

September 18, 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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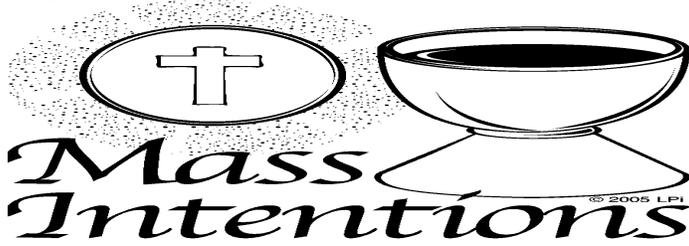
## Mass Schedule

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, September 17, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. George Koons by Family

**Sunday, September 18, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People  
 11:00 a.m. Msgr. James Kane by Delores & Keith Zulko

**Monday, September 19**  
 8:00 a.m. Karen Mauldin by Marge Mangan

**Tuesday, September 20**  
 8:00 a.m. Paul Miller by Bob & Shirley Parke

**Wednesday, September 21**  
 8:00 a.m. Kathleen Murray by Barbara & David George

**Thursday, September 22**  
 8:00 a.m. The Sheehe Clan by Sue Robinson & Family

**Friday, September 23**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, September 24, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

**Sunday, September 25, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Joseph Sardella by Dave & Louise Martin  
 11:00 a.m. John Zulko by Delores & Keith Zulko.

**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.

**Last Weekend's Offering (09-11-16)**

188 Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,455.00
Loose Collection.....	\$334.00
Electronic Donation.....	\$1,548.40
Total Collection.....	\$8,327.40

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

**Faith Formation**

Faith Formation classes have started. **Classes meet from 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. in the school.** Registration information is on the usher's tables or in the main office at the school.

There is an important parent meeting **TODAY** in the Library during Faith Formation for all children preparing to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. We will review the diocesan and local requirements for the sacrament, as well as your role in preparing your children.

The **Confirmation Service Projects** will be displayed on **Sunday, September 25th** in the church hall. After parishioners have enjoyed the Knights of Columbus Breakfast take a few minutes to look at the candidates' various service projects from the past year. They are a talented group!

**Confirmation Wrap-Up class, rehearsal, and luncheon will take place on September 25th.** Candidates must have their sponsor or proxy attend this session. Please call Maria Kirk with your number for lunch by September 21st.

**Confirmation will be celebrated on October 2nd at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.** The front pews on the Sacristy side will be reserved for the candidates. There will be one pew for handicapped seating on the school side of the church. Mass will be longer than usual. Please plan accordingly.

**Pre-Baptism Class**

A Baptism Preparation Class will be held on **Tuesday, September 20th at 6:00 P.M.**, in the Faith Formation Office, 1031 Chenango St. If you are expecting or have recently given birth and wish to have your baby Baptized, please call Maria Kirk to make arrangements to attend.

**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, Rose Riley.



### **Save The Date! Save The Date!**

In October, beginning with the weekend of the 15th/16th, Fr. Kevin MacDonald will be here to offer a parish Mission focused on the Eucharist. In fact, Fr. Kevin will be doing 6 parish Missions for various parishes in our diocese throughout October and November. This will be the second time he has been here, and he was received well a few years ago. Fr. Kevin is a former baseball player for the Pittsburgh Pirates and was ordained in 1991.

So, put this Mission on your calendars to attend and experience an event to enrich your faith and spiritual lives. I invite you to please use the following prayer in preparation for our parish Mission.

*God, Our Father, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for all the many gifts you have given us through Jesus, Your Son. We thank you especially for the gift of our parish Mission.*

*Loving and gracious God, quiet our minds and hearts, that we may be open to the gift of your truth. Grant that our Mission may be:*

*A Time of Grace for all,*

*A Time of growth for the young,*

*A Time of refreshment for the old,*

*A Time of renewal for families,*

*A Time of healing for the broken,*

*A Time of joy for the sorrowing,*

*A Time of challenge for the complacent,*

*A Time of forgiveness for the sinner,*

*A Time of strength for the holy,*

*A Time of homecoming for those who have been away.*

*Grant, most Loving God, that our Mission may bring down your richest blessings on each and every member of our Parish community.*

*We pray through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, in the name of Jesus Christ who lives with you and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.*

### **Enjoy the convenience of electronic giving!**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is pleased to announce that we now offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. Currently the following accounts have been setup, *Weekly Donation, Repair & Maintenance, Catholic School Support, Catherine's Cupboard & Special Sunshine. You can now have your donations taken weekly, monthly or yearly.*

To set up an electronic giving schedule, visit our new church website at [stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org). Here you can authorize to have your donations electronically transferred directly from your checking account, your debit card or your credit card to the parish. Click on the donation link listed on the website to get started. You must have an e-mail address to register online. If you don't have a computer or an e-mail address, call the Parish Center at 722-4388 and we will mail you an authorization form that you can fill out and return to us at your convenience.

### **Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet**

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, September 25th from 8:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. in the Church Hall. Please come and join us for a truly wonderful breakfast!

### **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. More information to follow in future bulletins.



### **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 \$5.00 per chance to win 1 of 3 prize quilts. Have your \$5.00 ready.



### **St. Francis of Assisi Parish Bereavement Support Program \*UPDATED\***

A new Bereavement Support Program will begin here on Tuesday, September 20, and **will offer both an afternoon group from 1:30 — 3:00 p.m. and an evening group from 7:00 — 8:30 p.m.** in the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center, 1031 Chenango Street.

