

October 23, 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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Monday through Thursday  
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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 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

**Monday, October 24**  
 8:00 a.m. Rose Riley by Florence Brown

**Tuesday, October 25**  
 8:00 a.m. Eileen Haley by Nick & Rosalie Roth

**Wednesday, October 26**  
 8:00 a.m. Joe Juriga by Mike & Debbie Davis

**Thursday, October 27**  
 8:00 a.m. Dominick Montemagno by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

**Friday, October 28**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, October 29, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Joseph Sardella

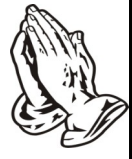
**Sunday, October 30, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Elsie Bucci  
 11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**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 Theodore Smith.



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

180 Regular Envelopes.....	\$7,580.00
Loose Collection.....	\$372.00
Electronic Donation.....	\$425.00
Total Collection.....	\$8,377.00

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

**Faith Formation**

Faith Formation classes meet today for Grades K-9.

Confirmation 2017 first session will meet **October 30th 9:30--1:30**. This is your "November" Session, so **be certain your assignments are completed**. They are posted on the Faith Formation section of our website, [stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org), as well as on 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.

**Attention all 6th Graders**

Your mini-retreat with the 6th graders from St. Mary of the Assumption and St. Paul will take place next **Sunday, October 30th at Noon at St. Francis of Assisi**. We will meet for lunch and fellowship in the Church 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. This is **NOT** an optional event; your **attendance is required!**

**Mercy in the City ~ Book Club Selection**

Does giving half of your sandwich to a homeless person count as "feeding the hungry"? Does buying an occasional coffee for a co-worker 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.

**Job Opportunity**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is currently seeking a part-time Business Administrator. The candidate must be available mornings.

Please visit our parish website: [stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org)  
 Or stop by the Parish Office for a job description.

Applications and resume are to be sent to:  
[stfrancisbing@syrdio.org](mailto:stfrancisbing@syrdio.org)

**Thank you...**

To all who assisted with the **Parish Mission**, especially Dc. Steve and Ede Blabac (for refreshments) and Ed Savo (for the music). A big **Thank You to Fr. Kevin MacDonald** for facilitating a prayerful and graceful mission. May we continue to grow as people of God!

### 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

### 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 weekend. What would **you** like to do? There are 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 on 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!



Trunk or Treat

Binghamton

First Church of the Nazarene

1282 Chenango Street

October 30<sup>th</sup>, 3 PM

Cider and Donuts too!

Non-violent costumes only, please

### 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!

### \*\*Special Collection on November 5/6\*\*

In order to help make up for the **\$16,994.29** deficit for the **Hope Appeal**, we will have a special collection on November 5th and 6th. Our goal is **\$44,733.04 for 2016**. Thank you to all who have contributed and have fulfilled your commitment pledge. What is not collected in a parish ultimately is to be paid from our savings. Please use the enclosed envelope and give a gift donation to the Hope Appeal that assists many ministries in the diocese. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### 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

### 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.

## **Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule**

### **Transportation**

Week of October 23rd — Nancy Oliver

Week of October 30th — Michelle Warne

### **Shelving (Mondays)**

October 24th — J. & K. Brady

October 31st — K. Mohney

### **Distribution**

November 1st — K. Benowski, K. Dotson, A Smilnak, R. Serafini, A. Short, M. Hayes

## **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!

## **Miraculous Stories for All Souls' Night**

Local author, Bianca Podesta, joins us for an evening of story-telling, perfect for the celebration of All Soul's Day when we remember those special people in our lives who have influenced our spiritual growth in various, and sometimes unexpected, ways. Bianca will read selections from her 2016 book, Miracles on My Watch. Participants will then be invited to share stories of spiritual events in their own lives that Bianca's readings inspire.

**Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.**

**First Congregational Church - Eden Room**

**30 Main Street, Binghamton, NY 13905**

## **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

## **Fall 2016 Parish Events**

### **\*HELP NEEDED\***

**Nov. 5th & 6th** — Harvest Dinner **NEED GIFT BASKETS to raffle off** (various other jobs in the kitchen and raffle tables). See bulletin notice and sign-up sheets in the church foyer.

**Nov. 17th** — Thanksgiving Basket give away. We need help on the 17th at 9:30 a.m. preparing baskets.

## **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: 85 tickets**

**Must sell: 315 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.

## **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).

## **Faithful Citizenship**

In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. "People in every nation enhance the social dimension of their lives by acting as committed and responsible citizens" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 220). The obligation to participate in political life is rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, "It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. The obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person....As far as possible citizens should take an active part in public life" (nos. 1913-1915).

To become more informed in regards to your vote as well as Catholic Social Teaching on issues and political responsibility please go to one or both of the websites below.

United States Catholic Conference of Bishops:

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/>

NETWORK (National Catholic Social Justice Lobby):

[www.networklobby.org](http://www.networklobby.org)

## **Thanksgiving Food Baskets**

Shopping list are available the weekend of **Oct. 29th—Nov. 13th**, please purchased the requested items. Drop off during the week **8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on Mon.-Thurs. or Friday till 11:30a.m. or before and after weekend Masses at the Pantry in the Parish Center, NOT the church.** Be sure the slip is attached to bag(s) of food. We are planning to do 100 families through Catholic Charities sign-up but are always able to do an extra family if you or some one you know needs one. Please contact the Parish Center during regular office hours, 722-4388. All baskets need to be back by **November 17th**. Monetary donations are welcomed. Do you have enough rewards for a ham or turkey from Weis? We will accept these, also if you do not need them. Nov. 17th at 9:30a.m. in the pantry is when we will organize all baskets and set up for pick up. Could you help us? Just stop in at that time..the more who help the faster it goes. As always, thank you for your generosity.



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

**October 29th & 30th, 2016**

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

Lector	Joe Carpenter
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Betsy Shields
EM Host	Jan Pandich
EM Cup	Bob Shields
EM Cup	Mary Frances Charsky
EM Cup	Bea Grace
EM Cup	Bob Grace
Altar Server	Mary Katherine Doyle
Altar Server	Sarah Shafer
Altar Server	Tyler Norton

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

Lector	Sr. Karen Gaube
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Lou Angelo
EM Host	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup	Mary DeNinis
EM Cup	Joanne Horoschak
EM Cup	Ed White
Altar Server	James Bush
Altar Server	Sarah Bush
Altar Server	Mary Bush

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

Lector	Jim Lewis
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Rose O'Neil
EM Host	Steve Guth
EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
EM Cup	Chris Gill
EM Cup	David Gill
EM Cup	Dave Bollinger
Altar Server	Zachary Carr
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	John Michael Frissora

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Jesus teaches us to be humble – but what does that mean? How do you show you are humble?

**Question for Youth:** God knows when we are doing things just for show, and when they come from the goodness of our heart. When have you caught yourself doing something just to be more popular or liked? How does it feel to do something that you know is good and just?

**Question for Adults:** This Gospel reading suggests that we approach God and each other with humility. What does this mean, in practical terms? How do we "humble" ourselves? What does that mean?

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