

July 02, 2023

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!”

-THE NEW COLOSSUS BY EMMA LAZARUS
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HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

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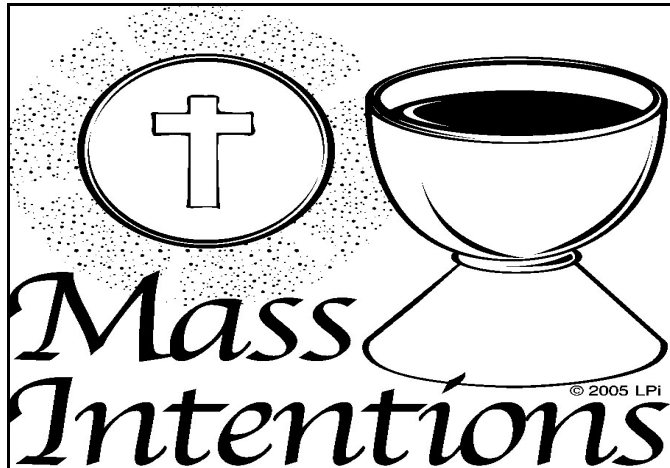
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Saturday, July 1, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Bob Shields by Beth & Jack Evans

Sunday, July 2, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Monday, July 3

12:00 p.m. Louise Martin by Mike & Karen Dotson

Tuesday, July 4

NO MASS

Wednesday, July 5

12:00 p.m. Antonio DeLuca by Family

Thursday, July 6

8:00 a.m. Ronald Antonyak by Carolyn Scoville

Friday, July 7

NO MASS

Saturday, July 8, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. 30th Anniv. Matt Donovan by Mom & Dad

Sunday, July 9, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People

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 (06-25-23)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$2,783.00
Loose Collection.....	\$392.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,740.00
Total Collection.....	\$4,915.00

Thank you for your generosity!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 10TH—13TH

BINGHAMTON NAZARENE (1282 Chenango)

VBS will be held July 10-13 at Binghamton First Church of the Nazarene. There is a poster in the back of the church with items needed for VBS snacks if you would like to contribute snack items. You can also contribute a monetary donation to our parish to help offset the costs of VBS. If you are free July 1st or 8th from 10 AM--2 PM to help with set up and decorating we would appreciate the extra hands.

Please use the QR code below to register your children for this STELLAR event!

Contact Maria Kirk if your children have aged out of VBS but would like to be teen helpers or if you would like to help.

<https://forms.gle/zVbtX45tMc5oLTkH8>



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.



How to Beat the Summer Heat

1. Refresh your mind by reading the 'good news' in the Bible.
2. Face the billowy breeze of the Holy Spirit.
3. Swim continually in God's love.
4. Shower yourself with God's beautiful blessings.
5. Drink from the springs of living water that will quench your thirst forever.
6. Keep cool and calm in the middle of an argument.
7. When you receive lemons, make tasty lemonade.
8. Break the ice with someone whom you hold a grudge.
9. Create a pleasant climate in your home where joy can grow.
10. Splash on all of God's gifts and become a sweet smelling fragrance.



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Justice Challenge

We mark Independence Day every July to celebrate our freedom as a democratic nation. We honor the creation of the Declaration of Independence, which describes the equality of all people and their right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Your challenge this week is to celebrate human rights, but to also ask yourselves—as individuals and as families—how much you uphold these rights. Do you vote? Do you study the positions of candidates so you can vote with an informed conscience? Do you advocate with your state and national legislature for bills which defend the human rights of all God's people? On a personal level, do you defend others from persecution, ridicule, or the denial of their right to life, freedom and happiness?

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Creation Care Tip

Plastic Free July is a global movement to help people be part of the solution to plastic pollution. Check out PlasticFreeJuly.org to get ideas to reduce your plastic use and to take part in the challenge to refuse single-use plastics. There are ideas for everyone, from beginners to those who have been working to reduce their use of plastics for years.

Thank you from Birthright!

To Fr Tim, the Brennan family, and all the wonderful St Francis of Assisi parishioners,

We are so thankful for the huge amount of donations from your shower in memory of Ourania Brennan. What an amazing blessing that sweet little infant has been and still is to so many.

The sleepers, blankets, crocheted baby afghans, onesies and outfits will help so many babies. Also, thank you for the many books for moms to read to their babies, so many diapers, wipes, and monetary donations. We are so very grateful.

A Prayer Against Christian Nationalism's Abuse of Faith

Creator God, who has called us to be fishers of people and to show your love to all the nations of this earth: We thank you for founding your Son's church through the rock of Peter, and for welcoming us into a cloud of witnesses and communion of saints that stretches across all time, space, and race.

