

February 2, 2020

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



FEAST OF THE  
*Presentation*  
of the  
**LORD**  
"CANDEMAS"

**FEBRUARY 2**

WORLD DAY for  
CONSECRATED  
or RELIGIOUS LIFE

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## **Mass Schedule**

Monday-Thursday

8:00 am at the Parish Center  
Chapel

Saturday Evening  
4:00 pm

Sunday Morning  
8:00 am & 11:00 am

Confession:

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



**Saturday, February 1, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Robert Taugher by Family

**Sunday, February 2, The Presentation Of The Lord**  
 8:00 a.m. Vita Mannino by Daughter, Fina & Family  
 11:00 a.m. 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Mike Lynch by Family

**Monday, February 3**  
 8:00 a.m. Antonio DeLuca by Family

**Tuesday, February 4**  
 8:00 a.m. 31<sup>st</sup> Anniv. Joseph Peters by Wife, Arlene & Family

**Wednesday, February 5**  
 8:00 a.m. Edward Bradley by Bill Ryan

**Thursday, February 6**  
 8:00 a.m. Wanda Wolanski by John & Laura Walker

**Friday, February 7**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, February 8, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniv. Frances Hazen by Mike & Jan Pandich

**Sunday, February 9, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Nancy Allen by Dave & Louise Martin  
 11:00 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 (1-26-20)**

Regular Envelopes.....\$4,873.00  
 Loose Collection.....\$434.00  
 Electronic Collection.....\$637.00  
 Total Collection.....\$5,944.00

*Thank You for your generous contributions!*

**Faith Formation**

**Classes for Grades K-9 meet today at 9:30 AM in the church for opening prayer.**  
**Confirmation 2020 meets today at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall (Art Room)**

The Souper Bowl of Caring will take place THIS weekend after all the Masses. Super Bowl Sunday is the biggest party day in the Country! Consider contributing the cost of 2 bags of chips (\$5 - \$7 or more) to help feed the people of our community. All proceeds go to Catherine's Cupboard. Since 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring has been working to transform Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. Each year thousands of groups unite to #TackleHunger in their local communities. Thank you for joining us in caring for the hungry in our local area.

**Looking Ahead**

First Eucharist Parent Coaching Session February 9th, 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation 2020 Service Retreat, Friday, February 14th. Please meet at the Parish Center at 8:45 AM

**Living the Eucharist**

Living the Eucharist is a powerful Lenten ministry for the whole parish. Last year our parish had 9 groups that met each week to discuss the upcoming gospel reading and how it transforms us by encountering Christ. This year we hope to regather our groups as well as invite new participants to encounter Christ and discover new ways to come alive and grow in our Catholic faith. Like last year, Lenten devotional books will be available the Sunday before Lent begins for all parishioners. There will be sign-ups for small groups sessions on February 1-2, and February 8-9. The materials are fresh and relevant. Living the Eucharist is a proven and effective way to form missionary disciples. We hope you will join us in this Lenten Spiritual Journey of Encountering Christ, and Living the Eucharist.

**Children's Liturgy**

**February 08/09**

**4PM—** Maria Kirk/Sue Lee  
**8AM—** Shirley McCray/Marie Iobst

**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 Robert Quinlivan.



**Model Athlete/Model Catholic**

Last Sunday we heard the news of the tragic helicopter crash in California that claimed the lives of the 9 people aboard, including Kobe Bryant and his 13 year old daughter Gianna. Since this news broke much of the week has been on Kobe’s career with the L.A. Lakers, and the impact he has had on basketball. His 20 years as a pro basketball player was with the Lakers, and in this time he accumulated impressive records, winning 5 NBA Championships, and 18-time All-Star, 2-time NBA finals MVP, with an all-time high of 33,643 point. This record was surpassed just the night before his death, with Lebron James scoring his career high of 33,644, and Kobe congratulating him for moving the sport forward. On and off the court Kobe demonstrated his passion for the game he loved, and shared his love of the game with so many youth.

As he was passionate about basketball, he also was passionate in loving his faith as a Catholic. Last Sunday, before he boarded his helicopter, he was at Sunday Mass at 7AM. It is said that he arrived earlier than usual and prayed silently in the corner of the church. He and his wife, Vanessa, were married in the Catholic Church, and raised their children Catholic.

