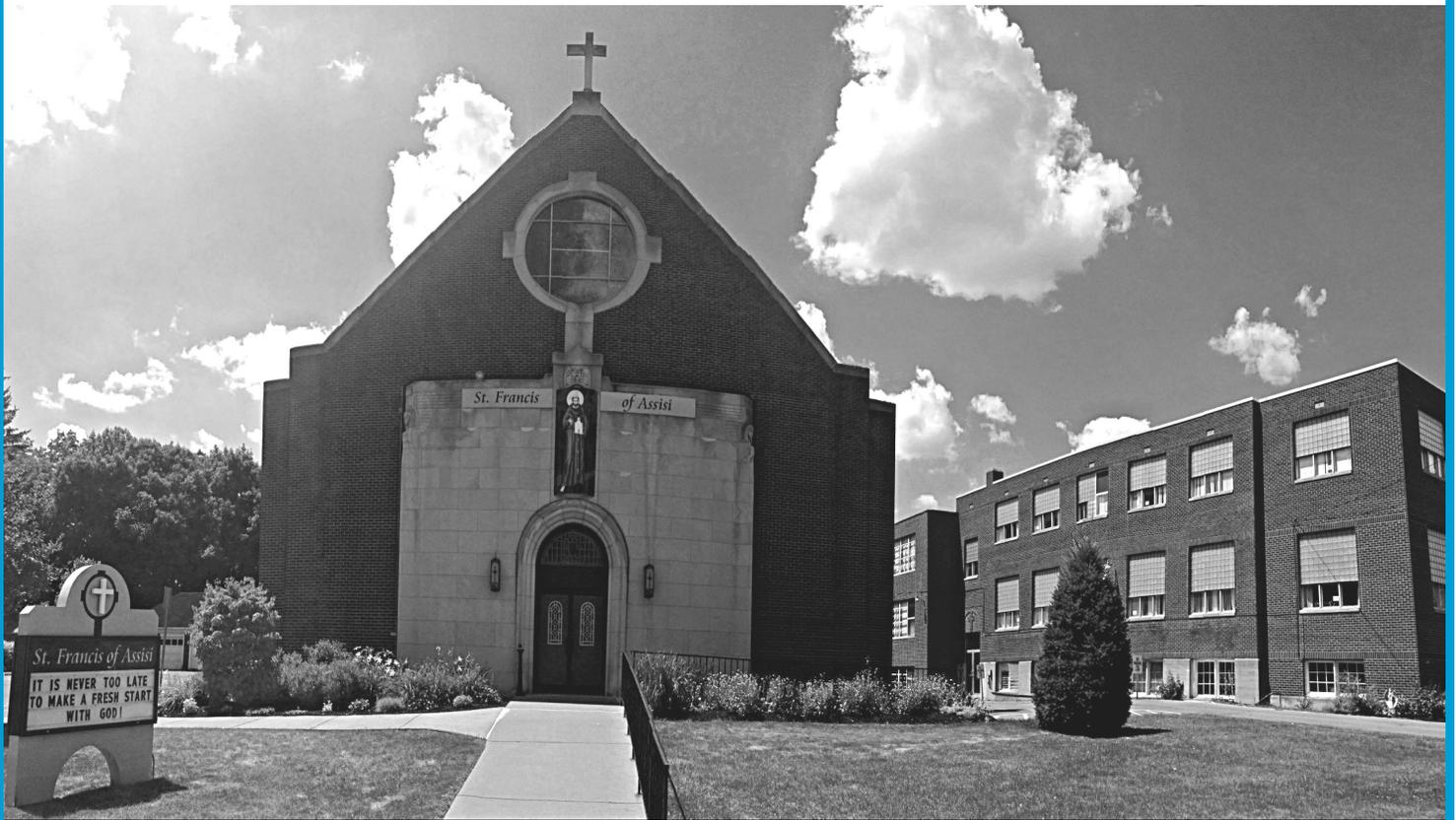


July 16, 2017

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



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

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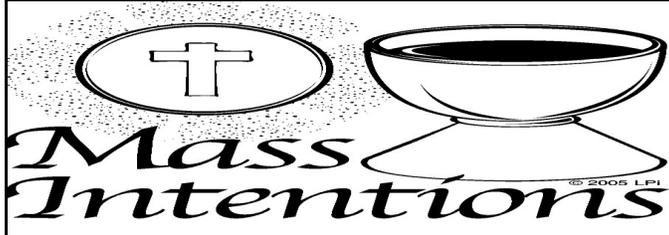
## **Mass Schedule**

