

July 25, 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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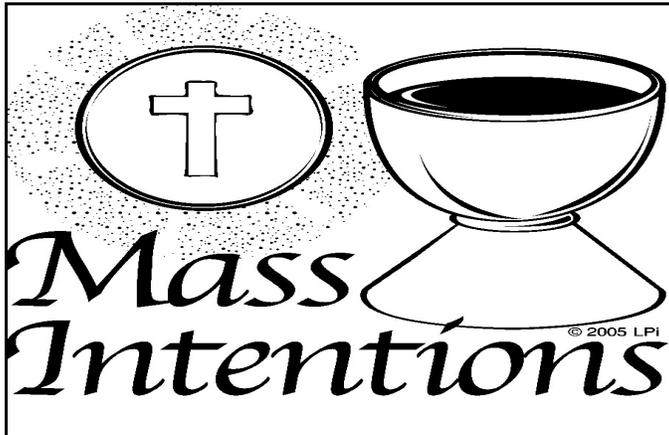
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You can still attend weekend mass virtually!



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

Monday, July 26
NO MASS

Tuesday, July 27
 8:00 a.m. Christopher Shafer by Catherine Shafer

Wednesday, July 28
 12:00 p.m. Margaret Fehelley by Family

Thursday, July 29
 8:00 a.m. Ed Farthing by Family

Friday, July 30
NO MASS

Saturday, July 31, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Maude Houlihan by Family

Sunday, August 1, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Vita Mannino by Daughter Fina & 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!



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.

Alliance for International Monasticism

Speaker
August 14/15

On the weekend of August 14-15, 2021 our parish will host a speaker for the Alliance for International Monasticism (AIM USA).

Once a year, as part of the Missionary Cooperative Plan throughout the United States, each parish in the diocese welcomes a member or an associate of a religious community involved in missionary work.

Sister Donald Corcoran, OSB Cam from Transfiguration Monastery in Windsor, NY. is this year's representative who will share with you some of the work of AIM USA. AIM USA has formed an alliance between 140 US and Canadian monasteries with over 400 Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Latin America. These Benedictine and Cistercian women and men form centers of prayer, education, health and agriculture in some of the poorest regions of the world.

Please respond to this appeal with openness and generosity!

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?

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)

17th Week in Ordinary Time:

Justice Challenge

Most of us want to be part of a winning team or be part of something that works or is doing really well! We love to give to organizations that reach lots of people and do the most good. This week the readings include accounts of people who did things differently. The first was the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand. This account in John includes the little boy who shared his fish and barley loaves. From that, Jesus and the disciples fed five thousand and had food left over. The disciples wanted to do the normal thing... send everyone out for takeout or drive-thru. But Jesus used the faith of the little boy to do things differently. That boy might have felt a little foolish looking around at all the people and then looking at his own little basket. However, he had faith. He just had to do what he was called to do... share his food. Another encounter in Scripture has Jesus preaching in Nazareth where he is booted out of town. People couldn't take him seriously; he had grown up in their midst. They knew his story. Jesus wanted to share what he had with them, but they didn't want it. He chose to leave and to use it as a lesson for the disciples. If you are not welcome, just shake the dust from your sandal and move on... their loss.

What a great challenge for us, to follow our heart and do God's will even if it looks foolish or we are rejected. This week, pray for God to show you where your presence and gifts are needed. Make a list of people, places, and causes that you might be called to serve. Choose one and take a step out in faith to make a difference.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

August 3rd— J. Wyatt, B. Grace, and M. Lyons

Someday is Never Part of the Week!

Most people live on an eight-day week ... not a seven-day week. They have Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Someday. It often seems that some of the most important things in life are reserved for Someday. Someday we will visit our sick friend. Someday we will consider what gift of time and abilities we ought to make to God's work. Someday we will volunteer to sing in the choir, be an usher or serve on a church committee. The grand tragedy of this way of living is that Someday is never part of any week. Someday never comes! Because Someday never comes, many of the important things in our churches never get done. The work of God must never be a Someday project. Now is the time to make your commitment to the work of Christ. What gift of time and talent will you make to see that Christ's work is done on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday ... all year long?

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 stfrancising.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 can choose where the money goes. 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

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.

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.

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!

Volunteer Opportunity! Broome County Council of Churches

The Broome County Council of Churches is an organization that collaborates with many facets of the community to serve people with needs. Through our growing and diverse programs, the Council provides services to the hungry; elderly and lonely; disabled; sick; imprisoned; homeless and poor; and youth of Broome County. They advocate for change and reconciliation, promoting peace, justice, and genuine community across racial, ethnic, gender, socio-economic, and religious lines. There are many volunteer options available, so go online and sign up to become a volunteer:

<https://broomecouncil.net/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/>

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!

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
July 31st & August 1st, 2021

4:00 P.M. Mass

Designation ONLY

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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 share with others what you have?

Question for Youth: Generosity is key to today’s Gospel. What do you have that you should be sharing with others? Think of your possessions, your talents, and your time. How can you use these for the good of others?

Question for Adults: In what ways do you generously provide for the needs of others who have little or nothing?

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