

November 26, 2017

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



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

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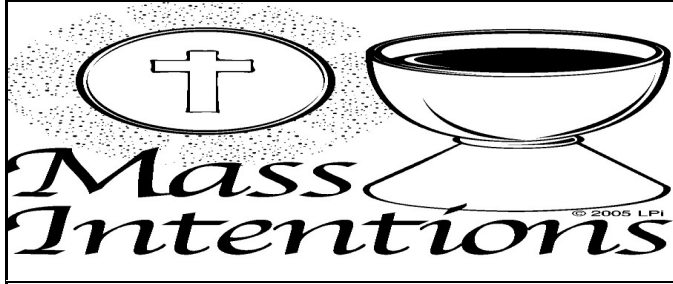
## **Mass Schedule**

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 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  
11:00 a.m. John Broderick by St. Francis' Ushers

**Monday, November 27**

8:00 a.m. Marjorie Ward-Vacchi by Patty Turnbull & Family

**Tuesday, November 28**

8:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

**Wednesday, November 29**

8:00 a.m. 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Ed Farthing by Family

**Thursday, November 30**

8:00 a.m. 11<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Tom Mangan by Family

**Friday, December 1**

**NO MASS**

**Saturday, December 2, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Mannino Vita by Daughter, Fina & Family

**Sunday, December 3, First Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a. m. Liturgy for the People  
11:00 a.m. Edward P. Bonner, Jr. by D'Youville College Friends

**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 (11-19-17)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,951.00
Loose Collection.....	\$328.00
All Saints/All Souls.....	\$11.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$531.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,821.00

**Thank you for your generous donations!**

**Faith Formation**

**No Faith Formation this week! Happy Thanksgiving!**

**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.

**Fenton Free Library Christmas Tree Lighting**

Saturday, December 2nd at 5:00pm (right after 4:00 Mass)

At the Fenton Free Library (right across the street)

Lights, Christmas Carols, Hot Cocoa, and Homemade Cookies!

Welcome a special visitor from the North Pole...Ho, Ho,

**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.

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

**Christ The King Reflection**

The connection between today’s gospel and Catholic Social Teaching seems very obvious and on one level there is nothing to add. The gospel story reminds us that ultimately, we will be judged by how well we live out the social teaching of Jesus Christ. We will be judged by whether we have responded to the call to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, welcome the stranger, serve those who are ill, and visit those who are in prison. Social concerns are an essential part of the Christian life. (When we fall in love with Christ, we want to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters.)

As direct as we might find the story’s message, there is a danger in reading the story in too limited a way. We might be tempted to limit the story to direct service to those in need. We must not forget that we are called to work for social change in the structures of our world and for empowerment of those in need. We are called to ask why people are hungry or thirsty or homeless or refugees or without medical care or in prison. We are called to look at...

- the structures that keep people from earning the food they need
- the policies that keep people in the developing world from a healthy water supply
- the economic forces that have some people living in substandard homes
- the government rules that make life hard for refugees and immigrants
- the failure of some to see basic medical care as a human right for all
- the challenge of helping those who are unemployed or underemployed
- the injustices in our criminal justice system.

Action is needed now in regards to the present tax reform legislation in Congress. Republican proposals will almost certainly include vast tax cuts for the wealthiest in our nation that lead to cuts to anti-poverty programs like Medicare and Medicaid. At the same time, vital tax credits that exist for low-income and moderate-income individuals and families, like the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit, are on the chopping block. Be a voice for the voiceless!!

**#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 28th.**

**Prayer for Lectors**

Come, Holy Spirit, give me the right voice today that I might help those assembled at Mass to listen fully with their hearts and minds to your word.

Let each word I say be fully enunciated, so they understand your meaning.

Let my tone be expressive, so they appreciate every nuance.

Let my voice be warm, so they are encouraged to respond to you with deep faith and love.

Help them understand, through my proclamation of your word, what you are asking of them.

Let my voice be joyful, when there is good news, so they will want to embrace it and live it.

Let me use pauses and punctuations to allow them to absorb and reflect on your call to follow Jesus.

Holy Spirit, let your words, not my personality or appearance, shine forth before all assembled here. Amen

**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.



## Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

### Transportation

Week of November 26th — Michelle Warne

Week of December 3rd — Nancy Oliver

### Shelving (Mondays)

November 27th — N. Minch, NJ. Mirabito

December 4th — E. & K. Corcoran

### Distribution

December 5th — D. Kellett Team #2

December 19th — P. & M. Peters, K. Dotson, A. Smilnak, R. Serafini, A. Short, M. Hayes, J. Wyatt

## **SUPER 50-50**

### **TICKET COUNTER**

Super 50-50 drawing is on December 3rd

Currently sold: 194 tickets

Must sell: 206 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!**

**Look for our ads in the Press & Sun Bulletin on Sundays & in the Go Section on Thursdays.**

\$50 donation per ticket

You must be 18 or older to purchase

### Welcome Deirdre Cornell and Family...

who will be with us next weekend here at our Liturgies. Deirdre is the author of "Jesus Was A Migrant", that is presently being read and discussed in our book club. She will be giving a presentation on Sunday morning at 9:45a.m. in the church.

All are welcome to attend!

### CFHS Presents "The Addams Family"

Chenango Forks Central High School Auditorium

Friday, 12/01 and Saturday, 12/02 @ 7:00p.m.

& Sunday 12/03 @ 2:00p.m.

\$5.00 students/seniors

\$8.00 adults

### 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.

Call Delores at the parish center (722-4388) during regular office hours.

### **Congratulations to Cameron Drumm!**

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. Cameron 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 this weekend.

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!

### **Youth Cheerleading**

The youth cheerleading season is underway. Liz Andrus is, once again, handling the coaching duties. Thank you Liz!! Practice nights are Thursday, Friday, and in the morning on Saturday. If you have an up and coming cheerleader, please call Ms. Andrus at 607-221-4569.

### **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**

**December 2nd & 3rd, 2017**

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

Lector Joe Sardella  
EM Host Dc. Steve  
EM Host Peggy Munson  
EM Host Paulette Scales  
EM Cup Ron Scales  
EM Cup Katie Ginalski  
EM Cup Judy Murphy  
EM Cup Jan Pandich  
Altar Server Brendan Kliment  
Altar Server Logan Kliment  
Altar Server Mikey Schultz

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

Lector Debbie Davis  
EM Host Dc. Steve  
EM Host Maureen Mizzoni  
EM Host Ede Blabac  
EM Cup Marie Iobst  
EM Cup Mary Ellen Vaverchak  
EM Cup Tim Vaverchak  
EM Cup Joanne Horoschak  
Altar Server Sarah Bush  
Altar Server Mary Bush  
Altar Server James Bush

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

Lector Faith Formation  
EM Host Dc. Steve  
EM Host Pat Clark  
EM Host Karyn Church  
EM Cup Steve Church  
EM Cup David Bollinger  
EM Cup Maria Lord  
EM Cup Sue Jones  
Altar Server Nolan Sirgany  
Altar Server Quinn Sirgany  
Altar Server Brendan Heaney

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Who are the people most in need of help who live around you, and how can you help them?

**Question for Youth:** What can you do (alone, with friends, or with your family) to help those who are without food, shelter, or have other needs? When have you seen Jesus in the poor?

**Question for Adults:** As you grapple with this very strong, direct and demanding Gospel passage, name the people for whom you have cared personally – or if there are none, those for whom you will offer care in the coming weeks.

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