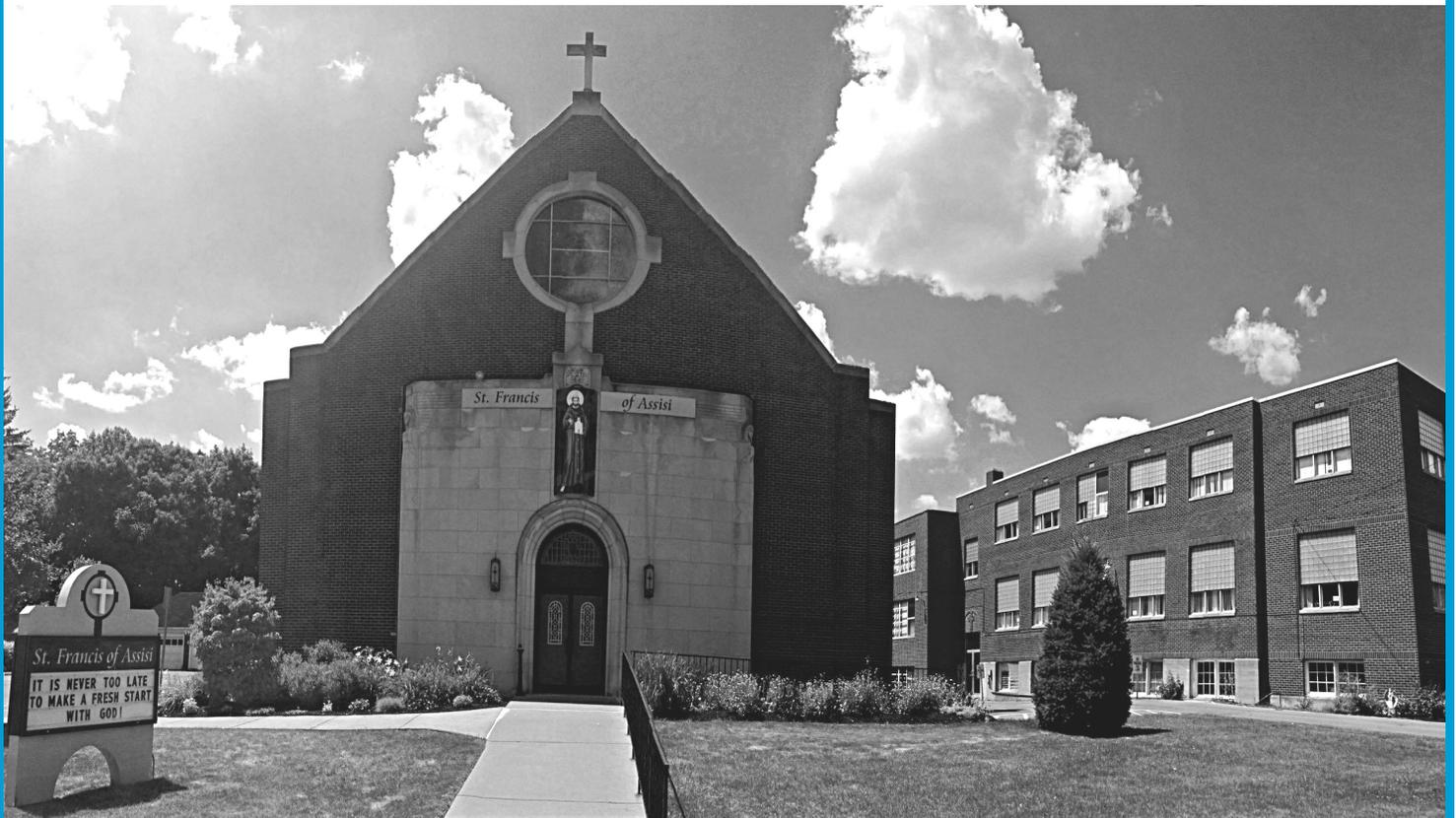


July 9, 2017

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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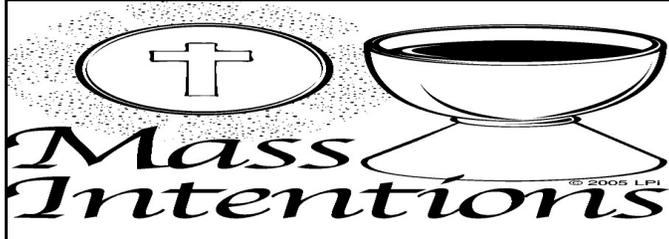
Mass Schedule