You have charged us, as your church, to work for your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, creating a beloved community where together we practice loving you and loving our neighbors.

As a collective church, Lord, we ask your forgiveness for those times when your name has been used not for this mission of love, peace, and truth, but misused for hatred, violence, misinformation, and power. Guide use to be beacons of Christianity, not of Christian nationalism.

Help us to raise a prophetic voice so that we may resist the hijacking of your name, provide a counter-witness to the abuse of faith, and do the work building a better world for the oppressed and marginalized, while also examining our own communities and taking the logs out of our own eyes as we attempt to do this heavenly work for you and for others.

*This we pray through the Holy Spirit and in the loving name of your risen Son Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

Missionary Appeal Visit: Fr. Romane St. Vil

Father Romane St. Vil, M.M. will be at the parish next week for the annual missionary cooperative appeal and collection for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. Father Romane St. Vil, will speak at all the Masses. Maryknoll is the popular name for the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, which was founded in 1911 to follow Christ's command to preach the Gospel to all the nations. They serve principally among the poor in places where the Church is unknown or in great need

Upcoming Safe Environment Trainings

Initial Safe Environment Training

† Thursday, July 27: 6:30 pm at St. Mary of the Assumption, Binghamton

† Thursday, August 3: 6:30 pm at St. Mary of the Assumption, Binghamton

Safe Environment Recertification Training

† Saturday, July 29: 10:00 am at St. Mary of the Assumption, Binghamton

† Saturday, August 5: 10:00 am at St. Mary of the Assumption, Binghamton

Pre-registration is required for these sessions. Walk-ins and late arrivals will not be permitted. Registration for training sessions will close one (1) business day prior to the training session. Visit (www.syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/) to register for a training session.

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

TBD

****CAN YOU HELP OUR PANTRY??****

Catherine's Cupboard needs; Pork & Beans, Mustard, and Blue City of Binghamton Trash Bags (medium size only). Items can be left in barrel in church foyer or dropped off at Pantry during week. Certain items, such as these we are unable to get from Food Bank and are costly when we buy cases. Thank you.



Creation Care Team/Donations

In 2022, St. Francis of Assisi parish members formed a Creation Care committee in response to Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si. Since that time the committee has initiated many projects, large and small, that could engage parish members (as well as local community members) of all ages to understand and respond locally to the impact of global warming on our shared earth. Projects include: planting trees at Port Dick park, creating a composting and garden project, engaging in a clean energy audit of the St. Francis church and parish center, bottle drives, seed blessing, bicycle rack installation, and engagement of the Faith Formation students to focus on the environment.

To make a donation please go to this site:

www.cathcap.org

select: Contribute —> Support a Group

select: St. Francis of Assisi - Binghamton, NY

This link helps you calculate your carbon impact by:
Flight, Driving, Total Co2 or Cash Donations.

CathCAP (Catholic Climate Action Projects) is a program inspired by Pope Francis. It is a carbon offset platform that allows people to offset some of their carbon emissions from travel and pool their community's donations to fund a local or global ecological project. The Cath Cap website is also a wonderful source of information on how we can all find ways to better care for the environment. Please check it out!

For information or questions, please ask...

Kay Corcoran: edwardcorcoran719@yahoo.com
or

Anne Wolanski: annewolanski@gmail.com

Catherine's Cupboard: WE NEED HELP!

We have been very busy over the past few months. Reality is hitting us with increase of families (65 families were served June 6th) due to higher cost of living/food prices, cuts in SNAP/food stamps etc. We are just able to get enough food in freezers (3) and refrigerators (2) to serve 1 day of service. Our shelves are emptied as fast as we fill them now. We are not sure what the solution is but in July we will be expanding our hours by 30 minutes in hopes that we can get more served in less time. This way, the wait in parking lot will be less than a hour. We sincerely want to thank everyone who supports the pantry including the Church of Nazarene and Ogden Methodist as every dollar donated is used to provide a better healthy life for others. Keep in mind this summer if you're having a party and have left over rolls, soda, etc. we will accept them. Personal care items are always necessary. Volunteers are always needed (if you're a student, get your service hours) Tuesday nights 5-8PM call (607)725-7645 for more information.

