

December 9, 2018

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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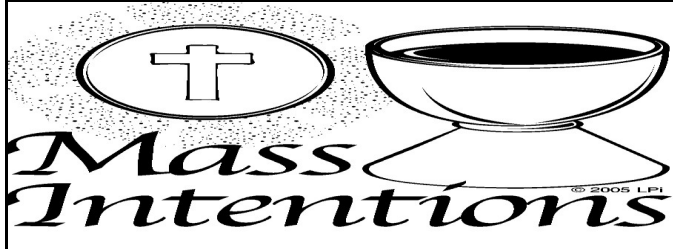
Mass Schedule

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 8, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Albert & Angie Ritter by Family

Sunday, December 9, Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Ann Young by Melissa Glenn

Monday, December 10

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

Tuesday, December 11

8:00 a.m. Rob Loftus by Wife, Sheila

Wednesday, December 12

8:00 a.m. Joseph Cullen by Dick & Doris Talbut

Thursday, December 13

8:00 a.m. Megan Santa Croce by Marge Mangan

Friday, December 14

NO MASS

Saturday, December 15, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Tom Foran by Jim & Rose O'Neil

Sunday, December 16, Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Fr. Patrick Gallagher by Cathy Feheley & Bonnie Mando

11:00 a.m. 10th Anniversary Philamena Terwilliger by Louise Callahan

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 (12-02-18)

Regular Envelopes.....\$7,168.00
 Loose Collection.....\$191.00
 Electronic Collection.....\$602.00
 Total Collection.....\$7,961.00

We made it to \$32,222 for the Hope Appeal

This is 68% of our commitment

Thank You to all who participated!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Classes for Grades K-9 will meet this weekend in the Church for Opening Prayer and announcements, dismissal from the school as usual.

Looking Ahead

Rehearsal for our Annual Christmas Program will take place Saturday, December 15th at 10 AM in the Church.

Our annual Faith Formation Christmas Program will take place Sunday, December 16th at 9:30 AM in the church. All are welcome to attend, there will be refreshments served in the Parish Hall following the performance.

Confirmation Retreat, Saturday, January 5th 10 AM--6 PM at eh Newman Center, 400 Murray Hill RD, Vestal.

Parish Book Club

Our Book club will meet again Tuesday, December 11th at 2 PM and 7 PM. Please complete assigned reading before we meet. Thank you!

Children's Liturgy

December 15/16

4:00 PM Mass— Alison & Dan Brennan
8:00 AM Mass— Kelly Wood/Katie Ginalski

December 22/23

4:00 PM Mass— Robert Cushing/Kathryn Shafer
8:00 AM Mass— Ede Blabac/Bridget Vavra

December 29/30

4:00 PM Mass— Maria Kirk/Sue Lee
8:00 AM Mass— Kay and Ed Corcoran

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, Helen Farruggio, Beverly Ramey, and Earl Brooks

An Experience of Community

The recent death of **Megan Santa Croce** was a sorrow that touched all of our hearts, most especially her family. Throughout her illness, Megan and her family was supported by our prayers and any personal outreach people made. **Roy, Molly, Greg, R.J., and Olivia** our prayers and support continue to be with you during this time of personal and profound grief.

Upon her death the support again was a demonstration of community love, shown by her neighbors, her friends, the Port Dickinson community, and our parish community. Megan wanted a celebration of life, and this wish was fulfilled by everyone. It was overwhelming to see so many attending the calling hours, and then going downstairs to the church hall for food, refreshments, games, music, and just to spend time together to share memories.

The funeral liturgy and luncheon that followed helped bring everything together. It would be difficult to thank everyone by name because so many contributed on every dimension to see that all this would come together. I found everything to be a powerful experience of community love and support. So **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed their time, presence, food, set-up, and clean-up— all everyone did helped to make it an experience of loving support to Megan’s family.

— *Fr. Tim*

Advent Penance Service

Our Advent Penance Service will be held on...

Sunday, December 16th at 4:00 p.m.
(in the church)

We will be offering extended confession hours on December 17th (The Light is on for You) from 4:00pm—7:00pm.

Prepare the way of the Lord. All are welcome. Won’t you please join us!



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.

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.**

Immaculata Medallion Award Recipient is...

Larry Koch!

Every year the Diocese of Syracuse asks every parish to submit a name of one in the parish who generously and unselfishly volunteers time and service to their parish. I always find this a challenge because so many in the parish are certainly worthy of this recognition.

Larry Koch is someone who is very visible in many activities in our parish life. He has been a 23 year member of the St. Catherine of Sienna Knights of Columbus Council #11403. He was a Grand Knight of the Council, and he and his fellow Knights have been offering monthly delicious breakfast buffets. Other activities have been the “Hooley in Hillcrest”, Turkey Party, the annual golf tournament, and a scout leader.

