

January 21, 2024

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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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 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

Monday, January 22

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 23

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 24

NO MASS

Thursday, January 25

NO MASS

Friday, January 26

NO MASS

Saturday, January 27, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Daniel Mc Garry by Bob & Bea Grace

Sunday, January 28, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Kerri Hamilton by St. Francis Faith Formation

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

Faith Formation Grades K-9 at 9 AM in the Parish Hall.

Looking Ahead:

†First Eucharist Parent meeting/Coaching session during Faith Formation in the Parish Hall today.

†Rite of Belonging for First Eucharist January 28th at 10:30AM Mass. Children will be in the front 3 pews, please plan 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 607 372-0312. —Pat McCoy and Diane Yajko

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, Annie Connor and Paul Savo.



3rd Sunday: Lectionary Reflection

Jesus is described as one who teaches and speaks “with authority.” Jesus is one who can even command evil spirits to depart. Jesus comes with a clear vision and the courage to speak clearly and boldly. When Jesus is around things happen. Such characteristics are essential for any contemporary prophet who will speak to the world a message of justice and peace. Such characteristics are essential if we are to apply effectively the social teaching of the church to our contemporary world. God is calling us to get things to happen. The clarity of our vision and how it applies to the world develops out of a real understanding of the situation of the world and its people. Our church must be connected with the lives of real people, especially those who are struggling or in need or economically poor. We must come to know one another and learn from our diversity. Otherwise, we cannot be prophetic and speak with authority. The power of our preaching must come out of a deep faith in a God who calls us to work for justice, to ask questions and to speak up. Without the faith that calls us to ask questions, we cannot be prophetic and speak with authority. In a certain sense, the power of our preaching and actions can perform an “exorcism” on the world, driving out the evil spirits of injustice, poverty, violence, and selfishness and inviting in the good spirits of justice, peace, community, and economic well-being for all.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary: Creation Care Tip

“For the present form of this world is passing away.”
—1 Corinthians 7:31.

It can be frightening to imagine that the extremes of heat and cold, storms, droughts, rising oceans, and wildfires are the new normal, but scientists worldwide agree on this. If the world as we know it is passing away, what new, simpler lifestyles can we embrace as life-giving even though we may have experienced them as inconvenient restrictions previously? Less, or no, air travel? Less-extravagant consumption? Eating lower on the food chain? Wearing more layers and keeping the heat turned down? This week, choose something you previously considered inconvenient and focus on the simplicity, pleasure, and value inherent in it now.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary: Justice Challenge

Sunday’s Gospel has Jesus calling together a motley group of people to be his apostles. They drop whatever they are doing—fishing, mending their nets, whatever—and begin a life of discipleship. What trust they demonstrate in Jesus! Your challenge this week is to drop the “nets” in your life which keep you from contributing to the building of God’s Kingdom as Jesus described it—a Kingdom in which everyone gets the chance to live with dignity and hope. Reflect on how willing you are to drop the mundane in order to follow Jesus.

Prayer: Injustice in the Holy Land

*God of Love, Peace, and Justice,
Two thousand years ago,
You chose the Holy Land as the place of the
Incarnation of Your Son.
Born poor, he was made to be a refugee,
Fleeing to Egypt.
Today, Jews, Christians, and Muslims in
Israel-Palestine suffer as Jesus did;
Hold them close and comfort them.
In the Bible, You tell us to welcome the stranger,
To respond to evil with truth and goodness,
And to treat all people as siblings and neighbors.
Empower us to advocate for the rights and dignity
Of all Israelis and Palestinians,
To reject dehumanization and bigotry
In our own communities.
We pray that a deep and lasting peace,
Built on justice,
Will be incarnated in the land that was
Your home. Amen.*

Chenango Bridge Community Blood Drive

Tuesday, February 20th
1:00PM—6:00PM

Proudly Sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi Church
Held in the Church Hall
1049 Chenango St.
Binghamton, NY 13901

**St. Pauly Textile Clothing Shed 2023 Stats**

The following is the impact the clothing shed located in the Parish Center parking lot has made throughout 2023.

- + 45,095 pounds of clothing were donated in 2023
- + This was enough to clothe an estimated 8,307 people all over the world.
- + Based on this volume of clothing, we received \$1,804

Thank you so much for everyone who made clothing donations throughout the year.

PLEASE TELL US THE NAMES & ADDRESSES OF SHUT-INS, WE WOULD LOVE TO REACH OUT!
CALL DELORES AT THE PARISH CENTER
(607)722-4388 TO LET US KNOW! THANK YOU!

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

February 6th: M. & P. Peters, C. Danoski, and A. Smilnak

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.

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.

Chenango Bridge Fire Company Doug's Fish Fry Fundraiser

Friday, January 26th

11AM—6PM

Lowe's Front Street Parking Lot

Call 607-753-9184 (until 4PM) to place advance orders.



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 27th & 28th, 2024

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| 4:00 Mass | Altar Server | Thalia Brennan |
| 4:00 Mass | Altar Server | Calliope Brennan |
| 4:00 Mass | Altar Server | TBD |
| 4:00 Mass | Lector | Frederick Allabaugh |
| 4:00 Mass | EM Host | Rosemary Rounds |
| 4:00 Mass | EM Host | Anne Smilnak |
| 4:00 Mass | EM Host | Jan Pandich |
| 4:00 Mass | EM Cup | Kurt Mohny |
| 4:00 Mass | EM Cup | Kelly Mohny |

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| 10:30 Mass | Altar Server | Michaela Wood |
| 10:30 Mass | Altar Server | Mary Bush |
| 10:30 Mass | Altar Server | TBD |
| 10:30 Mass | Lector | Faith Formation |
| 10:30 Mass | EM Host | Virginia Thompson |
| 10:30 Mass | EM Host | |
| 10:30 Mass | EM Host | |
| 10:30 Mass | EM Cup | Ede Blabac |
| 10:30 Mass | EM Cup | Shirley McCray |

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

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 do you think it was like for the people in today's Gospel to be called by Jesus? What did they have to give up in order to follow him?

Question for Youth: At the start of Jesus' ministry, Jesus invites people to "believe in the Good News." What are some ways that you could be more open to the truth and challenge contained within the Gospels?

Question for Adults: If someone asked you, "To what work has Jesus called you?" how would you answer?

END OF BULLETIN

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