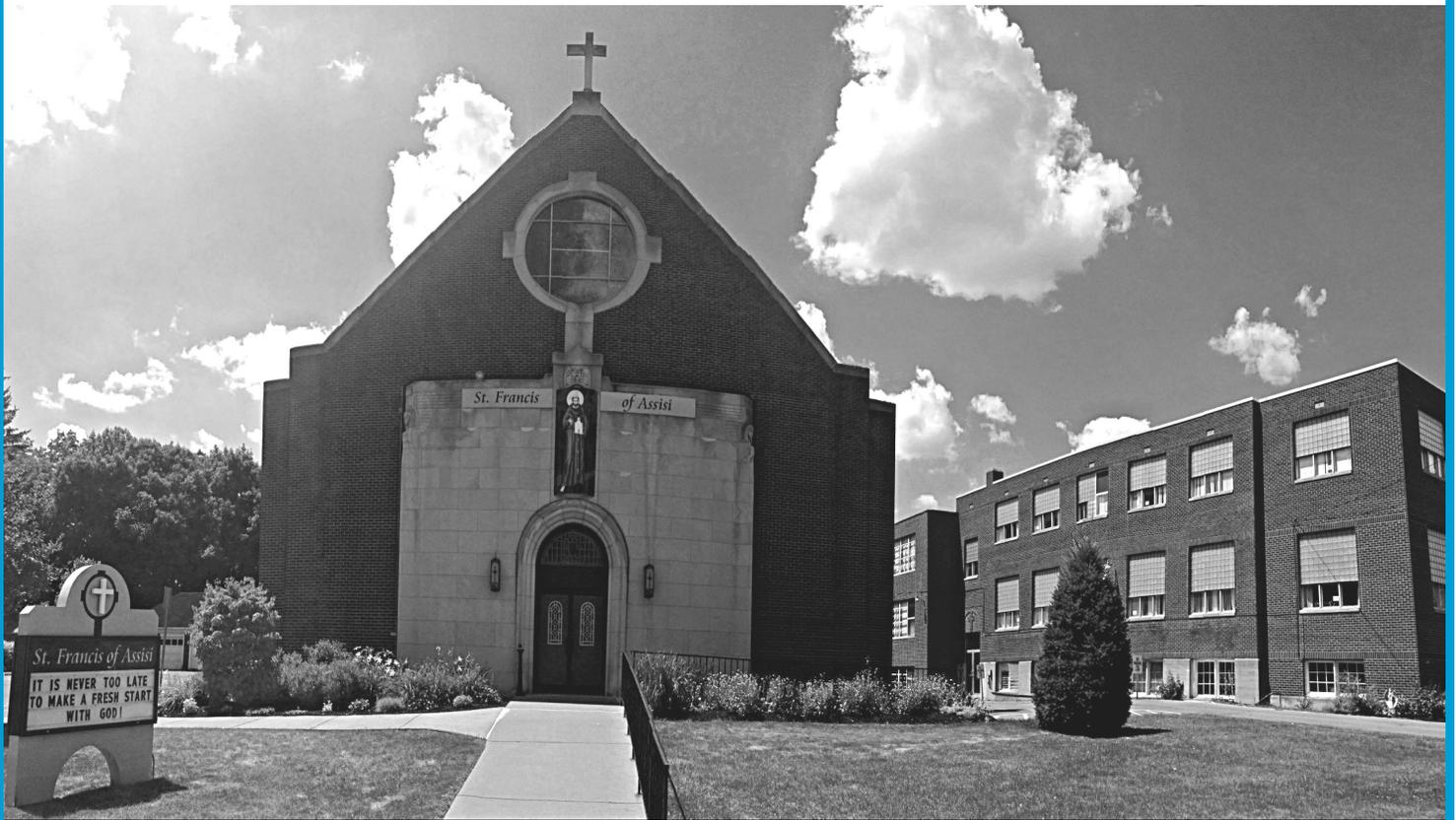


July 23, 2017

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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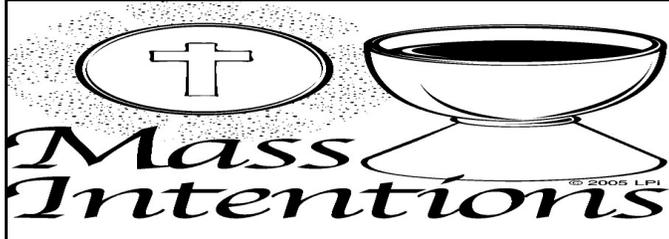
Mass Schedule

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 22, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00p.m. John Duffy by Loretta Personius

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

Monday, July 24
 8:00a.m. Barbara Langevin by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Tuesday, July 25
 8:00a.m. Pauline Lucey by Estate

Wednesday, July 26
 8:00a.m. Pete Feheley by Family

Thursday, July 27
 8:00a.m. Joseph Kelleher, Sr. by the Haggerty Family

Friday, July 28
NO MASS

Saturday, July 29, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00p.m. Maude Houlihan by Family

Sunday, July 30, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00a.m. Steven Van Dyke by the Knights of Columbus #11403
 11:00a.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 (07-16-17)

Regular Envelopes.....\$6,033.00
 Loose Collection.....\$380.00
 Electronic Collection.....\$409.00
 Total Collection.....\$6,822.00

Hope Appeal this week we added \$1,075

Our total donations so far are \$24,883 from 179 donors. We are at 55.4% of our goal.