You can see Larry outside with his crossing guard gear overseeing the safety of those arriving and departing from Faith Formation. When not outside her is inside the church as a Eucharistic Minister.

This award will be given to Larry this Sunday, December 9th, at 2:00PM in a Vesper Service at the Cathedral in Syracuse. Congratulations Larry!

Save The Date: Advent/Christmas Concert

December 20th at 7:00PM

More information will follow in next week’s bulletin.



The Light is on for You!

December 17th

4:00 P.M.— 7:00 P.M. in the Church

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

This campaign was created by the Archdiocese of Washington and has since been implemented by dioceses throughout the United States. Our diocese and parish has joined in this effort and offers extended hours for confession on one evening during Advent.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of December 9 — Pat & George Clark

Week of December 16 — Karen Dotson

Shelving (Mondays)

December 10th — K. Mohney

December 17th — Alex Hayes & Carol

Distribution

Dec. 18th — M. Walsh, A. Short, S. Lee, C. Danoski, R. & P. Scales, M. & P. Peters, A. Smilnak, R. O'Neil (need extra for the Christmas house)

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, check out www.timtebowfoundation.org

Cruise: NEW ZEALAND & AUSTRALIA!

Join Fr. Ryan & Fr. Tim Taugher in February 2020 for a trip of a lifetime! Cruise departs from Sidney on February 1st aboard Holland America's Nordam and arrives in Auckland on February 13th. Call Touraid Travel at 518-563-5605 and ask for Christina King or cking@touraidtravel.com. All deposits are fully refundable until Sept. 30, 2019. What a great Christmas present for 2018 and 2019! Reservations are requested by **January 15**.

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. Please call Delores at (722-4388) for questions.

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!

The Giving Tree

On the weekend of Nov 24-25 the GIVING TREE was put up thanks to Confirmation candidate Lauren White & family. All tags should be securely attached to the gift requested and they are **due back TODAY, December 9th**. Please leave gifts under the tree on the altar during weekend masses. 150 tags will be attached but extra gifts will also be accepted.

About Catherine's Cupboard Food Pantry

OUR PARISH FOOD PANTRY (Catherine's Cupboard) is independent of CHOW and Catholic Charities. Recently there have been questions as to whether we receive funds from the 2 major groups who have held fundraisers. HARVEST FOR HUNGER was a successful fundraiser by WBNG and Wegman's for Catholic Charities that runs 2 pantries in Binghamton and Endicott 5 days a week. CHOW has canned goods drives at various location to help support their 25+ pantries that are located through out Broome County. WE, however, are supported by you, our parish members as well as various other people and groups like Rotary, K of C scouts and community groups. WE THANK Ogden Methodist Church, who has taken us on as a charity recently, joining also Nimmonsburg Methodist and Church of Nazarene. To clarify also the Breakfast with Santa, put on by our K of C, proceeds from the breakfast were donated to the pantry BUT the Super 50-50 is a PARISH FUNDRAISER used to offset improvements and repairs that arise with in the church. No parish funds are used to cover expenses for the pantry at any time except for heat & electricity. If you ever feel inclined to make a donation to the pantry, you may do so by check, NOTE PANTRY in memo, and make it out to St Francis of Assisi, mail, drop off at parish center or put in collection basket during mass. You can also go to our website and sign up for continuous or one-time of electronic giving. No amount is to small, we use it all to purchase at discounted, or wholesale prices through Southern Tier Food Bank. THANK YOU for helping to feed the hungry.

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

December 15th & 16th, 2018

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	Madelyn Strnatka

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Ed White
EM Host	Scott Knein
EM Host	Denise Baxter
EM Host	Steve Baxter
EM Cup	Nancy Oliver
EM Cup	Melissa Kliment
EM Cup	Mike Stricek
EM Cup	Shirley McCray
Altar Server	Lauren White
Altar Server	Logan Kliment
Altar Server	Kathryn White

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Virginia Thompson
EM Host	Kerri Hamilton
EM Host	Chris Gill
EM Host	
EM Cup	Stephanie Stracuzzi
EM Cup	Rose O'Neil
EM Cup	David Gill
EM Cup	David Hanzas
Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
Altar Server	

An early Merry Christmas to Everyone!!
It's time to begin work on the next quarter's
**schedule for the Eucharistic Ministers, Altar
Servers & Lectors.** This schedule covers
January, February & March of 2019. If you have
any special requests please let us know before

December 17.

We will be completing & submitting the
schedule before Christmas.
Again, let us know about those special requests
Call Lynda & Joe Carpenter @ 772-6732 or
email joseph.carpenter28@gmail.com.
Thanks... see you in church.

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