

November 20, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, November 21
12:00 p.m. Tom Mangan, by Wife, Marge & Family

Tuesday, November 22
8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, November 23
12:00 p.m. Sebastian & Betty Parasiliti by Daughter, Patti & Family

Thursday, November 24, Thanksgiving Day
9:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Friday, November 25
NO MASS

Saturday, November 26, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Michael Fontana Sr. by Wife & Family

Sunday, November 27, First Sunday of Advent
10:30 a.m. 15th Anniv. Ed Farthing 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 (11-07-22)

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

Thank you for your generosity!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation for grades K-9 meet today, all grades begin with Opening Prayer in the Parish Hall. Parents are reminded that Circles of Care lessons will be presented today as well.

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 this weekend.
- † **No Faith Formation November 27th-- Happy Thanksgiving.**
- † Faith Formation for grades K--Confirmation will meet December 4th. Confirmation Candidates will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance at the 10:30AM Mass. Confirmation Candidates meet until 1:00PM.

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.



A Reflection for Thanksgiving

What is the name of the Lord? If you read Jewish mystical writings, God has at least 72 names. Christians know God as Jesus, whose name means, “God of salvation.” Every name in the Bible has a meaning and they can point to an attribute of God found in that person. Jesus us clearly someone who brought saving grace to others. As his disciples, we are called to be images of Jesus to the world so that our names might reflect God through out actions. This Thanksgiving, take a little time to reflect on how God has acted with saving grace in your life, give thanks to the name of the Lord, and then with your family and friends to consider the following question:

- † What does “Thanksgiving” mean to you?
- † What practices/traditions make the holiday special?
- † During this holiday, would you spend time with loved ones locating poverty-stricken areas of the world on a global map?
- † Would you consider praying for the families in those locations and consider how you might help them?
- † How might a new kind of Thanksgiving transform your life?
- † What would be the benefits of your new world (spiritually, physically, emotionally) for you and for others?

As you gather with family or friend, you might each read a verse of the following Thanksgiving prayer from St. Vincent Meals on Wheels:

Thanksgiving Prayer

Dear Lord,

Today we give thanks for our many blessings

As we pray for those in need.

We give thanks for our family and friends

As we pray for those who are lonely.

We give thanks for our freedoms

As we pray for those who are oppressed.

We give thanks for our good health

As we pray for those who are ill.

We give thanks for our comfort and prosperity

As we share our blessings with others.

On this day of Thanksgiving,

May the love of God enfold us,

The peace of God dwell within us

And the joy of God uplift us. Amen.

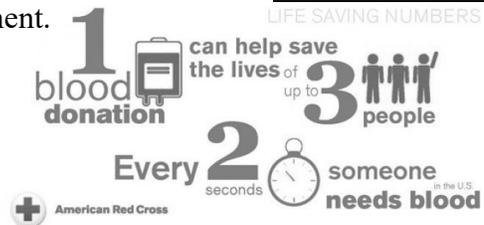
May your Thanksgiving overflow with saving grace.



Megan Santa Croce Fundraiser and Blood Donation, Thank You!

THANK YOU from the Santa Croce Family for making the Trivia Night Fundraiser on 11/11 such a success! We were happy to see the community come together for a night of fun for both teens and adults! We are proud to have hosted the very first event in the new Church Hall and the response from everyone in attendance was WOW! Big thanks to Rocco J. Testani and Bella Pizza for their donations to the event.

THANK YOU to the donors who donated at the Blood Drive on 11/12 in memory of Megan! We had 25 donors and 6 first time donors. Thank you for honoring Megan's short but impactful life by giving the gift of life to a stranger. For those who didn't donate, please consider doing so, especially during this season of giving. It is the greatest gift you can give (no shopping required!) Call 1800RedCross or visit www.redcross.org for an appointment.



Solemnity of Christ the King: Justice Challenge

This Sunday the Catholic parishes of the United States take up a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the domestic anti-poverty, social justice program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Based in Washington, D.C., the Catholic Campaign, or CCHD, describes its mission on the www.usccb.org website: “to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community-controlled, self-help organizations and through transformative education.” Your challenge this week is to learn something about CCHD and to discuss as a family what contribution you can make financially to support the work of CCHD across the country. If there is a CCHD project in your local community (and you can find that out by going to www.usccb.org/cchd), consider a visit to learn what CCHD is doing and how you might get involved.

Solemnity of Christ the King: Creation Care Tip

As we enter this week of Thanksgiving and the holiday season begins, consider celebrating “Buy Nothing Day.” The first Buy Nothing Day was organized in 1992 and launched the day after Thanksgiving—one of the busiest shopping days in the year in the United States. Besides refusing to dive into the rampant consumerism of the holiday shopping season, choose to do something else to celebrate the earth and nature. Use this week, and Buy Nothing Day itself, to re-evaluate how you want to celebrate Advent and Christmas this year. This is the time to start having conversations with friends and families about cutting back on your purchases and/or celebrating the season in a way that is lighter on the earth.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

December 6th— C. Botting, D. Dobish, G. Thompson



Giving Tree

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

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!

(How to have Fr. Tim hear your confession)

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Fr. Tim is available the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of every month at 3:00PM in Church. If these times do not work for you please schedule an appointment by calling the parish center 607-722-4388.

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.)

Safe Environment Training

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

Initial Safe Environment Training

†Thu., 12/01: 10:00AM at Our Lady of Good Counsel

†Thu., 12/15: 6:00PM at St. Mary of the Assumption

Recertification Training

†Sat., 12/03: 10:00AM at St. Mary of the Assumption

†Tue., 12/13: 6:00PM at Our Lady of Good Counsel

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, this 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!

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
November 26th & 27th, 2022

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Thalia Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Marge Mangan
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Nancy Oliver
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Jan Pandich
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Debra Carden

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Catherine Shafer
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Anne Wolanski
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Ede Blabac

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

10:30 AM Mass

December 4: Ede & Sarah Blabac

December 11: Maria Kirk & Melissa Kliment

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 is always kind to those who love him. How do you show your love for Jesus?

Question for Youth: This week we celebrate Christ the King. In the best sense of the word, a King is some one who cares for the people under his care, and also has authority over them. When have you felt Jesus' care for you? How do you allow Jesus to have authority over you?

Question for Adults: As you think about Jesus on the cross, having compassion on the "good thief," what lesson do you draw from it for your own life?

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