

January 22, 2023

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

Friday: Closed

Confession:

2nd & 4th Saturday of every
month at 3:00 pm in the Church

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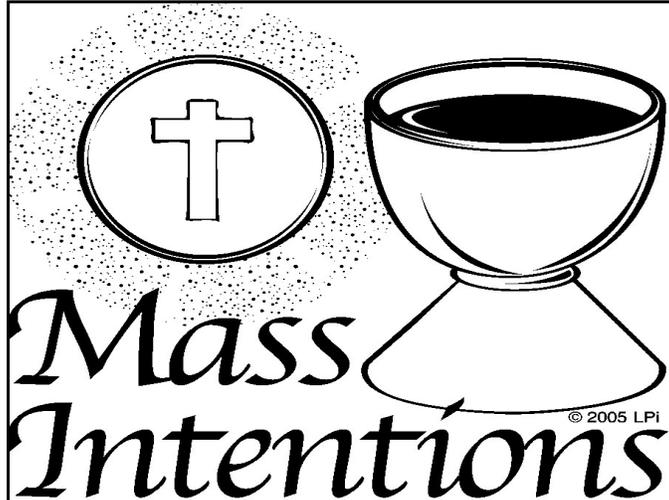
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Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org to view
our latest weekend reflection.

We will be posting new
videos by 4:00PM on
Saturdays.

Also find the videos on our
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“@stfrancisbing”)
Twitter (search
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YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi
Binghamton)

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Saturday, January 21, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Michael Pandich by Jan & Mike Pandich

Sunday, January 22, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Monday, January 23
NO MASS

Tuesday, January 24
NO MASS

Wednesday, January 25
NO MASS

Thursday, January 26
NO MASS

Friday, January 27
NO MASS

Saturday, January 28, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Betty Parasiliti by Mary Ann & Pat Dorner

Sunday, January 29, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Kaden J. Abdullah by Ginny Thompson

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 (01-15-23)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$8,540.00
Loose Collection.....	\$302.70
Electronic Collection.....	\$2,049.00
Total Collection.....	\$10,891.70

Thank you for your generosity!

Faith Formation

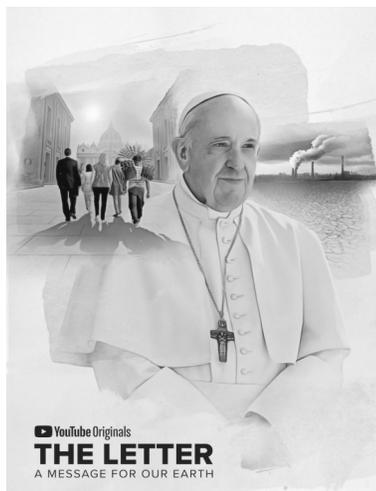
Faith Formation for Grades K-9 today 9 AM--10:15 AM in the Parish Hall.

First Eucharist Parent Coaching Session today 9 AM--10:15 AM in the Parish Hall

Looking Ahead:

- † First Eucharist Parent Meeting Next Sunday, January 29th, in the Parish Hall 9:15-10:15. One parent is asked to attend this important session.
- † Confirmation 2023 Service Retreat Friday, February 17th at 9 AM--12:30 PM. Candidates meet at the Parish Center 1031 Chenango St, at 9 AM.

St. Francis of Assisi Screening of "The Letter: A Message for our Earth"



We are happy to announce that next month we will be holding community screenings of "The Letter", an 80-minute documentary film produced by Oscar-winning Off the Fence Productions in collaboration with the Laudato Si' Movement and the Vatican. The film brings to life the transformative vision of Laudato Si', Pope Francis' encyclical letter on the environment, to inspire lasting action for our common home. It features Pope Francis and diverse stories from India, Senegal, Hawaii, and the Brazilian Amazon. Each of these local leaders represents a voice that is not being heard—the voice of wildlife, the voice of the Indigenous, the voice of the youth, and the voice of the poor. The film follows these people coming together in dialogue with each other and with Pope Francis as they find unity in their distinct worldviews and strength in our common values.

The screenings will take place at St. Francis of Assisi's Parish Hall (1049 Chenango Street in Binghamton) on **Tuesday, February 28th at 2:00PM and at 7:00PM.** It is well worth watching as a faith community! All are welcome, so please join us!

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Prayers . . .

