

February 13, 2022

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

*"In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love."*

*-Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

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

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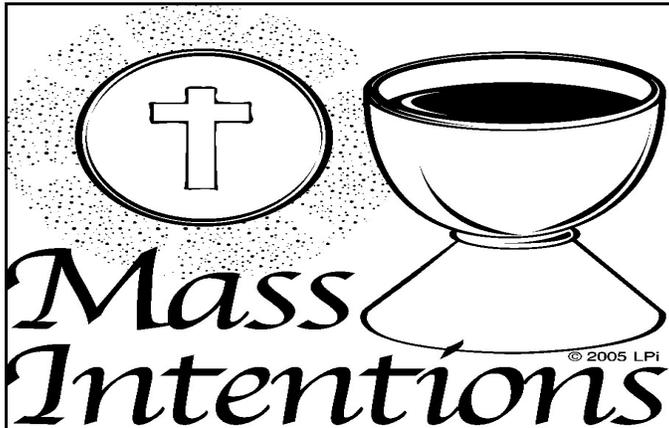
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Also find the videos on our Facebook (search "@stfrancisbing")  
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YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)



**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

**Monday, February 14**  
**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, February 15**  
**NO MASS**

**Wednesday, February 16**  
**NO MASS**

**Thursday, February 17**  
 8:00 a.m. Robert Blabac by St. Francis'  
 7:00 p.m. Book Club

**Friday, February 18**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, February 19, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Gerald Davies by Wife, Dottie

**Sunday, February 20, Seventh Sunday in  
 Ordinary Time**  
 10:30 a.m. Dick Murphy by Chuck &  
 Delores Farwell

**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 (02-07-22)**

Regular Envelopes.....\$3,787.20  
 Loose Collection.....\$261.00  
 Electronic Collection.....\$3,087.00  
 Total Collection.....\$7,135.20

*Thank You for your generous contributions!*

**Faith Formation**

February 13th Faith formation for grades K-9 will meet in the school.

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

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

**NO classes on February 20th, President's Weekend**

**Looking Ahead**

The Faith Formation classes in conjunction with our Laudato Si committee will be having a Bottle Drive to raise money for Bike Rack to be installed near the church, for a healthier and more "green" alternative to driving to church. The bottle drive will take place before Faith Formation on February 27th 8:30 am to 9:30 AM

**Book Club: Spiritual Ecology**

Spiritual Ecology Book Club will be on Tuesday, February 15th 7 PM ONLY. If you do not receive a link on Monday, please email Maria Kirk at [MKirk@syrдио.org](mailto:MKirk@syrдио.org)

**Green Initiative: Can & Bottle Drive (02/27/22)**

St. Francis of Assisi Faith Formation Classes Will be holding a can and bottle drive in the church parking lot **from 8:30-9:00AM on Sunday, February 27th.**

This initiative is to **promote recycling and the use of bicycles!!** Money from cans redeemed will go towards a bicycle rack for the parish. Help us recycle plastic waste, reduce our carbon footprint, and increase good health! This is one of the steps we are taking towards our green initiative here at St. Francis of Assisi.

**Congratulations, Nick Norton!**

A very big congratulations to our parish's own, Nick Norton who was recently honored as Fire Officer of the Year 2021. Congratulations to Nick!  
 Also, thank you to all of our parishioners who help serve our community in emergency services.

**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.

**Black History Month & Catholic Social Teaching**  
**Part 2**

*On Rights and Responsibilities, from Rosa Parks*

I realized we should all be free people and we should have the same rights as other people. In the South, at that time, there was legally enforced segregation. There were places black people couldn't go, and rights we did not have. This was not acceptable to me. A lot of other people didn't disobey the rules because they didn't want to get into trouble. I was willing to get arrested — it was worth the consequences.

We pray that the rights of all members of the African American community, and of all peoples, are respected, and that all take on the responsibilities of freedom.

*The Common Good, Congresswoman Barbara Jordan*

Many seek only to satisfy their private wants, to satisfy their private interests. But this is the great danger America faces. That we will cease to be one nation and become instead a collection of interest groups: city against suburb, region against region, individual against individual. Each seeking to satisfy private wants. If that happens, who then will speak for America? Who then will speak for the common good?

