

July 26, 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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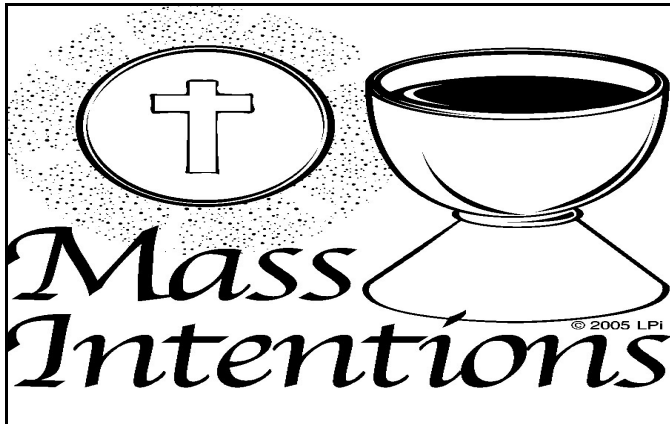
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We will be posting new
videos of our weekend
liturgies by 4:00PM on
Saturdays **even after our
reopening.**

Also find the videos on our
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YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi
Binghamton)

**You can still attend
weekend mass virtually!**



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

Monday, July 27
 12:00 p.m. Martha Kostun by Mike & Jan Pandich

Tuesday, July 28
 8:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Wednesday, July 29
 12:00 p.m. Joseph & Rita Brozovic by Family

Thursday, July 30
 8:00 a.m. Robert Evans by Family

Friday, July 31
NO MASS

Saturday, August 1, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Vita Mannino by Daughter, Fina & Family

Sunday, August 2, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Kathie Rzodski 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 (07-19-20)

Regular Envelopes.....\$3,865.00
 Loose Collection.....\$90.00
 Electronic Collection.....\$1,216.00
 Total Collection.....\$5,171.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

FAITH FORMATION



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.

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 especially, Christopher Shafer.



Reflection for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The merchant gets excited about finding the perfect pearl. The finder of the lost treasure does everything to buy the field. Solomon desires an understanding heart to govern God's people well. What do you get excited about? What do you worry about? What do you desire?

In our culture some people worry about issues of self-esteem or personal gratification or sexual fulfillment. In our American culture, some people worry about money and security, especially with the problems that continue in our economy for the poor and the middle class.

What do you worry about? Do you worry about the values of our society that are drifting away from Christian values? Do you worry about all the violence and war? Do you worry about the poor or the sick or the elderly or the young? Do you worry about your own financial security? What do you get excited about? Do you get excited about the vision and freedom of Jesus Christ?

Do you get liberated by the challenging teachings of Jesus Christ? Do you get excited about the social teaching of the church? Some have referred to Catholic Social Teaching as the Church's "best kept secret." We could call it a "pearl of great price" and a "found treasure." What would you ask for if you were Solomon Solomon in today's first reading seems to be free enough not to ask for a long life, or riches, or the life of his enemies. The teachings of Jesus are meant to lead us to liberation from greed, selfishness, and violence. They are to be a source of life and liberation for the whole world, especially the poor. The parables of Jesus invite us to focus on what is really most important and not get distracted by all the other desires and confusions. Today's parable might remind us the many examples of income inequality in our society and greed by those in powerful positions. People and corporations get excited about making money or corporate success or status and they do almost anything to get the results which they want. In the process they forget to focus on the common good. Today's parable might remind us of government agencies that spy on citizens and about other abusive behaviors in the press and media. Governments ignore individual rights in the name of security. The press gets excited about getting a news story at any price. People get excited about the latest gossip about the private lives of famous people. People get excited about pushing their political agenda at all costs. In the process they may disregard a real search for the truth or a focus on what is really important or about ethic values. Today's parable might remind us of the international policies and values that have led our nation and others into war and into the misuse of our earth's resources. In the process we might forget to focus on the common good and those desires that are really most important.

Bans of Marriage

Congratulations and best wishes to **Courtney Robinson and Andrew Walters** who will be married soon. May God bless them and their marriage.

Prayer on Recognizing Excessive Consumerism

God, we ask that you move us Beyond the poverty of mindless consumption

To the abundance of your Church's social teachings.

We ask that you move us
Beyond our impoverished need of material things To
the richness of solidarity

With our brothers and sisters Throughout our country
And around the world.

We ask that you move us Beyond the empty drive
To store up individual possessions To recognize the
wealth of working For the common good.

Grace us to consider the human dignity And the rights
as well as needs

Of everyone in our local, National and global communi-
ties Without counting the cost, Knowing that, as we
have read

In the recounting of the distribution Of the loaves and
fishes,

There is always enough
For everyone to come to the table.

We thank you
For this abundance. In Christ's name We pray. Amen.

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!

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.travelillumine.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 an 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.

Are You Thinking About The Catholic Faith?

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children** is a process designed by the church for adults and older children to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. The goals are to give a complete overview of Catholic teachings and to begin to deepen a Christian spiritual life centered in the Sunday Scripture readings.

Are you:

- ☐ A person who has not been baptized and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of becoming Catholic?
- ☐ A baptized Christian of another denomination who would like to learn more about and possibly join the Catholic church?
- ☐ A baptized Roman Catholic who has never received Eucharist or Confirmation and would like to complete their sacraments?
- ☐ A child over the age of 7 who has never been baptized or has been baptized in another Christian faith or has been baptized Catholic and has never received Catholic instruction?

RCIA & RCIC offer an environment of support and guidance. If you or someone you know is interested in this process, contact the Parish Office at (607)722-4177.

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!

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**

August 1st & 2nd, 2020

4:00 P.M. Mass

Designation ONLY

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**Children’s Liturgy of The Word will be
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Question of the Week

Question for Children: If you could be with Jesus, what would you trade from your own things for that?

Question for Youth: Today’s gospel reminds us that God’s kingdom is worth sacrifice. What do you need to sacrifice in order to follow God in your own life? Why are you willing to make that sacrifice?

Question for Adults: Using Jesus’ parable as your starting point, describe in your own words what the Reign of God is for you personally, and use a parable to describe it: “The reign of God is _____.”

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