

**8:00 AM Mass**— Ed and Kay Corcoran

**December 1/2**

**4:00 PM Mass**— Maria Kirk/Sue Lee

**8:00 AM Mass**— Debbie Davis/Cindy White

**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.



### Thanksgiving Today

What first comes to mind when you think of Thanksgiving? Maybe you remember a special year, perhaps one that would prove to be the last for a beloved family member. Or you might think of the aromatic pumpkin pie or your grandmother's special mince pie. Your family may use the holiday to recall your blessings. Others pause to consider what that first Thanksgiving was really like for Indigenous Americans and European immigrants. Whatever family holidays mean to you, have you ever stopped to think that as an adult you can shape those festivities into memorable occasions for future generations? You can continue price-less practices, but you also have the freedom to introduce some of your own new traditions for Thanksgiving.

### Thanksgiving Prayer

*May the light of our gratitude burn brightly in our hearts and in our world. In the silence of our hearts, let each of us give thanks for all the many gifts that are ours. Let us also be mindful of those today who are not now present with us here: those who have gone before us, those in the present time, and those to be born whom we will love. God of all good gifts, from your holy heart has come a flood of gifts upon us. With uplifted hearts, we gather together to thank you with prayer and with worship of feasting. We are grateful not only for the gift of life itself, but for all the gifts of friendship, love, devotion, and forgiveness that we have shared. May we give our thanks by lives of service, by deeds of hospitality, by kindness to strangers and by concern for one another. We are most grateful this feast day for the way You, our God, are visible to us in one another, in countless daily gifts, in the marvels of creation. We bless you oh God, for the blessings of our lives; and invite you to bless our table and all of the food of this feast that we share. Let us thank the Lord today and all days. Amen.*

### Thanksgiving Football Gridiron Terminology

**Blocking**— talking endlessly to the pastor at the church door and keeping everyone else from exiting.

**Draft Choice**— the decision to sit close to an air-conditioning vent.

**End Zone**— the pews

**Extra Point**— what you receive when you tell the preacher his sermon was too short.

**Illegal Motion**— leaving before the end of mass

**Interference**— talking during the organ prelude.

**Two-Minute Warning**— the wife looking at her watch in full view of her husband.

**Quarterback Sneak**— Faith Formation teachers entering the building five minutes after classes begin.

### Fall 2018 Parish Events:

**Nov. 25th—Dec. 9th:** Giving Tree will be up and tags must be returned by Dec. 9th; Need help on **Dec. 10th to transport gifts.**

**Dec. 18th:** Pick up (truck or van) turkeys from Wegman's for pantry give away on the 18th.

As you can see there are various needs to complete many of the parish projects. Save this announcement and think about what **YOU** would like to help with. As time approaches call Delores at the parish center (722-4388) during regular office hours or Thank you! **OUR** Parish needs **YOU**.

### Night to Shine

First United Methodist Church of Chenango Bridge is proud to be an official host church for the 2019 Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs, ages 14 and older. The event will be hosted by an estimated 700 churches around the world simultaneously on Friday, **February 8, 2019**. We have rented space at the Chenango Valley High School to hold this event. For more information, refer a guest, volunteer or donate, please email: [night2shinecb@gmail.com](mailto:night2shinecb@gmail.com). To learn more and see all the churches that are a part of this worldwide movement, check out [www.timtebowfoundation.org](http://www.timtebowfoundation.org)

### World Day of The Poor

The second World Day of The Poor will be observed on Monday, 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.

## **Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule**

### **Transportation**

Week of November 18 — Michelle Warne

Week of November 25 — Nancy Oliver

### **Shelving (Mondays)**

November 19th — E. & K. Corcoran

November 26th — J. & K. Brady

### **Distribution**

November 20th — C. Danoski, B. Grace, M. DeNinis, M. Ryder, C. Woodruff, R. Rounds

## **VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

Do you have a couple extra hours a week? Volunteer!

