

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.

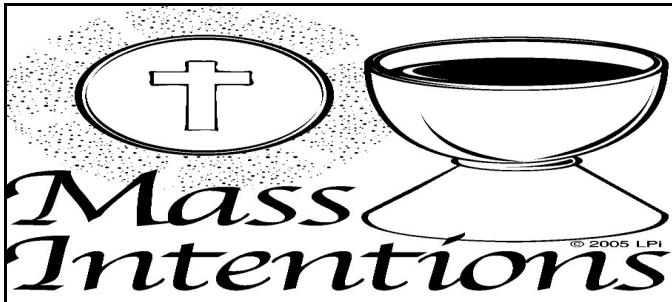
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**Saturday, July 4, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Antonio DeLuca by Family

Sunday, July 5, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Celia Worden by Debbie & Vincent Ferraro

11:00 a.m. 1st Anniv. Mary Lou Ekstrom by Family**Monday, July 6**12:00 p.m. 20th Anniv. Brooks Carpenter by Family**Tuesday, July 7**

8:00 a.m. Louise Evans by John Allen

Wednesday, July 8

12:00 p.m. Rose Serafini by Jim & Rose O'Neil

Thursday, July 98:00 a.m. 27th Anniv. Matt Donovan by Mom, Dad & Family**Friday, July 10****NO MASS****Saturday, July 11, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Michael Angelo Paraninfo by Gail & Paul Paraninfo

Sunday, July 12, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Rose Serafini by St. Francis Ladies Auxiliary

11:00 a.m. Kathie Rdozski 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 (06-28-20)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$2,748.00
Loose Collection.....	\$175.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,932.00
Total Collection.....	\$4,855.00

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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THIS WEEK!**

"EarthKeepers", our Vacation Bible School (VBS) based on Laudato Si will be uploaded online throughout the week from July 6th—10th. Just like other years VBS will have an opening and closing, music, skits, Bible Story, snacks and crafts. There will be ideas for fun activities as well. EarthKeepers is a 5 session VBS that can be enjoyed over the first week, binged after the first week, or even over a 5 week period. It will be online through Saturday, August 29th. Each session of VBS video is approximately 35-45 minutes long but would take about 60-75 minutes to complete (but that really depends on how involved your snack, craft and game time takes).

Parents, for a list of items to have around for craft and snack as well as helpful information visit our Vacation Bible School page www.stfrancisbing.org/vacationbibleschool.

We hope you enjoy EarthKeepers.

A very heartfelt thank you to all who made Earth keepers a success, Ede Blabac, Melissa, Brendan and Logan Kliment, Cindy, Lauren and Kathryn White, Rylie Miller, James, Sarah and Mary Bush, Sue Ekstrom, Maria Kirk, and Fr. Tim for his ongoing support.

WELCOME TO FR. JOSEPH MARINA, S.J.

You will be noticing a new face on our videotaped liturgies, at mass on the weekend, and around the parish campus. Fr. Joe Marina is a Jesuit priest serving on the faculty and staff of LeMoyne College. He will be here from **July 5th—24th** covering the parish for us while I am away. It is great to have him, and I am sure you will make him feel welcome and at home!

— *Fr. Tim*

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, Gerard Grace and Tim Ward.



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 re-commit 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 racism. 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.
Amen.*



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Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse

*God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by the blood of his cross.
Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.
Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters
who have been gravely harmed,
and the cries of those who love them.
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,
steady their shaken spirits with faith.
Grant them justice for their cause,
enlightened by your truth.
Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform brokenness into wholeness.
Grant us the courage and wisdom,
humility and grace, to act with justice.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.
Grant that all harmed by abuse
may find peace in justice.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.*

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

Please follow these instructions, it may be difficult to do so at times, but we really want to keep everyone as safe and healthy as we can!

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of July 5th — **CLOSED** Independence Day

Week of July 12th — George & Pat Clark

Shelving (Mondays)

July 6th — **CLOSED**

July 13th — Alex Hayes & Carol

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.travelillume.com/trc/zhm> or call Fr. Michael at 607-748-7417.



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 an 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**
July 11th & 12th, 2020

4:00 P.M. Mass

Designation ONLY

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Question of the Week

Question for Children: When you are generous, honest, and loving, how do you know it is Jesus who helps you do that?

Question for Youth: Jesus invites us to bring him our burdens and promises us that he will give us rest. How do you rely on Jesus during times of trouble? When has Jesus helped you?

Question for Adults: As you go about your daily life, dying in love for others, how do you experience Christ giving you consolation and peace?

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