

November 27, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

HOPE



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

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Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday:
7:30 am to 4:30 pm
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2nd & 4th Saturday of every
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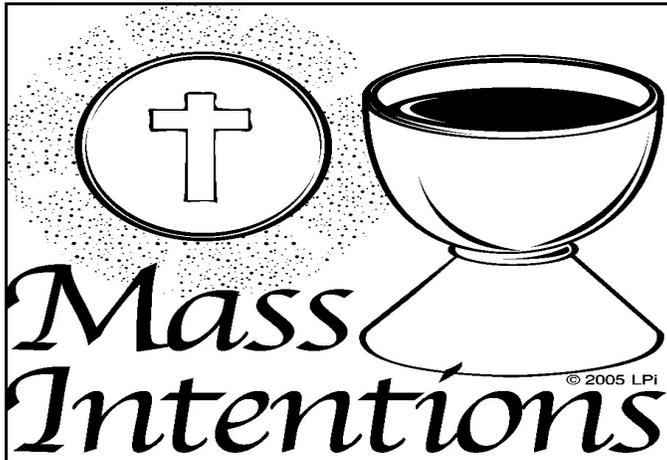
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Saturday, November 26, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Michael Fontana, Sr. by Wife & Family

Sunday, November 27, First Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. 15th Anniv. Ed. Farthing by Family

Monday, November 28

NO MASS

Tuesday, November 29

NO MASS

Wednesday, November 30

NO MASS

Thursday, December 1

NO MASS

Friday, December 2

NO MASS

Saturday, December 3, Vigil of Sunday

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

Sunday, December 4, Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. Kurt Mercincavage by the Guinane 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 (11-13-22)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,343.00
Loose Collection.....	\$167.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,649.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,159.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Faith Formation

**No Faith Formation this weekend
 Happy Thanksgiving.**

Looking Ahead:

† 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."

(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.

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 especially Peg Pitel.



1st Sunday of Advent

As Advent arrives we begin a season of prayer, patient waiting. We look to the birth of the light of the world with expectant preparation. With anticipation of a long promised guest, we clean out the clutter in our hearts and minds. We step away from the havoc of our lives, so that we can hear in the stillness the world's prayer, "O Come Lord Jesus."

*Heavenly Father,
let your hope arise in our hearts!
Lift our eyes up to see that you alone
are where our hope comes from.*

*Help us to shake off the anxiety, discouragements,
and distractions that have filled this year.
May we pause to remember that we have hope in you.*

*Give us the grace we need
to wrap up this year joyfully.*

*We invite your Spirit
into this beautiful Advent season.
Renew our sense of holy anticipation!
Let us be those who are waiting eagerly
for Jesus to come again.*

*More than anything,
we ask that you be glorified
in this season of expectation. Amen.*

**1st Sunday of Advent:
Justice Challenge**

The first reading for this Sunday is one with which we are familiar. It is the passage from the Book of Isaiah (2:1-5) describing what the world will be like when the Messiah comes. The image of people beating swords into plowshares—taking instruments used to kill people and changing them into instruments which help grow food to feed people—is a powerful one. Your challenge in this first week of Advent is to spend some time reflecting on how you are peacemakers (as a family and as individuals). Do you bring people together by your words and actions or do you create conflict? Then decide on one action you can take to make the world a more peace-filled place. Do you want to pray for peace in our world, our country, and our families? Do you want to write to government leaders to advocate for a more peaceful approach to a particular issue? Do you want to take a stand for more gun control? How do you want to bring peace?

**1st Sunday of Advent:
Creation Care Tip**

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks" —Isaiah 2:4
In Isaiah's day, technology advancements often focused on military weapons and defense (sound familiar?). Yet his vision for the future was of a society that focused on growing food and tending the earth rather than destroying it and its people. What technology do you use that doesn't contribute to your flourishing or that of your family, community, or the earth? How might you use technology for the restoration of the environment or the betterment of others this week?

Send a Birthday Card to Eileen Forsyth

Eileen Forsyth will be celebrating 103 years of life on 12/5/22. She still lives at home and although she can no longer make it to church, she has the great distinction of being our oldest surviving parishioner. It would be a great gesture on the part of the parish to send her a Birthday Card. So, please consider sending her one. We're sure she would be thrilled to hear from you all!

Eileen Forsyth.
37 Moore Ave.
Binghamton, NY 13903

Parish Volunteer Signup Sheets

It has been quite a long time since we have had an active 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.

This is more than being a volunteer, it is exercising your rightful baptismal role in being ministers in the church. There are no longer superior—inferior, active—passive, lay—clerical divisions and hierarchies. These have been replaced with the ancient scriptural paradigm of cooperation—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. Fr. Tim's role as Pastor is one of empowering you the people of God to live out your ministry to the Body of Christ.

So, take a look at the signup sheets of listed ministries (in the back of the church). It is an opportunity to renew and/or to become involved in the mission of our parish community. The sheet lists; 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.

We 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!

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! 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 it. Call 1800RedCross or visit www.redcross.org

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 is up on this weekend, 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!

You Are Invited to A Special Event

The St. Francis Secular Fraternity will hold a Greccio Prayer Service on Wednesday, December 14th at 1:00PM at St. Vincent de Paul Blessed Sacrament Church in Vestal followed by refreshments in the Social Hall. Greccio, Italy is the location of the very first Nativity Scene originated by St. Francis of Assisi.

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

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York
Case No. 20-30663

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On June 19, 2020, The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York, ("**Diocese**") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "**Bankruptcy Code**").

The Court has established **January 17, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time)** (the "**Supplemental Bar Date**") as the **deadline to assert claims against the Diocese arising from or relating to abuse that occurred when the survivor was 18 years of age or older, and which, prior to the enactment of the Adult Survivors Act (S.66A/A.648A) would have been subject to a statute of limitations defense ("Adult Claims").**

If you have an Adult Claim against the Diocese you must file a claim on or before the Supplemental Bar Date, which will be treated confidentially in accordance with prior court orders in this Case.

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/dioceseforsyracuse> for call (855) 329-4244 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
December 3rd & 4th, 2022

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Michaela Wood
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Kurt and Kelly Mohney
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Peggy Munson
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Steve Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Denise Baxter
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Jonah Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Juliana Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Mary Bush
10:30 Mass	Lector	Confirmation Readers
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Kerri Hamilton
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Mike Stricek

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: What can you do to be ready for God to come into your heart and your life?

Question for Youth: The Gospel tells us we don't know when the Son of Man will return. If he were to arrive today, would you be ready for him? What is one thing you can do during Advent to prepare for his coming?

Question for Adults: As you prepare to re-welcome Christ into your heart while you prepare for Christmas, what does Isaiah call you to do? What does Isaiah call us as a people to do?

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