

October 9, 2016

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



Autumn Blessings

May the beauty
of God's love
surround you

Have a blessed Sunday

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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, October 8, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Joseph Sardella by Jean & Horace Julian
Sunday, October 9, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Nicholas J. Cola by Rose & Tony Versace & Family

Monday, October 10, Columbus Day
NO MASS

Tuesday, October 11
 8:00 a.m. Joe Sardella by Jim & Jan Kalivoda

Wednesday, October 12
 8:00 a.m. Ella Paden by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Thursday, October 13
 8:00 a.m. Vincent Cavanagh by Family

Friday, October 14
NO MASS

Saturday, October 15, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Catherine Koons by Family
Sunday, October 16, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Al Libous by Dave & Louise Martin
 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 any time.

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 Michael Bruet, Charlotte Emerick, Lillian Simmons, Patricia Holder, and Eileen Haley.



Last Weekend's Offering (10-02-16)

175 Regular Envelopes.....	\$7,191.24
Loose Collection.....	\$535.00
Electronic Donation.....	\$425.00
Total Collection.....	\$8,151.24

**Thank you, everyone for your donations.
 They are greatly appreciated!**

Faith Formation

No Faith Formation October 9, Columbus Day Holiday. Classes for Grades K-9 will meet October 16th.

The First Reconciliation Parent "Coaching" Session will be held October 16th in the Parish Hall. Please meet there for prayer and class. Each child preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in December should be present with at least one parent or another adult. Parents will teach the lesson to their child.

A reminder to attend the upcoming Parish Mission October 17-19. Parents of children receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation/Eucharist and parents and Confirmation Candidates are required to attend at least one of the sessions.

Parish Book Club

Book Club starts on Tuesday, October 25th. Join us at the Parish Center at 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. for Book Club. You can purchase the book, Mercy in the City for \$5 each at the Parish Center or in the Faith Formation Office.

Mercy in the City ~ Book Club Selection for October/November

Does giving half of your sandwich to a homeless person count as "feeding the hungry"? Does buying an occasional coffee for a coworker count as "giving drink to the thirsty"? Kerry Weber—a young, single, busy New Yorker—had done these things, but she knew she could do more. Weber decided to commit forty days to practicing the seven Corporal Works of Mercy in a meaningful way. But a big question remained: Could she do it?

Mercy in the City is Weber's frequently humorous but always authentic story of exploring the challenges and rewards that accompany a lay Catholic trying to practice the Works of Mercy in a 24/7 city of eight million people. Weber embraces each experience as an opportunity to better understand what mercy is really all about and to grow in her love of God and others.

Book Club starts Tuesday, October 25th. Join us at the Parish Center at 2 PM or 7 PM for Book Club. You can purchase Mercy in the City for \$5 each at the Parish Center or in the Faith Formation Office. Parents, would you like to start a group during Faith Formation? See Maria Kirk for details.

FALL IN LOVE WITH THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Our parish mission will take place October 17-19 in the church. The morning session will begin after 9 AM. Mass, and the evening session begins at 7 PM. Fr. Kevin MacDonald, C.Ss.R will lead us through a reflective journey on the Eucharist and its importance in our life. Fr. Kevin will also be our homilist the weekend of October 15 and 16. Be part of this inspiring and reflective mission and fall in love with Christ, again.

St. Francis of Assisi Outreach to the Homebound

Currently, our Parish is ministering to 63 homebound parishioners and 31 nursing home parishioners. Are you aware of any other parishioners who are homebound or in a nursing home that we are not visiting? If so, please call Sister Karen at 722-4388 with their names, addresses and phone numbers, and we will be very glad to visit and bring Communion to them. Also, if you would like to be a part of this beautiful ministry to the sick and/or elderly, please let us know!

Faith in Action Volunteers Dining for Dollars

Thursday, October 27, 2016

5:30 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner & Entertainment

Polish Community Center, 347 Prospect St., Binghamton

Tickets \$30.00

Local clergy will serve dinner and entertain you for TIPS! Reservation deadline is October 13th. Please join us. Fr. Tim will be participating as a server for the event. Visit www.broomecouncil.net/FIA/fia.html Or call (607) 724-9130

Southern Tier Pastoral Care Conference

Sister Donald Corcoran, O.S.B., from Transfiguration Monastery in Windsor, will be the presenter for this conference on "The Acts of Mercy," to be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Hall, 801 Main St., Vestal, on **Tuesday, October 11th**. The day will begin with Mass at 9:00 a.m., include lunch, and end at 2:00 p.m. All of our parishioners who visit our homebound and nursing home parishioners or work in funeral or bereavement ministries are cordially invited.

