

August 20, 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, August 19, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. 3rd Anniversary Julia Pandich by Family

Sunday, August 20, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Rick Vavra by the Ruston & Ashman Families

11:00 a.m. Joseph Sardella by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Monday, August 21

8:00 a.m. Daniel Berry by Ellen Grace Smith

Tuesday, August 22

8:00 a.m. Stanley Guzik by John & Clara Ernst

Wednesday, August 23

8:00 a.m. Marilyn Bennett by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Thursday, August 24

8:00 a.m. Gertrude Edwards by Dan & Alison Brennan

Friday, August 25

NO MASS

Saturday, August 26, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Jodi Rhoades by Family

Sunday, August 27, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a. m. 1st Anniversary Charles Jaworski by Family

11:00 a.m. Jim Kalivoda by St. Francis Choir

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.

Weekend's Offering (08-13-17)

Regular Envelopes.....\$6,556.00
 Loose Collection.....\$391.26
 Electronic Collection.....\$1,069.00
 Total Collection.....\$8,016.26

Hope Appeal this week we added \$250

Our total donations so far are \$29,111 from 182 donors. We are at 64.7% of our goal.

\$15,750 STILL TO GO

We are 12 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!



Faith Formation, Registration

Faith Formation Registrations for the upcoming 2017-2018 year have been mailed, if you did not receive one there are extra copies on the Usher's tables or you may register online on our website (stfrancisbing.org/. Faith Formation begins Sunday, September 10th at 9:30 A.M. in the church.

Safe Environment Training

A reminder to all church volunteers, that the United States Council of Catholic Bishops requires everyone who volunteers or is employed by any church organization to be screened. Our diocesan upcoming Safe Environment Training will be held at these locations. Screening is required every 5 years. If you have been contacted to be screened or to have your certification renewed please take advantage of these opportunities. If you have questions you can contact Maria Kirk at the parish office, 722-4177. Register online at www.syrдио.org.

Initial Safe Environment Training (PGC)

Wednesday, August 23rd at 6 PM
 Church of the Holy Family, Endwell

Recertification Training (EPDR)

Thursday, August 31st at 7 PM
 St. Thomas Aquinas, Binghamton
 Call Maria Kirk 722-4177 to register

Wednesday, October 25th at 5:30 PM
 Church of the Holy Family, Endwell
 Call Holy Family 754-1266 to register

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 John Broderick.

Christian Ethicists Without Borders on White Supremacy and Racism

As followers of Jesus Christ and as Christian ethicists representing a range of denominations and “schools” of thought, we stand in resolute agreement in firmly condemning racist, anti-Semitic, and anti-Muslim, neo-Nazi ideology as a sin against God that divides the human family created in God’s image.

In January of 2017, white nationalist groups emboldened by the 2016 election planned an armed march against the Jews of Whitefish, Montana. On August 11th and 12th, hundreds of armed neo-Nazis marched in Charlottesville, Virginia. As we mourn the deaths of 32-year old counter-protester Heather Heyer and state troopers H. Jay Cullen and Berke Bates from this most recent incident, we unequivocally denounce racist speech and actions against people of any race, religion, or national origin.

White supremacy and racism deny the dignity of each human being revealed through the Incarnation. The evil of white supremacy and racism must be brought face-to-face before the figure of Jesus Christ, who cannot be confined to any one culture or nationality. Through faith we proclaim that God the Creator is the origin of all human persons. In the words of Frederick Douglass, “Between the Christianity of this land and the Christianity of Christ, I recognize the widest possible difference.” The greatest commandments, as Jesus taught and exemplified, are to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves; and so as children of God, and sisters and brothers to all, we hold the following:

- We reject racism and anti-Semitism, which are radical evils that Christianity must actively resist.
- We reject the sinful white supremacy at the heart of the “Alt Right” movement as Christian heresy.
- We reject the idolatrous notion of a national god. God cannot be reduced to “America’s god.”
- We reject the “America First” doctrine, which is a pernicious and idolatrous error. It foolishly asks Americans to replace the worship of God with the worship of the nation, poisons both our religious traditions and virtuous American patriotism, and isolates this country from the community of nations. Such nationalism erodes our civic and religious life, and fuels xenophobic and racist attacks against immigrants and religious minorities, including our Jewish and Muslim neighbors.
- We confess that all human beings possess God-given dignity and are members of one human family, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, or country of origin.
- We proclaim that the gospel of Jesus Christ has social

and political implications. Those who claim salvation in Jesus Christ, therefore, must publicly name evil, actively resist it, and demonstrate a world of harmony and justice in the midst of racial, religious and indeed all forms of human diversity.

Therefore, we call upon leaders of every Christian denomination, especially pastors, to condemn white supremacy, white nationalism, and racism.

We also humbly call upon all Christians, whose baptismal waters are thicker than blood, to resist this evil by committing themselves to:

- Contemplate and respect the image of God imprinted on each human being.
- Work across religious traditions to reflect on the ways we have been complicit in upholding and benefiting from the sins of racism and white supremacy.
- Pray for the strength and courage to stand emphatically against racism, white supremacy, and nationalism in all its forms.
- Participate in acts of peaceful protest, including rallies, marches, and at times, even civil disobedience. Do not remain passive bystanders in the face of the heresies of racism, white supremacy, and white nationalism.
- Engage in political action to oppose structural racism.