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, July 15, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00p.m. Ken Munney by Bill Ryan & Kathy Stoehr

**Sunday, July 16, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00a.m. Mary Stone by Laura & David Evans  
 11:00a.m. 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv. Jim & Rose O'Neil by Family

**Monday, July 17**  
 8:00a.m. Jean Cawley by Peg & John Munson

**Tuesday, July 18**  
 8:00a.m. Joseph Montone by John & Linda Nolan

**Wednesday, July 19**  
 8:00a.m. Dave Warne by St. Francis Ladies Auxiliary

**Thursday, July 20**  
 8:00a.m. Ed Farthing by Family

**Friday, July 21**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, July 22, Vigil of Sunday**  
 1:00p.m. Wedding – Victoria Testani & Jon-Michael Shea  
 4:00p.m. John Duffy by Loretta Personius

**Sunday, July 23, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a. m. Lloyd Woodruff by Suzanne & Don Carr  
 11:00 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.

**Prayers . . .**

Please remember all of our parishioners who are in hospitals and nursing homes and our home-bound. Also, please pray for our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

**Weekend's Offering (07-09-17)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,946.56
Loose Collection.....	\$277.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,223.56

*We are 8 weeks into this year's Hope Appeal*

**Petition Against Natural Gas Transfer Station**

St. Francis has joined a group of interested citizens in an Article 78 Petition against the Town of Fenton Planning Board and NG Advantage LLC. This petition is a request to the NYS Supreme Court to annul the Planning Board's approval of the natural gas transfer station on the West Service Road.

Pope Francis' encyclical letter, **On Care for Our Common Home *Laudato Si'*** is a message to the world community on the importance of caring for our mother earth. In his letter he states, "A consensus should always be reached between different stakeholders, who can offer a variety of approaches, solutions and alternatives." This statement from Pope Francis summarizes the position taken by the parish in this action. Our intent is not to stand in the way of progress, if, after appropriate discussion between the different stakeholders, it is determined that the transfer station is a safe and useful project, then parish would be in support of moving forward with the discussion.

In summary, the Pope also emphasizes the importance of the local population, stating, "The local population should have a special place at the table." It is our hope that productive discussion will occur and we can all arrive at a conclusion that is best for all interested parties.

**Vacation Bible School Update**

¡Hola! ¡Peru! Our 2017 VBS created a cultural awareness of the world's people and it's environment. We learned that God gives us Comfort, Gracias! God gives us Patience, Gracias! God gives us Peace, Gracias! God gives us Love, Gracias! and God gives us, Joy! Gracias! This year our offering went to Operation Kid to Kid--for fresh water in Peru villages, VBS raised \$1021.17! Gracias! Participants for the neighborhood averaged 80 (28 from SFA) kids /night with 45 (12 from SFA) Adult Volunteers. Thanks to everyone who gave their time, talent, and food contributions to make our VBS the best! See you next year!

**JIMAY'S FLEA MARKET FUNDRAISER**

**\*CORRECTION\***

We have been given a free spot at JIMAY'S Flea Market on **August 13th** in Conklin, NY. We have some items to sell but can always use a lot MORE! **NO CLOTHING PLEASE!** Do you have items you've never gotten around to selling or donating? Clean out your cupboards, shed, garage etc. and see what we can sell that YOU can live without. **Drop off your items at the parish center before Friday, August 10th** or call for pickup at 723-2350. If you would like to help at the flea market just give us a call or show up.

**NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY**

will meet at St. Patrick's Chapel on Saturday July 15th  
at 7:00p.m to 8:00p.m.

**ALL MEMBERS AT THE SAME HOUR**

**Annual School Supplies Collection**

It's that time of year...summer is here and it's time to think about the kids going back to school.

The following items are needed to give students a fresh start in their classes:

**Backpacks, paper, notebooks (bound or spiral, 1, 3 or 5 subjects & also small ones for assignments), pens, pencils (colored and plain), binders, rulers, safety scissors, markers, crayons and highlighters, pencil bags, book covers, glue sticks, erasers and index cards.**

**NO LUNCH BOXES** are needed.

If you are able to help donate any of these items, we will be forever grateful. Seeing the child's face tells us we are making a difference. **Supplies are given out on Tuesday, August 29th** and any surplus will be shared with various area schools where it's needed. We appreciate your generosity to help children while they prepare to go back to school.