Parish Staff Change & Position Opening

Anthony Mazza, our Parish Business Administrator has asked to be relieved of his duties after 2 1/2 years in serving in this position. Due to personal issues and more demands to meet family responsibilities, Tony feels it necessary to make some changes in his schedule that will help him meet these priorities. Tony has a very heartfelt love for the parish, and he has done much to help our parish to further our mission. (It has been a pleasure to work with him, and his enthusiastic support has been of great assistance).

Gratefully, he has offered to stay on until a replacement has been chosen for a smooth transition. Next week there will be more in the bulletin about this position. If you or someone you know, with a business/financial background, is looking for a part-time job, they are welcome to apply. Your prayers for this would be much appreciated for those who may be interested and for the parish.

Save The Date — November 6th, 2016

The Harvest Dinner has been officially scheduled for November 6th. Help will be needed in preparing, serving and clean-up, along with gift baskets and raffle tickets. Sign up sheets will be in the foyer for next week-end. What would **you** like to do? Various jobs on Saturday and Sunday, some are sit down types, others are on your feet. Men, we need you in the kitchen to help with set up and clean up. **Do not forget that** we need apple and/or pumpkin pies (only)... freshly baked or store bought; either way, we need them by **11 A.M. on that Sunday**.

What is your theme for the Gift Baskets? We need them ready to go on the 5th of November. Again, we need volunteers to sell tickets, etc. This year we have the entire hall, so there is plenty of space for baskets.

Can you donate food items? See sign up sheets in the foyer and sign up sheets. The more that is donated, the more profit we make for the parish. This is a great parish event for all ages, and we need **you** to make it successful!

Quilt Raffle Fundraiser

The Quilt Raffle was kicked off at the Parish Picnic and tickets will be sold at various Masses until November 6th. Please stop by and get your tickets for \$5 per chance to win 1 of 3 prize quilts. Have your \$5 ready.

Bring Materials for Our Compost

The compost for Catherine's Cupboard garden is being prepared for next spring, and we could use your help. A compost consists of decayed organic material which is later used to improve soil, and ours will be used next year in the "Co-Garden" for Catherine's Cupboard. Creating this compost is not only a way for us to learn about our environment, but a fantastic way for all of us to take care of the Earth that God left for us. A great way to take care of our Earth is by recycling materials. We'd like your assistance in collecting organic material for our project by bringing in some of the following items: **shredded newspaper (no colored newspaper), straw, fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, cardboard (preferably not waxed cardboard), dried leaves, wood chips, small branches/twigs, paper towels, tissue paper**. Collection of these materials will be in front of the Faith Formation school building as students walk to their classes on Sunday mornings, including September 25, and October 16th, 23rd, 30th. Thank you for making the decision to help us in caring for our earth! Julie Heaney and James Bush

Prayer Service

A prayer service will be held on **Monday, November 7th, at 7:00 p.m.** here at St. Francis of Assisi. This is the eve of our national elections, and it would be an important time to gather as a people of faith to pray for our nation as we vote. This is open to all faiths. Join us!

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of October 9th — George & Pat Clark

Week of October 16th — Karen Dotson

Shelving (Mondays)

October 10th — P. Turnbull, A. Hanley

October 17th — E. & K. Corcoran

Distribution

October 18th — M. Quinn, K. Dotson, S. Orband,
M. DeNinis, P. Peters, A. Short

Beautiful Confirmation Celebration

Confirmation was celebrated last Sunday with Bishop Cunningham as he confirmed 21 of our young men and women. Many of those being confirmed were actually involved in the Liturgy as lectors, gift-bearers, cantors, and 3 singing a prayerful meditation after Communion. The choir and all those who attended contributed to a memorable Liturgy.

Thank you, to Maria Kirk, Marylou Ekstrom, and Karyn Church for all they did to help our confirmandi in preparing for this celebration. May the Holy Spirit continue to empower their lives so that they may be effective witnesses of the gospel.

Nocturnal Adoration Society

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet at St. Patrick's Chapel on Saturday, October 15th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. St. Francis of Assisi holy hour goes from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Soup Kitchen

In the month of September, your generosity gave \$325.80 to feed the hungry at the Salvation Army. Thank you!

