

July 28, 2019

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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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



Weekend's Offering (07-21-19)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,517.00
Loose Collection.....	\$457.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$654.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,628.00

*Thank You for your generous contributions!
\$20,000 to go on this year's HOPE Appeal
 commitment*

Saturday, July 27, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Maude Houlihan by Family
Sunday, July 28, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Rosemary Blabac by Vincent & Mary DeNinis
 11:00 a.m. Earl Brooks by Family

Monday, July 29
 8:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Tuesday, July 30
 8:00 a.m. 2nd Anniv. John Broderick by Family

Wednesday, July 31
 8:00 a.m. John H. O'Neil by Bernie O'Neil & Family

Thursday, August 1
 8:00 a.m. Vita Mannino By Daughter Fina, & Family

Friday, August 2
NO MASS

Saturday, August 3, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Mildred Brush by Virginia McCormack

Sunday, August 4, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Ann Young by Melissa & Family
 11:00 a.m. Antonio DeLuca 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.

Vacation

- A Time to vacate!
- A Time to let the Spirit take over!
- A Time to live and be alive!
- A Time to connect with people!
- A Time to be still!
- A Time to be yourself!
- A Time to learn how to live!
- A Time to read and sleep and pray and be and walk and "retreat!"
- A Time to advance!
- A Time for peace!
- A Time for justice!
- A Time not to be lazy
- not to be decadent
- not to be a consumer!
- A Time to learn about others and self!
- A Time to be in touch with what is really important!
- A Time to be!
- A Time to learn to be!
- God, help me to keep it simple.
- God, help me to vacation!
- Amen!
- Amen!

Keith Urban Raffle Winners

CONGRATS to Judy Murphy who won the tickets to the concert and Kirk Simonis, winner of the guitar. Thanks to the members of our Pastoral & Finance committee plus other parish members who sold the tickets. Thanks to Universal Music Group, Nashville for donations \$2,240 for our parish (100% profit).

Children's Liturgy

No children's liturgy for July or August

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.

Lectionary Reflection

In the book of Genesis God looks at the earth and concludes “I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out.” God wanted to check out what is happening on the earth.

Maybe we feel God should do the same thing today. It seems that acts of terrorism, violence, killing, shooting, and racial injustice have been happening every few days. What is going on? What are we doing in our world? Is any place safe? What should we do? Why does racial injustice continue? Why does violence continue? Why do some people, Christians and otherwise, justify violence through religion? Why do we continue to exclude rather than include people that are different than ourselves? Why does there seem to be culture of division? Figuring out how to live the true Christian life in our complex world can be quite an adventure. It takes time to figure out the route. It takes time to undertake the trip. Figuring out how to work for justice and peace is a journey and an adventure. To use the images of the gospel, it involves a lot of asking, seeking, and knocking. It is something that is worked out over time in the midst of ambiguity and struggle. It is best served by a community of faith, hope and love. It involves a long process of prayer as in the first reading or the persistence that Jesus calls for in the gospel.

The Scriptures today remind us not to be afraid of the search for justice and peace. Don't be afraid of “bargaining with God” just as Abraham sought out justice for the people of his time. Don't be afraid of seeking out something of importance. Don't be afraid of making your needs known. Don't be afraid of making known the needs of the poor and the powerless. Don't be afraid of asking questions. Don't be afraid of asking why. Don't be afraid of engaging the many important concerns of the world.

Abraham spoke to God. So can you. You can speak truth to power. We can all speak truth to power. Searching is part of implementing Catholic Social Teaching. No one of us knows all the answers. No one of us can fix the whole world and its problems. However, all of us can and do have a courage and faith that comes from our relationship with our God. Great things are possible. Healing is possible. As John Paul II wrote a few years ago: “Rediscover today with joy and wonder that the world is no longer a slave to the inevitable. This world of ours can change.”

Catholic Charities of Broome County

Catholic Charities provides families throughout Broome County with mental health and addiction services. If you or someone you know needs help, go online to www.catholiccharitiesbc.org, or visit Catholic Charities directly at 232 Main Street in Binghamton.