Job Opportunity: Administrative Assistant at St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Job Description:

- Answer phone and be a friendly presence in the office
- Check email and phone messages
- Process inbound mail; give bills to church Treasurer
- Send out mailings (emails and US Mail)
- Make appointments
- Prepare bulletins and monthly newsletter on MailChimp
- Update the bulletin board in lobby and church directory
- Organize annual pledge donations
- Basic computer skills
- Other tasks as assigned by rector or warden(s)

10-12hrs./wk, \$15/hr., 10AM-12:30PM, Mon.-Friday
Contact St. Mark's at 607-648-440 for more information

Annual Knights of Columbus 11403 Tom Mangan Golf Tournament

Sunday, July 30th

Genegantslet Golf Club

1:00 pm shotgun start

Captain & Crew format.
All are welcome.

Cost: \$80/player, \$320/team
Dinner Only: \$30/person

All the list of your team as well as checks payable to
"KofC 11403" and may be mailed or delivered to:

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center
1031 Chenango Street,
Binghamton, NY 13901

Any questions please contact:
Larry Koch @ 607-237-1300 or
Marge Mangan @ 607-725-2368



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

July 8th & 9th, 2023

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Thalia Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Maria Kirk
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Judy Daniels
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Kurt Mohny
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Kelly Mohny
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	John Artman
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Brenda Artman
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Kay & Ed Corcoran
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Anne Wolanski
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Catherine Shafer
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Kerri Hamilton
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Scott Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Donna Igler

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

CHILDREN'S LITURGY WILL BE **ONLINE**
ONLY UNTIL FALL

WATCH MRS. BLABAC WEEKLY ONLINE
www.youtube.com/@stfrancisbing

VIRTUAL LITURGIES

Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org
to watch our latest Children's Liturgy videos.

We will continue to post new videos by
4:00PM on Saturdays.

Also find the videos on our
Facebook (search "@stfrancisbing")
YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)
<https://www.youtube.com/@stfrancisbing>

**You can still view children's liturgy
virtually!**

Question of the Week

Question for Children: How can
you live as a follower of Jesus?

Question for Youth: What does
Jesus demand of his followers?

Question for Adults: What does this
Gospel teach you about the cost of
discipleship and how does it relate to
your experience so far?

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Rev. Timothy J. Taugher, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Room for God

"Make room therefore for Christ, and refuse entrance to all others. When you have Christ, you are rich and have need of (nothing) else."
Thomas À Kempis

Give love

One way to give thanks to God for all the gifts He has bestowed on you is to work for the poor and vulnerable. Sharing your gifts with those less fortunate is how God intends you to use what He gives you. *"Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more"* (Luke 12:48).

Say, "Amen!"

The proper form when receiving Communion is to reply "Amen" when the Eucharistic minister raises the Host or Chalice and pronounces it, "The Body (or Blood) of Christ." By responding this way, you openly state your belief in the presence of Christ in the Eucharistic bread and wine, as well as in His Body, the Church.



Respond to the gift of the Holy Spirit

God loves us so much, He gives us what He values most – His only Son (John 3:16) and His Holy Spirit in Baptism (Romans 5:5) so we can have access to God's divine life and love. The Holy Spirit's presence with the entire Church throughout the centuries is as a comfort, consolation, leader and guide. To accept this gift, we can ...

Listen for Him: Spending time with Scripture can help tune our hearts to hear the *"still small voice"* (1 Kings 19:12) of the Holy Spirit. The better we are attuned to God's voice, the more likely we'll hear Him amidst the noise of the world.

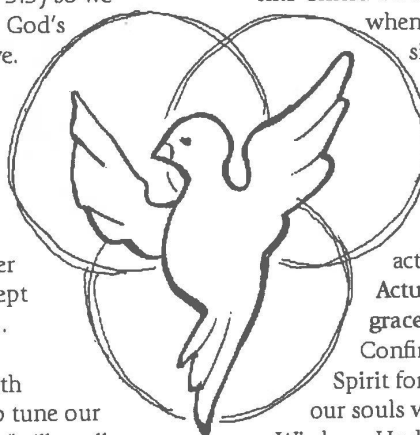
Consult Him: Jesus promised to send

the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, to lead His disciples to truth (John 14:6). He helps us to see, evaluate, and choose like Christ. Call on the Holy Spirit when you're facing a difficult situation or decision.

Take refuge in Him: Every day, entrust yourself to the Holy Spirit and dedicate your day to His service. Let Him guide your actions.

Actualize Confirmation

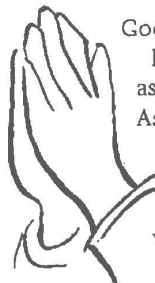
graces: Upon our Confirmation, the Holy Spirit fortified and empowered our souls with His seven Gifts: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2). When we rely on the Holy Spirit, we can overcome temptations to fear, distrust, and selfishness with His powerful gifts.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

The custom of folding our hands comes from ninth century Europe where folded hands symbolized obedience by those subordinate to the lord or king. This gesture was also used by priests to show respect to bishops. The faithful adopted it to signify obedience to

Why do Catholics fold their hands when they pray?