**THANK YOU !**

Items can be left at the Parish Center or  
In barrels at church.

**Good News! Good News!**

We have some good news for the parish and for the community. St. Francis has entered into an agreement with Hillside Children's Center to lease our vacant school building. The lease is beginning this week, and renovations to the school building will begin very shortly.

Hillside Children's Center, an affiliate of the Hillside Families of Agencies, is one of the oldest family and youth non-profit human services organizations in Western and Central New York. The agency started as Rochester Female Association for the Relief of Orphans and Destitute Children in 1837. In their first year 46 children were served. Headquartered in Rochester, the organization works with youth and families facing a wide range of behavioral and emotional challenges. Hillside Family of Agencies employs more than 2,200 staff, working out of multiple sites in New York, Maryland and Washington D.C.

Over the next 18 months, Hillside will be seeking state approval to operate a school on our site. Hillside has said that they will be educating nearly 50 students once the school is open. There are 96 Hillside facilities in upstate New York, serving over 12,000. It will be a really positive step to make use of the school again.

**Scriptures: Possibilities of God's Gifts**

Today's readings remind us of the possibilities that can happen as God's gifts are used well. Abundance and fruitfulness are possible. Good things are possible. We can work together toward the common good. We can work together toward ending hunger and injustice.

Isaiah says that the rain and snow will not return to God until they have watered the earth and made it fertile and fruitful. The parable of Jesus affirms that a 30 or 60 or 100 fold increase is possible. To use the image of the second reading, there is a purpose to the groaning and struggling of life. It all leads to something good.

We live in a world that has abundant resources. The world can provide food and shelter for everyone. However, some people are very rich and some are very poor. Some people share in the abundance and some people have almost nothing. Some people live on a dollar a day and some people have millions of dollars to spend. Some people eat very well and some have trouble eating once a day. Some people have electricity and some have none. Some people have two or more homes. Some people are homeless. Some live in a way that cares and respects our planet and its environment and some abuse and overuse our natural resources.

In a world of great possibilities, a just distribution of God's gifts is the challenge. God invites us to a responsible sharing of the abundance and a renewal of structures that will give everyone a just opportunity to share in the riches of the world. We can share the abundance or we can hoard the abundance. We have a choice.

In the gospel parable today the image of the sower is that of one who generously, almost recklessly scatters seeds everywhere. Grace is abundant. The goodness of God is abundant. God's word is abundant. The possibilities for the world and its people are numerous and wonderful. The challenge is to share this abundance responsibly and lovingly. Some close their eyes or ears or hearts and do not respond to the word. Choked by wealth and anxiety, we can close ourselves to the reality of the poor and marginalized of our world. Shocked by the structures and institutions of our world, we can feel paralyzed. The word today reminds us that something more is possible.

**Fact:**

*"The world has long produced enough calories, around 2,700 per day per human, more than enough to meet the United Nations projection of a population of nine billion in 2050, up from the current seven billion. There are hungry people not because food is lacking, but because not all of those calories go to feed humans (a third go to feed animals, nearly 5 percent are used to produce biofuels, and as much as a third is wasted, all along the food chain)." (NYT, Mark Bittman, October 14 2013)*

## **Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule**

### **Transportation**

Week of July 16th — Karen Dotson

Week of July 23rd — Michelle Warne

### **Shelving (Mondays)**

July 17th — C. Woodruff & M. Ryder

July 24th — E. & K. Corcoran

### **Distribution**

July 18th — D. Kellett Team #2

August 8th — M. Walsh, M. Turna, M. Quinn, J. Wyatt, A. & S. Faughnan

### **\*\*PANTRY NEEDS HELP\*\***

**Tuesday July 18th (10:00a.m.—Noon)**

Please, come and help the pantry restock our shelves! The truck will be arriving the morning of July 18th with **thousands of pounds** of food to restock our shelves with all NEW food.

Being closed due to the 4th of July we cleaned out our pantry and are now starting fresh and could use help.

Please come and volunteer only 2 hours of your time and efforts to helping us restock.

