

July 19, 2020

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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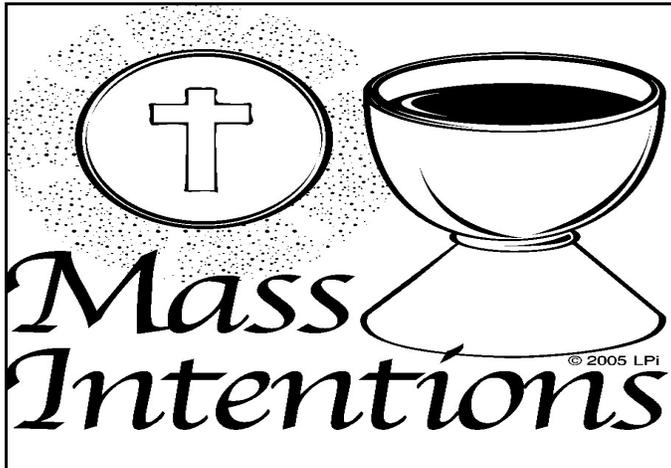
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Please go online to stfrancisbing.org to view our latest Sunday mass. We will be posting new videos of our weekend liturgies by 4:00PM on Saturdays **even after our reopening.**

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

You can still attend weekend mass virtually!



Weekend's Offering (07-12-20)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$2,582.00
Loose Collection.....	\$87.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$2,372.00
Total Collection.....	\$5,041.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

FAITH FORMATION

Although we are no longer having face to face classes check your email for links to helpful sites.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FULL WEEK ONLINE!

“EarthKeepers”, our Vacation Bible School (VBS) based on Laudato Si is up now! 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 at your own pace. 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, Olivia Blaise, Cassie Blewette, James, Sarah and Mary Bush, Sue Ekstrom, Maria Kirk, and Fr. Tim for his ongoing support.

*****ATTENTION CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:*****

A 2020 Confirmation Update letter has been mailed out. Please review the material carefully. If you need to reschedule your interview please contact Mrs. Kirk directly via her cell phone (607)222-1477.

Saturday, July 18, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

Sunday, July 19, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Mary Alice Rieger by Marge Mangan
11:00 a.m. Emilia Czmor by Family

Monday, July 20
12:00 p.m. Gerard Grace by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Tuesday, July 21
8:00 a.m. Ed Farthing by Family

Wednesday, July 22
12:00 p.m. Frank Valenta by J. Moffitt

Thursday, July 23
8:00 a.m. Ruth & Charles Roth by Family

Friday, July 24
NO MASS

Saturday, July 25, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Maude Houlihan by Family

Sunday, July 26, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
11:00 a.m. Margaret Feheley 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.

PLEASE, LET US KNOW THE NAMES AND THE ADDRESSES OF ANY SHUT-INS AT HOME OR IN NURSING HOMES. WE WOULD LOVE TO REACH OUT IN ANY WAY WE CAN! CALL DELORES AT THE PARISH CENTER (607)722-4388 TO LET US KNOW! THANK YOU!

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.



Mary of Magdala: Apostle to the Apostles

The feast of St. Mary of Magdala (July 22) is one of the most significant celebrations in the Christian church. But it rarely gets much notice. This needs to change. Contrary to popular opinion, there is no evidence anywhere in scripture that Mary of Magdala was either a prostitute or a public sinner. Instead all four Gospels show her as the primary witness to the most central events of Christian faith. Mary of Magdala leads the group of women who witness Jesus' death and burial, the empty tomb, and His Resurrection. Biblical scholars regard this as one of the strongest proofs of the Resurrection accounts. Had they been fabricated by overly zealous disciples, women would never have been named as witnesses in a society which did not even accept them as legal witnesses. Along with Joanna, Susanna, and many other women, Mary traveled around Galilee with Jesus and the other disciples (Luke 8:1-3). In a world in which women did not speak to men in public, much less travel around the countryside with them, we can see how much Jesus revered and respected God's call to women, despite social conventions. The early Church fathers named Mary of Magdala "the Apostle to the Apostles." How is it that we have lost this knowledge of her leadership? A common misunderstanding equates Luke's "seven demons going out of her" with sinfulness, rather, this meant only that Mary had been cured of an illness that was either very serious or recurred frequently, not that she was evil or had sinned. As knowledge of Jesus' many women friends faded from historical memory, the stories associated with them were combined. Bible scholars call this "conflation." The anointing of Mary of Bethany prior to Jesus' passion was linked to that of the woman "with a bad name" whose tears washed and anointed Jesus' feet at Simon's house. The anointing texts merged into one generic public woman sinner "Magdalene." Some scholar hypothesize that this was done to minimize the strong leadership roles held by women in the earliest churches so as to discourage female leadership. Paul's letter to the Romans reports many women working alongside him. But from the sixth century, Mary Magdala was to be known in the Western church, not as a strong woman leader who loved Jesus through a fearsome death, first witnessed his Resurrection, and proclaimed the Risen Savior; but as a wanton woman in need of repentance and a life of hidden (and silent) penitence. What difference does this biblical scholarship make today? Recent statements from the Catholic hierarchy could lead one to conclude that Jesus positively discriminated against women. In fact the biblical evidence is quite different. Rather than envisioning Jesus and the twelve men traveling around Galilee biblical scholarship allows a new mental model to emerge in which Jesus' itinerant band included women disciples too. Celebrating and learning about Jesus' remarkable inclusion of women despite strong cultural prohibitions can inspire new efforts on behalf of the marginalized wherever and whomever they may be. Two thousand years of misrepresentation will now hopefully be reversed. Mary of Magdala may again become the inspiring role model for twenty first century Christians that she was for those who first believed in the Risen Christ. And Jesus' query to her: "Woman, Why are you Weeping" may at last become as necessary in our times as it was on that first Easter morning.

