

June 21, 2020

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



*"WHEN A MAN WALKS IN
INTEGRITY AND JUSTICE,
HAPPY ARE HIS CHILDREN
AFTER HIM!"*

- PROVERBS 20:7

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

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Weekend's Offering (06-14-20)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,759.00
Loose Collection.....	\$36.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,602.00
Total Collection.....	\$8,397.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation

Although we are no longer having face to face classes check you email for links to helpful sites.

VBS will be online! Watch for EarthKeepers VBS focusing on Ladato Si and creation. Like every year we will have Bible Stories and Skits, snacks and crafts! But this year we will also have things you can do in your home and backyard! So grab your family and friends and watch and participate in EarthKeepers VBS anytime in July and August! Parents you will be emailed a list of ordinary items to have around for snacks and crafts!



Instructions for Celebration of the Sacraments as Gatherings Resume

In order to permit the celebration of Mass and the sacraments in a dignified, safe, and healthy manner, each parishioner must do the following:

- Seek information from his/her parish regarding registration for Mass, and policies/ procedures.
- Remain home if sick, symptomatic, or at risk
- Wear a face mask in church (required) and, if possible, bring personal hand sanitizer
- Observe the commands on the posted signage and follow the directives of ushers

Be aware that during this period, there will be:

- No holy water in fonts
- No offertory procession
- No passing of the collection basket; baskets will be made available for offerings
- No hymnals or missalettes (unless your own)
- No congregating closely in or around the church

Prepare for the reception of Holy Communion:

- Masks will be worn by ALL
- Direction will be provided for those receiving
- The Precious Blood will NOT be offered
- Reception will involve: receiving the Body of Christ in the hand ONLY, stepping aside, lifting the mask, consuming the Eucharist, returning the mask

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, Jean Walicke.



PLEASE NOTE: TIME CHANGES BELOW!

Saturday, June 20, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. John & Mary Jane Paske by Family

Sunday, June 21, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
11:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Monday, June 22
12:00 p.m. Rob Loftus by Wife, Sheila

Tuesday, June 23
8:00 a.m. David Feheley by Family

Wednesday, June 24
12:00 p.m. Barbara Townsend by Annie Connor

Thursday, June 25
8:00 a.m. John Mando & Jim Lee by Bonnie & Sue

Friday, June 26
NO MASS

Saturday, June 27, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Mary Lou Clendening by Angela Miller

Sunday, June 28, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. 2nd Anniv. John Mando by Bonnie & Family
11:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

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.

Pope Francis: No Tolerance for Racism, but Without Violence

Pope Francis spoke at the General Audience about the protests in the United States following the killing of George Floyd, saying we cannot claim to defend the sacredness of every human life while turning a blind eye to racism and exclusion.

In his greetings to the English-speaking faithful at the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis addressed the people of the United States, as protests continue throughout the nation.

“I have witnessed with great concern the disturbing social unrest in your nation in these past days, following the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd,” he said. “We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life.”

Denouncing violence

The Pope then cited a recent statement from Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), to denounce outcroppings of violence at some protests.

“At the same time, we have to recognize that ‘the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost’.”

Pope Francis added that today he joins the Church in Saint Paul and Minneapolis, and throughout the entire US, “in praying for the repose of the soul of George Floyd and of all those others who have lost their lives as a result of the sin of racism.”

Prayer for reconciliation and peace

The Pope concluded his remarks with an invitation to prayer.

“Let us pray for the consolation of their grieving families and friends and let us implore the national reconciliation and peace for which we yearn,” he said. “May Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of America, intercede for all those who work for peace and justice in your land and throughout the world.”

Things to Remember

God is always present.

Our Father loves us deeply, cares about our concerns right down to the hairs on our heads (Matthew 10:30). He urges us to respond well to a world we can’t control. If we let him, God will enable us to learn and grow through our experiences, no matter how overwhelming or unpleasant.

God will our good.

It is not God’s will that we suffer. The ways of the world aren’t always in harmony with his will. However, his plan for us will bring us the ultimate good. He loves us with true love and wants us prepped and ready for Heaven.

Blessing Prayer for Father’s Day

Blessed are You, [Source of all life] who has given to us the gift of the father of our family.

Today, we honor him, and we thank You for the numerous good things that are ours because of him. His love for us has been a sign of Your divine affection and a sharing in Your holy love.

His continuous concern for our needs and welfare is a mirror of Your holy providence.

And so, as we honor him, we praise You, Father of All Peoples. Bless him this day with Your strength and holy power that he may continue to be a sign of You, our God, and a priestly parent to our family.....

May we, the members of his family, assist him in his holy duties as a parent with our respect, our obedience and our deep affection.

Bless him, with happiness and good health, with peace and with good fortune, so that he who has shared of his very life may live forever with You, his loving God.

This blessing and all graces, we pray, descend upon the father of our family: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Happy Father’s Day!