Please remember all of our parishioners who are in hospitals and nursing homes and our homebound. Also, please pray for our deceased parishioners and loved ones especially, Thomas Macko and Jan Hannis.



Lectionary Reflection:
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pope Francis, in his address to the Archbishop of Canterbury on June 14, 2013, said “Among our tasks as witnesses to the love of Christ is that of giving a voice to the cry of the poor.” The ministry of Jesus is about freedom for the oppressed and good news to the poor. Jesus is about bringing a light to all people – including all the men and women of our age.

As we heard the word of God today, we might’ve asked ourselves:

- † Where is the darkness today?
- † What are the oppressions that people experience today?
- † Who are the oppressed?
- † How am I (we) oppressed?
- † Do you ever find that you are part of a group that is oppressing other people?

Jesus goes into the “land of darkness” and ends up revealing the light. It is in the backwaters of Galilee and it is among the poor that the good news of Jesus Christ comes to light. It is there that Jesus finds people who are free enough to hear the good news. It is there that Jesus finds people who are able to let go and enter into God’s plan. If we are to experience the light of Christ, we must not be afraid of walking into the darkness and into the challenges of life. We must not be afraid of being close to those who experience poverty or oppression. We must be with those in need. It is there that we will learn the way of Jesus Christ. It is there that we will experience liberation.

Catholic social teaching invites us to put the poor and vulnerable first. This is not only for their sake but for our own good and the good of the world. Only then will we be free enough to see the light and shake off the mantle of oppression.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Creation Care Tip

“As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him.”—Matthew 4:18-20

Jesus spent a lot of time in boats, on beaches, and along shorelines, and he spent a lot of time with people who made their livelihoods from fishing. If you’ve ever been to shores in the Holy Land where Jesus once walked or imagined them in your own prayer, you probably don’t envision them littered with all the trash that is so common on our beaches now. Imagine how distressed Jesus would be to walk along a shoreline cluttered with plastic straws, bottles, cans, pieces of styrofoam, old tires, etc. Make time to go to a beach or shoreline near you and pick up trash. If you don’t live near a body of water, do the same in your neighborhood. Better yet, go with a friend or family member, or take some kids with you to multiply the effect.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Justice Challenge

The Gospel for Sunday includes Jesus’ call of Peter, Andrew, James, and John to be his apostles. Scripture tells us that they dropped their nets and immediately responded to his invitation. Your challenge this week is to listen to Jesus’ call to you. What is he asking you to do this week, particularly for those who are in need of healing. Just as Jesus cured those who were sick as he proclaimed the Kingdom of God, how can you help to heal someone who has an injured heart or soul? How can you bring them Jesus’ message of God’s boundless love and desire that all people live in dignity and hope?

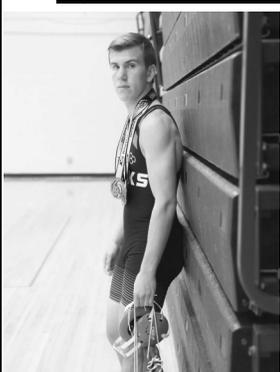
Thank you from Elizabeth Church Manor

Elizabeth Church Manor thanks our parish for the beautiful donation of gifts from our giving tree for their elders. Every gift was so uniquely special to each elder, they beamed with joy opening them. Every elder and even a lot of families were so impressed with the gifts that were donated. They complimented them time and time again. Elizabeth Church Manor would like to pass along a collective “Thank You!” from them all—elders, friends, family, and staff.

Hospice Volunteer Training

Lourdes Hospice is offering volunteer training the week-ends of March 18/19 and 25/26 from 9AM-3PM at the Hospice Office, 4102 Old Vestal Road, Vestal. If you possess a respect and reverence for life, a positive outlook, sensitivity, compassion, empathy, flexibility, a sense of humor, and a willingness to help others as a member of the Lourdes Hospice Team, then Hospice patients need you! You may support patients and their families by visiting in their home, nursing facility, or hospital. If you are interested in the bereavement program, you may make phone calls to our bereaved families. The training covers an overview what is needed. If you are interested, please call the Hospice Volunteer office at 607-584-9159.

Tyler Ferrara 2022 Athlete of the Year



Congratulations to Tyler Ferrara on his numerous achievements in wrestling for Chenango Forks and being recognized a **Press and Sun Bulletin's 2022 Athlete of the Year** for his amazing skill. He established himself the finest local athlete and among the top athletes in NYS and beyond.