### **Cameron Drumm, Eagle Scout Project**

Cameron Drumm is a young member of our parish. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 152 and is working towards becoming an Eagle Scout. **Cameron is working to replace the four, weathered, concrete benches that sit outside the left side of our church. If you would like to write a check, send cash, or sponsor a bench in honor of someone, please call or text Cameron at 607-644-5059 (if he does not answer right away, he will give you a call back) or email him at [cameron.drumm@cforks.org](mailto:cameron.drumm@cforks.org).**

## **Knights of Columbus 11403**

### **Annual Tom Mangan Memorial Golf Tournament**

**Sunday, July 30th**

Shotgun start at 1:00 PM

**Genegantset Golf Course**  
Greene, NY



Captain and crew format

**\$70/player includes:**  
**golf, cart, beverages, banquet, and prizes**

**Dinner only \$25/person**

Your payment at the Parish Center confirms your reservation

**Please, make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus"**

For more information call Larry Koch at 237-1300

## **Bans of Marriage**

Congratulations and best wishes to Victoria Testani and Jon-Michael Shea who will be married soon. May God bless them and their marriage.

## **Bans of Marriage**

Congratulations and best wishes to Lyndsay Church and Nicholas LoPiccolo who will be married soon. May God bless them and their marriage.



## **SAVE THE DATE**

Parish Picnic

**August 27th**

**Noon—3:00PM**

Port Dickinson Park



## **St. Francis of Assisi Co-ed Half Day**

### **Basketball Camp**

The St. Francis of Assisi Co-ed Basketball Camp is scheduled for **August 14th—18th from 9:00a.m. to 12:30p.m. in the school gym.** The camp is open to all boys and girls entering **grades 1—5.** Each camper will receive a camp t-shirt, along with instructions on the fundamentals of basketball. Jim Norris will be our guest speaker. Cost for the session is \$40.00. For more information or to register, please call Delores at the Parish Center at 722-4388.

## **Save the Dates!**

### **"Awaken Our Hearts"**

Go Into the World Mission

**September 30 – October 4, 2017**

Sponsored by the Churches of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Mary of the Assumption, and Church of St. Paul

"From Baptism to table, from table to world:  
we are called, anointed, fed and sent  
as presence of the loving God."

Fellowship!

Mission!

Music!



*For more information  
contact your Parish  
office or watch the  
bulletin for details!*

## **Rummage Sale**

Turn your unwanted or gently used items into charity and good deeds. The Binghamton El Charcon Sister City Project is looking for items for their annual garage sale. The money goes to help our sister community in El Salvador.

They will even come to you to pick them up! Please gather your items ( no shoes or clothes, please) and call Suzanne at 798-0787 or Beth at 785-0869. They will be collecting items from **now until September 1st**, so you have plenty of time to gather and donate.

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

**July 22nd & 23rd, 2017**

**4:00 P.M. Mass**

Lector Barb Brozovic  
EM Host Dom Lomonaco  
EM Host Larry Koch  
EM Host Bob Grace  
EM Cup Bea Grace  
EM Cup Jan Pandich  
EM Cup Joan Storer  
EM Cup Peggy Munson  
Altar Server Dominic Lomonaco  
Altar Server Logan Lomonaco  
Altar Server \_\_\_\_\_

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

Lector Shirley McCray  
EM Host Lou Angelo  
EM Host Nancy Oliver  
EM Host Marie Iobst  
EM Cup Mary Ellen Vaverchak  
EM Cup Tim Vaverchak  
EM Cup Joanne Horoschak  
EM Cup Suzanne Tierno  
Altar Server Andrew Rice  
Altar Server Jonah Rice  
Altar Server Juliana Rice

**11:00 A.M. Mass**

Lector Barb Novitsky  
EM Host Sue Jones  
EM Host Dave Bollinger  
EM Host Joseph Frissora  
EM Cup Steve Guth  
EM Cup Anne Wolanski  
EM Cup David Hanzes  
EM Cup Kerri Hamilton  
Altar Server Jessica Wojnar  
Altar Server John Michael Frissora  
Altar Server \_\_\_\_\_

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Who helps you to grow deeper in your faith?

**Question for Youth:** When the sower, in this week's Gospel, sowed his seed, not all of it fell in "good soil." What can you do in the coming week to make sure that you are open to God in your life? What is getting in the way of your being "good soil?"

**Question for Adults:** Using the parable of Jesus in this reading, describe how faith has been planted in your life? How long did it take for that seed to land "on good soil?"

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