

November 24, 2019

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



Happy Thanksgiving

I will give thanks to the Lord with
all my heart...

*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 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

Monday, November 25

8:00 a.m. De Etta Lalley by St. Francis
Special Sunshine Committee

Tuesday, November 26

8:00 a.m. Living intention for Claudia
Simonis by Mary Frances Charsky

Wednesday, November 27

8:00 a.m. Tom Mangan by Wife, Marge

Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Friday, November 29**NO MASS****Saturday, November 30, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. 12th Anniv. Ed Farthing by Family

Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

11:00 a.m. Vita Mannino by Daughter,
Fina and 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 (11-17-19)

Regular Envelopes.....\$5,481.00
Loose Collection.....\$255.00
Electronic Collection.....\$484.00
Total Collection.....\$6,220.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation for grades K-9, November 24th, beginning with a Thanksgiving Prayer service in the church at 9:30 AM. Dismissal from the school as usual.

No Faith Formation next weekend, December 1st. Happy Thanksgiving.

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.

Faith Formation Annual Christmas Program will be performed on Sunday, December 15th at 9:30 AM in the church. Rehearsal will take place Saturday, December 14th at 10 AM in the church. Reception after the program in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend.

Giving Tree

Our GIVING TREE is up! We have 150 tags with requests from infants to the elderly. Please purchase the item or as close to the request as possible. Put items in GIFT BAGS **do NOT use wrapping paper as it is easier for groups to disburse.** The deadline is **December 8th.** Extra gifts can also be donated, we cover the Children's Home, Elizabeth Church Nursing Home, Birthright and the jail ministry plus families as we hear of with a need

Help Needed

Help is needed at 8:45 AM next Monday, November 25th, to change the hymnals for the new liturgical year. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You for All You Do!

This year we have been so fortunate to have parish members tending a garden for the pantry visitor's, various groups donating year round (CF Girl Scout food drive is DEC 15th) and even a family member of a parishioner who brings a truck load of produce from his garden in New Hampshire. Simple words of THANKS seems so little for all we receive.....Nothing is possible without all of your support!

Children's Liturgy**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.



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 Fr. Rose

Thank you to Fr. John Rose who covered liturgies last weekend. He spoke highly of our parish's warmth and hospitality.



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. You 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 priceless 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.

Give to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

This weekend, 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!

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

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of Nov. 24th — Marie Giordano

Week of Dec. 1st — Karen Dotson

Shelving (Mondays)

November 25th — C. Woodruff & M. Ryder

December 2nd — Alex Hayes & Carol

Distribution

December 3rd — S. Orband, M. & T. Giblin,
M. Mizzoni, M. Hayes, and M. Turna

Thanksgiving Basket Thank You!

A huge THANKS to our parish for always stepping up and taking care of those in need.

This weekend 135 baskets of food & turkey/gift cards were given out to our neighbors in the area. Over 2300 families throughout the county received baskets due the many churches involved.

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

Help Catholic Charities of Broome County

After the holidays, our food pantry shelves are almost bare. We distribute more than 10,000 pounds of food each week through our pantries. On December 4th and 5th this year we will be hosting our annual Harvest for Hunger Appeal during the evening news broadcasts on WBNG-TV 12. This event helps to re-stock our shelves and allows us to help those most in need after the rush of the holidays. From 5:00 to 6:30 on both evenings, local priests, deacons and staff from Catholic Charities will man the phones to take pledges of support. Please consider supporting us 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.

****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!

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.

CHORUSES FOR CHOW

The Southerntiersmen Barbershop Chorus presents the 15th Annual Benefit concert for CHOW.

The concert will be held on Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Cyril's and Methodius Church, 148 Clinton Street in Binghamton.

Come listen to the voices of The Southerntiersmen Barbershop Chorus, The Endwell Community Chorus, The Southern Tier Christian Community Choir
Call Ed Blaine for tickets at 607-372-1730.

\$10 in advance and \$12.00 at the door.

Join Us!

Break open the Advent season with music, inspiration, and fellowship. Top-quality praise & worship music followed by radical hospitality. You'll be glad you came. Children are welcome.

December 3 - The Vigil Project, St. Thomas Aquinas, Binghamton - 7-8:30pm FREE

December 4 - The Vigil Project, Sacred Heart, Cicero - 7-8:30pm FREE

December 6 - Thrive, St. Vincent Blessed Sacrament, Vestal - 7-8pm FREE

December 8 - Thrive, St. Patrick-St. Anthony, Chadwicks - 3-4pm FREE

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
November 30th & December 1st, 2019

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Marge Mangan
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	John Artman
EM Host	Brenda Artman
EM Cup	Katie Ginalski
EM Cup	Debby Carden
EM Cup	Dom Lomonaco
EM Cup	Terry Hanifin
Altar Server	Anna Ginalski
Altar Server	Ian Ginalski
Altar Server	Tyler Norton

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Joe Carpenter
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Virginia Thompson
EM Host	Kurt or Kelly Mohnney
EM Cup	Ede Blabac
EM Cup	Debbie Davis
EM Cup	Nancy Oliver
EM Cup	Mike Stricek
Altar Server	Delaney Wood
Altar Server	Liam Wood
Altar Server	Sydney Keough

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Barb Novitsky
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Steve Guth
EM Host	Emily Ekstrom
EM Cup	Anne Wolanski
EM Cup	Rose O'Neil
EM Cup	Jules Furrer
EM Cup	David Hanzes
Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
Altar Server	

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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