

February 06, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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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

Monday, February 7

12:00 p.m. Jerry Russik by Wife, Mary
 Ann, Children & Grand-children

Tuesday, February 8

8:00 a.m. Edwin Moll by Family

Wednesday, February 9

12:00 p.m. Mary Louise Farrell by Family
 & Friends

Thursday, February 10

8:00 a.m. 1st Anniv. Dick Talbut by Wife,
 Doris

Friday, February 11

NO MASS

Saturday, February 12, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Sophia & Joseph Patsko & Ann
 & Chester Danoski by Carol & Bob
 Danoski

**Sunday, February 13, Sixth Sunday in
 Ordinary Time**

10:30 a.m. Janette Webb by Wanda
 Ekatuca

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 (01-30-22)

Regular Envelopes.....\$6,223.00
 Loose Collection.....\$200.00
 Electronic Collection.....\$1,707.00
 Total Collection.....\$8,130.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation for Grades K-Confirmation will meet today.

Next Week February 13th Faith Formation for grades K-9 will meet in the school.

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 8th 7 PM ONLY. 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 Sadie Ann Weckel and Joe Frissora.

Black History Month & Catholic Social Teaching Part 1

During Black History Month, we celebrate the promotion of positive values of our African American leadership, through advocacy, through professional life, and through the arts. These values echo the main principles of Catholic Social Teaching, and we pray that such values become respected by all Americans.

On Human Dignity, from Chief Justice Thurgood Marshall

“In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute.”

We pray for respect for the human dignity of our African American sisters and brothers and for all people.

Respect for Life, from Archbishop Wilton Gregory, Atlanta, Georgia

“Some now choose to disinvite the sick and the elderly from the table of life when their needs become too apparent or too great or too much of an inconvenience for us. We have restored the death penalty. But we cannot dismiss those who might share in the gift of life from the banquet of human existence - truly contrary to the sentiment of the Gospel and to the tradition of hospitality that is so much a part of our communities.”

We pray for respect for life in all our communities

Family, Community Participation, from Sr. Thea Bowman

“I want to be present. I want to be ready. I want to share what I have -- my life, my laughter, my love, my joy. I want to give to you as I receive from you. I want to learn from you. I want my children to learn from you so that we do not repeat the mistakes of the past, so that we can grow together and walk together and talk together and live together in love, in joy, in peace forever.”

We pray that all African Americans as well as all others are invited to participate in the vital aspects of development of policies that shape family and community life.

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.**

First Friday & First Saturday Devotions

St. Thomas Aquinas parish has been offering the Devotion to the Sacred Heart on first Friday's of the month for some time now, and were asked to also offer the Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the first Saturday's.

The next First Friday Devotion is on March 4th immediately following the 10AM daily Mass.

First Saturday Devotion will begin Saturday, March 5th.

Devotion will include: Sacrament of Confession starting at 8:30AM, Mass at 9:00AM followed by Rosary and Consecration Prayers with the Mount Saint Francis Hermitage Friars.

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!

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Creation Care Tips

“Jesus said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.’”—Luke 5:4

Fish and marine life represent the main protein source for over one billion human beings. However, modern-day fishing techniques are qualified as “over-fishing” which takes a toll on many species, some of which have become endangered. If you have plentiful sources of other protein, consider reducing your consumption of fish and seafood so that those who must rely on it can. When you do purchase fish or seafood, look for the blue MSC certification label (Marine Stewardship Council) or check for the best options by printing out a card from SeafoodWatch.org.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Justice Challenge

This Sunday's Gospel has Jesus inviting Peter, James, and John to become fishers of people. God's Word tells us that they left everything to follow Jesus. Your challenge this week is to reflect on something which you haven't been able to leave, something which might stand between you and Jesus. It might be a possession; it might be an activity that consumes a lot of your time. Give it up and replace it with giving time or money to a cause which fights injustice and helps those in need. Have a conversation with Jesus about why and how you want to be closer to him. And listen for his response.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