We pray that the African American community, and all people, can speak out for the common good and be heard.

*Option for the Poor, Marian Wright Edelman, Founder, Children's Defense League*

God has blessed us in America \ with more riches than some of us know what to do with, yet we let millions of our children go hungry, without shelter, and without other basic necessities of life. Here we are blessed with the best of health technology, yet we have places where our children's immunizations rates fall behind those of some developing country and eleven million children are without health coverage. We must take care of our children who suffer from poverty.

We pray that we see and respond to the poverty in the African American community and in all our communities.

**Ash Wednesday Schedule**

8AM: Liturgy & Ashes

12Noon: Liturgy & Ashes

7PM: Prayer Service with Ogden Hillcrest UMC & Ashes

**Prayer for Peace in Ukraine**  
**Adapted from Pope Francis**

*"I ask you to pray the Our Father for peace in Ukraine, now and throughout this Day."*

*"Let us ask God to grant that the country may grow in the spirit of kinship, and that all hurts, fears and divisions will be overcome. We have spoken about the Holocaust. But let us think too that [in Ukraine] millions of people were killed. They are a people who have suffered; they have suffered from hunger, suffered from much brutality and they deserve peace."*

*"May the prayers and supplications that today rise up to heaven touch the minds and hearts of world leaders, so that dialogue may prevail and the common good be placed ahead of partisan interests."*

*"Please, no more war."*

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time:**  
**Creation Care Tips**

*"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is in the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit." —Jeremiah 17:7-8*

Many of us have a real obsession with lawns. Indeed, all the time invested in lawn care and grooming reflects this: laying down sod or seeding, removing weeds, mowing, watering, fertilizing... but do all these efforts produce a harvest? No. We can't eat grass. Here is an idea: replace your lawn with plants that are drought tolerant, native to your locale, and/or will produce food to eat (trees or vegetable gardens). Some municipalities have programs now that offer rebates for those converting their lawns to less-thirsty green-scapes. You will never have to mow again, and depending on what you replace your lawn with, you might never have to water again.

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time:**  
**Justice Challenge**

Justice Challenge: February is Black History Month. In addition, we celebrate President Lincoln's birthday on February 12. Lincoln wrote the Emancipation Proclamation to restore to African Americans their God-given right to be treated as human beings fully equal in God's eyes with the rest of society. Jesus told us his mission was to emancipate people from the things which oppressed them—poverty, enslavement, despair, whatever broke the human spirit. Your challenge this week is to emancipate someone from injustice. Who needs to be freed from oppression? Is it the kid at school who is constantly picked on? Is it the worker who is discriminated against? Is it the elderly shut-in? Whom will you liberate?

## Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

### Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

### Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

### Distribution

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

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

A journey from grief to healing

For those who are living through the loss of a loved one, our highly successful support group provides a safe space to share ideas, thoughts and experiences that can lead to healing. This is one of life's most difficult journeys and there is no need to travel it alone. New knowledge, skills and perceptions can ease your way to move on without your loved one. The new date for this 9 week program will begin on Monday, March 7th from 6pm to 7:30 at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center. For more information and to register, please call Ginny Thompson at 607-222-1621.

## 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.

## 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.**

## 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](http://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](http://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# \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
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		
		<b>Grand Total</b>

**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 19th & 20th, 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	Kurt and Kelly Mohney
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Maria Kirk
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Marge Mangan
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Barb Brozovic
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10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Mary Bush
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sarah Bush
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	J D Wojnar
10:30 Mass	Lector	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Anne Wolanski
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Lyndsey Lopiccolo
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Catherine Shafer

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

**February 20th**  
**Dan and Alison Brennan**

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:** How do you experience God's blessing in difficult times, when you are sad, hungry, or when friends reject you?

**Question for Youth:** How does trusting in God make a difference in your life?

**Question for Adults:** In today's Gospel, we are reminded that we will be either blessed or have woe done unto us. It's a challenging teaching! Which half of this Gospel reading applies to you?

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