

July 17, 2022

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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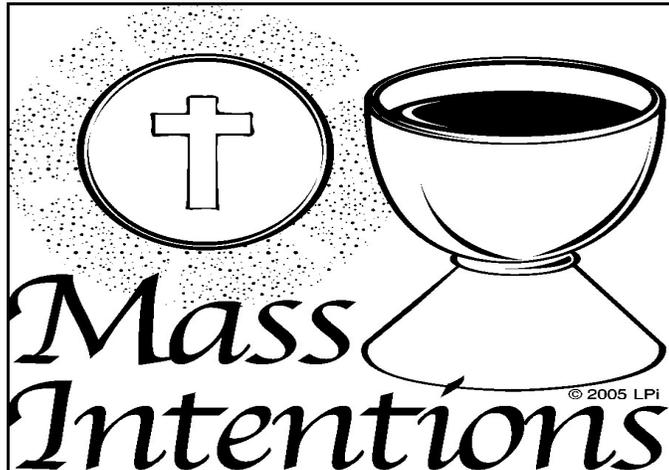
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Please go online to stfrancisbing.org to view our latest weekend reflection. We will be posting new videos by 4:00PM on Saturdays.

Also find the videos on our Facebook (search “@stfrancisbing”) Twitter (search “@stfrancisbing”) YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)



Saturday, July 16, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Melinda Petak by the McDonough Family

Sunday, July 17, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10:30 a.m. Celia Vaccaro by the Guinane Family

Monday, July 18
 NO MASS

Tuesday, July 19
 NO MASS

Wednesday, July 20
 NO MASS

Thursday, July 21
 NO MASS

Friday, July 22
 NO MASS

Saturday, July 23, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Maude Houlihan by Family

Sunday, July 24, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10:30 a.m. 60th Wedding Anniversary Jack & Nancy Ramsay

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 (07-10-22)

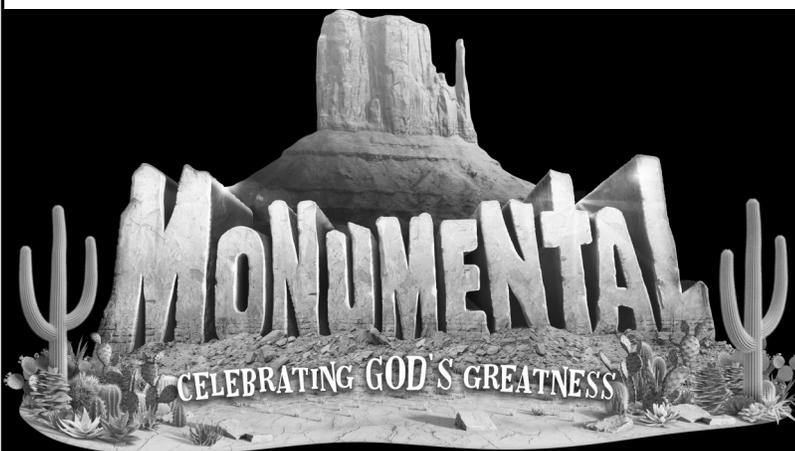
Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,667.00
Loose Collection.....	\$146.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$2,407.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,220.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

Monumental, an in-person VBS will be held this year at St. Francis of Assisi in our newly renovated Parish Hall, **August 15th—19th, 6:00—8:30PM**. Please watch for more information and links to the online registration coming in the next couple weeks. We hope to see you and your children at **Monumental**, where is **God is Awesome!**



Summer Reading and Fall Book Club

Summer has become a time during these somewhat leisure months to do reading that we wish we had time for, or to read books that are recommended for seasonal enrichment. I would like to recommend the book by Fr. Daniel Horan, O.F.M., *A White Catholic's Guide to Racism and Privilege*. I thought these summer weeks could be a good time to start reading this book, and would be used in our Fall Book Club. Fr. Horan invited fellow white Catholics to become actively anti-racist and better allies to people of color as we work for racial justice in our culture and in the church. He offers us the hope and surety of the Gospel, the wisdom of our Catholic tradition, and practical ways to educate ourselves and advocate for justice.

Fr. Matthew O'Donnell, Pastor of St. Columbanus Catholic Church, says, "Every Catholic needs this book and every parish should consider a small—group study of it."

So let's make this happen! Please call the parish office (607-722-4388) to begin your summer reading!

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.

Reflection: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord appeared to Abraham and Sarah in the visit of three people to whom they showed hospitality. A year later they have a child. The Lord appeared in a village in Palestine and Martha and Mary experience the loving, welcoming spirit of God in a new way. In the words from Colossians, in both examples, a great mystery is revealed: "it is Christ in you, the hope for glory." We human beings are not machines to produce and consume. We are not individuals who have to make it by ourselves. We encounter God and life and love in relationship, in hospitality, in the wisdom of God, in a spirit of trust and hope. That seems to be the message of the scripture today. The gospel today speaks to those in our society who have fallen into the trap of overwork or to those who consider the only value to be the maximum production of some product or service. The gospel seems to be addressed to those who have placed work before relationship – to those who have placed things before people. The stress we encounter in our culture and the demands that we encounter in our lives have limited our ability to be hospitable—to take time for people—to put into practice the ideals that are modeled by the hospitality of Sarah and Abraham and by the hospitality of Mary in the gospel. The stress and busyness of our lives can prevent us from living in a contemplative way—a contemplative way toward God and a respectful, contemplative way toward our neighbor and our world. We can make the mistake of focusing on consumption and possessions. We can lose sight of the call to be sisters and brothers to one another and especially to welcome those who need hospitality—refugees, the sick, the homeless, the poor, the lonely, etc. Our contemporary world places lots of demands on our goodness. War and terrorism continue. One-fifth of the children in our country are living in poverty. Banks and corporations seem to be doing much better than the "small people." Our world has created millions of refugees. So many people are barely "making it." So many people need the basics of good food, adequate shelter, and decent clothing. So many people are not treated with dignity. Intolerance and discrimination continue. The environment is under stress. Scientists continue to remind us that our way of life is causing global warming and other long term damage to the planet. As we address any of these concerns, the scriptures today remind us that people in need – all people —should be treated as people—as unique and precious human beings - as entitled to share in the bounty of the world. The scriptures remind us that we are invited to be more contemplative. As we become more contemplative, we may learn to deal with people with greater dignity and we may even learn to deal with the planet in a more loving and healthy way. We hope that our service of one another will not be based on guilt. Rather, it will be most powerful if it is based on our relationship with God and with others. The Colossians reading proclaims that the mystery we now realize is that "Christ is in you." Christ is in me and you and all our brothers and sisters.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Creation Care Tip

