

June 30, 2019

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

"GIVE ME YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR, YOUR HUDDLED MASSES YEARNING TO BREATHE FREE, THE WRETCHED REFUSE OF YOUR TEEMING SHORE. SEND THESE, THE HOMELESS, TEMPEST-TOST TO ME, I LIFT MY LAMP BESIDE THE GOLDEN DOOR!"



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

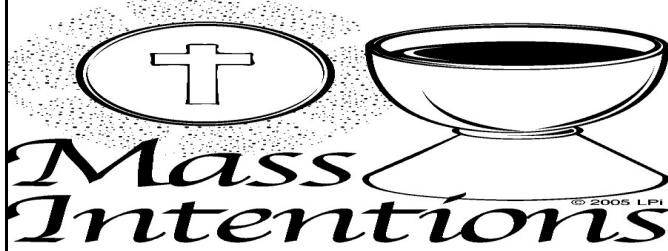
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Mass Schedule

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, June 29, Vigil of Sunday**4:00 p.m. 7th Anniv. Tom Giblin by Family**Sunday, June 30, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

11:00 a.m. Karl M. Koch by Marge Mangan

Monday, July 1

8:00 a.m. Vita Mannino by Daughter, Fina & Family

Tuesday, July 2

8:00 a.m. Laura Gill by Jim Moffitt

Wednesday, July 3

8:00 a.m. Martin D. Jasak by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Thursday, July 4

NO MASS

Friday, July 5

NO MASS

Saturday, July 6, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Teresa Caniff by Jim & Rose O'Neil

Sunday, July 7, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

11:00 a.m. Antonio DeLuca 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.

Weekend's Offering (06-23-19)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,453.00
Loose Collection.....	\$250.75
Electronic Collection.....	\$704.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,407.75

Thank You for your generous contributions!**Save the Date****Vacation Bible School****July 8-12, 6-8 PM****Binghamton First Church of the Nazarene
1282 Chenango Street**

Sponsored by: Binghamton Nazarene, Community Baptist of Port Dickinson, Nimmonsburg Methodist, and Ogden-Hillcrest Methodist, St. Francis of Assisi Parish

If you are free Saturday, June 29th or Saturday, June 6th 10 AM--2 PM decorating for VBS will take place at Binghamton Nazarene Church. Lunch and snacks are provided. Bring a scissor and lots of energy for a fun day transforming the church into a jungle, ROAR! Life is Wild * God is Good! A poster of snack items for VBS is located in the vestibule, please take a post-it note or two and return the items to the basket by June 30th. VBS snacks are specific to the days message so please purchase what is listed. Cash donations are always welcome to purchase perishable items. All extra food is given to Catherine's Cupboard. Thank you for all your generosity!

Visit our website to register (stfrancisbing.org)!

Children's Liturgy**June 29/30****4:00 PM Mass**— Alison & Dan Brennan**8:00 AM Mass**— Shirley McCray/Marie Iobst**July 6/7****4:00 PM Mass**— Roberta Cushing/Catherine Shafer**8:00 AM Mass**— Ed & Kay Corcoran**July 13/14****4:00 PM Mass**— Maria Kirk/Sue Lee**8:00 AM Mass**— Ede Blabac/Bridget Vavra**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.

July 4th Reflection

The great African American poet Langston Hughes wrote a beautiful piece in 1935 titled "Let America Be America." Though he had never been able to fully participate in the opportunities and promise of this nation, Hughes still believed in the promise. This is part of Hughes' poem:

*O, let America be America again—
The land that never has been yet—
And yet must be—the land where every man is free...

O, yes,
I say it plain,
America never was America to me,
And yet I swear this oath—
America will be...!

