

July 18, 2021

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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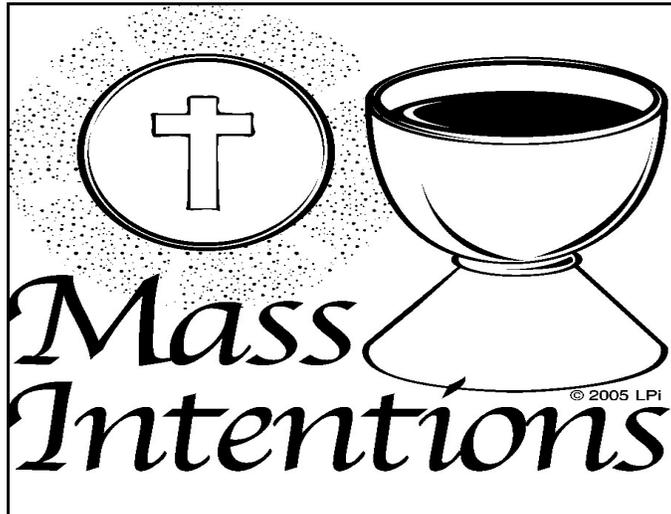
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Saturday, July 17, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Jim Foran by Marge Mangan
Sunday, July 18, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Bob Shields by Arlene Peters

Monday, July 19

NO MASS

Tuesday, July 20

NO MASS

Wednesday, July 21

NO MASS

Thursday, July 22

NO MASS

Friday, July 23

NO MASS

Saturday, July 24, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. John Mando & Teffe Mesken by Bonnie Mando

Sunday, July 25, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

11:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna 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 (07-04-21)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,191.00
Loose Collection.....	\$265.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$2,062.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,518.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Confirmation 2021

July update information has been mailed. Please be sure to reschedule your appointment if you have a conflict. Call Mrs. Kirk with any questions.

We will celebrate Confirmation with Bishop Cunningham, **Sunday October 10th at 10:30 Mass.**

Vacation Bible School



All students entering Grades 1-5 are welcome to join us!

Monday, August 9th — Friday, August 13th

9 am – 12 noon

St. James School Gym

Cost: There is no fee!

(Registration form is needed by August 4th so we can plan accordingly)

Students entering Grade 6 -- adults can help as volunteers!

Go to St. Francis of Assisi Website and follow the links to register by mail or online. Hard copies of registration paperwork can be found on the ushers stands in the back of the church.

Virtual Vacation Bible School!

St. Francis of Assisi "Peace Lab" Vacation Bible School is be on our website stfrancisvb.org NOW!

GO CHECK IT OUT!



NO WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES
NEXT WEEK

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, Joyce Jeuck.

Helping Hands

Everyone knows about “helping hands.” But have you ever thought about all the different things hands can really do?

Hands reach up to paint, clean, and mend the church. They do the same for the homes of those in need nearby. Sometimes, they even build those needed homes. Hands can greet a visitor with a firm handshake. Or they could learn a little sign language to help make a new church member who is deaf feel more welcome.

Hands can dip into pockets to make contributions to the church. They can also dip into buckets with a sponge to swirl across many car windows to raise more funds. Hands can hold a piece of chalk in the classroom or a piece of music in the choir loft. Even those hands that are clenched are helping. They’re donating blood during a church-sponsored drive.

Surely two of those hands that help belong to someone you know. Maybe they belong to you!

Why Return to the Church?

Reflection Questions

1. Can you think of any time in your life that you returned to something you had given up? How did you feel? What made it easy? What made it hard?
2. Many people find that the church supports a lot of the basic human values they treasure, e.g., family, inner peace, personal dignity, integrity, and hope. What values do you think the church can best support in your life?
3. If you were to name the most important thing you received from your Catholic heritage, what would you say that it was? How do you see that continuing in your present and future life?

When Planning for your Funeral...

Please be sure to share with your children or whomever may be overseeing your funeral arrangements when you pass that you wish to have a funeral liturgy in the church. Even though your son/daughter may not be active, participating Catholics does not mean that you should not have a proper funeral at church. Especially, when you are faithful to attending weekly mass!

**16th Week in Ordinary Time:
Justice Challenge**

On July 26th we celebrate the feast day of Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary. Anne is the patron saint of grandmothers, since she herself was Jesus’ grandma. While many cultures around the world honor the elderly and give them the highest respect, in our own country we have witnessed the neglect and sometimes even the abuse of our elders. Your challenge this week is to be an advocate for the “wisdom people” in your life. How can you show respect for the older people in your own family, or on your block, or in a nursing home in your community? How can you support the needs of the elderly through legislation? Can you offer a smile, a greeting, and perhaps even a visit with an elder who is lonely?

