

January 30, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



Catholic Schools of Broome County



Catholic Schools Week 2022

January 30–February 5

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

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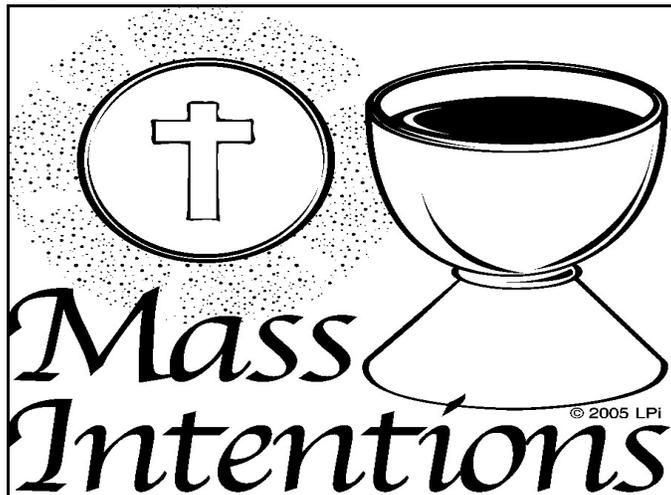
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We will be posting new
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Saturdays.

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



Saturday, January 29, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Mary Foran by Marge Mangan
Sunday, January 30, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Monday, January 31

12:00 p.m. Joan Armstrong by St. Francis
 Special Sunshine Committee

Tuesday, February 1

8:00 a.m. Robert M. Taugher by Family

Wednesday, February 2

12:00 p.m. Thomas Irving by Kathleen &
 Jim Brady

Thursday, February 3

8:00 a.m. Wendy Foldes by Ildiko Mitchell

Friday, February 4

NO MASS

Saturday, February 5, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. 34th Anniv. Frances Hazen by Jan
 & Mike Pandich

Sunday, February 6, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People

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 (01-16-22)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$3,906.00
Loose Collection.....	\$272.55
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,739.00
Total Collection.....	\$5,917.55

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation today for Grades K-9.

February 6th— Faith Formation for Grades K-Confirmation will meet.

PLEASE NOTE: The Faith Formation calendar has a date correction. The calendar lists President's Weekend incorrectly as February 13--it is February 20th. Please change activities listed for the 20th to the February 13th date. **There WILL BE classes on February 13th and NO classes on the 20th.** Sorry for the confusion.

Looking Ahead:

First Eucharist "Coaching Session" Sunday, February 13th at 9:30 in the Parish Hall. Please meet in the Hall for this session.

Confirmation Service Day will be Friday, February 18th -- details will be emailed as well as handed out February 6th

Book Club: Spiritual Ecology

Spiritual Ecology Book Club will be on Tuesday, February 1st at 2 PM and 7 PM. If you do not receive a link on Monday, please email Maria Kirk at MKirk@syrdio.org

Why Return to the Church?
Question Reflection

1. Can you think of any time in your life that you returned to something you had given up? How did you feel? What made it easy? What made it hard?
2. Many people find that the church supports a lot of the basic human values they treasure, e.g., family, inner peace, personal dignity, integrity, and hope. What values do you think the church can best support in your life?
3. If you were to name the most important thing you received from your Catholic heritage, what would you say that it was? How do you see that continuing in your present and future life?

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 Arthur Griswold.

Lectionary Reflection

From the perspective of the social teaching of the church, at least three themes seem to emerge from the scriptures today.

1.) The word of God will indeed get us into “trouble.” It will challenge the way we look at everything. It may invite us to challenge the values of our culture. It will move us to take positions on issues that are important to the people. It will call us into action for justice. Not everyone will like what we say and do. This was the experience of Jeremiah and of Jesus. It may be our experience as we try to live the gospel and speak and act for justice and peace and as we get involved in the difficult issues of our world.

2.) The great hymn to love in Corinthians must not be read only from the point of view of a nice sentiment or an emotional feeling, but as a challenge to transcend self and to confront the broader issues of justice and peace. The call of Jesus involves more than acts of charity or gift giving, but also the transformation of relationships and the works of justice and mercy. We are invited to read the characteristics of love from the point of view of social interaction and justice in social structures, not just from the point of view of personal piety. In this “Jubilee Year of Mercy” we must make real this love.

3.) God is in charge and will protect and bless the one who is faithful to the message. God was ultimately faithful to Jeremiah or Jesus. As the first reading from Jeremiah concludes: “They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” So, don’t be afraid of the challenge of God’s message. You’ll be OK. In Luke’s gospel, Jesus simply and courageously walks away from the crowd and continues his ministry. The power and call of God is bigger than us.

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 22, 2022.**

Help For Locals Who Lost Their Home

John and Marsha Leipfert from Hillcrest had a total loss of their home and possessions due to a fire on December 30th. A collection is being taken for the family. If you would like to donate, please make checks out to “**John Leipfert**” and send them to...

**Marilyn Moyer 12 Boland Road
Binghamton, NY 13905**

UPDATE: The Leipfert family is looking for an apartment in the Hillcrest, Port Dickinson, or Chenango Bridge area. **MUST be first floor.** Please call Marilyn Moyer at 722-8257 if you know about an available apartment. Thank you for your generosity!

47th Annual Otto A. Shults Lecture Series

Presented by: Josephine Lombardi, Ph.D., of St. Augustine’s Seminary in Scarborough, Ontario.

Presenting on: “*In Persona Mariae: Women as Marian Successors in Ministry & Beyond.*”

What: An online lecture on ministry that’s free and open to the public.

