

November 06, 2016

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

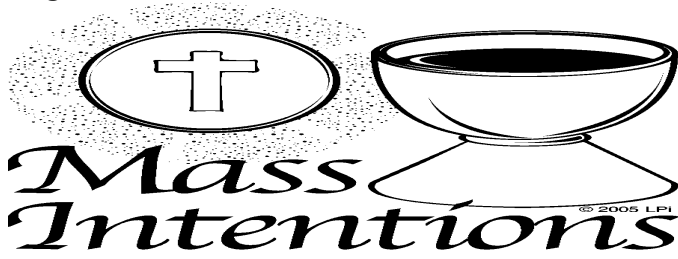
1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

Remembering the Faithfully Departed of this Past Year

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| Amanda Rose Kosalek | Eleanor Gunter | Robert Moreiko | Margaret Stolarcyk |
| Charles Doll | Robert McGarry | Linus Brennan | Marilyn Bennett |
| John Stecyk | Donald Olsovsky | Nicholas Cola | Rose Marie Riley |
| Aileen Houseknecht | Joanne Kopyar | Gary Klenovic | Elizabeth Slater |
| Elaine Fortunato | Barbara McEnaney | Joseph Sardella | Patricia Holden |
| Elinor Latta | Helen Martinelly | Mary Whitlock | Charlotte Emerick |
| Paul Gardella | Bernice Guth | Marie Mazar | Theodore Smith |
| Richard Clendening | Francis Rosko | Helen Pierdomenico | Michael Bruet |
| Archie Van Gorder | Michael Schieve | Felicia Mancuso | Mary Lyons |
| Beverly Gallagher | John Foran | Charles Jaworski | Charles Robbins |

Grant them a place of happiness, light, and peace





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
 8:00a.m. James Roehm by Vince & Mary De Ninis
 11:00a.m. Amanda Kosalek by Family

Monday, November 7
 8:00a.m. Helen Verrastro by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Tuesday, November 8
 8:00a.m. Charles Doll by the Ruston Family

Wednesday, November 9
 8:00a.m. John Stecyk by Doreen Armitage

Thursday, November 10
 8:00a.m. Hattie Moll by Family

Friday, November 11
NO MASS

Saturday, November 12, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00p.m. Ted Smith by the Williams Family

Sunday, November 13, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00a.m. Franco De Ninis by Mary & Vince De Ninis
 11:00a.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 Jo-Ann Moore, Mary Lyons, Michael Bruet, and Charles Robbins.

Last Weekend's Offering (10-30-16)

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| 199 Regular Envelopes..... | \$5,997.00 |
| Loose Collection..... | \$285.00 |
| Electronic Donation..... | \$450.00 |
| Total Collection..... | \$6,732.00 |

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

Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes meet today for Grades K-9 at 9:30-10:45 in the school.

Looking Ahead

No Faith Formation next weekend November 13th, Veteran's Day Holiday. November 20th at 10:00a.m. in the church, classes will participate in an End of the Holy Year of Mercy Prayer Service. Parents are welcome to join us in the church for the Prayer Service. Classes will return to the school for dismissal.



Ending Prayer at 6th Grade retreat with St. Mary's and St. Paul's

33rd Annual Pizza Sale to Support Birthright of Binghamton

A portion of all **take out** orders on Wednesday, November 9th will benefit Birthright. Places to purchase your pizza will be in Endicott at Consol's (754-7437) 4p.m. to close, Binghamton at Cortese's (723-6477) 11:30a.m. to close, and new this year in Johnson City, Rossi's Pizza (777-1313) 10a.m. to close. Please mention Birthright when you call and pick-up.

Fundraiser for Catherine's Cupboard

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 owners Cindy Fedish & Joan Wintergrass (members of our parish) for remembering our pantry again this year.

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!

****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.

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 regard 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

Sponsor of the Week

St. Francis of Assisi would like to thank:
WM. R. Chase & Son Funeral Home
737 Chenango Street, Port Dickinson, NY
for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin

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!

