

May 27, 2018

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



Weekend's Offering (05-20-18)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,929.25
Ascension Collection.....	\$67.00
Loose Collection.....	\$361.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$563.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,920.25

Saturday, May 26, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Ray & Helen Tyczkowski by Family

Sunday, May 27, The Most Holy Trinity
 8:00 a.m. 19th Anniv. Patricia Laskowsky by Family
 11:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Monday, May 28, Memorial Day
NO MASS

Tuesday, May 29
 8:00 a.m. De Leslyn Bickerstaff by Jim & Kathleen Brady

Wednesday, May 30
 8:00 a.m. Ellen Pendleton by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Thursday, May 31
NO MASS

Friday, June 1
NO MASS

Saturday, June 2, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Tom Foran by Marge Mangan

Sunday, June 3, Corpus Christi
 8:00 a.m. Doreen Everett by Mary & Vincent De Ninis
 11:00 a.m. Mannino Vita by Daughter, Fina & Family

Faith Formation
Faith Formation is over for the 2017—2018 school year.
See you at Vacation Bible School in July!

Looking Ahead
 • Baccalaureate Mass honoring our graduating High School Seniors will be held on **Sunday, June 17th** at **11:00AM Mass**. Information regarding this celebration has been mailed. If you are a senior and did not receive this information please call Maria Kirk at the parish office 722-4177.

Save The Date!
Neighborhood Vacation Bible School
 sponsored by: Binghamton Church of the Nazarene, Community Baptist of Port Dickinson, Nimmonsburg Methodist, Ogden Methodist, and St. Francis of Assisi Churches
Join the fun and be rescued by Jesus
 July 9-13 from 6:15-8:30 pm
 Binghamton Church of the Nazarene
 1282 Chenango Street
 Pre-Register on our website at www.stfrancisbing.org/faith-formation
 For kids preschool through entering 6th Grade
 Older kids can help too! Sign up at your church as crew helpers.



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.

2018 HOPE Appeal
 Thank you to our generous parishioners who have made a pledge to the Annual HOPE Appeal. If you have not yet responded, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge to help support the needs of our diocese. For years, your gifts have helped thousands of people through the programs and ministries funded by the HOPE Appeal.

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.

Words to Ponder

- Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
- Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.
- Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.
- It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.
- The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.
- People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.
- If the church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.
- Some minds are like concrete thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.
- I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?!
- Be ye fishers of men. You catch 'em - He'll clean 'em.
- Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.
- Forbidden fruits create many jams.
- God grades on the cross, not the curve.
- God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts!"
- God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
- If God is your Co-pilot - swap seats!
- Prayer: Don't give God instructions -- just report for duty!
- We don't change the message, it changes us.
- The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails= 4 given.

Prayer for Memorial Day

On this Memorial Day,
Grant peace to the souls of all those who died in war.
We remember the tears and grief of their families,
The pain of mothers, wives, husbands, and children
who lost precious loved ones.
To build a meaningful memorial to them,
We ask God to give us all the will to work for peace
around the world. So no more sons, daughters, husbands,
wives, fathers, nor mothers are slaughtered by the guns
and weapons of war.
We ask Mary, who held the lifeless body of her son
and was pierced by the sorrow of his suffering and death,
to grant us the compassion and wisdom to
affirm life and honor the dead through forgiveness and
peace making.
May God have mercy on the souls of the departed.
Grant them peace, O Lord.
May we have mercy on the living.
Grant us peace, O Lord.
In Your name we pray. Amen.

The Mystery of God and Catholic Social Teaching

We need to learn from the nature of God. We need to learn from this nature how to relate to one another. As God is relational and a community of peace and justice, so must we become relational and a community of peace and justice.

Our teaching about God and the great mystery of God is a social teaching. As God is a social being, so are we. Any good theology of God has social implications. It calls us to social values. Our religious faith involves a community of mutual support and discovery. It involves a set of values that we share in common. We are concerned with the issues of the world and everyday life. We are concerned with justice and peace. We focus on the common good. We see God in all people and in all of creation. We have a special concern for the poor. We have hope in the midst of all the problems and challenges of the world.

We are concerned about any political and economic power that excludes the poor. We are concerned for the environment. We are concerned about those attitudes that see people simply as consumers. We are concerned about domestic violence as well as the violence and war in Syria, Afghanistan, South Sudan, and so many other places. We are concerned with those who are in need whether it is the people in nations like Haiti who struggle for economic justice or the people of Ukraine who are seeking political unity or those who work in the developing world without a living wage.

The current ideas about "America First" seem to be in opposition to the idea that we are called to be an inclusive community— a community of all people. We repudiate any spirituality that disconnects us from these concerns for the world.

