

October 30, 2016

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

All Hallows Eve

Remember all the Saints, Martyrs, and all of the faithfully departed,
especially your loved ones.

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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 29, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Abe Breehey by Patty Ellis

Sunday, October 30, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Monday, October 31
 8:00a.m. Lorraine Rogers by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Tuesday, November 1, All Saints (Liturgies will be held in Church)
 12:00p.m. Mannino Vita by Daugher Fina & Family
 5:30p.m. Helen & Tom Hujar by Cecilia Cermak

Wednesday, November 2
 8:00a.m. Deceased members of the Paske & Swartzmeyer Families by Family

Thursday, November 3
 8:00 a.m. Dorothy Pagliarella by Rose & Jim

Friday, November 4
NO MASS

Saturday, November 5, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00p.m. Kathleen Murray by Tim & Sandy Giblin & Family

Sunday, November 6, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. James Roehm by Vince & Mary De Ninis
 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.



Last Weekend's Offering (10-23-16)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$7,681.72
Loose Collection.....	\$342.00
Electronic Donation.....	\$707.00
Total Collection.....	\$8,730.72

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

Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes meets today for Grades K-Confirmation, 6th grade meets from Noon-3 PM only for their mini-retreat in the church hall.



**Trunk or Treat
 Binghamton
 First Church of the Nazarene
 1282 Chenango Street
 October 30th, 3 PM
 Cider and Donuts too!
 Non-violent costumes only, please**

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 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. Join us at the Parish Center Tuesday 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 Or stop by the Parish Office for a job description. Applications and resume are to be sent to: stfrancisbing@syrdio.org

St. Francis of Assisi Homebound Outreach

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!

CYO News

All those interested in participating in our 2016-17 CYO Program, please attend our Parents/Athletes meeting this Tuesday, Nov. 1st at 6:30 p.m. in our gym. This year we will have a Modified Girls Cheerleading Squad (Gr. 7-8); a Modified Boys Basketball Team (Gr. 7-8); and a JV Boys Basketball Team (Gr. 9-10). A practice schedule will be available at this meeting. A parent or guardian must fill out all the required paperwork at this meeting before their child may participate in the program. If you have any questions, please contact John Klepfer at 607-242-2588.

Fundraiser for Catherine's Pantry

COUNTRY ADDITIONS gift shop, 1085 Chenango St, will be holding a Holiday Open House on Nov. 12th and a special fundraiser will continue to Dec. 23rd. for the pantry. There will be free gifts also, so stop in for more details. We thank the owner's Cindy Fedish & Joan Wintergrass (members of our parish) for remembering our pantry again this year.

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.

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

Hurricane Matthew Relief...

We gave all seen and read about the devastating effects of Hurricane Matthew, most notably on Haiti and North Carolina. There are so many victims of this natural disaster who need basic food, clothing, shelter, and clean water. Many have asked what they can do on how to contribute to a trusted agency that is extending assistance.

One is:

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Syracuse,
240 East Onondaga Street,
Syracuse, NY 13202

Checks can be made out to Hurricane Matthew Relief. This may assist North Carolina.

The other is:

Catholic Relief Services
P.O. Box 17090
Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303
Memoline: Hurricane Matthew

These are agencies that can be trusted and are on the scene with their personnel.

Upcoming Elections on November 8th

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/her position and role, in promoting the common good. In our Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life (voting) is a moral obligation. Be a faithful citizen and **VOTE!**

As we prepare to vote, it would be important to pray and reflect upon the decision we are making for our country. One of the many things realized from this long, tumultuous campaign year is how divided we are as a nation. So, in recognition of both these realities, 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 for guidance and healing!

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 30th — Michelle Warne

Week of November 6th — Karen Dotson

Shelving (Mondays)

October 31st — K. Mohney

November 7th — A. Short & S. Vinci

Distribution

November 15th — D. Kellett & Team #1

Harvest Dinner

The Harvest Dinner is scheduled for **November 6th from Noon to 3:00 in the church hall.**

Pricing:

\$8.00 Adults & Teens

\$7.00 Senior Citizens (Over 65 years old)

\$5.00 Under 12 years old

Free for those under 5 years old

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!

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.

Nov. 27-Dec. 11 — Giving Tree will need help Dec 12th to transport gifts.

Sponsor of the Week

St. Francis of Assisi would like to thank:

Bella Pizza

1116 Chenango Street, Hillcrest, NY
for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin

SUPER 50-50 Ticket Counter

Super 50-50 drawing is on December 4th

Currently sold: 101 tickets

Must sell: 299 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.

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

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Shopping list slips are now available until **Nov. 13th**, please purchase the requested items. Drop off during the week **8:30a.m.—3:00p.m. on Monday—Thursday 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**

November 5th & 6th, 2016

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Sr. Maureen Rainone
EM Host	Mary Cooney
EM Host	Kelly Benjamin
EM Host	Carol Danoski
EM Cup	Terry Hanifin
EM Cup	Debby Carden
EM Cup	Dom Lomonaco
EM Cup	Teresa Creeden
Altar Server	Bryan Heller
Altar Server	Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server	Logan Lomonaco

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Michael Stricek
EM Host	Ed White
EM Host	Tom Phalen
EM Host	Debbie Davis
EM Cup	Steve Baxter
EM Cup	Denise Baxter
EM Cup	Marie Iobst
EM Cup	Katie Ginalski
Altar Server	Kathryn White
Altar Server	Lauren White
Altar Server	Braeden Krisko

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	George Clark
EM Host	Jules Furrer
EM Host	David Hanzes
EM Host	Sue Jones
EM Cup	Maria Lord
EM Cup	Pat Clark
EM Cup	Steve Church
EM Cup	Karyn Church
Altar Server	Nolan Sirgany
Altar Server	Quinn Sirgany
Altar Server	Katelyn Church

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Jesus showed that he loved Zacchaeus by having supper with him. How does Jesus show his love for you?

Question for Youth: Jesus saw Zacchaeus as he was – mistakes and all. What masks, if any, do you hide behind so others won't see who you really are? Who do you trust to see your true self?

Question for Adults: Why do you suppose Jesus was so kind to Zacchaeus? What lesson do you draw from this reading regarding those who are considered "public sinners" today?

END OF BULLETIN

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