

January 29, 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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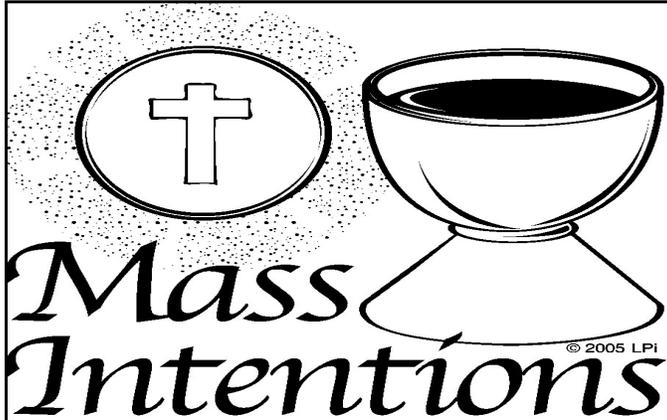
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Please go online to  
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our latest weekend reflection.

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

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

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

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

**Monday, January 30**  
 12:00 p.m. Claudette Simonis by Mark & Jackie Scoville

**Tuesday, January 31**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Wednesday, February 1**  
 12:00 p.m. Robert Taugher by Family

**Thursday, February 2**  
 8:00 a.m. Sadie Weckel by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

**Friday, February 3**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, February 4, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Frances Hazen by Jan & Mike Pandich

**Sunday, February 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10:30 a.m. Antonio DeLuca by Family

**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 (01-22-23)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$3,976.00
Loose Collection.....	\$269.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,569.00
Total Collection.....	\$5,814.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Faith Formation**

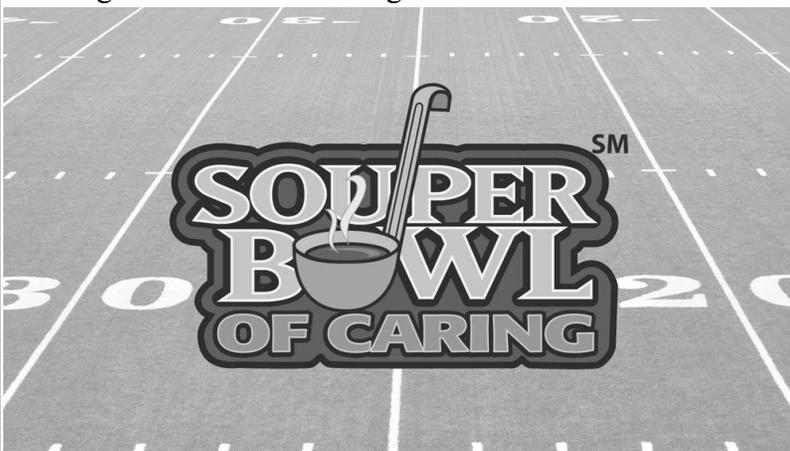
**Faith Formation for Grades K-9 today 9 AM--10:15 AM in the Parish Hall.**

**Looking Ahead:**

- † First Eucharist Parent Meeting January 29th, in the Parish Hall 9:15AM-10:15. One parent is asked to attend this important session.
- † Confirmation 2023 meets February 5th 9:00AM--1:30PM. After Mass there will be an interfaith panel.
- † Confirmation 2023 Service Retreat Friday, February 17th at 9:00 AM--12:30 PM. Candidates meet at the Parish Center 1031 Chenango Street, at 9:00 AM.

**Souper Bowl of Caring February 12th**

Join our parish in collecting funds for Catherine's Cupboard on Super Bowl Sunday! Did you know that more than 112 million pounds of snacks and 1.2 BILLION chicken wings will be eaten during the Super Bowl. Thirty years ago a group of teens wanted to help their neighbors in need, have soup for their bowls. They started a nationwide day of donating. Groups around the country collect donations on Super-Bowl Sunday to tackle hunger. Children in our FF program will be collecting money after Mass on Saturday, February 11th and Sunday February 12th. These monetary funds will go directly to Catherine's Cupboard to serve those in need in our neighborhood. Please be generous.



**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, Peg Youket, Regina Chabin, and Donald Walls.



**Lectionary Reflection:**  
**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Zephaniah summarizes the call of God in a short phrase: "Seek justice, seek humility." Corinthians reminds us that the power of God shows up in our weakness so that "no human being might boast before God."

Jesus offers us a powerful and radically challenging summary of the Christian life in the Beatitudes. The values and wisdom of Jesus contrast markedly with the values that we see play out in parts of our contemporary culture where greed, prestige, power, security, wealth, status and the like are often assumed to be signs of success and happiness. The gospel message is "counter-cultural."

