

December 3, 2017

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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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, 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

**Monday, December 4**  
 8:00 a.m. Antonino De Luca by Family

**Tuesday, December 5**  
 8:00a.m John Broderick by Dick & Doris Talbut

**Wednesday, December 6**  
 8:00 a.m. Arlene & Dan Johnson by Terese Mucha

**Thursday, December 7, Vigil of The Immaculate Conception (Liturgy in Church)**  
 5:30 p.m. Elizabeth Krisko by Margaret Munney & Family

**Friday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception (Liturgy in Church)**  
 12:00 p.m. Albert Ritter by Family

**Saturday, December 9, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Richard Clendening, Frank Sr., Frank Jr., Florence & Shirley by the Parasiliti Family

**Sunday, December 10, Second Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00 a. m. Rob Loftus by Wife, Sheila  
 11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**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 (11-26-17)**

Regular Envelopes.....\$5,007.00  
 Loose Collection.....\$367.00  
 Electronic Collection.....\$564.00  
 Total Collection.....\$5,938.00

**Thank you for your generous donations!  
 They are greatly appreciated!**

**Faith Formation**

**Faith Formation for Grades K-Confirmation meets this week.** Opening Prayer will be in the church. Dismissal from the school as usual.

**Looking Ahead**

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on **Saturday, December 9th at 10 AM in the church.**

Our Annual Christmas Program will be preformed on **Sunday, December 17th from 9:45-10:15** in the church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**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.

**Oplatki (Christmas Wafers)**

Oplatki (Christmas Wafers) are available at St. Francis' Parish Center. If you are interested, please call Delores at 722-4388 to reserve a package or stop by and pick some up during regular business hours. We have ordered only a limited quantity. Please, only two packets per family. No offering taken.

**World Marriage Day**

The 33rd Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on Feb 11, 2018 at 2:30pm at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. The Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham will celebrate the Mass and witness the renewal of marriage vows of all couples in attendance. He will specially honor those couples celebrating 25th, 50th and beyond 50 years in 2018.

**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 Bibbins.

**Pastoral Care Visitors Announcement**

Please take note that the flower distribution will take place on Thursday, December 7th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The flowers will be in the Parish Office building. If you have any questions, please contact Bea Grace at 722-6152 or Dave Bollinger at 239-0203. Thank You!

**Special Christmas Concert  
(Cassie Pinataro & Greg Santa Croce)**

St. Francis of Assisi will be holding a special Christmas concert here with two of our young parishioners. Cassie Pinataro and Greg Santa Croce will be showcasing their musical talents on **December 20th at 7:00p.m.** Cassie is an incredible young singer who has made a name for herself having performed many times on stage, on camera, and at school (Chenango Forks High School) where she is a senior. Greg graduated from the University of North Texas with degrees in Jazz Studies and Organ Performance and has won many competitions as an accomplished organist. He is currently studying for his Masters in Sacred Music at University of Notre Dame. Please join us for a very special holiday performance to remember! A free will offering will be made to support the Santa Croce family while Megan Santa Croce undergoes treatments for her illness.



**First Sunday of Advent  
A Family Perspective**

Today's gospel tells us to "Be watchful." This comes natural to families. Parents are watchful of their children's health, grades and friends. Children are watchful of parental moods. Today's gospel encourages us to use this ability to see God acting in the innocence, tenderness, love and forgiveness of your family. "Be watchful," the Lord is already with you.

**Advent Penance Service**

Our Advent Penance Service will be held on **Sunday, December 17th at 4:00 p.m.** in the church. Please join us in praying for forgiveness as we prepare to celebrate the great joy of Christ's birth.

**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.



**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2017**

*Advent Penance Service*  
*Sunday, December 17th at 4:00 p.m.*

*Christmas Eve*  
*Saturday, December 24th*  
*Liturgy at 4:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.*

**★ Christmas Day ★**  
*Sunday, December 25th*  
*Liturgy at 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.*

**Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule**  
**Transportation**

Week of December 3rd — Nancy Oliver  
Week of December 10th — George & Pat Clarke

**Shelving (Mondays)**

December 4th — E. & K. Corcoran  
December 11th — K. Mohney

**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: 225 tickets  
Must sell: 175 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

**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/Hats**

**Hand/Foot Warmers**

**Ponchos**

**Toothbrushes**

**Wipes**

**Fast Food Gift Cards**

**Clif Bars**

**Cracker Sandwiches**

**Raisins (or other dried fruit)**

**Ziploc Bags**

**Drawstring Bags**

\* All clothing must be new and must be men's sizes, since women can wear them too.

There is a box just inside the front door of the school on Sundays during Faith Formation. Another box is 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.

**Teresa Canniff Benefit**  
**for Kathy Tait's Sister-in-Law**

Come join a celebration of family, friends, and life. Teresa has been battling Breast Cancer for 23 years. She is an inspiration to all of us.

**Saturday December 9th from 1:00p.m.—5:00p.m.**

**Triangle Fire Station**

Spaghetti Dinner

**Cost: Adults \$10 & Children (3-7) \$5.00**

Raffle Baskets, Door Prizes and 50/50 Drawing

Any donations will be appreciated!

Contact: Becky Genter (648-5302)  
or Steve/Shawn/Yvonne Canniff (692-2520)

**Knights of Columbus 11403**



**Hooley in Hillcrest**  
**Save the Date**  
**March 11th, 2017**



**The Giving Tree**

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 9th & 10th, 2017**

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

|              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| Lector       | John Artman      |
| EM Host      | John Pierce      |
| EM Host      | Catherine Shafer |
| EM Host      | Betsy Shields    |
| EM Cup       | Marge Mangan     |
| EM Cup       | Bob Shields      |
| EM Cup       | Terry Hanifin    |
| EM Cup       | Dom Lomonaco     |
| Altar Server | Dominic Lomonaco |
| Altar Server | Logan Lomonaco   |
| Altar Server | Sarah Shafer     |

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

|              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| Lector       | Joe Carpenter  |
| EM Host      | Lou Angelo     |
| EM Host      | Denise Baxter  |
| EM Host      | Steve Baxter   |
| EM Cup       | Ed White       |
| EM Cup       | Suzanne Tierno |
| EM Cup       | Mike Stricek   |
| EM Cup       | Shirley McCray |
| Altar Server | Lauren White   |
| Altar Server | Brigid Birtch  |
| Altar Server | Kathryn White  |

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

|              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Lector       | Jules Furrer        |
| EM Host      | Kerri Hamilton      |
| EM Host      | Chris Gill          |
| EM Host      | Jim Lewis           |
| EM Cup       | Stephanie Stracuzzi |
| EM Cup       | Rose O'Neil         |
| EM Cup       | David Gill          |
| EM Cup       | David Hanzes        |
| Altar Server | Abraham Watkins     |
| Altar Server | Alexander Watkins   |
| Altar Server | Jessica Wojnar      |

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** What special things do you do to get ready for a visitor at your house? What things can you do like that to get ready for Jesus?

**Question for Youth:** What is one thing that you can do this week to help you remember that Jesus is coming?

**Question for Adults:** When you're getting ready to receive a guest, what are some things you do? How do you apply this to receiving Christ?

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