We will bring the best of our traditions to an ecclesial and societal examination of conscience where rhetoric and acts of hatred against particular groups can be publicly named as grave sins and injustices.

Finally, as ethicists, we commit through our teaching, writing, and service to the ongoing, hard work of building bridges and restoring wholeness where racist and xenophobic ideologies have brought brokenness and pain.

Oh God, with anguish we pray that we may find ways to move forward towards the light not back into the shadows of hatred, violence, and the silence that protects it.

We pray for the wisdom to know how to move ahead. We recognize that evil can overtake a nation, as history reveals; we recognize too that reconciliation is possible, that peace can flourish where once hate and violence reigned.

We pray that all citizens of good will speak out again and again so the sound of Your justice drowns out the cries of hatred, the deafening silence that protects it. May we as a nation form a circle, inclusive, with no top or bottom, where we can welcome everyone with outstretched hands.

May our circle grow ever larger, more hands open, holding another’s palm, realizing we are holding on to the hope Pope Francis calls us to if we can see we are all connected. Amen.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule Transportation

Week of August 20th — Karen Dotson
Week of August 27th — Nancy Oliver

Shelving (Mondays)

August 21st — E. & K. Corcoran
August 28th — J. & K. Brady

Distribution

September 5th — M. Peters, K. Dotson, A. Smilnak,
R. Serafini, A. Short, S. Orband

Megan Santa Croce Update

Megan Santa Croce is one of our young parishioners here at St. Francis. Right now she is going through another series of cancer treatments. Your prayers and support would be greatly appreciated. The website listed here was set up for people to sign up and assist the Santa Croce family with meals as they go through this challenging time. Please keep Megan and her family in your prayers and if you could please go to this link below (you may find this link on our website's homepage), please go and donate.

<https://my.lotsahelpinghands.com/community/support-for-megan-and-family>

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 and Binders
- Notebooks (bound/spiral, 1, 3 or 5 subjects & also small ones for assignments)
- Pens/Pencils (colored and plain) and Erasers
- Rulers and Safety scissors
- Markers and highlighters
- Crayons
- Pencil bags
- Book covers
- Glue sticks
- 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.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Picnic

WHERE: PORT DICKINSON PARK

**WHEN: SUNDAY AUGUST 27th,
12:00p.m. (noon) until 3:00p.m.**

**MENU: PHIL'S CHICKEN, SALAD
(plus dishes to share)**

FREE Admission

Beverage and plastic ware provided

Please bring a dish to share. See below.

In order to have a nice variety of food choices we are asking you to follow the chart below:

Last names starting with...

A thru F : bring fruit and/or vegetable item

G – M : pasta and/or potato salad

N – S : desserts

T – Z : snacks and/or finger-type foods.

RSVP no later than August 21th:

___ of adults attending

___ of kids attending

To RSVP please call Delores in the parish office
at 722-4388

**We need help with moving tables & chairs to
and from (2 pick up trucks or large vans). Sign
up sheets are at the front foyer of church.**

Rite of Christian Initiation For Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will begin on Sunday, September 10 after the 8 am Mass. The session will last from 9:15 am until 10:15 am. We are fortunate to welcome Paul back to complete his Catechumenate and we also welcome Jacob, a new Catechumenate to the Process. All are welcome to meet with us whether you have questions about the Catholic Faith, about the RCIA process or just want to talk about your Faith. Please contact Deacon Steve if you have any questions.

Bereavement Support Program

A new Bereavement Support Program will begin on Monday evening August 28th from 7:00p.m. until 8:30p.m. or in the afternoon on Tuesday, August 29th from 1:30p.m. to 3:00p.m. at the Parish Center for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. Such a loss is one of life's most difficult experiences; but, sharing one's thoughts and feelings with others who have had a similar loss can be very helpful on the journey from grief to healing. To register for this ten week process or for more information, please call Rose O'Neil at 772-0820 or David Bollinger at 239-0203 by Monday, August 21st so books can be ordered.

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

August 26th & 27th, 2017

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector Kathleen Tait
EM Host Carol Danoski
EM Host Bob Shields
EM Host Betsy Shields
EM Cup Debby Carden
EM Cup Jan Pandich
EM Cup Joan Storer
EM Cup Mary Lou Ekstrom
Altar Server Tyler Norton
Altar Server Brendan Kliment
Altar Server _____

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Dom Lomonaco
EM Host Joanne Horoschak
EM Host Marie Iobst
EM Host Nancy Oliver
EM Cup Suzanne Tierno
EM Cup Scott or Donna Iglar
EM Cup Shirley McCray
EM Cup Kurt or Kelly Mohney
Altar Server James Bush
Altar Server Mary Bush
Altar Server Sarah Bush

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Jules Furrer
EM Host Dave Bollinger
EM Host Maria Lord
EM Host Karyn Church
EM Cup Steve Church
EM Cup Pat Clark
EM Cup Lyndsey LoPiccolo
EM Cup David Hanzes
Altar Server Brendan Heaney
Altar Server Katelyn Church
Altar Server _____

Question of the Week

Question for Children: What is your favorite way to talk with Jesus? What words do you use?

Question for Youth: Do you trust that God hears your prayers? Do you believe that your prayer makes a difference?

Question for Adults: When you pray, how do you know that Jesus will really respond?

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