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, July 8, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00p.m. Lloyd Woodruff by William & Mary O'Boyle

Sunday, July 9, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00a.m. 24th Anniv. Matt Donovan by Family
 11:00a.m. Liturgy for the People

Monday, July 10
 8:00a.m. Bernice Daniels by Jack & Helen Lawrence

Tuesday, July 11
 8:00a.m. Nancy Presnell by Ron & Catherine Hamilton

Wednesday, July 12
 8:00a.m. Evelyn Lynch by John & Linda Nolan

Thursday, July 13
 8:00a.m. Patricia Gill by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Friday, July 14
NO MASS

Saturday, July 15, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00p.m. Ken Munney by Bill Ryan & Kathy Stoehr

Sunday, July 16, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00a.m. Mary Stone by Laura & David Evans
 11:00a.m. 50th Wedding Anniv. Jim & Rose O'Neil by Family

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.

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.

Weekend's Offering (07-02-17)

Regular Envelopes.....\$7,096.00
 Loose Collection.....\$385.00
 Electronic Donation.....\$484.00
 Total Collection.....\$7,965.00

Hope Appeal this week we added \$2,798.00

Our total donations so far are \$23,808 from 171 donors. We are at 53.07% of our goal.

We are 7 weeks into this year's Hope Appeal and over half way to this year's commitment!

Thank You to all! LET'S KEEP IT GOING!



Petition Against Natural Gas Transfer Station

As most of you may have read in last week's Press & Sun Bulletin, St. Francis has joined a group of interested citizens in an Article 78 Petition against the Town of Fenton Planning Board and NG Advantage LLC. This petition is a request to the NYS Supreme Court to annul the Planning Board's approval of the natural gas transfer station on the West Service Road.

Pope Francis' encyclical letter, **On Care for Our Common Home *Laudato Si'*** is a message to the world community on the importance of caring for our mother earth. In his letter he states, "A consensus should always be reached between different stakeholders, who can offer a variety of approaches, solutions and alternatives." This statement from Pope Francis summarizes the position taken by the parish in this action. Our intent is not to stand in the way of progress, if, after appropriate discussion between the different stakeholders, it is determined that the transfer station is a safe and useful project, then parish would be in support of moving forward with the discussion.

In summary, the Pope also emphasizes the importance of the local population, stating, "The local population should have a special place at the table." It is our hope that productive discussion will occur and we can all arrive at a conclusion is best for all interested parties.

JIMAY'S FLEA MARKET FUNDRAISER

We have been given a free spot at JIMAY'S Flea Market on **August 6th** in Conklin, NY. We have some items to sell but can always use a lot MORE! **NO CLOTHING PLEASE!** Do you have items you've never gotten around to selling or donating? Clean out your cupboards, shed, garage etc. and see what we can sell that YOU can live without. **Drop off your items at the parish center before Friday, August 4th** or call for pickup at 723-2350. If you would like to help at the flea market just give us a call or show up. Thank You!

NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY

will meet at St. Patrick's Chapel on Saturday July 15th
at 7:00p.m to 8:00p.m.

ALL MEMBERS AT THE SAME HOUR

Annual School Supplies Collection

It's that time of year...summer is here and it's time to think about the kids going back to school.

The following items are needed to give students a fresh start in their classes:

Backpacks, paper, notebooks (bound or spiral, 1, 3 or 5 subjects & also small ones for assignments), pens, pencils (colored and plain), binders, rulers, safety scissors, markers, crayons and highlighters, pencil bags, book covers, glue sticks, erasers and index cards.

NO LUNCH BOXES are needed.