****HOPE Appeal Update****

The total donations are up to \$27,678.05 (over half way). 78 Donations have been received by the parish directly. The total of those donations comes to \$12,258, \$157.15/donation. The total donations sent directly to the drop box in Albany total \$15,420.05. We will be receiving a full list of donors from the Syracuse Foundations and I will share the total number of donors in our next report.

We now have less than \$20,000 left on this year's commitment. If you haven't donated please consider doing so. Also think about the donations from your IRA if you're required to take a distribution. Remember we are required to pay our commitment each year. Thanks for supporting St. Francis and our Diocese.

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 (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 Delores at the Parish Office at (607)722-4177.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of July 28th — Marie Giordano

Week of Aug. 4th — Ann Wilcox

Shelving (Mondays)

July 29th — N. & D. Minch

August 5th — E. & K. Corcoran

Distribution

August 6th — D. Kellett Team #2

El Charcón Sister City Project

The Binghamton - El Charcón Sister City Project is again accepting donations for its annual Benefit Sale. This event helps fund programs that benefit women and youths in Greater Binghamton's Salvadoran sister city. Please contact Beth (798-0869) or Suzanne (798-0787) up until July 31 if you have donation items.

Assist Sister Norma Who Aids The Migrants and Refugees in McAllen, Texas

You may have seen Sister Norma on the news as someone who has been living out the Gospel, especially Matthew 25, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" says Jesus Christ. This past week, again, our consciences and hearts have been moved by the tragic situation at our borders, with incarcerated children and the disturbing photo of a father and his young daughter drowned in the Rio Grande River.

We may feel a loss as to what to do, but certainly keeping in our prayers the migrants as well as those like Sister Norma working daily with migrants would be an excellent place to start.

Contributions too can be made to Sister Norma at the Humanitarian Rescue Center in McAllen, TX. She helps families get what they need.

You may go online to...

<https://www.catholiccharitiesrgv.org/Donations.aspx>

Here you can see a list of items you may send and where to send them, as well as an Amazon Wishlist and a place to make monetary donations.

Please do whatever you can to help!

St. Francis of Assisi Co-Ed Half Day Basketball Camp

The St. Francis of Assisi Co-ed Basketball Camp is scheduled for **August 5th — 9th** from 9:00AM to 12:30PM 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. For more information or to register, call Delores at 722-4388.

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

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY AUGUST 25, 2019 12:30-3:30

143 CASTLE CREEK RD

**1st Ukrainian Pentecostal Church
formerly known as
St Christopher's Pavilion**

**Covered seating, plenty of parking, new play ground
volleyball and horseshoes...**

**Coffee, bottled water & meat dish plus paper
products will be provided**

Please bring a item to share.

Families whose last name ends with

A thru G: please bring desserts

H to O: bring salad's fruit, potatoes or pasta

P to S: bring finger food..veggies, snacks

T to Z small cans of soda (-6-12 cans)

RSVP no later than August 19th

Call Parish Center 722-4388 or drop this in collection basket

of adults _____ # of kids _____

HELP is needed..sign up at church foyer

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**

August 3rd & 4th, 2019

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector Barb Brozovic
EM Host John Artman
EM Host Brenda Artman
EM Host Melissa Kliment
EM Cup Sue Lee
EM Cup Terry Hanifin
Altar Server Logan Kliment
Altar Server Brendan Kliment
Altar Server Vincent Williams

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Kurt & Kelly Mohney
EM Host Maureen Mizzoni
EM Host Virginia Thompson
EM Host Mary DeNinis
EM Cup Ed White
EM Cup Ede Blabac
Altar Server Kathryn White
Altar Server Mikayla Bucci
Altar Server Lauren White

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Jim Lewis
EM Host Emily Ekstrom
EM Host Rose O'Neil
EM Host Steve Guth
EM Cup David Gill
EM Cup Chris Gill
Altar Server Brendan Heaney
Altar Server Abraham Watkins
Altar Server Alexander Watkins

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Prayer is talking with God and listening to God in our hearts. Where do you talk to God and how do you listen to what God says to you?

Question for Youth: Jesus teaches us how important it is to pray. How do you ask God for what you need? How do you listen for his response?

Question for Adults: Jesus teaches us how to pray. When this past week did you take the time to pray, to talk to and listen to God?

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