

October 16, 2016

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



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

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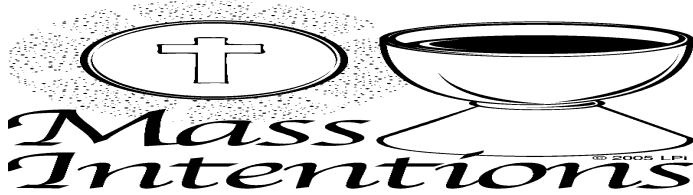
## Mass Schedule

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, 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  
**(Liturgies will be held in Church Mon. – Wed.)**

**Monday, October 17**  
 9:00 a.m. Charles Doll by Brenda & John Artman  
 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service

**Tuesday, October 18**  
 9:00 a.m. Dc. Ray Goskowski by Mike & Karen Dotson & Family  
 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service

**Wednesday, October 19**  
 9:00a.m. Leo Smolinsky by Mirtie & Nelson Sessler  
 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service

**Thursday, October 20**  
 8:00 a.m. Ruth Wiktorek by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

**Friday, October 21**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, October 22, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Joseph Sardella by Selma Vinci

**Sunday, October 23, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Elsie Bucci by the Fitzgerald Family  
 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 home-bound. Also, please pray for our deceased parishioners and loved ones, especially Charlotte Emerick.

**Last Weekend’s Offering (10-09-16)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,785.00
Loose Collection.....	\$309.00
Electronic Donation.....	\$1,850.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,944.00

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

**Faith Formation**

Faith Formation Classes meet today for Grades K-9.

First Reconciliation "Coaching" session **Sunday, October 16th in the Parish Hall**, during regular Faith Formation time. Parents will teach this weeks lesson.

**A reminder to all parents 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.**

**Sunday, October 23rd** we will celebrate the Rite of Changing Hearts at our **11:00 a.m. Mass.** Children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation will do the readings and bring up the gifts. The first 2 pews on the Sacristy side of the church will be reserved for the children. Please plan accordingly.

Confirmation 2017 first session will meet **October 30th 9:30-1:30.** This is your "November" Session, be sure your assignments are **completed.** They are posted in the Faith Formation section of the website, as well as the confirmation Facebook page. Please bring in your Baptismal Certificate if you were not baptized at St. Catherine's, St. Christopher's or St. Rita's.

**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](http://www.broomecouncil.net/FIA/fia.html) Or call (607) 724-9130

## **Attention all 6th Graders**

Your mini-retreat with the 6th graders from St. Mary of the Assumption and St. Paul will take place Sunday, October 30th at Noon at St. Francis of Assisi. We will meet for lunch and fellowship in the Parish Hall followed by a retreat style session and closing with a prayer service in the church. This will take the place of your regular class. Details have been emailed and will be sent home in hard copy this weekend. This is not an optional/extra event, your attendance is required

## **Congratulations, Mrs. Cermak**

Belated "Congratulations" to Mrs. Cecilia (CeCe) Cermak, our parishioner, now residing at the NYS Veterans' Home in Oxford! CeCe was honored there this summer with a very special flag at their annual Car Show and was the first woman in 13 years to receive this award. This flag, which has been flown over the Capital Building, was presented to her by Senator Fred Akshar, along with a proclamation of recognition for her dedication and courageous service to her country.

When it coincided that week with her 99th birthday, CeCe said, "When Senator Akshar started describing the award recipient, and I heard my name, I couldn't believe it. You aren't supposed to surprise a 99 year old like that. You never know what could happen!"

Our prayers and best wishes on this double celebration, CeCe!

## **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 October 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 16th — Karen Dotson

Week of October 23rd — Nancy Oliver

### **Shelving (Mondays)**

October 17th — E. & K. Corcoran

October 24th — J. & K. Brady

### **Distribution**

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

## **Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet**

The Knights of Columbus will be having a Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, October 30th from 8:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. in the Church Hall. Please come and join us for a truly wonderful breakfast!