If you are able to help donate any of these items, we will be forever grateful. Seeing the child's face tells us we are making a difference. **Supplies are given out on Tuesday, August 29th** and any surplus will be shared with various area schools where it's needed. We appreciate your generosity to help children while they prepare to go back to school.

THANK YOU !

Items can be left at the Parish Center or
In barrels at church.

Good News! Good News!

We have some good news for the parish and for the community. St. Francis has entered into an agreement with Hillside Children's Center to lease our vacant school building. The lease is beginning this week, and renovations to the school building will begin very shortly.

Hillside Children's Center, an affiliate of the Hillside Families of Agencies, is one of the oldest family and youth non-profit human services organizations in Western and Central New York. The agency started as Rochester Female Association for the Relief of Orphans and Destitute Children in 1837. In their first year 46 children were served. Headquartered in Rochester, the organization works with youth and families facing a wide range of behavioral and emotional challenges. Hillside Family of Agencies employs more than 2,200 staff, working out of multiple sites in New York, Maryland and Washington D.C.

Over the next 18 months, Hillside will be seeking state approval to operate a school on our site. Hillside has said that they will be educating nearly 50 students once the school is open. There are 96 Hillside facilities in upstate New York, serving over 12,000. It will be a really positive step to make use of the school again.

Scriptures: A Counter-Cultural Message

The scriptures today seem to have a strong "counter-cultural" message. They challenge us to look at our world and its values in a critical way. They invite us to move beyond greed and selfishness and to learn from and connect with others.

Our culture seems to value power and control and victory over "the enemy." However, the scriptures today give us the image of a savior that comes with humility, without military and economic power, "meek and riding on an ass."

In a society overwhelmed with many examples of greed and large scale corporate abuse, the scriptures remind us of the virtues inherent in simplicity of life and a gentleness of spirit. Wealth, control, and domination are not the central values of Jesus Christ.

In a world that is choking on greenhouse gases, warming the whole planet, killing the life of the oceans, and over consuming all kinds of resources, we are invited to respect our planet and cherish the gifts we have been given by living simply and responsibly.

In a world filled with the weapons of war and spending on the ways of violence, the scriptures speak of a savior who banishes the horse, the chariot and the warrior's bow. The scriptures certainly challenge our world which invests so many resources into fighting wars and procuring weapons for war.

In a world where the international trade system and the world economy seem to disadvantage those who have little, we are reminded that "if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live." A focus on wealth and money will certainly "kill" the spirit and freedom of God.

The gospel reminds us that this counter-cultural message is a message of liberation and life. As we let go of all the craziness of our culture, we will find "rest" and finally really be alive. Then, justice and peace can truly take over.

O God, we pray for all those in our world who are suffering from injustice:

For those who are discriminated against because of their race, color or religion; For those imprisoned for working for the relief of oppression;

For those who are hounded for speaking the inconvenient truth; For those tempted to violence as a cry against overwhelming hardship;

For those deprived of reasonable health and education;

For those suffering from hunger and famine;

For those too weak to help themselves and who have no one else to help them;

For the unemployed who cry out for work but do not find it.

We pray for anyone of our acquaintance who is personally affected by injustice.

Forgive us, Lord, if we unwittingly share in the conditions or in a system that perpetuates injustice.

Show us how we can serve your children and make your love practical by washing their feet.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of July 9th — George & Pat Clark

Week of July 16th — Karen Dotson

Shelving (Mondays)

July 10th — K. Mohney

July 17th — C. Woodruff & M. Ryder

Distribution

July 18th — D. Kellett Team #2

August 8th — M. Walsh, M. Turna, M. Quinn, J. Wyatt, A. & S. Faughnan

****PANTRY NEEDS HELP****

Tuesday July 18th (10:00a.m.—Noon)

Please, come and help the pantry restock our shelves! The truck will be arriving the morning of July 18th with **thousands of pounds** of food to restock our shelves with all NEW food. Being closed due to the 4th of July we cleaned out our pantry and are now starting fresh and could use help. Please come and volunteer only 2 hours of your time and efforts to helping us restock.

