

July 23, 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 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

Monday, July 24

12:00 p.m. Christopher Shafer by Sister, Catherine

Tuesday, July 25

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Wednesday, July 26

12:00 p.m. Fran Meddleton by Maureen & Tim Roberts

Thursday, July 27

8:00 a.m. Jan Hannis by Marge Mangan

Friday, July 28

NO MASS

Saturday, July 29, Vigil of Sunday

1:00 p.m. Wedding – Katelyn Church & Ethan Stocum

4:00 p.m. Maude Houlihan by Family

Sunday, July 30, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Michael Klepfer by St. Francis Faith Formation

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 (07-16-23)

Regular Envelopes.....\$3,279.00
Loose Collection.....\$216.00
Electronic Collection.....\$1,857.00
Total Collection.....\$5,352.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Vacation Bible School THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who volunteered and participated in VBS this year in making it a truly STELLAR experience. Also thank you all for the donations of personal care items to Catherine's Cupboard, this donation filled their shelves!



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

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

On July 26 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 and gets few visitors

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time: **Creation Care Tip**

Continue participating in the Plastic Free July movement by introducing the movement at your workplace, school, or in your wider network of family and friends. See... <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/category/at-work/> for ideas on how to widen the participation.

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, Jack Demer, Jim Lynch, & Linda Sebastianelli.



Lectionary Reflection **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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 wheat, remind us that God looks on this world with compassion, love, and patience. 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 can be tempted to look on the poor with an attitude of judgment and even condemnation – much like the servants who want to rip out what they think are weeds. People in one culture can look at people in a different culture with the same critical judgment. We can condemn and destroy or we can work together toward understanding, reconciliation and peace. People with opposing views can look on each other with great hatred and without listening. We are invited to discover and learn and grow as a community.

What to Do With Leftover Food?

Families always make sure there is enough food at parties, 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

August 1st: D. Dobish, B. Grace, G. Thompson, G. Pendleton

****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.



TOTUS TUUS SUMMER FUN!

DAY PROGRAM:

July 24th—July 28th, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Totus Tuus is a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith.

This week-long program is held at multiple parishes across the Diocese throughout the summer. Young adult missionaries guide the children to an encounter with Christ by authentically living out the Catholic faith in a fun faith filled way! And don't forget about the human sundae and water fun on Friday!!

\$45/child; max of \$90/family Register for Grades 1—6 at: [eventbrite.com/e/totus-tuus-summer-camp-2023-our-lady-of-sorrows-vestal-day-program-registration-](http://eventbrite.com/e/totus-tuus-summer-camp-2023-our-lady-of-sorrows-vestal-day-program-registration-495433554097)

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EVENING PROGRAM:

July 23rd—July 27th, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Totus Tuus is for teens too! Our Catholic missionaries make perfect role models while they run fun games, share amazing testimonies, and dive into the sacramental life, all while having a great time! Each night there is a fun sweet treat to share. Thursday is our final evening with a fun field trip to CK'sters park for lazertag, games, and lots of laughs!

\$20/youth Register for Grades 7 - 12 at: eventbrite.com/e/totus-tuus-summer-camp-2023-evening-program-our-lady-of-sorrows-vestal-registration-495418860147

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
July 29th & 30th, 2023

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Michaela Wood
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Barb Brozovic
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Judy Daniels
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Beatrice Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Robert Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Ethan Glenn

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sydney Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Toni Robinson
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Marie Iobst
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Shirley McCray
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	David Hanzes

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

VIRTUAL LITURGIES

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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
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YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)
<https://www.youtube.com/@stfrancisbing>

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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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