

January 28, 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
Friday: Closed

Confession:

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

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We post new videos by
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**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

Monday, January 29

12:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

Tuesday, January 30

8:00 a.m. Linda Sebastianelli by Marge Mangan

Wednesday, January 31

12:00 p.m. Ray & Helen Tyczkowski by Barb & Don Brozovic

Thursday, February 1

8:00 a.m. Mary Walsh Millus by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Friday, February 2**NO MASS****Saturday, February 3, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Frances Hazen by Mike & Jan Pandich

Sunday, February 4, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Debbie Wheeler by Aunt Sally & Uncle Dick

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 (01-21-24)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,100.00
Loose Collection.....	\$320.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,905.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,335.00

*Thank you for your generosity!***FAITH FORMATION****Faith Formation Grades K-9 at 9 AM in the Parish Hall.****Looking Ahead:**

† Confirmation 2024 class meets February 4th after 10:30 Mass until 2 PM.

† 5th and 6th Grade Mini Retreat Sunday, February 11th at St. Vincent DePaul Parish in Vestal from 1 PM--3PM. This event will replace Faith Formation for Grade 5 & 6. Please be sure to register with the QR code or link on the flyer below.

FISHING FOR DISCIPLES

"AND THEN HE SAID TO THEM, FOLLOW ME AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN." MATTHEW 4:19

Sunday, February 11, 2024
1:00 - 3:00
5th & 6th Grade Mini Retreat

St. Vincent de Paul Blessed Sacrament Church Hall
465 Clubhouse Road, Vestal NY

Cost is Free

Register: <https://forms.gle/rzGfampjThgavJ4BA> or by using the QR code

If you have any questions contact your parish catechetical leader.

Sunday, February 11th at St. Vincent DePaul Parish in Vestal from 1 PM--3PM. The purpose is for middle school aged children to get together, learn about discipleship and have fun. Although it is Super Bowl Sunday, I hope you have your child participate in this event. It does not include Mass so please be sure they have attended Mass beforehand. There will be light snacks, but it will not include lunch. We have put together a fun afternoon, including games, a Gospel reflection, and an art project based on the gospel. They are also welcome to bring a friend. Use the QR code to pre-register even if you are not sure about attending. This event is designed to help your child experience Christ in a relaxed environment, and to help them begin to understand what it means to be a disciple of Christ.

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.



4th 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.

4th Sunday in Ordinary: Creation Care Tip

Two hundred thousand Guatemalans were killed between 1960-1996 in a war begun over access to a simple fruit... the banana. Not only has the production of bananas had a huge impact on the people of Guatemala and other Central and South American countries, but it has also negatively impacted the environment in the form of deforestation, soil degradation, erosion, and immense water usage. Consider giving up bananas this week and replacing them with local fruit from your region.

4th Sunday in Ordinary: Justice Challenge

Very early on in his public life people were spellbound by Jesus’ teachings and recognized that there was something unusually powerful about what he was teaching and how he was teaching. The listeners in the synagogue in Capernaum noticed that Jesus was using his power and authority only for good. They noted the contrast with the way the scribes taught and threw around their authority. This week, think about who in your life wields authority and/or speaks persuasively and moves people to action. Now, consider, are those charismatic people using their power for good, or are they using harmful or hateful words or moving people to do harm to others? Identify those voices in your life whom you trust are speaking with the love, compassion, and mercy of Jesus, and listen to them.

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

**Ash Wednesday: Simple Soup Supper**

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernian’s Division I will hold a Simple Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday, February 14th from 4:00PM—6:00PM at AOH Hall (148 Main St., Binghamton). Pre-order/Takeout ONLY. Broccoli Cheddar or Minestrone Soup served with Artisan Bread and a “Sweet Surprise” for \$8.00. Order your pints of soup by February 7th.

Call in or text orders to:

Kathy (607)760-4297 or Maureen (607)206-2963

Your support is appreciated!

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!

URGENT

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

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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**

February 3rd & 4th, 2024

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Kylie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	McKenzie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Barb Brozovic
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Marge Mangan
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Steve Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Denise Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Betsy A Shields
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Mike Stricek

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sydney Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Toni Robinson
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Ede Blabac
10:30 Mass	EM Host	
10:30 Mass	EM Host	
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Catherine Shafer
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Maureen Mizzoni

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

January 28– Patti Klepfer and Toni Robinson

February 4–Ede and Sarah Blabac

February 11–Amy Drake and Maria Kirk

February 18– ONLINE ONLY

February 25– 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: Name some bad things that you want to pray that Jesus will take away from our world.

Question for Youth: Jesus was able to free the man from the unclean spirit within him. What do you hope Jesus will free you from? What is happening in the world that needs Jesus' help?

Question for Adults: What are the evils in today's world that you pray God will free us from?

END OF BULLETIN

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