

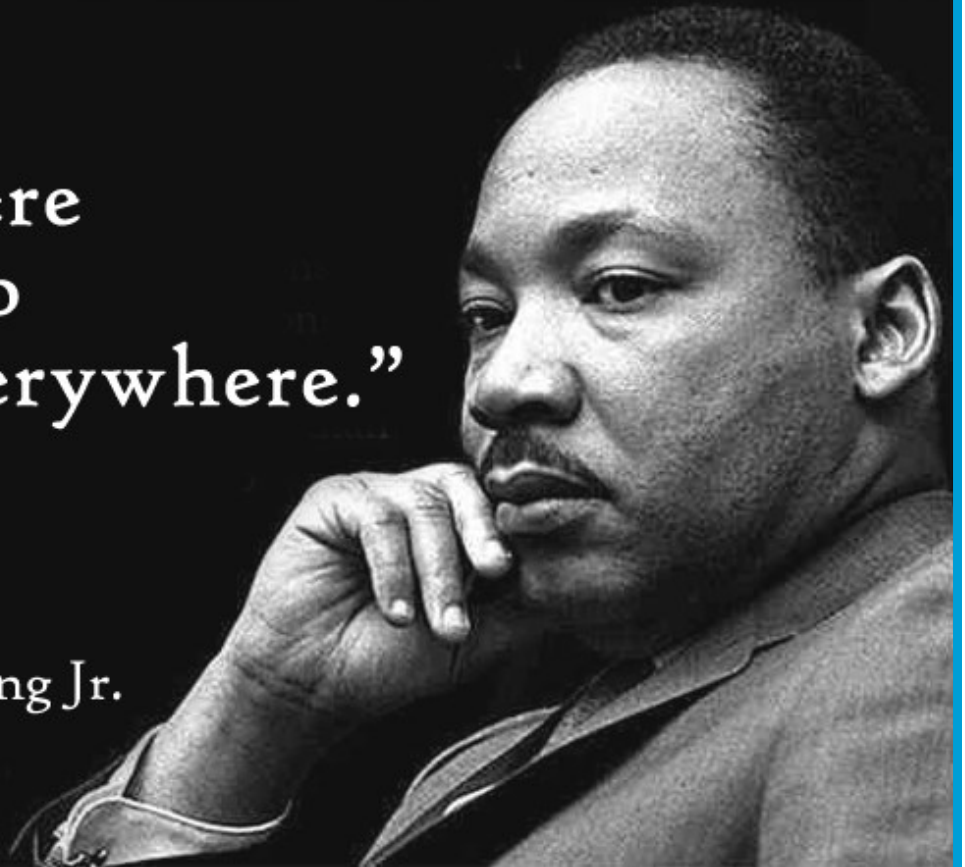
January 14, 2024

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

“Injustice
anywhere
is a threat to
justice everywhere.”

—Martin Luther King Jr.



St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Eucharistic faith community committed to living and sharing the Gospel life.

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Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday:
7:30 am to 4:30 pm
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2nd & 4th Saturday of every
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Saturday, January 13, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Dan Mc Garry by the Danoski Family

Sunday, January 14, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Bill Murray by Family

Monday, January 15

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 16

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 17

NO MASS

Thursday, January 18

NO MASS

Friday, January 19

NO MASS

Saturday, January 20, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Michael Pandich by Mike & Jan Pandich

Sunday, January 21, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Linda Eaton by Marge Mangan

Catherine's Cupboard

CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD has been serving our community for the past 20+ years, it's **open the 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month from 5 till 7 (or until all are served)**. We serve anyone who comes, asking only for ID, if they have any. As members of SOUTHERN TIER FOOD BANK, we purchase at wholesale (or less), providing **basic dry or canned goods, fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy, and frozen meats**. We try to provide **5 days of meals** and include **personal care items** also. We operate on **100% donations or grants**. Our location at the parish center means we have most overhead costs covered. However, we serve over 1200 people, requiring a budget of close to \$50,000 a year. PLEASE tell anyone you know who is feeling food insecure to stop in. **If you would like to donate food items, they can be left at parish center or food barrel in church foyer. Monetary donations can be mailed to our parish office or via the online giving tab at stfrancisbing.org**

Weekend's Offering (01-07-24)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$2,520.00
Loose Collection.....	\$147.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$3,505.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,172.00

Thank you for your generosity!

FAITH FORMATION

No Faith Formation, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Next week January 21st Faith Formation for Grades K-9 at 9 AM in the Parish Hall.

Looking Ahead:

†First Eucharist Parent Meeting/Coaching Session, January 21st 9AM in the Parish Hall. Parents will meet with the children.

†First Eucharist Rite of Belonging at 10:30 AM Mass. The first 3 pews on the Sacristy side will be reserved for the Children preparing for First Eucharist. Please plan for this accordingly.

URGENT

*Eucharistic Ministers
needed for all
10:30 AM Sunday
Masses
Please call the parish
center at 607-722-4388
to sign up!*

URGENT

Thank You from Birthright!