We, the people, must redeem
The land, the mine, the plants, the rivers.
The mountains and the endless plain—
All, all the stretch of these great green states—
And make America again!*

Today we celebrate that promise of "liberty and justice for all"; we reclaim the hope centered in the principal that all men and women are created equal; we recommit ourselves to the covenant expressed in the opening of our Constitution: "We the people" who come together to form a "more perfect union, establish justice...promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity." That hope has left some of us disappointed; the promise has yet to be realized for many; but, as people of faith—as well as Americans—we believe that God's justice and peace will not be done in by arrogance or greed or bigotry. In committing ourselves to living the principles of the Gospel, we can "redeem" that hope and promise for all men and women—not just those with whom we share this land, but all of our brothers and sisters of every land and people.

We thank you, O God, for the many blessings you have bestowed on these United States. May we realize our call to be a light for all nations, to embody our founding principles of life, liberty and happiness for all your children, to build your kingdom of justice and equality for all your sons and daughters of every land and people.

Congrats Class of 2019**Bans of Marriage**

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Megan Pipher and Nicholas Crocetto who will be married soon. May God bless them and their marriage.

**'Crest of July
Display the Stars and Stripes Proudly'**

As 4th of July approaches, we are encouraging you and your family to display lawn flags on the evening of July 3rd thru July 4th. We are hoping to have the entire CV district lined with our nation's flag to celebrate Independence day and our country. The Hillcrest Civic will be selling these flags prior to the holiday (this is not a fundraiser, but merely to help with the convenience of purchasing the flags).

The following Flag Sales will take place at the Hillcrest Plaza parking lot (near Suzy Q's):

July 2nd 7:00—9:00PM

Flags will be sold in bundles of 6 for \$5 or 12 for \$10 and may also be purchased at American Legion 1194.

Let's turn 'The Valley' Red, White, and Blue!

****LAST CHANCE******Keith Urban Fundraiser Raffle**

We are holding a fundraiser raffle for St Francis ENTER NOW FOR A CHANCE TO WIN...

2 tickets to Keith Urban's Dick's Open concert on August 16th, 2019, 8:00PM at Enjoie Golf Course in Endicott NY

Or

A guitar autographed by Keith Urban

**\$20 per raffle ticket
Drawing: July 7, 2019**

Raffle tickets are available from the following:

- After Masses
- At Parish Center during regular hours
(Delores 607-722-4388)
- From Pastoral Council Members

Upcoming Safe Environment Trainings

(Recertification must be completed every 5 years.)
Visit www.syracusediocese.org/safe-environment to sign up for your session

Initial Safe Environment Training (PGC)

Monday, July 8th at 6:00 pm
St. Mary of the Assumption, Binghamton

Wednesday, July 17th at 1:00 pm
Catholic Charities of Broome County, Binghamton

Recertification Training (EPDR)

Monday, July 15th at 6:30 pm
St. Mary of the Assumption, Binghamton

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of June 30th — Karen Dotson

Week of July 7th — Michelle Warner

Shelving (Mondays)

July 1st — Alex Hayes & Carol

July 8th — C. & B. Danoski

Distribution

July 2nd — S. Orband, M. & T. Giblin, M. Mizzoni,

M. Hayes, A. Short

El Charcón Sister City Project

The Binghamton - El Charcón Sister City Project is again accepting donations for its annual Benefit Sale. This event helps fund programs that benefit women and youths in Greater Binghamton's Salvadoran sister city. Please contact Beth (798-0869) or Suzanne (798-0787) up until July 31 if you have donation items.

Assist Sister Norma Who Aids The Migrants and Refugees in McAllen, Texas

You may have seen Sister Norma on the news as someone who has been living out the Gospel, especially Matthew 25, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" says Jesus Christ. This past week, again, our consciences and hearts have been moved by the tragic situation at our borders, with incarcerated children and the disturbing photo of a father and his young daughter drowned in the Rio Grande River.

We may feel a loss as to what to do, but certainly keeping in our prayers the migrants as well as those like Sister Norma working daily with migrants would be an excellent place to start.

