

February 9, 2020

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



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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 8, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. 32nd 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

Monday, February 10
 8:00 a.m. Catherine Kowalski by the Charlier Family

Tuesday, February 11
 8:00 a.m. Margaret Campoli by Gino Martin

Wednesday, February 12
 8:00 a.m. Michael Whitney by Ron & Catherine Hamilton

Thursday, February 13
NO MASS

Friday, February 14
NO MASS

Saturday, February 15, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Nick Bennie by Kurt & Kelly Mohny

Sunday, February 16, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Henry & Mary Legos by Don & Suzanne Carr
 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 (2-02-20)

Regular Envelopes.....\$6,556.00
 Loose Collection.....\$253.86
 Electronic Collection.....\$542.00
 Total Collection.....\$7,351.86

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.
Grade 2--First Eucharist please meet in the Parish Hall at 9:30 AM for prayer and you coaching session.

Looking Ahead...

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

Faith Formation Winter Carnival, Sunday February 23 in the gym. Each grade will have the chance to go to the carnival for 15 minutes for games and activities. Admission is an item for Catherine's Cupboard. Suggested items are: cake mixes, frosting, crackers, coffee, tea, or hot chocolate.

Thrive, our Lenten LEAP event, will be held on **Thursday, March 12th at 6:30—8 PM.** This concert/faith sharing (6:30 -7:30) will preempt Sunday's Faith Formation. This is a family event required for Grade 5—Confirmation. It is appropriate for all ages -- all are welcome! Refreshments and hospitality will follow in the Parish Hall.

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 this weekend (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. There is a Sunday morning group designed for parents with children in Faith Formation--this group meets during Faith Formation in the Parish Hall (STEAM Room).

Children's Liturgy

February 15/16

4PM— Catherine Shafer/Kathy Tait
8AM— Ed & Kay Corcoran

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.



FEBRUARY: Fundraising for FOOD Pantry

For the past few years, we have used the month of February to raise funds for our parish food pantry known as CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD. Founded in 2002, our pantry has grown and is well-known throughout the county. We serve on average 1,000 families each year. Our pantry is open the first and third Tuesday each month from 5:30pm until all are served. Our annual budget has grown to over \$30,000 and purchases from Southern Tier Food Bank the food needed to provide healthy meals for families, plus cleaning and personal items not included with SNAP (i.e., food stamps). Of the 1,000 families, one-third of them are senior citizens trying to get by on Social Security, food stamps, etc. Heating, electric and prescription bills take a bigger portion of their income each year. Many families that come are working, but due to their low wages cannot pay their basic expenses. We are the "helping hand" to them, allowing them to live in their home, with heat and lights, feed their kids and provide the best they can. Going to a food pantry and asking for help is very hard to do; we understand this and try to make it as stress-free as possible. The first week of February kicked off with the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING led by our students in Faith Formation. This is a national campaign that allows our young parish members to participate and contribute. In December, 2 food drives were held for our pantry by the Hillcrest Fire Dept. and Chenango Forks Girl Scout Service Unit. Various food drives/collections are also held which support us at Nimmonsburg Methodist, Ogden Methodist and First Church of the Nazarene and in Chenango Valley schools. These drives plus generous donations from many of you are always deeply appreciated. This past year our pantry not only helped the many who came during our regular hours, but also helped a family after a major fire damaged their home. Back in September, during a neighborhood evacuation of about 100 families, we were able to help supply breakfast at the Red Cross shelter set up at the Hillcrest Fire Station. Another event in early December caught Father Tim and I by surprise, but we were so happy we could help – during an extremely cold weekend, the Homeless Coalition rescued 30 young adults who were living under a downtown bridge on the riverbank. Three went straight to the ER due to their condition, and the rest were given shelter at a local motel - but there was no food and being a weekend all "services" were closed until Monday. Our pantry provided the basics (soups, cereal, peanut butter & jelly, coffee, juice and bread & milk plus personal care items) to get them through a couple days until more permanent care was available. These 30 were only a small fraction of the hundreds of homeless who live in Broome County. Our pantry will ALWAYS serve those who are homeless. Some pantries may not give to the homeless, but that is not the case for Catherine's Cupboard. Our pantry serves all who ask for help. Cash is not given, but a gift card to Weis Grocery is available if needed. If you help to continue our pantry's mission during this campaign, your Pantry volunteers will be forever grateful. If you have questions, feel free to speak to or call Joe Carpenter at the Parish Center (607-722-4388) or Bev Krinik, Pantry Coordinator (607-723-2350).

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

FREE to Attend – Hope Appeal Sponsored

Sickness and the Communion Cup

In any gathering of people, the sharing of germs is inevitable. In the midst of the cold and flu season, each of us has the responsibility of taking precautions to prevent the spread of these and other illnesses. If you are feeling sick or suspect that you might have been exposed to something contagious, please **refrain from receiving Holy Communion from the cup, and receive only the Sacred Host.** We appreciate your cooperation in keeping you and your fellow parishioners happy and healthy.

****Rescheduled: 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 22nd and 23rd** 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!

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Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of Feb. 9th — Marie Giordano
 Week of Feb. 16th — George & Pat Clark

Shelving (Mondays)

February 10th — Alex Hayes & Carol
 February 17th — E & K. Corcoran

Distribution

February 18th — S. Orband, M. Mizzoni, L. Gildea,
 M. & T. Giblin, M. Hayes

Thrive

Music, Inspiration, Fellowship

Thrive is an evening of music, inspiration, and fellowship. No cost, no commitment. Everyone is welcome, especially families with small children! Join us!

**March 12th
 6:30PM**

St. Francis of Assisi, Binghamton



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 to register for a session.

Initial Safe Environment Training (PGC)

Wednesday March 4th at 1:00 pm
 Catholic Charities of Broome County, Binghamton

Recertification Training (EPDR)

Saturday February 22nd at 9:00 am
 Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal

THANK YOU!

St. Francis of Assisi's 2020 Collection

raised:

\$1,600.30

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



February 2, 2020

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/>

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.

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 # _____

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
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 15th & 16th, 2020

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Sally Orband
EM Host	Barb Brozovic
EM Host	Brenda Artman
EM Host	Carole Parga
EM Cup	Larry Koch
EM Cup	Rosemary Rounds
EM Cup	Marge Mangan
EM Cup	John Artman
Altar Server	Brendan Kliment
Altar Server	Logan Kliment
Altar Server	

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Kurt & Kelly Mohney
EM Host	Marie Iobst
EM Host	Debbie Davis
EM Host	Suzanne Carr
EM Cup	Melissa Kliment
EM Cup	Maureen Mizzoni
EM Cup	Shirley McCray
EM Cup	Mike Stricek
Altar Server	Braeden Krisko
Altar Server	Logan Kliment
Altar Server	Brendan Kliment

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Joe Sardella
EM Host	Maria Lord
EM Host	Steve Guth
EM Host	Virginia Thompson
EM Cup	Emily Ekstrom
EM Cup	Rose O'Neil
EM Cup	Jules Furrer
EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
Altar Server	Josie Wojnar
Altar Server	Jessica Wojnar
Altar Server	

Question of the Week

Question for Children: What can you do to bring the light of Jesus into the lives of your family, friends, and people you meet?

Question for Youth: How do you feel when Jesus says that YOU are the salt of the earth and that YOU are called to be the light for others?

Question for Adults: What specific efforts do you take to maintain your light? Do you let your light dim? Why?

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