Dear Fr. Tim, Bev, and St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners, Once again you have astounded us with your generosity! We thank you so much for the wonderful donations of diapers, onesies, outfits, toys formula and beyond. We are very well stocked now in our new office, and ready to help many moms and babies. Please, if you hear of any pregnant woman or a mom who needs some help, ask them to call us at 607 798-7661. —Pat McCoy and Diane Yajko

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**Lectionary Reflection**

Tomorrow is Martin Luther King Day. It is a good time to connect the scriptures to the challenge of justice in our nation, especially racial justice. In the first reading, God keeps calling until Samuel hears. Samuel finally begins to hear God with the guidance and help of Eli. It takes a while. It takes awhile to discern. It takes a while to listen. As is true in every age, God keeps calling to us again and again. Sometimes it takes us a while to hear God's word and accept the call. God calls to us in the needs of the poor, in the distorted values in our economic systems, in the experience of immigrants and refugees, in the violence inflicted on people caught up in war, in the injustices embedded in our political systems, in the abuse of our environment, in the racial divides in our nation, and in countless experiences each day. Sometimes it takes us quite a few times before we hear the call. We need guidance and help to see and hear. We need community to begin to respond to the call. In the United States, it has been taking us a very long time to understand and to begin to heal the racial divides in our country. The history of injustice goes back hundreds of years to reality of slavery and then "Jim Crow" laws, and the "new Jim Crow" of the last few decades. Racial injustice has been brought to our attention in various recent events and recent deaths and murders of so many people of color. In all of these events we hear a call today, to reflect, to learn, to understand, and to change and recreate. The disciples in the gospel are looking for something. John the Baptist points to Jesus. The disciples begin to stay with Jesus and listen to the call. With the help and vision of Jesus they begin to see everything anew. The vision of Jesus is one of inclusivity and welcome and justice. Today we too are looking for something. We are looking for values that we can live by, for help with the economic and political problems of the day, for a healing of the racial divide in our nation, for an end to war and conflict, for justice and peace, for a government that will work well and promote the common good. We need guidance and help to find what we seek. We need to help one another and we need God's spirit to see the truth and act together.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary: Creation Care Tip

"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." —1 Samuel 3:9. Like Samuel, are we attentively listening to the calling of God? Pope Francis explains in *Laudato Si'*, "We are called to be instruments of God our Father so that our planet might be what he desired when he created it and correspond with his plan for peace, beauty, and fullness." This week, start a habit to become a better instrument for God. Collect rainwater to water indoor plants, eat less meat, combine trips to reduce car/gas usage, take steps to care for our common home.

PLEASE TELL US THE NAMES/ADDRESSES OF SHUT-INS, WE WOULD LOVE TO REACH OUT!
CALL DELORES(607)722-4388 TO LET US KNOW!

Prayer: Deliver Us From Evil

"Racism is not merely one sin among many, it is a radical evil dividing the human family." Brothers and Sisters to Us, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1979.

We hear words of prejudice, fear, and anger in our communities.

We see acts of discrimination and bloodshed in our streets.

We cry out to you, O Lord, to deliver us from the evils of racism

That cause great pain and anguish, and cause a deep divide in our nation.

Deliver us from the evil of active racism,

The outspoken language of hate,

The visible acts of violence,

The clear calls to divide and destroy.

Deliver us from the evils of racism, O Lord.

Deliver us from the evil of passive racism,

The attitudes and actions that allow racism

To continue to exist because too many people

Say nothing and do nothing to stop active racism.

Deliver us from the evils of racism, O Lord.

Deliver us from the evil of systemic racism,

The biases that are a part of so many systems,

In education, housing, health care, jobs, and in our court and penal structures,

Creating disadvantages that remain for generations.

Deliver us from the evils of racism, O Lord.

Deliver us from the evil of cultural racism,

From attitudes of superiority and privilege,

From stereotyping and devaluing a culture even as we appropriate cultural expressions

Of those different without sensitivity or concern.

Deliver us from the evils of racism, O Lord.

In your mercy, O Lord, deliver us from evils of racism

So that our communities can be renewed

By the rejection of all prejudice, all violence,

With a new awareness of those different from us

And with deep respect for every human person,

So the healing bonds of solidarity may grow

And the common good may flourish in this land.

Amen.

- Jane Deren, Ph.D.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary: Justice Challenge

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on January 18. So often in our world, we emphasize our differences with others instead of the things we share in common. Yet our God is everyone's God, and Jesus came as a universal Savior—for everyone, everywhere, all the time. If those of us who believe in Jesus can't get along, how will we ever bring peace to our world? Your challenge this week is to participate in this special time by praying for unity among all Christians. Then let your prayer lead you to action. What is one thing you can do as a family or household to be more connected—with the Lutheran community down the block, or the Methodist family that lives next door? How can you celebrate with them our common belief in Jesus?

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

January 16th: B. Grace, M. Lyons, and K. & T. Barnhart

UPDATE: 2023 Annual HOPE Appeal

We are in the midst of our annual Hope Appeal Campaign. The theme of this year's campaign is the Fabric of our Faith. Each year the Hope Appeal provides funding for over 25 different organizations within the diocese. Each of these organizations depend on the Hope Appeal Campaign to fund operational costs.