When he went through a very difficult time in his life in 2003, that almost ended his marriage, he relied on his Catholic faith to get him through it, and talking to a priest became a “turning point” for him. Reflecting on this he said, “the one thing that really helped me during that process— I’m Catholic— I grew up Catholic, my kids are Catholic— was talking to a priest. It was kind of funny; he looks at me and says, ‘Did you do it?’ and I said ‘Of course not.’ So then he just said, ‘Let it go. Move on, God’s not going to give you anything you can’t handle, and it’s in his hands now. This is something you can’t control, so let it go.’ And that was the turning point.”

Kobe gives us another lesson, as well as all young athletes. You can be a superstar basketball player, and practice your Catholic faith. So he can stand as a model athlete as well as a model Catholic.

May Kobe’s soul and that of his daughter, Gianna, as well as the other victims; John Altobelli, his wife, Keri, and their daughter Alyssa; mother and daughter Sarah and Payton Chester; Christina Mauser; and the pilot Ara Zobayan, rest in peace in the mercy of God.

**BEST LENT EVER**

Possibilities are everywhere! Big possibilities. Small possibilities. Amazing possibilities. God sees them all.

And the saints are ready to help you see them, too. Join Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic Team for another incredible journey through our BEST LENT EVER daily video reflections.

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It’s about who you become.

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[dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever](http://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever)

**Mission in Motion**

Calling lay Catholics more fully into the life and mission of the Church is critical for creating vibrant parishes. Mission in Motion is a practical workshop that covers these critical topics:

- How each of us is called to evangelize
  - Real ways to have one-on-one faith conversations
  - The nuts and bolts of a parish evangelization team
- Join international presenters Michael Dopp, Fr. Jon Bielawski, and Michele Thompson for Mission in Motion, the latest installment in the Disciple Series.

**February 11:** St. Paul, Rome 9am – 4pm

**February 12:** St. Vincent Blessed Sacrament, Vestal 9am – 4pm

**February 13:** Immaculate Conception, Fayetteville 8:30am – 2:45pm

**Register at OurCatholicFaith.com**

**\*\* Attention: Current & Prospective Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers\*\***

Deacon Steve would like **all** Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers to gather after the Mass they attend on the Weekend of **February 8th and 9th** immediately after Mass. Please gather in the front left pews. Also, this would be a wonderful time for anyone (especially the newly Confirmed) to begin these important ministries. If you’re concerned that you’re not worthy to proclaim Scripture or be a Eucharistic Minister well, none of us are, but the good God needs us anyway!

**St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Chain**

Our Parish Prayer Chain welcomes requests for prayers for those who are ill or experiencing other important needs. If you have a prayer request or would like to become a part of the Prayer Chain to call one other person, please call Delores at the Parish Center (607-722-4388). She will provide you with more information about the Prayer Chain. Our grateful thanks to all who are a part of this special spiritual ministry in our parish.

**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 or info.

**Catherine’s Cupboard Needs Bags**

Starting March 2020 PLASTIC BAGS will not be used in stores. We at the pantry re use them currently with a paper bag inside to give it strength. So if you have extra plastic bags or any of the recycle type shopping bags, we all seem to be collecting, we would love them. Paper bags are costly and really don't hold up well so for the sake of our environment and to save money we accept recycle bags of any kind. Just drop in barrel at church foyer or leave in pantry at parish center.

## **Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule**

### **Transportation**

Week of Feb. 2nd — Karen Dotson

Week of Feb. 9th — Marie Giordano

### **Shelving (Mondays)**

February 3rd — K. Mohney

February 10th — Alex Hayes & Carol

### **Distribution**

February 4th — B. Grace, M. Peters, M. Lyons, R. & C. Parga, A. Short

## **Spiritual Highlights of Iberia, Lourdes & Italy - Faith-Based Travel**

### **20 Day Tour from Lisbon to Rome**

**Date: October 2nd, 2020 - October 21st, 2020**

**Price: \$3309 per person/Land rate. Airfare is available from your city.**

### **Vacation Overview:**

Reaffirm and celebrate your faith on this Portugal, Spain, France, and Italy. Along the way, visit some of the world's most famous shrines, pilgrimage sites, and spiritual places.

## **Theology on Tap Upcoming Series**

In March 2020, the Office of Young Adult Ministry is launching a four-week speaker series.