Where: Online via Zoom (video conference)

When: Wednesday, February 2nd, 7:30PM

RSVP: stbernards.regfox.com/shultslecture

Donation Shed: St. Pauly Textile UPDATE

St. Pauly Textile are happy to report that 2021 was a record year. Over **40 million pounds** of clothing were donated to their clothing sheds— that’s **over 200,000 pounds of clothing collected every business day!**

Every clothing shed is an important part of the big picture. Here are some numbers to show you the impact our own shed made in 2021...

42,730 pounds of clothing were donated via our shed in 2021. That’s enough to clothe an **estimated 7,871 people** all over the world!

Thank you so much for those who donated and continue to donate clothing to our clothing shed!

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Creation Care Tips

“If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.” —1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Sometimes environmentalists can be accused of being downright rigid and judgmental in their manner of living a “green life” and trying to persuade others to do the same. Spend some time this week remembering the reason(s) behind your efforts to tread more lightly on the earth. It’s probably because you love and cherish this marvelous, stunning world which God created. Enjoy a film from the Environmental Film Festival in the Nation’s Capital (DCEFF) this week, as a reaffirmation of your love for God’s creation. <https://dceff.org/watchnow>

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Justice Challenge

We honor St. Paul Miki, whose feast is February 6. St. Paul Miki was crucified for his faith, but he, like Jesus, forgave his murderers as he hung on the cross. Your challenge this week is two-fold. First read a brief but very inspiring biographical sketch of St. Paul at <https://bit.ly/paul-miki>. Then spend some quiet time reflecting on a person or persons in the world who cause suffering or even death to others. Lift that person or those persons up in your prayers. Remember, Jesus told us to love our enemies and pray for our persecutors!

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

February 1st— A. Short, M. Lyons, M. Peters

Catherine's Cupboard: 20th Anniversary & Souper Bowl of Caring

Our Pantry this year marks the 20th year of operation. Back in 2002, a few members of our parish started with nothing to build what is now an established, dependable pantry that provides to all in our county. Starting with a few dollars and people going to the store and purchasing food to be given out to those in need in the town of Fenton. We now serve all of Broome County and trucks deliver our food order of over 2000lbs every other week. NONE of this would be possible without the support of our volunteers and donors, so THANK YOU SO MUCH! Those families who receive parish envelopes have noticed a monthly envelope for the pantry has been included recently, but you can also give online at any time on our website (stfrancisbing.org). In February, on SUPER BOWL weekend (Feb. 5th & 6th), our faith formation students will be doing a national special collection SOUPER BOWL OF CARING (all funds collected here, stay here) where they compete with other churches as who collects the most. To bring you up to date in the past year we have continued to stay open despite COVID by changing our distribution system, allowing fewer volunteers and visitors in at any one time, and following all COVID guidelines and protocols. We have delivered, if needed, to families or given to neighbors or friends to pass on. Homelessness is hitting our area and we are prepared; coolers filled; paper products and can openers are ready to go and then food is added plus a gift card to purchase whatever else is needed. We will open our pantry on off hours if needed as some families are working at night and cannot make it in, others due to disabilities cannot wait for long periods thus schedule appointments. We attempt to do all that is possible to keep people from going hungry and also feel comfortable asking for this help. AGAIN, if you know of anyone who needs food lets us know. Thank you again for all the support.

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 can choose where the money goes. *Ordinary Contribution, Repair, Maint. & Utilities, Catholic School Support, Catherine's Cupboard, Special Sunshine, and Capital Campaign*

Check it out!

Why Volunteer?

There are so many reasons to volunteer:

- † Lets you share your knowledge and talents.
- † Provides opportunities for making many new friends.
- † Brings the special fulfillment that comes only from helping others.
- † Helps you "get outside" yourself and put your own problems — even grief — in perspective.
- † Allows you to polish old skills and learn new ones.
- † Lets you "repay" an organization that has helped you or someone you love.

So, go out and give volunteering a try!

Tuition Assistance: Catholic Schools of Broome County: Apply Now For The 2022-2023 School Year

The deadline to complete the application for tuition assistance is February 15th, 2022. For more information and application information, contact The Office of Admissions at 607-231-4149 csbsaints.org



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

Doughnut Fundraiser

Funds raised will be used to purchase AEDs for the Library

PRE-ORDER Krispy Kreme Doughnuts



Orders due by Wednesday, February 16th

Pickup on Saturday, February 19th, 8 am to Noon

5 Choices to Pre-Order

Krispy Kreme ORDER FORM

Name _____	Phone# _____	
Variety	Quantity	Amount Due
Glazed (\$9/dozen)		
Chocolate Iced Glazed (\$8/half doz)		
Glazed / Lemon filled (\$8/half doz)		
Glazed / Rasbery filled (\$8/half doz)		
Glazed / Cream filled (\$8/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 5th & 6th, 2022

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Kathryn White
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Brendan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Lector	Maria Kirk
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Beatrice Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Robert Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Jan Pandich

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Jessica Wojnar
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	J D Wojnar
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sarah Bush
10:30 Mass	Lector	Shirley McCray
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Edith (Ede) Blabac

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

February 6th
Maria Kirk & Sarah Blabac

Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org
to view our latest Sunday mass and
Children's Liturgy.

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: What ways do
you show God's love to someone who
is lonely or hurting?

Question for Youth: Who are the peo-
ple in your life who mean the most to
you? How do you show them how im-
portant they are to you?

Question for Adults: What is a way
you show members of your family
your love for them?

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