Advancing Social Justice

†Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities of Broome County is dedicated to caring for those in need while promoting human development, collaboration, and the elimination of poverty and injustice. They empower people to transform their lives in the spirit of God's love and compassion.

Cultivating Catholic Leadership

†Tuition Assistance

Students attending Catholic Schools of Broome County receive support in paying tuition costs.

†Seminarian & Clergy Education

†Lay Leadership

†Evangelization Efforts

These are just a few of the organizations benefiting from our donations to the Hope Appeal. This year our parish goal for the 2023 Hope Appeal is \$42,826. One-time donations and pledges received to date total just over \$25,000. Please consider donating to the Hope Appeal in support of all these important initiatives. We can donate to the Hope Appeal using online giving found on the parish website (stfrancisbing.org).

Confirmation Service Project



Recycle your household bags & wrap into Trex's Earth-friendly composite decking and railing!



The 2024 confirmation class service project is to collect 1000 pounds of clean recyclable light weight plastics. **(NOT PLASTIC JUGS, BOTTLES OR CUPS)**

Upon completion of this goal the Next-Trex decking company will donate a bench to the confirmation class. We have collection bins for the plastics at the church entrance, as well as at the Parish Center.

Please refer to the list of acceptable materials on the usher's tables. Please do not put the paper collection bags in the bins, use them to collect additional plastics. Thank you, for your support!

Off Broadway Show Experience

Church of the Holy Family Ladies Guild is sponsoring a trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster to see a new show DANIEL on May 8, 2024 and there are still some seats available. Lunch after the show will be at Diener's Country Restaurant. The cost of the trip is \$180 which includes the cost of the bus ride, ticket to the show, lunch after the show, and gratuity for the lunch and the bus driver. This is the perfect holiday gift. Please call Ann at 607-754-8727 with any questions or to reserve a seat.

TEAM TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY JANUARY 13TH

7 PM-10 PM

ST. THOMAS GYM

\$12/PERSON

INCLUDES BEER, WINE, SODA & SNACKS
(OR YOU MAY BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS)

PRIZES FOR THE TOP 3 TEAMS

TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM:

SUE MILLER-607-343-1040

MILLIE COUGHLIN-607-778-0102

For Potential Godparents and Sponsors for Baptisms or Confirmation

Anyone looking to be a Godparent or Sponsor to a Confirmation Candidate MUST be a registered member of St. Francis of Assisi to be able to get a letter of certification. This is the only way that the Church can verify you are a practicing Catholic. Please call Delores at the Parish Center (722-4388) for questions.



Fenton Free Library
Moody Memorial Building
1062 Chenango Street
Binghamton, NY 13901
607-724-8649

Doughnut Fundraiser

FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

PRE-ORDER Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

Orders due by Friday, February 2nd

Pickup on Friday, February 9th, 8:00AM to 4:00PM

5 Choices to Pre-Order

Krispy Kreme ORDER FORM

Name _____ Phone# _____

Variety	Quantity	Amount Due
Glazed (\$12/dozen)		
Chocolate Iced Glazed (\$12/half doz)		
Glazed / Lemon filled (\$12/half doz)		
Glazed / Raspberry filled (\$12/half doz)		
Glazed / Cream filled (\$12/half doz)		
Classic Medium Roast Coffee (\$10/12oz bag)		
Classic Decaf Medium Roast Coffee (\$10/12oz bag)		
+Additional Donation to Library		
		Grand Total

Make Checks Payable to "Fenton Free Library" for "Donuts"
DROP OFF OR MAIL FORM TO LIBRARY
1062 Chenango Street, Binghamton, N.Y. 13901

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

January 20th & 21st, 2024

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Thalia Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Marge Mangan
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Peggy Munson
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Beatrice Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Robert Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Steve Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Denise Baxter

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Jonah Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Julianna Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Catherine Shafer
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Ede Blabac
10:30 Mass	EM Host	
10:30 Mass	EM Host	
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Scott Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Donna Igler

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

January 14— ONLINE ONLY—MLK DAY

January 21— Amy Drake and Maria Kirk

January 28— Patti Klepfer and Toni Robinson

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

Do you have a child or grandchild who has already received their First Eucharist? If so, they can be altar servers! **We are in desperate need of more altar servers** as we barely have enough to cover the masses alone week to week.

Why altar serve?

1.) It is a good way to get actively involved in the mechanics of mass. Some kids who find it hard to sit still may benefit from the activity that it provides.
2.) It allows for kids to be a closer part of the church community and make connections.

3.) Direct religious education learning opportunity

4.) Gives kids a sense of purpose and pride Church

Call the parish center (607)722-4388 or fill out a liturgical signup form (on table in the back of the church) and drop it in a collection basket.

Question of the Week

Question for Children: What can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

Question for Youth: Andrew seemed to know immediately that he should follow Jesus. Do you have that same sense of confidence in your faith in Jesus? What helps? What makes it hard?

Question for Adults: In what ways do you experience being called by Jesus? What does he want you to do?

END OF BULLETIN

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