

December 16, 2018

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



3RD 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 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. Rev. Patrick Gallagher by Cathy Feheley & Bonnie Mando
 11:00 a.m. 10th Anniv. Philamena Terwilliger by Louise Callahan

Monday, December 17
 8:00a.m Dorothy Walter by Marge & Family

Tuesday, December 18
 8:00 a.m. 27th Anniv. John Serafini by Wife, Rose & Family

Wednesday, December 19
 8:00 a.m. Helen & John Kostun by Family

Thursday, December 20
 8:00 a.m. 25th Anniv. Tom Ryder by Mary & Family

Friday, December 21
NO MASS

Saturday, December 22, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Erica Schuetz by Jane Monico

Sunday, December 23, Fourth Sunday of Advent
 8:00 a.m. William Weckel by the Weckel Family
 11:00 a.m. John Grace by 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 (12-09-18)

Regular Envelopes.....\$5,825.00
 Loose Collection.....\$279.00
 Electronic Collection.....\$2,257.00
 Total Collection.....\$8,361.00

We made it to \$32,500 for the Hope Appeal
This is 69% of our commitment
Thank You to all who participated!

Faith Formation

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.

Looking Ahead

No Faith Formation December 23 & 30--Merry Christmas
 Confirmation Retreat, Saturday, January 5th 10 AM--6 PM at the Newman Center, 400 Murray Hill RD, Vestal.

Parish Book Club

Our Book club will meet again Tuesday, December 18th at 2 PM and 7 PM. Please complete assigned reading before we meet. Thank you!

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.

Children's Liturgy

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

January 5/6

4:00 PM Mass— Robert Cushing/Kathryn Shafer
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, Mike McCarthy.

Love and Generosity

During this Advent/Christmas season, let us show our love and generosity! Why is it we are so much more tolerant, so much more generous during the Christmas season? We smile and offer goodwill to all people. We give to others gladly and experience the warm feeling that comes with giving from the heart, in order to please those we love. But why should this feeling be limited to Christmas? The season recalls the birth of Our Lord, true; but Christ is with us always. He didn't appear 2,000 years ago and then disappear. Christ is present today, every day, and he watches to see if we will fulfill his commandment of love, his wish that we give ourselves to others as a sign that we want to give of ourselves to him. Let us all join in during the Holy season and continue during the coming year to show our love and generosity.

Special Christmas Concert
In Memory of Megan Santa Croce

St. Francis of Assisi will be presenting a special Advent/Christmas concert with three of our young parishioners. Greg Santa Croce, Cassie Pinataro, and Nick O'Neil will be our featured artists. Greg presently is studying for his Masters degree in Sacred Music at the University of Notre Dame. Cassie is currently attending the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, MA. Nick is enjoying his senior year at Chenango Forks, and through the years has been involved in a wide variety of performances including parts in shows such as; Beauty and the Beast, West Side Story, and Les Miserables. This concert will be in Memory of Megan Santa Croce, a free offering will be made to the development of a scholarship to a graduating senior at Chenango Valley High School who has been active in music and theatre in hopes of furthering their education in these disciplines. All are invited for this special performance on...

Thursday, December 20th @ 7:00PM
 (in the church)



Advent Penance Service

Our Advent Penance Service will be held...
TONIGHT, 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!

Blessing for Expectant Mothers/Parents...

will be offered on the weekend of December 16th and 17th. Advent is a season of hope and expectation as we anticipate in celebrating the birth of Christ. We wish to pray with and for those families as they await the birth of their new child. All expectant parents and their families are encouraged to attend the blessing.

Blessing of the Creche

Bless us, Lord, as we come to Bethlehem where animals and angels, shepherds and seekers together behold your face. Here snow becomes straw and frost becomes flowers as winter melts into everlasting spring. In our holy Christmas, give us the riches of your poverty. Show us the wonder of simplicity as we join the angels in proclaiming your praise: Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing of the Christmas Tree

God of Adam and Eve, God of all our ancestors, we praise you for this tree. It stirs a memory of paradise and brings a foretaste of heaven. Send your Son, the flower of the root of Jesus, to restore your good earth to the freshness of creation. Then every tree of the forest will clap its hands, and all creation will bless you from these shining branches. All glory be yours now and forever. Amen.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2018

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24th
Liturgy at 4:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.



Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25th
Liturgy at 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

The Light is on for You!

December 17th, 4:00 P.M.— 7:00 P.M.
in the Church

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation
 We offer extended hours for confession on this one evening during Advent.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of December 16 — Karen Dotson

Week of December 23 — Michelle Warne

Shelving (Mondays)

December 17th — Alex Hayes & Carol

December 24th — **CLOSED**

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)

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.

Congratulations Raffle Winners 2018

1st— Kay Corcoran

2nd— Diane Case

3rd— Dennis Barnett

4th— Donna & Scott Iglar

5th— Michele Hayes & Buck Wrighter

6th— Kay Corcoran

7th— Dave & Rita Kincer

8th— Tony Fiacco

9th— Inez Gigliotti & Edith Sciamanna

10th— Cheryl Dalton

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

Utilizing a QCD is a tax-savvy strategy that allows you to transfer up to \$100,000/year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity. It is only available to IRAs and individuals who have reached RMD age (70.5). Any amount processed as a QCD counts towards your RMD requirement and reduces the taxable amount of your IRA distribution. This lowers both your adjusted gross income and taxable income, resulting in a lower overall tax liability.

Check with your Financial and/or Tax Advisor and see if a QCD would be a good choice for you!

Immaculata Medallion Award Recipient...

Larry Koch!

This award was given to Larry on December 9th, in a Vesper Service at the Cathedral in Syracuse.



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 22nd & 23rd, 2018

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector Barb Brozovic
EM Host Dc. Steve
EM Host Paulette Scales
EM Host Larry Koch
EM Cup Rosemary Rounds
EM Cup Judy Murphy
EM Cup Jan Pandich
EM Cup Ron Scales
Altar Server Vincent Williams
Altar Server Tyler Norton
Altar Server Mikey Schultz

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Logan Blakeslee
EM Host Dc. Steve
EM Host Suzanne Carr
EM Host Donna or Scott Iglar
EM Cup Kurt or Kelly Mohney
EM Cup Maureen Mizzoni
EM Cup Virginia Thompson
EM Cup Ed White
Altar Server Braeden Krisko
Altar Server Sydney Keough
Altar Server Mikayla Bucci

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector John Klepfer
EM Host Dc. Steve
EM Host Lyndsey LoPiccolo
EM Host Karyn Church
EM Cup Emily Ekstrom
EM Cup Steve Church
EM Cup Pat Clark
EM Cup Steve Guth
Altar Server
Altar Server Brendan Heaney
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.

END OF BULLETIN

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