For anyone who has experienced the loss 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 helpful on the journey from grief to healing. If you have not already registered, please call Sister Karen (daytimes) at the Parish Center at 722-4388 or Rose O'Neil (evenings) at 772-0820.

### **5th Annual Southern Tier Pastoral Care Conference**

Sister Donald Corcoran, O.S.B., from Transfiguration Monastery in Windsor, will be the presenter for this conference on "The Acts of Mercy," to be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Hall, 801 Main St., Vestal, on **Tuesday, October 11th**. The day will begin with Mass at 9:00 a.m., include lunch, and end at 2:00 p.m. All of our parishioners who visit our homebound and nursing home parishioners or work in funeral or bereavement ministries are cordially invited. For more information, to register, and/or to car pool, please call Sister Karen at 722-4388 by Monday, **September, 19th**.

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

### **Transportation**

Week of September 18th — Karen Dotson

Week of September 25th — Michelle Warne

### **Shelving (Mondays)**

September 19th — C. Woodruff & M. Ryder

September 26th — E. & K. Corcoran

### **Distribution**

September 20th — M. Walsh, M. Turna, M. Quinn, J. Wyatt, A. & S. Faughnan

## **Danielle House Volunteers Needed**

Danielle House, our local healthcare hospitality home, is in need of volunteers. If you are looking to invest a few hours each week to serve families in a medical crisis, Danielle House may be the charity you would love to be a part of. To learn more, please visit [www.daniellehouse.org](http://www.daniellehouse.org), or call 724-1549.

## **Maine's GiveBack Program**

Maine's Food and Party Warehouse has a Give-Back Program whereby they offer nonprofit organizations a financial reward for all purchases made at their stores. This free year-round fundraiser provides a check rebate worth 5% for member's cumulative purchases made at their store throughout the year. Many St. Francis of Assisi Parish members are currently members in this program, and you also can help us if you are not currently a member. Here's how: The next time you are shopping at Maine's, go to the information desk and tell them you are a member of the St. Francis of Assisi Parish and would like to sign up for our Parish's GiveBack Program (our Reward Number is 2007622). They will give you a form to fill out and return. Soon, you'll receive a card that you can swipe when you make your food purchases, and the parish will benefit financially from your purchase. OR, fill out a form located in the back of the church and we'll coordinate the effort with Maine's to have a card sent to you. Thank you!

## **Jesus Christ is the Face of the Father's Mercy**

September 18, 2016                      Holy Hour for Mercy

~with Bishop Cunningham, Students, and Families

St. Patrick, Binghamton              2:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

“At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the father's action in our lives.”  
— Pope Francis



## **Morning Retreat for Women**

**October 1, 2016**

Hosted by  
Church of the Immaculate Conception  
Greene, NY

~8:30 am - 12:00 pm~

**8:30 am Registration**  
**9:00 am - 12:00 pm Retreat**

**Sister Laura Bufano, CSJ**  
**Presenter & Guide**

As pilgrims on our journey of faith, we will reflect on the ways we experience God's presence in the "landscapes" of our heart – the mountains and valleys, the deserts and oases, the ebb and flow of the tides. With prayer and poetry, scripture, song and story as companions, we will explore our spiritual geography. What has brought us to where we are? What have we learned on the way?

Bring a listening heart and a spirit of adventure. God's Spirit will lead the way!

*Please register by contacting our Parish Office*  
*607-656-9546; [immcongreene@syrdio.org](mailto:immcongreene@syrdio.org)*

Invite a friend or come and make a new one! This morning retreat is open to mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, grandmothers and friends. Immaculate Conception is located at 1180 State Highway 206 in the charming Village of Greene, New York. All are welcome!

## **PARISH REGISTRATION**

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether you're a long-time resident or newly arrived in the Parish. Please check the appropriate box and place in the collection basket or return to the Parish Center. *We thank God that you are with us.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner? Send registration form

Change of address or phone number?

Temporarily away? Stop envelopes

Moving? Please remove from Parish Roster

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**  
**September 24th & 25th, 2016**

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

Lector	Barb Brozovic
EM Host	Mary Lou Ekstrom
EM Host	Mary Frances Charsky
EM Host	Joan Storer
EM Cup	Judy Murphy
EM Cup	John Artman
EM Cup	Brenda Artman
EM Cup	Debby Carden
Altar Server	Mikayla Bucci
Altar Server	Mikey Schultz
Altar Server	Sarah Shafer

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

Lector	Kurt & Kelly Mohney
EM Host	Katie Ginalski
EM Host	Mary DeNinis
EM Host	Suzanne Tierno
EM Cup	Michael Stricek
EM Cup	Denise Baxter
EM Cup	Steve Baxter
EM Cup	Debbie Davis
Altar Server	Braedan Krisko
Altar Server	Natalie Broderick
Altar Server	Peyton Broderick

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

Lector	Rose O'Neil
EM Host	Steve Church
EM Host	Karyn Church
EM Host	Kerri Hamilton
EM Cup	Stephanie Stracuzzi
EM Cup	Pat Clark
EM Cup	Chris Gill
EM Cup	David Gill
Altar Server	Katelyn Church
Altar Server	_____
Altar Server	Quinn Sirgany

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Clothes, food, toys all cost money. How do you keep your faith more important than money?

**Question for Youth:** The Gospel tells us that money can get in the way of serving God. How can you use all that you have (possessions, money, time, talent) to serve God?

**Question for Adults:** Money is an important part of modern life. Suggest one or two ways you can keep the need for money in balance with your faith.

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