Congrats Tyler!

Rosary and Religious Item Donations

The Sisters of St. Joseph are helping the immigrants, homeless, and those who need a Christian reminder by giving them rosaries and religious items. If anyone would like to donate rosaries or other religious items, there is a basket on the back table of the church.

Thank you for your generous donations!

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

February 7th— K. Dotson, C. Danoski, A. Smilnak

Thank you from St. Pauly Textile

This year St. Francis of Assisi donated 39,085lbs of clothing via our donation shed. This was enough to clothe an estimated 7,200 people all over the world! Thank you so much for everything you do to support the clothing shed program.

DeBella Scholarship: Due April 27th

DeBella Scholarship Applications are available on the website. Graduating Seniors are encouraged to fill out and return an application for a grant. **Applications are due 4 PM, Thursday, April 27th.** Applications are available on our website, Stfrancisbing.org

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.



American
Red Cross

BE AWESOME. GIVE BLOOD.



Donate blood at the LIFESAVER blood drives!

Red Cross Blood Drive
St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall
Tuesday, February 21
1:00PM—6:00PM

Give the gift of health and hope and give blood!
Please consider giving a power red cell donation if you are type O-, O+, A-, or B-

Open Gym & Foul Shot Competition

Open Gym and Foul Shot Competition for youth ages 9 - 14. On Wednesday, January 25th from 6:45pm - 8:00pm at OLS. ALL children are welcome to compete!! If they're not competing, come for knock out, 5 on 5, ping pong, and more!

Age brackets:

9-10 boys & girls

11-12 boys & girls

13-14 boys & girls

Each contestant will shoot 15 foul shots. The best score in each bracket wins! Winners will be given trophies, a gift card, and advance to the next level. If they win at the regional level, they go to Syracuse, if they win there they are eligible to win a trip to West Point to compete in their age group.

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2023

January 29th—February 4th

Learn more about Catholic Schools of Broome County during this week. For a full list of events go to csbsaints.org/csw. Contact the Office of Admissions at 607-231-4149 for more information or to schedule a tour for any of our schools. **INQUIRE NOW! YOU BELONG HERE!**

Online Giving

Would you like to save paper and time when giving monetary donations to us? We have the option of online giving for your convenience. Visit our website stfrancisbing.org and click "online giving" in the menu. It's easy to set up using your checking account, credit, or debit card for automatic or one-time donation options and you choose where the money goes. The following are the accounts we have available for donation:

*Ordinary Contribution,
Repair, Maint. & Utilities,
Catholic School Support,
Catherine's Cupboard,
Special Sunshine,
HOPE APPEAL,
Capital Campaign,
the Southern Tier Afghan Resettlement Fund,
and Creation Care Team*

Check it out!



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

Doughnut Fundraiser

FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S PROGRAMING

PRE-ORDER Krispy Kreme Doughnuts



Orders due by Wednesday, February 8th

Pickup on Saturday, February 11th, 8 am to Noon

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 / Rasbery filled (\$12/half doz)		
Glazed / Cream filled (\$12/half doz)		
+Additional Donation to Library		
		Grand Total

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

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
January 28th & 29th, 2023

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Thalia Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Mackenzie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Lector	Frederick Allabaugh
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Deb Carden
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Anne Smilnak
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Jan Pandich
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sydney Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Ann Wolanski
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Keith Zulko
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Virginia Thompson

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

10:30 AM Mass

January 22: Maria Kirk & Amy Drake

January 29th: Ede & Sarah Blabac

VIRTUAL LITURGIES

Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org
to watch our latest Sunday Mass or Liturgy
of the Word as well as Children's Liturgy
videos.

We will continue to post new videos for
reflection by 4:00PM on Saturdays.

Also find the videos on our
Facebook (search "@stfrancisbing")
YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)

**You can still view children's liturgy
virtually!**

Question of the Week

Question for Children: How do you hear Jesus calling you to do what he wants you to?

Question for Youth: As you grow into young adulthood, Jesus calls you to follow him in particular ways, both big and small. What are some of the small ways in which Jesus calls you to follow him?

Question for Adults: How does Jesus call you to assist in his ministry: the building up of the Reign of God? How do you know what God wants of you in this regard?

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