February 15th— K. Dotson, J Wyatt, R Rounds

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 12th & 13th, 2022

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Liam Wood
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Michaela Wood
4:00 Mass	Lector	Marge Mangan
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Kurt Mohney
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Kelly Mohney
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Rosemary Rounds

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Jonah Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Juliana Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
10:30 Mass	Lector	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Catherine Shafer
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Scott Iglar
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Donna Iglar

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

February 13th
Maria Kirk & CeCe Barry

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 is a
way that you can follow Jesus?

Question for Youth: Following Jesus
can mean leaving some things be-
hind. What do you need to let go of
to follow Jesus more fully in your
life?

Question for Adults: When recently
did God call you to do something that
was difficult?

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One Minute Meditations

Want to make better decisions?

The best decisions are those made in harmony with God's will. And, a close relationship with God brings a strong sense of what He wants for us. When we grow distant and distracted, our perception of His will grows dim and the right course of action becomes less obvious. Prayer and Scripture reading help to bring clarity.



The right way to pray

Think of prayer as a focused conversation between two people who love each other. There is no one right way to pray. It is most rewarding when you talk to your loved one as often as possible, giving Him the best of your attention. Pope John Paul II said, "Pray any way you like, so long as you do pray." God is always ready to listen.

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

St. Teresa of Calcutta



Rediscover God's love for you

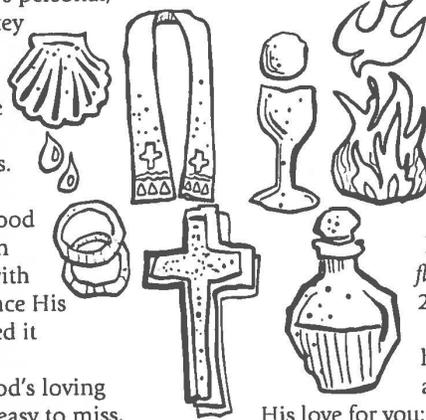
"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). In these challenging times, being grounded in God's personal, powerful love is key to staying strong, positive, at peace, and able to handle whatever happens. A time of uncertainty is a good time to strengthen our connection with God and experience His love when we need it most.

Make room. God's loving presence may be easy to miss, especially if we do more talking than listening. Sometimes prayer means we talk at God instead of to Him. It is best to listen in the silence of our hearts. In prayer, open your heart to hear what He has to say. "Speak, Lord, for your

servant is listening" (1 Sam 3:10).

Embrace the Sacraments. More than just symbols, Sacraments are personal encounters with God's unlimited love and grace. For example, in Confession, we receive Christ's powerful, healing love. In the Eucharist, we encounter Jesus and his love for us, "in the flesh" (Matthew 26:26-28) at every Mass. Find a devotion that helps you focus on God and better understand

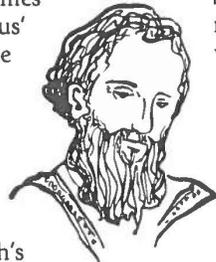
His love for you: the Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, praying novenas, reciting litanies, attending daily Mass. Devotions highlight some aspect of God's intensely personal love for us and gives us ways to respond.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics call St. James the "brother of the Lord?"

St. Mark's Gospel names St. James as one of Jesus' "brothers" (6:3). In the original languages of the Bible, "brother" included other male relatives. Additionally, tradition holds that Cleopas was St. Joseph's



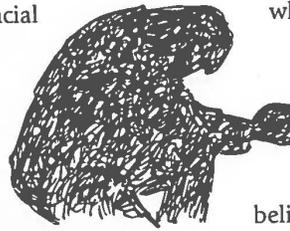
brother and James was his son, making him Jesus' cousin. Either way, the Church has always taught Mary's perpetual virginity, meaning Jesus (who was miraculously conceived) was her only child. This explains why Jesus entrusted Mary to St. John and not a sibling He didn't have (John 19:26-27).