This Memorial Day We Are Peacemakers

From *The Harvest of Justice Is Sown in Peace*,
US Catholic Bishop 1993:

The goal of peace, so desired by everyone, will certainly be achieved through the putting into effect of social and international justice, but also through the practice of the virtues which favor togetherness and which teach us to live in unity. Peace does not consist merely in the absence of war, but rather in sharing the goodness of life together. In keeping with Pope John Paul's teaching, the Church's positive vision of a peaceful world includes the primacy of the global common good for political life, the role of social and economic development in securing the conditions for a just and lasting peace, and the moral imperative solidarity between affluent, industrial nations and poor, developing ones.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule
Transportation

Week of May 27th — Ann Wilcox
Week of June 3rd — Marie Giordano

Shelving (Mondays)

May 28th — **CLOSED** (Memorial Day)
June 4th — C. & R. Danoski

Distribution

June 5th — M. Walsh, M. Turna, M. Quinn, L. Gildea,
A. & S. Faughnan

"The House that St. Francis Built"
(Pasta Dinner Fundraiser)

June 2nd from 5:30—7:30PM

St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall

Adults: \$10.00

Children 5-10: \$5.00 Children under 5: Free

Join us for a delicious pasta dinner!

The proceeds will go to Food for the Poor in order to build and furnish a house for the poor in the Caribbean Islands or Central America. This is a year-long project with the goal being to raise \$4,000. Join us and help build this house!

Bill Parker Address Change

Bill Parker has been a parishioner for many years. We are notifying everyone of his change of address as he will no longer be able to participate in the St. Francis community. I'm sure he will appreciate good wishes.

Bill Parker will be residing at:

Vestal Park Rehab and Nursing Center
105 West Sheedy Road, Vestal, NY 13850

Sponsorship 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. Canon law requires you are to be a practicing Catholic to be a sponsor. Please call Delores at the parish center (722-4388) with any questions.

Fr. Tim's 40th Anniversary (Save The Date)



Congratulations to Fr Tim as he celebrated his 40th Anniversary to the Priesthood on May 13th. Save the Date for his parish wide celebration on **August 12th at the Orchard's**. More details to follow.

Garage Sale Fundraiser
(For Catherine's Cupboard)

June 2nd from 9:00AM—1:00PM

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center (Parking Lot)
1031 Chenango Street

Cost: \$10.00 for a space to sell in the lot
\$15.00 for a space to sell with a table
Or

Donate items to Catherine's Cupboard Booth
(NO CLOTHING! You may drop off items from May 25th until June 1st only at the parish center, double doors

Space is limited so call 723-2350 and leave a message to reserve your spot

Although this is an outdoor event, indoor restrooms and coffee will be made available

Clean out your closets, garages, etc. and join us!

ALL PROCEEDS will go to Catherine's Cupboard

Jesus

"JESUS is the musical stage adventure about the most famous person ever to walk the earth and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever"

Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA
August 2nd, 2018

Load bus @ 6:45 A.M. Depart @ 7:00 A.M.
Departure from Northgate Plaza
(behind Denny's on Front St.)

Cost: \$140/person
Cost includes bus, show, & lunch
Deposit \$25 upon reservation
Final payment of \$115 due by June 25th
No refunds after June 26th unless a substitute is found

Make checks payable to: Shirley Christoff
Mail checks to: 9 Peer St., Binghamton, NY 13901

Please include: Name, Phone Number, and Address along with the check.

For more information call Shirley (648-6871)

KOC 11403 Annual Tom Mangan Memorial
Golf Tournament



Save The Date
Sunday, July 29th, 2018

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**

June 2nd & 3rd, 2018

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Marge Mangan
EM Host	Jan Pandich
EM Host	John Artman
EM Host	Brenda Artman
EM Cup	Larry Koch
EM Cup	Debby Carden
EM Cup	Dom Lomonaco
EM Cup	Terry Hanifin
Altar Server	Vincent Williams
Altar Server	Madelyn Strnatka
Altar Server	Sarah Shafer

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Maureen Mizzoni
EM Host	Nancy Oliver
EM Host	Donna or Scott Iglar
EM Host	Steve Baxter
EM Cup	Kurt or Kelly Mohney
EM Cup	Denise Baxter
EM Cup	Mike Stricek
EM Cup	Mary DeNinis
Altar Server	Delaney Wood
Altar Server	Liam Wood
Altar Server	Braeden Krisko

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Barb Novitsky
EM Host	David Gill
EM Host	Chris Gill
EM Host	Joe Frissora
EM Cup	Stephanie Stracuzzi
EM Cup	Rose O'Neil
EM Cup	Jules Furrer
EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
Altar Server	Katelyn Church
Altar Server	Alexander Watkins

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Why do you think Catholics make "The Sign of the Cross" when we pray?

Question for Youth: How often do you think about God as Trinity? How do you relate to each member of the Trinity?

Question for Adults: As each of us is called and sent by Christ, how have you incorporated this into your own life, whether married, single, in religious life, or ordained?

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