Gospel Reflection

Today’s Gospel is part of the instructions Jesus gives to his disciples after he has commissioned them to proclaim the approaching Kingdom of heaven (10:1-42). As we already know, Matthew addressed a predominantly Jewish-Christian community, for whom Jesus embodied the fulfillment of the Old Testament. His Gospel is divided into five long discourses that remind us of the Pentateuch, the five books of Moses. In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus is the new Moses, the new Lawgiver, and the new Teacher. At the time this Gospel was written (c.85), the early Christian communities were suffering persecution and some were losing their faith in the face of opposition. In this brief text, the phrase, “Do not fear,” appears 3 times. With these words, Jesus encouraged the disciples and attacked the fears that could make them abandon their mission. Jesus assured them that their persecutors could destroy the body but never the soul. The coming of the Reign of God was inevitable and fear must not prevent the disciples from proclaiming it. Today’s reading offers three significant messages:

- † Fear cannot prevent us from proclaiming the gospel and its demands.
- † Jesus promises that we will never be alone in our efforts to do what is right.
- † The final judgment before God will be based on the disciples’ faithfulness to Jesus during the controversies that are part of their mission.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of June 21st — Karen Dotson

Week of June 28th — Michelle Warne

Shelving (Mondays)

June 22nd — A. Short

June 29th — J. & K. Brady

Distribution

July 7th — B. Grace, M. Peters, M. Lyons, R. & C.

Parga, A. Short

Join Fr. Michael Galuppi & Fr. Chris Ballard in the HOLY LAND

Fr. Michael and Fr. Chris will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land February 1-12, 2021. Have you ever wanted to walk where Jesus walked? Have you ever wanted to see where the Gospels unfolded and the events of our salvation took place? Visit Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, the Judean Desert, the Holy City Jerusalem, and the Dead Sea. \$4250 per person includes everything except lunch. And, you may register without a down-payment until August. For more information, visit the trip website at <https://www.travelillumine.com/trc/zhm> or call Fr. Michael at 607-748-7417.

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STRONG**
CB @ St Francis 5th Grade 2020

VIDEOS! FULL MASS & CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD!

We would like to remind everyone who may not be able or who may still be concerned about attending Mass physically, we are still posting our full Sunday liturgy videos on our website (stfrancisbing.org), on our Facebook page, and on our Twitter page! We will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

We are also posting Children's Liturgy of the Word for our young parishioners who would certainly benefit from a more comprehensive understanding of the readings and the gospel. It's more fun and interactive for children, and a great way to get them engaged in Mass and our catholic teachings.

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.

Announcement on Safe Environment Training

Training sessions remain suspended:

Safe Environment training sessions will remain suspended until further notice. Individuals who must attend either the initial or recertification Safe Environment training, except for volunteers with suspended Safe Environment credentials, will be given additional time to complete the training requirement. The Office of Safe Environment will post the dates of the grace period upon the health crisis resolution.

Summer 2020 employees/volunteers working directly with youth:

Online training sessions will be provided to individuals who are working directly with youth this summer and need to comply with Safe Environment requirements before the assumption of duties. Please have employees and volunteers contact Joelle Zarnowski, Safe Environment Program Coordinator, by Wednesday, June 17, 2020 to register for a training session. Please note that online training sessions will not be posted on the diocesan website. Joelle may be reached at 315.470.1421 or safeenvironment@syrdio.org. Thank you!

Are you curious about Formation for Ministry or Permanent Diaconate?

Online Information Session

Wednesday, August 5th

6:30PM—7:30PM

Register at: <http://bit.ly/2020InfoSessions>
or call (315)470-1491

Enjoy the Convenience of Online Giving!

St. Francis of Assisi Parish offers an easy way to make donations online.

We currently have the following accounts set up to donate...

Ordinary Contribution

Repair & Maintenance

Catholic School Support

Catherine's Cupboard

Special Sunshine

Capital Campaign

Have donations taken weekly, monthly or yearly.

To set up an online giving account, visit our website stfrancisbing.org. Click the "Online Giving" tab listed at the top of the site's home screen or if you're using a mobile device, by clicking the drop-down menu in the top right corner. You must have an e-mail address to register online. Here you can create an account and authorize to have your donations electronically transferred directly from your checking account, your debit card or your credit card to the parish. If you have questions or need help getting started, call the Parish Center at 722-4388 and we will guide you through the process.

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

June 27th & 28th, 2020

4:00 P.M. Mass

Designation ONLY

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Question of the Week

Question for Children: Jesus tells us not to be afraid. Name a time when you were afraid and Jesus helped you.

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that he will remember us to his Father if we proclaim him to others. How easy is it for you to talk about your faith with your friends? How about your family or people you don’t know very well?

Question for Adults: What is your responsibility to Jesus? How and when will you carry out that responsibility?

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