Contributions too can be made to Sister Norma at the Humanitarian Rescue Center in McAllen, TX. She helps families get what they need.

You may go online to...

[https://www.catholiccharitiesrgv.org/
Donations.aspx](https://www.catholiccharitiesrgv.org/Donations.aspx)

Here you can see a list of items you may send and where to send them, as well as an Amazon Wishlist and a place to make monetary donations.

Please do whatever you can to help!

KOC 11403 Annual Tom Mangan Memorial Golf Tournament



Save The Date
Sunday, July 28th, 2019



Trip to the Border with Fr. Tim

Travel with Fr. Tim to McAllen, Texas from Nov. 14—17, for a firsthand look at what is taking place in the Rio Grande Valley. This event will provide an

understanding of the true border situation, and will contribute to National activism regarding the critical issues faced by the marginalized on our border. This will be 3 days of immersion and activism, NOT just listening.

Schedule:

Friday, Nov. 15, 7—9PM opening session prayerful moments, orientation, reflections by a panel of local activists (legal, environmental, religious)

Saturday, Nov. 16, 7:30AM—5PM excursion to international bridge for prayer service, spend day at border with those working with migrants and refugees

Saturday, Nov. 16, 7:30PM—9PM presentation of Saturday's data; reflect on the day

Sunday, Nov. 17, 9AM—Noon final session with a speaker from the local community

**Participation is limited to 50 people.
If interested call Fr. Tim at 722-4388.**

Here's the Deal on the Hope Appeal

We are moving along the road toward our \$46,000 2019 Hope Appeal commitment. We have received 73 donations as of June 18th. The average gift is \$156 for a total of \$11,413. Thanks to all who have taken the time to donate to this year's Hope Appeal. We have a good way to go yet. Please remember that you have the option to spread your donations out through the remainder of the year, so please consider making smaller donations at various times during the rest of 2019. This lessens the burden of one large donation.

Please do not forget about the **Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)**. A QCD is a tax-savvy strategy that allows you to transfer money directly from your IRA to a qualified charity (i.e. Hope Appeal). It is only available to IRAs, and to people who have reached the required minimum distribution (RMD) age of 70.5. Any amount processed as a QCD counts towards your RMD requirement and reduces the taxable amount of your IRA distribution. This lowers your adjusted gross income, resulting in a lower tax liability. Something to think about! If our average gift is \$156, then we are going to need another 223 donors to reach our commitment.

**St. Francis is filled with a lot of gracious people,
WE can do this.**

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

July 6th & 7th, 2019

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Joe Sardella
EM Host	Betsy Shields
EM Host	Bob Shields
EM Host	Bob Parke
EM Cup	Terry Hanifin
EM Cup	Daniel Minch
Altar Server	Madelyn Strnatka
Altar Server	Delaney Wood
Altar Server	Liam Wood

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Shirley McCray
EM Host	Debbie Davis
EM Host	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Host	Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup	Marie Iobst
EM Cup	Maureen Mizzoni
Altar Server	Sydney Keough
Altar Server	Mikayla Bucci
Altar Server	Brigid Birtch

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Rose O'Neil
EM Host	Emily Ekstrom
EM Host	Anne Wolanski
EM Host	David Hanzes
EM Cup	Steve Guth
EM Cup	Jim Lewis
Altar Server	Josie Wojnar
Altar Server	Jessica Wojnar
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney

Question of the Week

Question for Children: To follow Jesus means to do what is right. Name a time this past week when you followed Jesus by doing the right thing you were asked to do, the first time, without an excuse.

Question for Youth: The people in the story had lots of reasons why they couldn't follow Jesus. What makes it hard to be a disciple of Jesus? Why do you make the choice to follow Jesus even though it is hard?

Question for Adults: Sometimes we are like the people in the Gospel and have many excuses for why we cannot follow Jesus. Name a time this past week that you followed Jesus even though you had many excuses

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