The Beatitudes challenge us to look in a new way and live in a new way. We are called to be free in a radical liberating way. We are called to learn from those who are striving for righteousness. We are even called to learn from those who are poor or sorrowing. We are called to acknowledge and learn from our weakness.

Each of the Beatitudes may remind us of some aspect of Catholic social teaching:

- † Our preferential option for the poor
- † Our special concern for anyone who is suffering
- † The profound dignity of every person irrespective of wealth or power
- † Our hunger for justice in the world and in its institutions and structures
- † Our concern for mercy and justice in our criminal justice system
- † Our profound respect for life in all forms
- † Our care for the earth as a gift from God to be shared by all
- † Our passion for nonviolence and peace
- † Our willingness to face opposition and to live by values different from those of our culture.

**Safe Environment Training**

If you are planning on working or volunteering in the church you **MUST** be certified. This is a **REQUIREMENT** for everyone regardless of whether or not you are working directly with children.

**Initial Safe Environment Training**

- † Wednesday, March 1st: 10:00 am at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott
- † Tuesday, March 7th: 10:00 am at Catholic Charities of Broome County, Binghamton

**Recertification Training**

- † Wednesday, February 1st: 6:30 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas, Binghamton

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time:**  
**Creation Care Tip**

*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."* —Matthew 5:6

Sometimes, perhaps often, it feels difficult to keep making sacrifices and doing the right thing for the environment when it seems other people aren't putting in as much effort. Still, our faith calls us to keep hungering and thirsting for righteousness, to keep seeking what is best for our earth, even if we sometimes despair that our efforts aren't making a difference. This week, as you go about making choices to care for creation, pray to be reminded that your hunger and thirst for righteousness will one day be filled.

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time:**  
**Justice Challenge**

This Sunday's Gospel is Jesus' beatitude teaching from the Sermon on the Mount. The beatitudes provide us with a blueprint for being people of faith and justice. Your challenge this week is to take one beatitude each day. Read the beatitude in the morning, and ask God for the strength to practice that attitude throughout the day. Then in the evening, reflect on whether or not you lived that particular "attitude of being" in your life during the day. Thank God for your successes, ask for forgiveness where you failed, and pray for the courage and strength to live that beatitude in the future.

**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.

**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.

**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

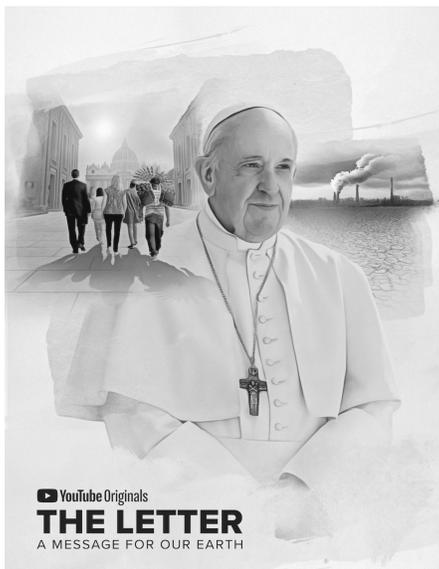
### DeBella Scholarship: Due April 27th

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](http://Stfrancisbing.org)

### Ladies of Charity Scholarships

The Ladies of Charity will award three \$500 scholarships to high school seniors who plan to pursue a service-oriented career which specifically makes a difference in someone's life. The scholarship is based on academic achievement, financial need, and service to school, Church and community. Please see your school guidance counselor for an application. **Deadline is April 19, 2023.**

### 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!

## 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](http://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!**



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-



**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 / Raspberry 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**  
**February 4th & 5th, 2023**

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Michaela Wood
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Joseph Carpenter
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Carol Danoski
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Cheryl Norton
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10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Mary Bush
10:30 Mass	Lector	Toni Robinson
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Marie Iobst
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Shirley McCray
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Keith Zulko

**Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule**

**10:30 AM Mass**

**February 5: Cindy & Kathryn or Lauren White**

**February 12: Ede & Sarah White**

**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:** Choose one of  
the Beatitudes and share how you will  
make it part of your life.

**Question for Youth:** Jesus gives us a  
plan for our happiness in the beati-  
tudes. Do the things that make you hap-  
piest also lead you towards God? Do  
they follow God's plan?

**Question for Adults:** How do you de-  
scribe what it means to be "blest" in  
your own life?

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