Cathedral Restoration Fund

After months of preparation, consultation and prayer, the Diocese of Syracuse is about to embark on a capital campaign that will raise the necessary funds to restore the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. All families throughout the Diocese will be called upon to make a sacrificial gift in the form of a pledge, payable over a 36 or 60 month period. Only with the financial commitment of all, will we be able to reach our challenging goal of \$10 million. We realize that not everyone can make the same size gift; however, we encourage each family to participate in a meaningful way, within their means.

Together We Can Be Successful

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception has served as the spiritual center of the Diocese of Syracuse. The story of the Cathedral exemplifies the history of our diocesan church. It represents and speaks to the story of the people within that church, offering a narrative that has been written by the hands of laborers, artisans and donors whose industry and generosity ensured the creation of this wonderful structure. Please be prepared to make your gift on the weekend of **November the 13th**, when pledge materials will be distributed at weekend Masses.

For more information, please visit www.cathedralrestorationsyracuse.org

Nocturnal Adoration Society

Will meet at St. Patrick Chapel 7 to 9p.m. on Saturday, November 19th, 2016. St. Francis of Assisi holy hour begins 7:00 to 8:00p.m.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of November 6th — Karen Dotson

Week of November 13th — Pat & George Clark

Shelving (Mondays)

November 7th — A. Short & S. Vinci

November 14th — N. Minch & N.J. Mirabito

Distribution

November 15th — D. Kellett & Team #1

Harvest Dinner

The Harvest Dinner is this Sunday **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

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 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.

Fall 2016 Parish Events

HELP NEEDED

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.

Ecumenical Service Thanksgiving — **Save the Date**

There will be an Ecumenical Service for Thanksgiving on November 20th at 5:00 p.m. at Ogden-Hillcrest United Methodist Church. All are very welcome and encouraged to attend.

SUPER 50-50 TICKET COUNTER

Super 50-50 drawing is on December 4th

Currently sold: 142 tickets

Must sell: 258 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.

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 16th, 23rd, 30th. Thank you for making the decision to help us in caring for our earth! Julie Heaney and James Bush

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 someone 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 12th & 13th, 2016

4:00 P.M. Mass

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| Lector | Sally Orband |
| EM Host | Dc. Steve |
| EM Host | Brenda Artman |
| EM Host | Paulette Scales |
| EM Cup | Catherine Shafer |
| EM Cup | Peggy Munson |
| EM Cup | Ron Scales |
| EM Cup | John Artman |
| Altar Server | Mikayla Bucci |
| Altar Server | Tyler Norton |
| Altar Server | Sarah Shafer |

8:00 A.M. Mass

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| Lector | Kurt & Kelly Mohney |
| EM Host | Dc. Steve |
| EM Host | Nancy Oliver |
| EM Host | Mary DeNinis |
| EM Cup | Joanne Horoschak |
| EM Cup | Ede Blabac |
| EM Cup | Suzanne Tierno |
| EM Cup | Sr. Karen Gaube |
| Altar Server | Andrew Rice |
| Altar Server | Jonah Rice |
| Altar Server | Brendan Kliment |

11:00 A.M. Mass

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| Lector | Anne Wolanski |
| EM Host | Dc. Steve |
| EM Host | Lyndsey Church |
| EM Host | Jim Lewis |
| EM Cup | Rose O'Neil |
| EM Cup | Stephanie Stracuzzi |
| EM Cup | Kerri Hamilton |
| EM Cup | Steve Guth |
| Altar Server | Zachary Carr |
| Altar Server | John Michael Frissora |
| Altar Server | Brendan Heaney |

Question of the Week

Question for Children: God always stays with you, no matter what. What signs can you see to help you believe that?

Question for Youth: Death is a hard reality in our human life, but if we believe in the resurrection, we know it isn't the end of the journey. How does your belief in heaven affect the way you live?

Question for Adults: Having faith in difficult times is hard! What makes you believe in the promise that God will be your strength, as Paul says?

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