

July 16, 2023

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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Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday:
7:30 am to 4:30 pm
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Saturday, July 15, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Foran Family by Kathy & Glen Tait

Sunday, July 16, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Monday, July 17

NO MASS

Tuesday, July 18

NO MASS

Wednesday, July 19

NO MASS

Thursday, July 20

NO MASS

Friday, July 21

NO MASS

Saturday, July 22, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Ronald Antonyak by Helene Corrigan

Sunday, July 23, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Catherine's Cupboard

CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD has been serving our community for the past 20+ years, it's **open the 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month from 5 till 7 (or until all are served)**. We serve anyone who comes, asking only for ID, if they have any. As members of SOUTHERN TIER FOOD BANK, we purchase at wholesale (or less), providing **basic dry or canned goods, fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy, and frozen meats**. We try to provide **5 days of meals** and include **personal care items** also. We operate on **100% donations or grants**. Our location at the parish center means we have most overhead costs covered. However, we serve over 1200 people, requiring a budget of close to \$50,000 a year. PLEASE tell anyone you know who is feeling food insecure to stop in. **If you would like to donate food items, they can be left at parish center or food barrel in church foyer. Monetary donations can be mailed to our parish office or via the online giving tab at stfrancisbing.org**

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!



FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

6:30pm - 8:00pm

at Our Lady of Good Counsel

Evening of Praise & Worship with
Jeremy Bobak & the THRIVE Band
Special Eucharistic Revival Message

Food, Fun, & Fellowship
on the patio to follow,
all ages are welcome!

Tori Reynolds
Evangelization Coordinator
treynolds@syrdio.org

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time: **Justice Challenge**

Saint Camillus de Lellis, whom we honor on July 18th, is one of the patron saints of those who are sick. He himself was afflicted with illness, yet he reached out to care for those who were suffering—in hospitals, on plague-ridden ships, even on battlefields with injured military troops. He risked his own life to relieve the pain of others. Your challenge this week is to reach out to someone who is suffering—from physical pain, from depression or sadness, from alienation or bullying.

Can you be the gentle hands and compassionate heart of Jesus for him or her? Who is it in your family, neighborhood or community who needs a healing touch?

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time: **Creation Care Tip**

"Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." —Matthew 13:8

Jesus uses an analogy of how God's kingdom grows through a multiplier effect. Take an action that will help you care for creation over and over. For example, get a re-usable water bottle and commit to taking it with you wherever you go so that you can avoid buying a disposable cup or bottled water. It takes roughly 17 million barrels of oil to make plastic water bottles every year, and approximately 1.5 million tons of plastic are expended in the bottling of water each year.

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.



Lectionary Reflection

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 and we can do something.

What to Do With Leftover Food?

Families always make sure there is enough food at parties, and at the end as cleanup occurs, the question of what to do with all of this food? I hate to see good food wasted— so there is a solution— give Barb Donnelly a call and she can use your leftovers for those she and her team serve at Saints Patrick's and Cyrils. There are more graduation parties and other social gatherings so please share your table of good food with those whose tables are empty. Barb Donnelly's contact is, 607-349-0724 if you would like to work out arrangements with her. Also, If you accidentally bought too many unopened non-perishable items such as chips, dry pasta, condiments, canned goods, etc. you can leave them at our food pantry Catherine's Cupboard Mon.-Thurs. at the Parish Center.

Bans of Marriage

Congratulations and Best Wishes to **Katelyn Church and Ethan Stocum** who will be married soon. May God bless them and their marriage.

Church of Holy Trinity: Devotions St. Ann

The Church of the Holy Trinity is once again offering their annual devotions to St. Ann, July 24, 25, 26. The schedule is as follows: July 24: 7pm - Vespers . July 25: 7PM - Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Holy Eucharist, July 26: 7pm - Solemn Mass of St. Ann, followed by a reception in our hall. They will pray the Angelus to begin each evening and veneration of the relic of St. Ann will take place at the end. For more information, please call the Church of the Holy Trinity parish office at 724-1372. The church is both handicapped accessible and air-conditioned.

Exploring Grief Through One's Own Experience

The purpose of this workshop is to better understand one's own grief experiences, exploring ways of coping with the pain associated with grief, understanding stigmas and myths around grief and how loss impacts our body, mind, and spirit.

There will be time for creative expression around thoughts and feelings associated with loss and experience a relaxation/guided meditation that can be used to help cope with overwhelming thoughts and feelings. Time will allow for an opportunity to give honor to the ones who have died through a closing ritual.

Mary Jean Tucci, MS. Ed, MDiv has been working in the field of grief work for the past 22 years through hospice bereavements counseling and pastoral care. She is also a Certified Life Coach.

Place: The Spiritual Center Windsor, NY

Date: August 12th

Time: 9AM - 4 PM

Price: \$75 includes lunch

Contact: Sister Elizabeth (607) 655-2264

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

July 18th: K. Dotson, R. Rounds, and N. & D. Oliver

****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: ***WHY BLUE TRASH BAGS??***

For the past couple weeks we have asked for three specific items, including City of Binghamton Trash bags to help support our pantry. The beans and mustard are coming in great, THANK YOU! SIX trash bags have come in which is not nearly enough. The City of Binghamton has a law that all residents must use SPECIFIC BLUE bags if they do not have a private trash collector. These cannot be purchased with food stamps, and cost \$5.20 for 5 medium bags. If a family is on limited funds and must decide between trash bags or other necessities what would you pick? We at St. Francis of Assisi feel that offering trash bags to pantry visitors will help keep our city clean from litter and also allows the family the dignity to live in a clean home. If you are looking for them, ask the cashier or service desk for them, as they are no longer left on shelves. WE buy by the case with no discounts and have limited it now to 5 bags per eligible family each month to cut cost. In serving 50-60 families each time we are open, the pantry tries to strive to meet their needs and also follow our mission to be welcoming and accepting to all. This past week we were notified that the McDevitt grant awarded us \$3846.15 which is wonderful, but it can only be used for FOOD. Southern Tier Food Bank has also announced our Federal & State grants have approved \$6882, which also must only be used for FOOD. Your monetary donations go directly to the pantry and allows us to purchase non food items needed to help our many families in need. THANK YOU AGAIN for your support.



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.

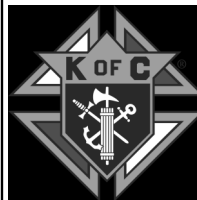
Cost: \$80/player, \$320/team

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 22nd & 23rd, 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	Frederick Allabaugh
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Nancy Oliver
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Anne Smilnak
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Jan Pandich
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Kurt Mohny
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Kelly Mohny
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Cadhla Hamilton
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Mary Bush
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Marie Iobst
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Shirley McCray
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Catherine Shafer
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Mary DeNinis
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Suzanne Carr

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

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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>

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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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