Broome County Catholic Charities

Thanksgiving Basket Sign-Up

September 21 to October 21 at both

Catholic Charities Food Pantries.

- ◆ Individuals 18 years and older must provide proof of residency within the last 30 days
- ◆ ID for each household member

Binghamton Food Pantry, 100 Main St. :

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00-11:30 & 1:00-3:30

Tuesday 1:00-3:30

Mother Teresa's Cupboard, St. Ambrose Church:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00-2:30

◆ **Residents of Vestal, Endwell and Endicott** please sign up at Mother Teresa's Cupboard

◆ **Residents of Johnson City** may choose either pantry to sign up but must sign up at **only** one

◆ **Residents of the Windsor Central School District** must sign up with Windsor Human Development. For more details for Windsor residents, please call 217-8839

◆ **All other Broome county residents** please use the **Binghamton Pantry**

For information or to volunteer, Call Mary Whitcombe at 584-7800

SUPER 50-50 TICKET COUNTER

Super 50-50 drawing is on December 4th

Currently sold: 8 tickets

Must sell: 392 more

If you did not receive any, there are extras at entrances of the church. Remember you can not WIN if you do not buy! Thank you to McCormack Funeral Home for the printing of our tickets.

HOPE Appeal 2016

As of mid September, status of HOPE Appeal was:

Assessment: \$44,733.04

Pledged: \$28,648.75

Balance Needed: 16,084.29

Thank you to all who have generously contributed to this worthy cause. Your support helps many in the Diocese. There is still time to make your pledge if you have not already done so. Contact the Parish Center at 722-4388 if you would like a HOPE Appeal envelope sent to you.

Fall 2016 Parish Events

HELP NEEDED

Oct. 15th @ 9:30 a.m. — Clean up gardens around church (bring your own gloves)

Nov. 5th & 6th — Harvest Dinner **NEED GIFT BASKETS to raffle off** (various other jobs in the kitchen and raffle tables)... more details to follow

Knights of Columbus **SAVE THE DATE**

Knights of Columbus 11403 will be hosting their Annual Turkey Party on **Friday, November 4th**. More info. to follow.

Fenton Free Library

Doughnut Fundraiser

Scholarship Funds for CV Graduates

PRE-ORDER Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

Orders due by Wednesday, October 12th

Pickup on Saturday, Oct. 15th, 8 am to 4 pm

FIVE Choices to Pre-Order

ORDER FORM

Name _____

Phone# _____

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
Glazed (\$7/dozen)	_____	_____
Chocolate Iced Glazed (\$6/half doz)	_____	_____
Glazed / Lemon filled (\$6/half doz)	_____	_____
Glazed / Rasbery filled (\$6/half doz)	_____	_____
Glazed / Cream filled (\$6/half doz)	_____	_____

Additional Donation to Library \$ _____

Total Due \$ _____

Make check payable to "Fenton Free Library"

Drop off or mail form to Library,

1062 Chenango St, Binghamton, NY 13901

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

October 15th & 16th, 2016

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Denise Talbut
EM Host	Kelly Benjamin
EM Host	John Artman
EM Host	Brenda Artman
EM Cup	Larry Koch
EM Cup	Carol Danoski
EM Cup	Terry Hanifin
EM Cup	Debby Carden
Altar Server	Mary Katherine Doyle
Altar Server	Mikey Schultz
Altar Server	Bryan Heller

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Dom Lomonaco
EM Host	Debbie Davis
EM Host	Joanne Horoschak
EM Host	Marie Iobst
EM Cup	Shirley McCray
EM Cup	Ed White
EM Cup	Steve Baxter
EM Cup	Denise Baxter
Altar Server	Brigid Birtch
Altar Server	Kathryn White
Altar Server	Lauren White

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	John Klepfer
EM Host	Chris Gill
EM Host	David Gill
EM Host	Sr. Karen Gaube
EM Cup	Katie Ginalski
EM Cup	Stephanie Stracuzzi
EM Cup	Steve Guth
EM Cup	Jim Lewis
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	Zachary Carr
Altar Server	Anna Ginalski

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Make up a prayer which tells God you are thankful for everything you have, even if it's not all you want.

Question for Youth: Only one of the lepers returned to give thanks. This past week, when have you stopped to thank someone for something good they have done for you? When have you thanked God this week?

Question for Adults: What are some ways you can think of to show gratitude to God? Make them concrete and real.

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