God's will.

In some cultures today, such as India and other parts of Asia, clasped hands are also a sign of reverence. In fact, Mother Teresa was often photographed greeting people with this gesture.

Use the Bible well

There's a saying, "Bibles that are falling apart usually belong to people who aren't." The Church wants us to read the Bible daily because it contains everything we need to know to live a full, Christian life. Try these ideas to use your Bible well.

Choose the right version. We hear the New American Bible during Mass but any of the approved Catholic translations will do. Most important is having a modern edition that you can understand. If you need advice, ask your pastor or priest.

Use the aids. The Bible contains customs and terms that are foreign to us. Read the introductions and footnotes for helpful explanations.

Focus on passages. The Bible will make more sense if you read the sections that are grouped together rather than sentence by sentence.

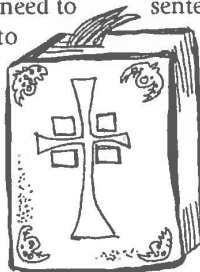
Mark it up. Underline passages and make notes in the margins as you read to make your book more useful.

Read aloud. The Bible began as an oral tradition. Hearing the passages may help them become clearer than just reading them.

Read slowly. Let the words sink in.

Place yourself in the scene. What would you do? How would you react?

Put it to use. What you read in the Bible will help you find strength to meet the challenges of life. Don't just read it. Live it.



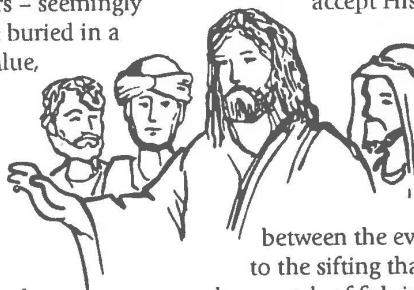
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Matthew 13:44-52, The only thing worth everything

Jesus used the parables in this Gospel passage to emphasize the life-changing value of the Kingdom. In the first parable, a man discovers – seemingly by accident – a treasure buried in a field. Recognizing its value, he sells everything he has to buy the field. In the second story, a merchant finds a valuable pearl after diligent searching. He also sells everything to possess the precious pearl.

By these parables, Jesus taught that being part of God's Kingdom – accepting His love for us and loving others as He loves – is the only way

to live that will completely fulfill our hearts. God's unconditional love is worth everything we have. If we accept His invitation (He forces no one), our lives may change as our hearts change. Finally, Jesus compared the separation between the evil and righteous to the sifting that happens when a large catch of fish is brought ashore. When we put our whole life in service to God's love, then the individual pieces fall into place around that love, and anything contrary to it falls away.



Feasts & Celebrations

July 16 – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (1251). The Blessed Mother appeared to St. Simon Stock in England, carrying the brown scapular, a sign of her favor of the Carmelite Order, and promised whoever wore the scapular until death would avoid the fires of hell.

July 23 – St. Bridget of Sweden (1373). Born in Uppland, Sweden to nobility, she was a wife, mother, reformer, and mystic. She is known for founding the Order of the Most Holy Savior, which was approved in 1370.

July 25 – St. James the Apostle (1st

Century). When Jesus called St. James and his brother, St. John, to become apostles, they promptly left their father in a fishing boat. He was one of the three apostles to witness Jesus' Transfiguration.

July 29 – Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus (1st Century). These holy siblings often hosted Jesus at their house in Bethany. Although Martha was corrected for being anxious about many things, Jesus rewarded her tremendous faith by raising Lazarus from the dead.



Q & A Is there a special prayer I can pray for healing of a serious illness?

Jesus knew that sickness can bring misery and isolation, and He dedicated much of his ministry to healing every kind of illness – physical or spiritual. He wanted us to see in His healing ministry God's saving power and concern for His children.

The Church continues Jesus' concern for the sick in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It is administered by a priest to a baptized person who may be in danger of death because of illness or old age, through prayer and the anointing of the body with special oil. The effects of the sacrament include a special grace of healing and comfort, and the forgiving of the person's sins.

Anyone baptized Catholic, regardless of age, can receive the sacrament if his or her health is seriously impaired. It can also be administered before surgery and can be received more than once if the original illness gets worse or if another serious sickness is diagnosed. Please see your pastor or parish priest to receive this important Sacrament.

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