## **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

**\*\*EGG CARTONS NEEDED \*\***

**FOR FOOD PANTRY**

**Please drop off egg cartons at parish center or in the barrel in the church foyer.**

## **St. James Tabernacle Society Craft Fair**

**Saturday, October 29, 2016**

**9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.**

Owens Hall (church basement)

133 Main St. Johnson City (corner of Main & Lester)

Bake Sale, Crafts, Food

Christmas Basket and Baking Basket Raffle

## **SUPER 50-50 Ticket Counter**

Super 50-50 drawing is on December 4th

**Currently sold: 52 tickets**

**Must sell: 348 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.

## **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

**Nov. 19th** — Thanksgiving Basket give away. We need help on the 17th at 10:00 a.m. preparing baskets, on the 18th we need a truck or van to transport 50 turkeys

## **World Mission Sunday**

October 23rd is World Mission Sunday and reminds us that the church's mission is not a solo operation but one that requires help from others. The 2nd collection next Sunday offers monetary support for the foreign mission .

Mission is integral to the identity of the church , and that mission is a communal responsibility. Mission Sunday also calls us to live up to our name as "Catholic" or "universal" in the extent of our concern and love. Your generosity of a financial gift will assist greatly in this appeal.

## **The Book of Remembrance...**

will be on a stand next week for you to write the names of your loved ones who have died. This book of remembrance will be in our offering procession at the weekend liturgies of Nov. 5/6. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

## **Growing Into An Attitude of Gratitude**

Many have asked for the website that sends an inspirational verse to your email offering a thought to live the day with gratitude. So, we have a link up on our site (stfrancisbing.org) to the website gratefulness.org. I think you might find that with each thought you will be living with an attitude of gratitude.

## **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.

## **Syracuse Catholic Women's Conference**

Attention Ladies! Mark your calendars! The 7th Annual Syracuse Catholic Women's Conference is coming **Oct. 29, 2016 at the Syracuse Oncenter**. A day out with women featuring internationally known speakers including **Raymond Arroyo who will speak about Mother Angelica's life demonstrating the Conference theme "Mercy is Love in Action"**, music, vendors, a 'Healing Holy Hour of Mercy', Confessions, Holy Mass with Bishop Cunningham, a seated plated lunch and much more. Individual registration is \$55 through October; registration will be \$70 at the door (if space allows). **We are expecting a sold-out conference! Register early to secure your seat.** For more information please visit [www.SyracuseCatholicWomen.org](http://www.SyracuseCatholicWomen.org).

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

**October 22nd & 23rd, 2016**

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

Lector	William Bennett
EM Host	Mary Lou Ekstrom
EM Host	Joan Storer
EM Host	Judy Murphy
EM Cup	John Pierce
EM Cup	Mary Ellen Meskell
EM Cup	Ron Scales
EM Cup	Paulette Scales
Altar Server	Mikayla Bucci
Altar Server	Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server	Logan Lomonaco

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

Lector	Ed & Kay Corcoran
EM Host	Michael Stricek
EM Host	Scott Iglar
EM Host	Marie Iobst
EM Cup	Suzanne Tierno
EM Cup	Shirley McCray
EM Cup	Nancy Oliver
EM Cup	Kurt or Kelly Mohney
Altar Server	Natalie Broderick
Altar Server	Peyton Broderick
Altar Server	Brigid Birtch

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

Lector	Faith Formation
EM Host	Pat Clark
EM Host	David Hanzes
EM Host	Sue Jones
EM Cup	Maria Lord
EM Cup	Jules Furrer
EM Cup	Lyndsey Church
EM Cup	Stephanie Stracuzzi
Altar Server	Katelyn Church
Altar Server	Anna Ginalski
Altar Server	Quinn Sirgany

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Jesus teaches us to trust God. How does God help you in your daily life?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus tells us that persistence will pay off, if we continue to pray to God. How and when do you pray? How could you grow in the ways that you pray?

**Question for Adults:** When you pray, what do you ask for most often? How do you know God gives you this request?

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