A different speaker will present each week in the series entitled, "What does the Church REALLY teach about..."

**March 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th @ 7:00PM**

**@ Dillinger's Celtic Pub & Eatery**  
**(77 State St, Binghamton, NY 13901)**

Theology on Tap offers the finest in Speakers, Conversation & Catholic Theology for Young Adults (married and single) in their 20's and 30's.

## **Safe Environment Training**

### **Who must train?**

All clergy, all members of religious orders, all parish and diocesan employees, including those who have no contact with children, all volunteers whose ministry or role places them in regular contact with children, young people, or vulnerable adults.

Completion of a first-time Safe Environment PGC training session is required within 60 days of assumption of duties. Recertification training should be completed every 5 years.

Visit [www.syracusediocese.org/safe-environment](http://www.syracusediocese.org/safe-environment) to register for a session.

### **Initial Safe Environment Training (PGC)**

**Saturday February 8th at 10:00 am**

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott

**Wednesday March 4th at 1:00 pm**

Catholic Charities of Broome County, Binghamton

### **Recertification Training (EPDR)**

**Monday February 3rd at 6:00 pm**

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott

**Saturday February 22nd at 9:00 am**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal

## **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!**

## **Volunteer Opportunity!**

The Broome County Council of Churches is an organization that collaborates with many facets of the community to serve people with needs. Through our growing and diverse programs, the Council provides services to the hungry; elderly and lonely; disabled; sick; imprisoned; homeless and poor; and youth of Broome County. We advocate for change and reconciliation, promoting peace, justice, and genuine community across racial, ethnic, gender, socio-economic, and religious lines.

There are many volunteer options available, so go online and sign up to become a volunteer:

**<https://broomecouncil.net/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/>**

**Help improve our community!**

## **Fenton Free Library**

### **Doughnut Fundraiser**

For Children's Programming

**PRE-ORDER** Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

**Orders due by Wednesday, Feb. 12th**

**Pickup on Saturday, Feb. 15th, 8 am to 4 pm**

**FIVE Choices to Pre-Order**

### **ORDER FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

### **Variety**

### **Quantity**

### **Amount Due**

Glazed (\$8/dozen) \_\_\_\_\_

Chocolate Iced Glazed (\$7/half doz) \_\_\_\_\_

Glazed / Lemon filled (\$7/half doz) \_\_\_\_\_

Glazed / Raspberry filled (\$7/half doz) \_\_\_\_\_

Glazed / Cream filled (\$7/half doz) \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Donation to Library** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Due** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to "Fenton Free Library"**

**Drop off or mail form to the Library,**

**1062 Chenango St, Binghamton, NY 13901**

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**  
**February 8th & 9th, 2020**

**4:00 P.M. Mass**

Lector	Marge Mangan
EM Host	Dc.Steve
EM Host	Peggy Munson
EM Host	Ron Scales
EM Cup	Catherine Shafer
EM Cup	Terry Hanifin
EM Cup	Debby Carden
EM Cup	Dom Lomonaco
Altar Server	Tyler Norton
Altar Server	Madelyn Strnatka
Altar Server	

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

Lector	Michael Stricek
EM Host	Dc.Steve
EM Host	Ede Blabac
EM Host	Scott Klein
EM Cup	Steve Baxter
EM Cup	Denise Baxter
EM Cup	Donna & Scott Iglar
EM Cup	Kurt or Kelly Mohney
Altar Server	Kathryn White
Altar Server	Lauren White
Altar Server	Brigid Birtch

**11:00 A.M. Mass**

Lector	Barb Novitsky
EM Host	Dc.Steve
EM Host	Pat Clark
EM Host	Sue Jones
EM Cup	Steve Church
EM Cup	Karyn Church
EM Cup	Jules Furrer
EM Cup	Emily Ekstrom
Altar Server	Braeden Krisko
Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
Altar Server	Alexander Watkins

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** What do you want to tell others about Jesus?

**Question for Youth:** Simeon said that Jesus would be a “light to all nations.” When, where or how do you see the light of Jesus?

**Question for Adults:** Mary and Joseph took their faith seriously enough to make a return to the Lord of the most precious thing in their lives, their son, whom they presented to God in the Temple. How do you return to God that which is most precious to you?

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