Find peace in difficult times

If you follow news about national or world events, the reporting can rob you of peace. With stories of financial insecurity, unemployment, disease, depression, and division, how can we find peace?

Talk it out. Bringing worries into the light and confiding them to someone we trust can cut them down to size. Even better – talk about worries with God. Prayer has the added advantage of surrendering your problems into powerful hands. “Jesus, I trust in You!”

Focus on what you can do, not what you can't.



Stress results from feeling powerless. Focusing on what we can't do can “paralyze” our problem-solving abilities. Start making a list of steps you can take toward solving your problem. Whatever is beyond your control, leave to God.

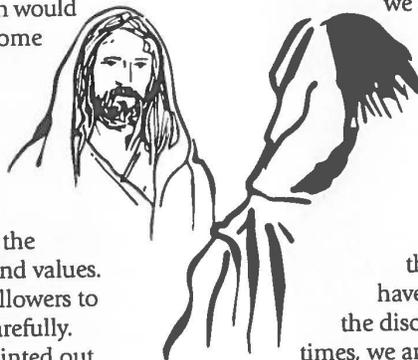
Immerse yourself in God's all-powerful love. Whether we feel it or not, whether we believe it or not, we are God's precious children.

He watches over us very closely. He knows what we can handle and is more than ready to help us with all the rest.

from Scripture

Luke 6:39-45, Fraternal correction begins with “me”

There is a danger to following someone who doesn't know the way to God. In Jesus' time, a young man would apply to a rabbi to become one of his students. The student would live with the rabbi, study with him, and assist him with his work. As a result, the student might take on the teacher's philosophy and values. Jesus cautioned His followers to choose their leaders carefully.



he himself is blind to the plank of wood in his own. Therefore, Jesus said we must first deal with our own faults before correcting others. We are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ – God Himself – through whom we have eternal life. Like the disciples in Biblical times, we are called to stay close to Christ, let His grace transform us, and to live according to His values. Finally, we are called to bring Him to others.

Feasts & Celebrations

Feb. 2 – Presentation of the Lord. In accordance with Moses' Law, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple forty days after his birth. Simeon praised God for revealing the long-awaited Savior, saying, “Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace, according to thy word” (Luke 2:29).

Feb. 5 - St. Agatha (251). St. Agatha dedicated herself to God and kept this vow despite torture and imprisonment. God sent her a vision of St. Peter to comfort her, heal her, and fill her dungeon with heavenly light.

Feb. 22 – St. Margaret of Cortona (1297). St. Margaret's conversion came after the sudden death of the man she was having an affair with. Shaken, she repented and became a Franciscan tertiary. She founded a hospital and an order of Tertiary sisters to operate it.

Feb. 28 – Sts. Romanus and Lupicinus (460). Saint Romanus became a hermit when he was 35. Later, his brother St. Lupicinus joined him in religious life. Together they founded two monasteries and a convent.



Q & A How can we celebrate the Presentation?

The Presentation is when Jesus' parents brought Him to the Temple to consecrate Him to God, in accord with ancient Jewish Law. Celebrating the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord began as early as the fourth century AD.



The candle connection. We recall Simeon's prayer, in which he honored Jesus as “a light to reveal [God] to the nations” (Luke 2:32). Priests bless hundreds of candles and give them to the faithful for home use, lending this feast its other name: Candlemas.

Pancakes and crêpes are the traditional food for this day because of their light color. Treat yourself to anything that reminds you of the light and joy of this last “Christmas” feast day, like white chocolate, ice-cream, popcorn, mashed potatoes, etc.

Give back. God gave everything He had to save us because we mean everything to Him. Mary and Joseph made a ritual sacrifice in gratitude for their Son. In gratitude for His sacrifice, put something extra in the poor box at church in His honor.

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