**Catholic Charities food pantry** 100 Main St Binghamton is in need of help. This is the busiest food pantry in area. Open 5 days a week 9-12 or 1-4 M, W, Th & F. Afternoon only on Tuesday. Register visitors or help them pick out food items. Call Michelle 723-4563

**Project Concern** Kattelville Rd Chenango Bridge (just past fire station) could use HELP also; stop in M-Fri 9-4 or Sat 7-12 to see what you can do.

## **Cutler Botanic Garden Pre-Paid Holiday Wreath Sale**

Order beautiful holiday wreaths and swags to benefit Cutler Botanic Garden.

Freshly made by Master Gardeners!

Available for pick-up: **Saturdays, Nov. 24—Dec. 1** 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. @ Regional Farmers Market 840 Upper Front Street, Binghamton.

Visit [cebroomecounty.com](http://cebroomecounty.com) to order online and choose a pick-up date. Any questions? Call Carol at (607)-584-9966.

Thank you for supporting Cutler Botanic Garden!

## **Annual 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 & Chip Fedish for remembering our pantry once again.

## **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. Cannon law requires you are to be a practicing Catholic to be a sponsor. Please call Delores at the parish center (722-4388) with any questions.

## **Thank You for Thanksgiving**

### **Basket Donations**

THANK YOU TO ALL who donated for the Thanksgiving Basket, your time helping organize, shopping, monetary donations plus the Confirmation students who all made this possible for 130+ families to enjoy a wonderful meal plus leftovers. Our parish was one of 21 churches in Broome County who took on this tremendous project of feeding 2,000 + families.

## **Thank You to our Pantry Volunteers**

THANK YOU to the 45+ volunteers who keep the pantry running so smoothly. This includes the Parish Nurses group who comes the 1st Tuesday each month to check blood pressure for visitors, the strong men in the parish who help unload our shipment monthly, volunteers who move food from church to pantry on Sunday, those who shelf on Mondays & Tuesday night teams who give out the food and personal care items to our visitors PLUS or course those who privately donate funds to help pay for the food. None of this could be possible without you!

## **The Giving Tree**

On the weekend of Nov 24-25 the GIVING TREE will be up thanks to Confirmation candidate Lauren White & family. All tags should be securely attached to the gift requested and they are due back no later than December 9th. Please leave gifts under the tree on altar during weekend masses. 150 Tag's will be attached but extra gifts will also be accepted (suggestions: \$20 gift cards to Walmart, Target or Boscov's) playing cards, soft cookies or candy in a tin, warm blankets, toys for kids ages 2yrs to 10 years old. Please **WRAP** and put a tag on it unless otherwise directed.

## **Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa**

Knights of Columbus' "Breakfast with Santa" Buffet will be on **Sunday, December 2nd**, 8:30—11:00 a.m.

The Super 50/50 raffle winners will be drawn at the breakfast.

Proceeds will benefit Catherine's Cupboard Food Pantry

## **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 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, they each played their part in making the time more 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.

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

**November 24th & 25th, 2018**

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

Lector	Bob & Betsy Shields
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Bob Grace
EM Host	Mary Frances Charsky
EM Cup	Sue lee
EM Cup	John Pierce
EM Cup	Carole Parga
EM Cup	Bea Grace
Altar Server	Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
Altar Server	Logan Lomonaco

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

Lector	Mike Stricek
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Marie Iobst
EM Host	Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Katie Ginalski
EM Cup	Joanne Horoschak
EM Cup	Ed White
Altar Server	Ian Ginalski
Altar Server	Brigid Birtch
Altar Server	Mikayla Bucci

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

Lector	Tom Giblin
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	David Gill
EM Host	Kerri Hamilton
EM Cup	
EM Cup	Chris Gill
EM Cup	Dave Bollinger
EM Cup	Sue Jones
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	Nolan Sirgany
Altar Server	

**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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