

November 25, 2018

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 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

Monday, November 26

8:00 a.m. Russell Heater by Mirtie & Nelson
 Sessler

Tuesday, November 27

8:00 a.m. Mary Wilson by Jan & Mike
 Pandich

Wednesday, November 28

8:00 a.m. 11th Anniv. Ed Farthing by Family

Thursday, November 29

8:00 a.m. 12th Anniv. Tom Mangan by Wife,
 Marge & Family

Friday, November 30

NO MASS

Saturday, December 1, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Totman
 & Truchan Families by Family

**Sunday, December 2, First Sunday of
 Advent**

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Mannino Vita by Daughter Fina &
 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

No Faith Formation this weekend

Happy Thanksgiving!

Classes for Grades K- Confirmation will resume next week.

The Confirmation Rite of Acceptance will take place next weekend, December 2nd at the 11 AM Mass.

Last Weekend our Faith Formation students collected more than \$180 for Food for the Poor and our hopes to build another house in a Central American Country. Great Job!

Parish Book Club

Our Book club will meet again Tuesday, November 27th 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

December 1/2

4:00 PM Mass— Maria Kirk/Sue Lee

8:00 AM Mass— Debbie Davis/Cindy White

December 8/9

4:00 PM Mass— Alison & Dan Brennan

8:00 AM Mass— 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, Richard Armstrong, Richard Mallinson, and Megan Santa Croce.



**Reflection: The Solemnity of Our Lord
Jesus Christ the King**

The authority of Jesus comes from the power of the truth (John 18) and comes “out of the heavens” (Daniel 7). In other words, it comes from someplace other than the kingly power represented by Pilate. It does not come out of military power, economic domination, threats of violence and abuse, the consumption of or accumulation of things, popularity contests, presentations in the media, or even election results. It comes out of the power of truth and compassionate love.

The authority of Jesus does not simply make us people who have authority exercised over us. Revelation reminds us that we become the kingdom; we become a nation where all are priests; we all share authority. This vision becomes a model for our own way of exercising healthy Christian authority and living out the social teaching of the church.

One way to understand the “kingship of Jesus Christ” is to look at the images that are offered us in the scriptures. When Jesus is born it is to a homeless family. When he travels around as a teacher, he seems to have no permanent home or dwelling and virtually no possessions. When Jesus enters Jerusalem it is on a donkey (not on a mighty horse or chariot). In the gospel, the kingly Jesus is a prisoner of Pilate and will be put to death.

In Laudato Sí, Pope Francis wrote, “It needs to be said that, generally speaking, there is little in the way of clear awareness of problems which especially affect the excluded. Yet they are the majority of the planet’s population, billions of people. ... Indeed, when all is said and done, they frequently remain at the bottom of the pile. This is due partly to the fact that many professionals, opinion makers, communications media and centers of power, being located in affluent urban areas, are far removed from the poor, with little direct contact with their problems.”

If we are to answer the call to protect our common home, we need to be connected with “the excluded.” We need to exercise the type of leadership that was revealed in Christ. We need to move beyond ruling over the earth for our own needs and focus on something bigger than ourselves. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we need to focus on creation as a gift and a gift that we share together.

#GivingTuesday

Giving Tuesday is a global day of generosity and charity celebrated the Tuesday after Thanksgiving each year. Instead of focusing on buying more things on days like Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday is about inspiring a spirit of generosity and passing it on to friends and family.

Pick a charity that means a lot to you and support them by donating money or lending a helping hand with that charity on **Tuesday, November 27th**.

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.**

Santa Brings the Perfect Gift

The Christmas rush is upon us to buy, buy, buy and buy! In the Christmas rush, don’t rush to buy the perfect war toy. In these shopping days before Christmas, take some time to think about the toys you are buying for the young people in your life. We wish each other a “Merry Christmas”; we talk about peace on earth; we call Jesus the Prince of Peace, and yet we place toys of war under the tree and around the manger. So many of the video games depict violence and war so graphically that it borders on the obscene. As a people of faith, don’t we find this a major disconnect from what the true meaning of Christmas is all about? Take seriously the words of the prophet of Advent, Isaiah, and turn our swords into plowshares, spears into pruning hooks, and train for war no more. Instead of video games and toys that glamorize violence, give gifts of peace. Toys and games that encourage group play, cooperation and old-fashioned fun will offer hours of quality time. For something different and truly meaningful, take part of your allotment for each child and donate it to a worthy cause such as Pax Christi, or Bread for the World. Tell your child what you did and why. Other possibilities such as Heifer International, will send a card depicting the animal you choose to send to a family in a developing country or give to the Arbor Day Foundation and have a tree planted in someone’s name. Acting in this way, Christmas Day will become a true celebration of Christ, The Prince of Peace. Remember, don’t buy any war toys. Choose toys of peace and give gifts from your heart. Never forget, the children are watching.

SUPER 50-50 RAFFLE

Super 50-50 drawing is on December 2nd at the **KOC Breakfast with Santa from 8:30AM—11:00AM**

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

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

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule Transportation

Week of November 25 — Nancy Oliver
Week of December 2 — Ann Wilcox

Shelving (Mondays)

November 26th — J. & K. Brady
December 3rd — C. Woodruff & M. Ryder

Distribution

December 4th — S. Orband, M. Mizzoni, M. Hayes, J. Wyatt, M. & T. Giblin

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, **v o l u n t e e r o r d o n a t e**, please email:night2shinecb@gmail.com. To learn more and see all the churches that are a part of this worldwide movement, check out www.timtebowfoundation.org

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

Visit ccebroomecounty.com to order online and choose a pick-up date.

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 (722-4388) for 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



World Marriage Day Celebration 2019

The 34th Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on **February 10th, 2019 at 2:30pm at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse**. The Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham will celebrate the Mass and invite all couples in attendance to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony. He will specially honor those couples will be celebrating their 25th, 50th and beyond 50th anniversary in 2019. If you are celebrating your 25th, 50th, or 50+ anniversary in 2019, please contact the parish office to register before **December 1st**.

All married couples and their families are invited!

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

December 1st & 2nd, 2018

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	Tyler Norton

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Joe Carpenter
EM Host	Debbie Davis
EM Host	Virginia Thompson
EM Host	Steve Baxter
EM Cup	Kurt or Kelly Mohney
EM Cup	Denise Baxter
EM Cup	Nancy Oliver
EM Cup	Maureen Mizzoni
Altar Server	Delaney Wood
Altar Server	Liam Wood
Altar Server	Braeden Krisko

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Barb Novitsky
EM Host	Maria Lord
EM Host	Steve Guth
EM Host	Emily Ekstrom
EM Cup	Stephanie Stracuzzi
EM Cup	Rose O'Neil
EM Cup	Jules Furrer
EM Cup	David Hanzes
Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
Altar Server	
Altar Server	Alexander Watkins

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Is it difficult or easy for you to tell the truth? How does Jesus help you?

Question for Youth: Today we celebrate Christ the King. How much do you let Jesus' truth rule your life? How difficult is it for you to follow Jesus?

Question for Adults: What is the truth for you? How do you live the truth everyday?

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