We are 9 weeks into this year's Hope Appeal and over half way to this year's commitment!

Thank You to all! LET'S KEEP IT GOING!



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!

PANTRY THANK YOU!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

THANK YOU for all who helped on Tuesday in stocking food for the pantry. Approximately **5200 lbs** was moved in and stocked within 90 minutes due to the great workers who came to help. Just for your information, the food bill started at \$4236, but after using Federal and State grants (thank you tax-payers) and the McDevitt Grant, it cost us **ZERO** this month! This food will be used for the next 2 times we open the pantry and then we will start all over again. So, to everyone who supports us, **THANK YOU** for caring about others in our community. **Would you like to volunteer? Leave your name & number with the parish center either by dropping in or calling 722-4388.** The new volunteer schedule will be coming out soon and we could always use some more helpers.

Men In Black Softball Game

On **August 13th at 6:00pm**, the Men In Black team of priests and seminarians will play a softball game against the youth from Our Lady of Good Counsel in Endicott. The game will be played at Glendale Park in Endicott. With fan participation and interactive games, it is fun for the whole family and admission is **FREE**.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, 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 are 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

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) and erasers**
- Binders**
- Rulers**
- Safety scissors**
- Markers and highlighters**
- Crayons**
- Pencil bags**
- Book covers**
- Glue sticks**
- 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.

Scriptures: The Mystery of Evil

Today's scripture deal with the mystery of evil:

- Evil that shows up growing in the midst of all the good in our world
- Evil that can choke the good things that we would like to see grow and prosper
- Evil that can show up in the structures and institutions of our world
- Evil that is reflected in economic injustice, racism and xenophobia, violence and terrorism, political corruption, and a thousand other things
- Evil that can tempt any of us toward violence, greed, and selfishness
- Evil that can move us to be concerned about our group's good and not the common good

Today's scripture, especially the parable of the weeds and the wheat, reminds us that God looks on this world with all its problems with compassion, love, and patience, not panic, hatred, and violence. God invites us to look on the world in the same way and act accordingly. Class and ethnic warfare is not the model of Jesus. Jesus models reconciliation and healing. Turning our back on those in need is not the way of Jesus. Welcoming the stranger and refugee is the way of Jesus. Condemnation of the poor is not the way of Jesus. Active solidarity with the poor is the way of Jesus. Meeting evil with evil is not the model of Jesus. Jesus speaks of active nonviolent resistance. Destroying those who seem to be or do evil is not the model of Jesus. Jesus believes that change, growth, conversion and reform are all possible.

People in the wealthier half of the world, can be tempted to look on the other half with an attitude of judgment and even condemnation – much like the servants who want to rip out what they think are weeds right away. People in one culture can look at people in a different culture with the same critical and rash judgment. We can condemn and destroy or we can work together toward understanding, reconciliation and peace. People in one political party can look with the members of the other party with great hatred and without listening. We are invited to discover and learn and grow as a community

*Father, you have given all peoples one common origin.
It is your will that they be gathered together as one family
in yourself.*

*Fill the hearts of mankind with the fire of your love and
with the desire to ensure justice for all.*

*By sharing the good things you give us, may we secure
an equality for all our brothers and sisters throughout
the world.*

*May there be an end to division, strife and war.
May there be a dawning of a truly human society built on
love and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our
Lord. Amen.*

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule
Transportation

Week of July 23rd — Michelle Warne
Week of July 30th — Ann Wilcox

Shelving (Mondays)

July 24th — E. & K. Corcoran
July 31st — J. & K. Brady

Distribution

August 1st — M. Walsh, M. Turna, M. Quinn,
J. Wyatt, A. & S. Faughnan

JIMAY'S FLEA MARKET FUNDRAISER

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.

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.**

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 got married on Saturday. 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 29th & 30th, 2017

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector Denise Talbut
EM Host Dc. Steve
EM Host Teresa Creeden
EM Host Catherine Shafer
EM Cup John Artman
EM Cup Brenda Artman
EM Cup Barb Brozovic
EM Cup Terry Hanifin
Altar Server Bryan Heller
Altar Server Brendan Kliment
Altar Server _____

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Roy Santa Croce
EM Host Dc. Steve
EM Host Maureen Mizzoni
EM Host Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup Debbie Davis
EM Cup Ed White
EM Cup Ede Blabac
Altar Server Natalie Broderick
Altar Server Mikayla Bucci
Altar Server Peyton Broderick

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Dave Bollinger
EM Host Dc. Steve
EM Host Rose O'Neil
EM Host Steve Guth
EM Cup Stephanie Stracuzzi
EM Cup Jim Lewis
EM Cup David Gill
EM Cup Chris Gill
Altar Server Brendan Heaney
Altar Server _____
Altar Server _____

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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