Catherine's Cupboard Update!

We wish to offer a sincere THANK YOU for everyone's support. Unfortunately for us we did not win the SOUTHERN TIER TUESDAY give away; we lost to the dogs (rescue shelter that is). Thank you to the **Church of the Nazarene** for their tremendous monthly food donations (July was all the extra's needed for a picnic). Another thank you to **Schimmerling Law Office** for the 100 bottles of sanitizer. Also, a huge thanks to **Apple Hills** for their soup (over 150 quarts) which our visitors love. Of course we can never thank all of you enough for giving your time and/or monetary donations to keep us going. A new volunteer work schedule is being put together. **If you want to help unload a truck or stock shelves on Tuesday morning or would like to help give out to families on Tuesday night please give Bev Krinik, , a call at 725-7645 or email Bevkrinik@aol.com.** We do not know when we will be in full mode so no transporting on weekends is happening yet. Feel free to drop off food at the pantry during Parish Center hours! Again, THANK YOU, none of this is possible with out YOU!

Instructions for Celebration of Sacraments

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!

KOC Tom Mangan Memorial Golf Tournament Cancelled

We regret to announce that the Annual Knights of Columbus Tom Mangan Golf Tournament 2020 has been cancelled. We hope to see all of you next July 2021. Thank you for your continued support always.



Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of July 19th — Marie Giordano

Week of July 26th — Karen Dotson

Shelving (Mondays)

July 20th — E. & K. Corcoran

July 27th — J. & K. Brady

Distribution

July 21st — S. Orband, M. Mizzoni, L. Gildea, M. & T. Giblin, M. Hayes

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

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

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 and 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

In-person Safe Environment training sessions remain suspended until further notice. The Safe Environment office will be offering online sessions for both initial (PGC) and re-certification (EPDR) training. Individuals who are in need of training, but are unable to attend the online training, will be provided a grace period to complete the training requirement. The Office of Safe Environment will post the dates of the grace period upon the health crisis resolution.

Online Initial Safe Environment Training

The initial Safe Environment online training session ("Protecting God's Children") currently has no scheduled sessions. Please contact Joelle Zarnowski at 315.470.1421 or safeenvironment@syrdio.org to ask if there are any upcoming trainings to be determined.

Online Safe Environment Re-certification Trainings

The Safe Environment re-certification online training sessions ("Entrusted to Protect, Dedicated to Restore") are scheduled for:

Thursday, July 23, 2020 from 9:00am - 10:30am

Thursday, July 23, 2020 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm

To register for one of these training sessions, contact Joelle Zarnowski at 315.470.1421 or safeenvironment@syrdio.org by Thursday, July 16th.

Since this is still a new process for the Safe Environment Office, these training sessions will not be posted to the website at this time.

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 25th & 26th, 2020

4:00 P.M. Mass

Designation ONLY

8:00 A.M. Mass

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Question of the Week

Question for Children: What are the things that keep you from being a friend of Jesus?

Question for Youth: The good and the bad have the same opportunity to rule our life. What are you doing (bad habits, poor choices, etc.) that you need to weed out? Who can help you with that?

Question for Adults: How would you describe “the weeds” which have polluted your own faith, or the faith of people whom you know

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