

November 19, 2017

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



POPE FRANCIS

**BLESSED ARE THE  
OPEN HANDS THAT  
EMBRACE THE POOR...  
THEY ARE HANDS THAT  
BRING HOPE."**

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 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**  
 8:00 a.m. 19<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Ryan Carr by Family  
 11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Monday, November 20**  
 8:00 a.m. Sebastian Parasiliti by Family

**Tuesday, November 21**  
 8:00 a.m. Mary Lyons by Dolores Wortman & Family

**Wednesday, November 22**  
 8:00 a.m. Grace Lo Vuolo by Dick & Doris Talbut

**Thursday, November 23, Thanksgiving Day (Liturgy held in Church)**  
 9:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving

**Friday, November 24**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, November 25, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus #11403 Memorial Mass

**Sunday, November 26, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People  
 11:00a.m. John Broderick by St. Francis' Ushers

**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 (11-12-17)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,815.60
Loose Collection.....	\$356.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,379.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,550.60

**Faith Formation**  
**Faith Formation for Grades K-9 will begin in the Church at 9:30 Sunday November 19th, Confirmation Make-Up class in Room 103 at 9:30 AM.**

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 on line or look at it in the Faith Formation office. Confirmation Candidates will receive the Circles of Care training on December 3 at the end of the afternoon session.

**Looking Ahead**  
 Deirdre Cornell, author of our Book Club selection Jesus was a Migrant will give a reflection at our weekend liturgies on December 3rd. She will also give a more detailed presentation at 9:45-10:45 AM in the church for parents and parishioners who would like to hear more about her ministry.

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

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

The sign-up sheet for families to light the Advent Calendar is up in the Faith Formation Office. Please sign up this weekend. Advent begins the weekend of December 2nd/3rd.

**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.

### 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).

### 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.*



May we join together to give thanks for the people in our lives as well as all that God has given to us.

### 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.*

### Time Needed To Review Impact Of Tax Plans

"Less than one week after the release of the U.S. House of Representatives' 'Tax Cuts and Jobs Act,' the U.S. Senate released a summary of its tax reform proposal. The USCCB released its fuller analysis of the House bill Thursday, and will review the Senate proposal carefully to provide a more detailed analysis of that bill as well. However, Congress and the nation must have adequate time to understand these bills, as the financial wellbeing of every household and our society at large are at stake. Marking up a comprehensive revision to the tax code on the next business day from when initial language is released does not allow time for careful consideration of the effects of the proposals. It remains imperative that lawmakers examine the tax bill in light of the moral principles that will make our tax policy just, ethical, and would strengthen the common good such as; caring for the poor; strengthening families; maintaining progressivity of the tax code; raising adequate revenue for the common good; avoiding cuts to poverty programs to finance tax reform; and incentivizing charitable giving development. Knowledge takes time, and running feet miss the mark. Getting tax policy right is imperative for the sake of families, and particularly the poor, of our nation. May congress be guided by wisdom, right judgment, and justice.

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

Week of November 19th — Marie Giordano  
Week of November 26th — Michelle Warne

**Shelving (Mondays)**

November 20th — J. & K. Brady  
November 27th — N. Minch, NJ. Mirabito

**Distribution**

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

**SUPER 50-50**  
**TICKET COUNTER**

Super 50-50 drawing is on **December 3rd**

**Currently sold: 161 tickets**  
**Must sell: 239 more**

**If you did not receive any, there are extras at the entrances of the church or you may call Delores at the Parish Center at 722-4388. Remember, you cannot WIN if you do not enter!**

\$50 donation per ticket                      You must be 18 or older to purchase

**Thanksgiving Baskets, Thank You!**

Thanksgiving Baskets were given out this weekend, so everyone should have a great Thanksgiving. All of the many families that signed up were taken care of. This year here at St. Francis of Assisi we did over 130 baskets due to your generosity.

*A sincere THANK YOU to all for your donations.*

**Newman House, Thank you!**

Thank you for your generous contributions of \$1,019.00 to the Newman House ministry. We are very thankful for your generosity and your hospitality. Be assure of our prayers for your community. Thank you again.

**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.

**\*HELP NEEDED\*!**

**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.**

**Congratulations to Cameron Drumm!**

This Saturday, November 18th, Cameron Drumm received his Eagle Scout Award. In a ceremony with his fellow scouts, family, and friends, Cameron was honored and was given this distinguished award of achievement.



We have followed his progress as well as being recipients of his work in constructing and placing the new benches as well as our new St. Francis statue of which add to the overall beauty of our church.

Nick did fantastic work! Also, we have to recognize the support he received from his family and fellow scouts.

The eagle is a large bird with sharp vision and powerful wings, noted for its strength, size, and grace. In scouting, the eagle is a symbol of what a young man has done as well as what he will do, and will be, when he grows to manhood. Cameron, you are deserving of this award and you represent all what it means to be an Eagle Scout! Congratulations on this milestone in your life!

**The Giving Tree**

The Giving Tree will be up with tags on the weekend of **November 25th.**

All gifts **must be returned by December 10th to the church.**

Please be sure tags are attached securely to your gift and purchase the exact or as close as possible to the item requested.

Extra gifts are always accepted but must be NEW. Some examples are toys, stuffed animals, calendars, playing cards, tin of soft cookies or candy, body wash for both men and women, warm socks, hats, or gloves. Thank you for your continued support!

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



Knights of Columbus' "**Breakfast with Santa**" Buffet on **Sunday, December 3rd from 8:30—11:00 a.m.** The winners of the Super 50/50 raffle will be drawn at the breakfast. All proceeds to benefit Catherine's Cupboard Food Pantry.

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

**November 25th & 26th, 2017**

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

Lector Marge Mangan  
EM Host Carol Danosky  
EM Host John Artman  
EM Host Brenda Artman  
EM Cup Larry Koch  
EM Cup Debby Carden  
EM Cup Dom Lomonaco  
EM Cup Terry Hanifin  
Altar Server Vincent Williams  
Altar Server Madelyn Strnatka  
Altar Server Sarah Shafer

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

Lector Roy Santa Croce  
EM Host Debbie Davis  
EM Host Mary DeNinis  
EM Host Steve Baxter  
EM Cup Kurt or Kelly Mohney  
EM Cup Denise Baxter  
EM Cup Nancy Oliver  
EM Cup Tom Phalen  
Altar Server Delaney Wood  
Altar Server Liam Wood  
Altar Server Braeden Krisko

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

Lector Barb Novitsky  
EM Host Joseph Frissora  
EM Host Steve Guth  
EM Host Jim Lewis  
EM Cup Stephanie Stracuzzi  
EM Cup Rose O'Neil  
EM Cup Jules Furrer  
EM Cup Kerri Hamilton  
Altar Server Abraham Watkins  
Altar Server Katelyn Church  
Altar Server Alexander Watkins

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Name one talent or gift that God has given you and tell how you have used it.

**Question for Youth:** Name three talents that you have. How can you use these talents in the next week to make someone's life better?

**Question for Adults:** Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words how you are using your own gifts to enrich the reign of God.

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