Cameron Drumm, Eagle Scout Project

Cameron Drumm is a young member of our parish. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 152 and is working towards becoming an Eagle Scout. **Cameron is working to replace the four, weathered, concrete benches that sit outside the left side of our church. If you would like to write a check, send cash, or sponsor a bench in honor of someone, please call or text Cameron at 607-644-5059 (if he does not answer right away, he will give you a call back) or email him at cameron.drumm@cforks.org.**

Knights of Columbus 11403

Annual Tom Mangan Memorial Golf Tournament

Sunday, July 30th

Shotgun start at 1:00 PM

Genegantset Golf Course
Greene, NY



Captain and crew format

\$70/player includes:
golf, cart, beverages, banquet, and prizes
Dinner only \$25/person

Your payment at the Parish Center confirms your reservation

Please, make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus"

For more information call Larry Koch at 237-1300

Bans of Marriage

Congratulations and best wishes to Kathryn Hawkes and Shane O'Neil who were married this weekend. May God bless them and their marriage.

Bans of Marriage

Congratulations and best wishes to Victoria Testani and Jon-Michael Shea who will be married soon. May God bless them and their marriage.



SAVE THE DATE

Parish Picnic

August 27th

Noon—3:00PM

Port Dickinson Park



EMMAUS' 2017 Walk / Run Event

Emmaus Ministry's "To the Streets" Walk/Run Event is Saturday, July 15th. It begins and ends at Columbus Circle in downtown Syracuse NY, with a 7AM registration. Runners begin at 8:00AM and walkers at 8:15AM. Registration is FREE – just bring a pair of new white cotton, calf length athletic socks (Hanes, Nike, or Reebok brands) for the homeless. Visit emmausministry.org for more information and other items you can donate or call Bob Raymond at 315-439-2881.

Save the Dates!

"Awaken Our Hearts"

Go Into the World Mission

September 30 – October 4, 2017

Sponsored by the Churches of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Mary of the Assumption, and Church of St. Paul

"From Baptism to table, from table to world:
we are called, anointed, fed and sent
as presence of the loving God."

Fellowship!

Mission!

Music!



For more information
contact your Parish
office or watch the
bulletin for details!

St. Francis of Assisi Co-ed Half Day Basketball Camp

The St. Francis of Assisi Co-ed Basketball Camp is scheduled for **August 14th—18th from 9:00a.m. to 12:30p.m. in the school gym**. The camp is open to all boys and girls entering **grades 1—5**. Each camper will receive a camp t-shirt, along with instructions on the fundamentals of basketball. Jim Norris will be our guest speaker. Cost for the session is \$40.00. For more information or to register, please call Delores at the Parish Center at 722-4388.

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

July 15th & 16th, 2017

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector Mary Lou Ekstrom
EM Host Carol Danoski
EM Host Terry Hanifin
EM Host Debby Carden
EM Cup John Artman
EM Cup Brenda Artman
EM Cup Mary Frances Charsky
EM Cup Teresa Creeden
Altar Server Bryan Heller
Altar Server Mary Katherine Doyle
Altar Server _____

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Dom Lomonaco
EM Host Ed White
EM Host Shirley McCray
EM Host Debbie Davis
EM Cup Donna or Scott Iglar
EM Cup Mary DeNinis
EM Cup Ede Blabac
EM Cup Maureen Mizzoni
Altar Server Mikayla Bucci
Altar Server Brigid Birtch
Altar Server Braeden Krisko

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Joe Sardella
EM Host Rose O'Neil
EM Host Jules Furrer
EM Host Lyndsey Church
EM Cup Sue Jones
EM Cup Maria Lord
EM Cup Pat Clark
EM Cup Katie Ginalski
Altar Server Katelyn Church
Altar Server _____
Altar Server _____

Question of the Week

Question for Children: When you are generous, honest, and loving, how do you know it is Jesus who helps you do that

Question for Youth: Jesus invites us to bring him our burdens and promises us that he will give us rest. How do you rely on Jesus during times of trouble? When has Jesus helped you?

Question for Adults: As you go about your daily life, dying in love for others, how do you experience Christ giving you consolation and peace?

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