

February 20, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



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

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Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org to view
our latest weekend reflection.
We will be posting new
videos by 4:00PM on
Saturdays.

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



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

Monday, February 21

12:00 p.m. 1st Anniv. Dick Talbut by wife, Doris

Tuesday, February 22

8:00 a.m. Theresa Yajko by St. Francis Parish Nurses

Wednesday, February 23

12:00 p.m. Josephine Marascia by D.D. & Larry Koch

Thursday, February 24

8:00 a.m. Robert Pou by Kathleen & Jim Brady

Friday, February 25

NO MASS

Saturday, February 26, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Nancy Wright by the Sisters of St. Joseph Associates from Binghamton

Sunday, February 27, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Carol Ann Koch by Marge Mangan

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 (02-13-22)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$3,607.00
Loose Collection.....	\$266.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,862.00
Total Collection.....	\$5,735.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation

No Faith formation today, Happy President's Day.

Next weekend, February 27th Faith formation will meet for grades K-9. There is no winter carnival this year due to COVID concerns.

Looking Ahead: Faith Formation Classes (Grades 7 & 8) and the Laudato Si Committee will be having a Bottle Drive **Sunday, February 27th at 8:30--9:30 AM** to promote recycling and the use of bicycles. The money raised from the FF Bottle drive will help purchase a bike rack for the parish and help us reduce our carbon footprint and increase good health!

Souper Bowl of Caring

Thank you for your generosity! Our parish collected \$2,896 for Catherine's Cupboard last weekend from our Souper Bowl of Caring!

Southern Tier Afghan Resettlement Fund

- Use your camera on your smartphone to scan this QR code ----->>>
- Learn more about our Southern Tier Afghan Resettlement Fund
- Donate to help an Afghan family in need right here in the Southern Tier



"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

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.

****Attention: Lectors, E.M.s, and Altar Servers****

It is time once again to submit your dates of unavailability for the months of April, May, and June. If there are dates when you would be unavailable to Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Serve, please call Ed and Cindy White at 607-648-2784 or by cell 607-206-3469 **BEFORE MARCH 7TH!**

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 3

On Work and Workers' Rights: from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The fact is that the work which improves the condition of mankind, the work which extends knowledge and increases power and enriches literature and elevates thought, is not done to only secure a living. It is not the work of slaves driven to their tasks either by the task, by the taskmaster, or by animal necessity. It is the work of men who somehow find a form of work that brings has dignity and hastens a better state of society where want is abolished.

We pray that all workers, including our African American sisters and brothers, are given opportunities for decent work with fair wages and working conditions.

Solidarity, from Maya Angelou, writer

Here, on the pulse of this fine day
You may have the courage
To look up and out upon me. . .
Here on the pulse of this new day
You may have the grace to look up and out
And into your sister's eyes,
Into your brother's face, And say simply
Very simply
With hope, Good Morning.

We pray we stand with civility and in solidarity with all Americans, including our African American brothers and sisters.

Lent 2022

Join our parish in this year's engaging Lenten video study on Formed.org called PRESENCE: THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST. With beautiful filmmaking and powerful teaching, the PRESENCE series will move your heart and give you plenty to discuss with your study group over 3 weeks in March. We will meet Tuesday (March 15, 22, & 29) at 2 PM or 7 PM or Wednesday (March 16, 23 & 30) at 10:30 AM via zoom, and in-person on Sunday morning (March 13, 20 & 27) during Faith Formation. The Sunday session is directed to parents who would like to engage in a Lenten Study at a time that hopefully is more convenient to participate. This engaging video as well as many others can be found on **formed.org!** Our parish has been given a 3 month free subscription to Formed for our parishioners.

FINDING THE MEANING OF LIFE

Explore the deepest questions of the human heart and discover the meaning of life with this illuminating 7-part series. Access this for free through your parish.

- To sign up for free:
1. Visit signup.formed.org
2. Enter your parish zip code



After you have registered for formed you can download the free app for your apple or android devices just go to the app store and download the Formed app. To sign up for the zoom session please contact Maria Kirk at Mkirk@syrdio.org or call the parish center at 607-722-4388.

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Creation Care Tips

You've probably seen ads in which one neighbor is using a tool, then another neighbor comes along, admires how well it works, and then declares that he's going to get himself one too. It's enough to make you want to wonder: "Why don't you just ask to borrow it?" Instead of accumulating tons of tools for all our needs, let's thank those generous neighbors who are willing to lend them to us. In exchange, we might have a tool or a service our neighbor needs. Neighbors could even chip in together to buy a bread machine, a lawnmower, a hedge clipper, or a snow blower. Yes, it might take shy folks or introverts a bit of energy to muster the courage to ask to borrow something, but the relationships that can be built over sharing, borrowing, and trading can be priceless.

Ash Wednesday Schedule (03/02/22)

8AM: Liturgy & Ashes

12Noon: Liturgy & Ashes

7PM: Prayer Service with Ogden Hillcrest UMC & Ashes

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Justice Challenge

Luke's Gospel for Sunday presents some of the biggest challenges Jesus has ever given us. We are asked to love our enemies, stop judging people, turn the other cheek, and give to those in need. These are life-changing actions, each one demanding hearts of love and mercy. Your challenge this week is to choose someone or some group which you have looked on as the "enemy" in the past because they have hurt you or someone you love. Perhaps you are holding onto a grudge against the person (s). Instead, offer forgiveness! Let go of the past and find a way to help the person be who God created him or her to be.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

March 1st— M. Hayes, M. Walsh, R. O'Neil

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.

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/>

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!

Thank you From Marilyn Moyer

"To the congregation of St. Francis, on behalf of fire victims John & Marsha Leipfert, I would like to express my appreciation for your response to my plea for help. The generosity shown by your congregation has been overwhelming. The true Christian spirit is certainly alive in your church, as you have come forward to meet the needs of your neighbor. Thank you and may God bless all of you." Most sincerely, Marilyn Moyer

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 **stfrancising.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!

PARISH REGISTRATION

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you, celebrating with us, whether you're a long-time resident or newly arrived in the Parish. Please check the appropriate box and place in the collection basket or return to the Parish Center. *We thank God that you're with us.*

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

- New Parishioner, send registration form
- Change of address or phone number
- Temporarily away. Stop envelopes
- Moving, please remove from Parish Roster

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
February 26th & 27th, 2022

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Kathryn White
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Liam Wood
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Michaela Wood
4:00 Mass	Lector	Kelly M Robertson
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Jan Pandich
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Debra Carden
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10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Jonah Rice
10:30 Mass	Lector	Catherine Shafer
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Katie Ginalski
10:30 Mass	EM Host	David Hanzas
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Virginia Thompson

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

February 27th
Cindy & Lauren White

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: Jesus tells us to treat others as we would want others to treat us. How do you treat others as you want to be treated?

Question for Youth: How do you follow Jesus' teaching to "bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you?"

Question for Adults: Jesus says, "Give, and gifts will be given to you." When have you experienced your generosity coming back to you?"

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