Important Changes Ahead...

This past December, Fr. Frank Kocik died and with that there will be some changes. In 2004, Fr. Kocik came to St. Mary of the Assumption and St. Paul, and had been a great help to Fr. Jon Werner. Since his death, Fr. Werner has been celebrating and serving the two parishes with little or no assistance. Our parish of St. Francis of Assisi is part of the Pastoral Care Area (PCA) with St. Mary’s and St. Paul’s. Presently there are 8 masses on the weekend celebrated in our PCA. We are being encouraged to do more together in a collaborative spirit. **Our trustees from our parishes have met, and it was decided that a revision to our present mass schedules in our parishes have to change.** Why? Because there are no other priests available when one of the pastor’s get sick, or takes a weekend off for retreat or vacation. So each of the three parishes will have 2 masses, which can be covered by one priest when the need arises. **The new schedule being proposed to start the weekend after Labor Day (September 11/12) is as follows....**

<u>St. Francis of Assisi:</u>	4:00PM (Vigil)
St. Paul’s:	5:30PM (Vigil)
St. Mary of the Assumption:	7:30AM
St. Paul’s:	9:00AM
<u>St. Francis of Assisi:</u>	10:30AM
St. Mary of the Assumption:	12:00PM (Noon)

Moving Forward

We are moving forward with our church restoration, and have made a decision to have the Ritterbeck Painting Company from Moosic, PA to do our upcoming work. We did have the input of other businesses, and all gave some very exciting renderings on what they saw could be done to our interior workshop space. A group of about 8 from the parish did make a trip to St. Mary’s, in Hamilton, NY to view the work done to their church by one of our candidates. After much discussion we came to view what Bob & Ryan Ritterbeck had offered would fit well to what we envision.

For four generations of Ritterbeck Painting has been entrusted with the responsibility of painting and decorating many churches in the Northeast. The Dioceses’ of Philadelphia, Allentown, Scranton, and Syracuse, have called upon their expertise to either restore churches to their original grandeur or to bring a new beauty to the church environment. There is still a ways to go before actual work will be done. If you would like to see some of their work or know more go to their website www.ritterbeck.com

Continue to pray for the success of our project!

**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 20th— D. Dobish, C. Botting, G. Thompson

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!

Job Opportunity: Our Lady of Sorrows

Our Lady of Sorrows in Vestal is looking to hire a part-time custodian, 25 hours per week (including weekends & some holidays) with a tentative start date in August. This person would be responsible for general upkeep of our Parish Campus, including inside janitorial duties as well as outside maintenance and snow removal. If you are interested, please email your resume and cover letter to Father Donovan at jpdonovan@syrdio.org.

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



TOTUS TUUS

Parish Summer Mission Program
OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
St. Patrick, Binghamton

Attend Totus Tuus for Summer 2021!

Totus Tuus is a summer Catholic youth program unlike any other! Totus Tuus is dedicated to sharing

the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, discipleship, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship.

Who? 1st—6th Graders during the day program from 9:00am—3:00pm Mon.-Fri.
7th—12th Graders for the evening program 6:30pm—9:00pm, Sun.-Thurs.

When? Sunday, July 25th—Friday, July 30th

Where? St. Patrick's Church, Binghamton

Register today at:

syracusedioocese.org/totus-tuus

Devotions to St. Ann

The Church of the Holy Trinity in Binghamton is once again offering annual devotions to St. Ann, July 24, 25, 26. Each evening will be led by guest homilist, Deacon James Tokos. The schedule is as follows

July 24: 7PM-Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction: homily theme is "His Holy Church"

July 25: 7PM-Vespers; homily theme is "Holy Good News"

July 26: 7PM-Solemn Mass of St. Ann, followed by a reception.

There will be the Angelus prayer to begin each evening. Veneration of the relic of St. Ann will take place at the end. For more info call the parish office at 724-1372.

Annual Knights of Columbus 11403 Tom Mangan Golf Tournament



Sunday, July 25th

Genegantslet Golf Club

1:00 pm shotgun start

Captain & Crew format. All are welcome.

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

Dinner Only: \$25/person

All checks payable to "KofC 11403" and may be mailed or delivered to the parish center with the list of your team.



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 24th & 25th, 2021

4:00 P.M. Mass

Designation ONLY

8:00 A.M. Mass

Designation ONLY

11:00 A.M. Mass

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**Children’s Liturgy of The Word will be
posted by Noon on Saturdays!**

Question of the Week

Question for Children: How do you keep Sunday as a day of rest?

Question for Youth: Jesus was moved with pity for the people who were gathered. Who are the people you are moved with pity for? What can you do to help them?

Question for Adults: Why is rest important, and how do you make sure you get enough of it in your own life?

END OF BULLETIN

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