"But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'" —Luke 10:40

Sometimes we can get so caught up in working for environmental causes to save the earth that we forget to sit, rest, and listen to the wisdom being imparted like Mary knew to do. This week remember what Pope Francis wrote, "Nature is filled with words of love, but how can we listen to them amid constant noise?" (Laudato Si' #225). Take some time this week to sit outside, rest from your work, and listen for nature's words of love.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Justice Challenge

There was an old priest who had been ordained right after the Second Vatican Council. He shared with his parish that he was so excited to hear of all the ways the Church could make a difference in the world! He started a little justice group in his parish and encouraged people to go out to see what was happening in their community, to observe and ask questions to understand things better, and then to come back together to share what they learned and decide what to do about all they learned. His parishioners loved it—they couldn't wait to get out there and bring their faith to the community and make a difference. Through this very first group a homeless shelter was built, a thrift store, a soup kitchen, and a food bank started, and a literacy program launched. What a difference faith can make! Your challenge this week is to reflect on what God might be asking of you today. Go out to observe and reflect, and then gather your family, neighbors, and/or some friends and do something!

Southern Tier Afghan Resettlement Fund

- Use your camera on your smartphone to scan this QR code =====>>
- Learn more about our Southern Tier Afghan Resettlement Fund
- Donate to help an Afghan family in need right here in the Southern Tier



"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

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.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

July 19th— N. & D. Oliver, B. Grace

Bans of Marriage

Congratulations and best wishes to **Allyson Church and Kevin Brady** who will be married soon. May God bless them and their marriage.

Safe Environment Trainings

The Office of Safe Environment is providing initial and re-certification training sessions for those required or interested to attend. The complete schedule of available training sessions and registration links can now be found on the diocesan Safe Environment page:

<https://syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/>

Online Giving

Would you like to save paper and time when giving monetary donations to us? We have the option of online giving for your convenience. Visit our website stfrancis.org and click "**online giving**" in the menu. It's easy to set up using your checking account, credit, or debit card for automatic or one-time donation options and you choose where the money goes. The following are the accounts we have available for donation:

Ordinary Contribution, Repair, Maint. & Utilities, Catholic School Support, Catherine's Cupboard, Special Sunshine, Capital Campaign, and the Southern Tier Afghan Resettlement Fund
Check it out!

PARISH REGISTRATION

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you, celebrating with us, whether you're a long-time resident or newly arrived in the Parish. Please check the appropriate box and place in the collection basket or return to the Parish Center. *We thank God that you're with us.*

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

- New Parishioner, send registration form
- Change of address or phone number
- Temporarily away. Stop envelopes
- Moving, please remove from Parish Roster



ATTENTION: ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

Do you have a child or grandchild who has already received their First Eucharist? If so, they can be altar servers! **We are in desperate need of more altar servers** as we barely have enough to cover the masses alone week to week.

Why altar serve?

- 1.) It is a good way to get actively involved in the mechanics of mass. Some kids who find it hard to sit still may benefit from the activity that serving provides.
- 2.) It allows for kids to be a closer part of the church community and make connections.
- 3.) Direct religious education learning opportunity
- 4.) Gives kids a sense of purpose and pride in their church

Call the parish center (607)722-4388 or fill out a liturgical signup form (on table in the back of the church) and drop it in a collection basket.

Why Volunteer?

There are so many reasons to volunteer:

- † Lets you share your knowledge and talents.
- † Provides opportunities for making many new friends.
- † Brings the special fulfillment that comes only from helping others.
- † Helps you "get outside" yourself and put your own problems — even grief — in perspective.
- † Allows you to polish old skills and learn new ones.
- † Lets you "repay" an organization that has helped you or someone you love.

So, go out and give volunteering a try!

Annual Knights of Columbus 11403 Tom Mangan Golf Tournament

Sunday, July 31st

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 23rd & 24th, 2022

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	Deb Carden
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Anne Smilnak
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Jan Pandich
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sydney Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	J D Wojnar
10:30 Mass	Lector	Logan Blakeslee
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Jules Furrer
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Host	David Hanzes

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume in the fall. You can continue to watch Children's Liturgy on our website and Facebook page throughout the summer.

Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org
to view our latest Sunday mass and
Children's Liturgy.

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

Also find the videos on our
Facebook (search "@stfrancisbing")
YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)

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

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Name a time when you shared what you had with a friend, or a classmate at school.

Question for Youth: Martha chose to serve, Mary chose to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to Him. Of those two actions, service or prayer, which do you feel more comfortable with? Why?

Question for Adults: The Gospel today invites us to serve and to be hospitable. When did you welcome Jesus into your home through the presence of a neighbor or a stranger?

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