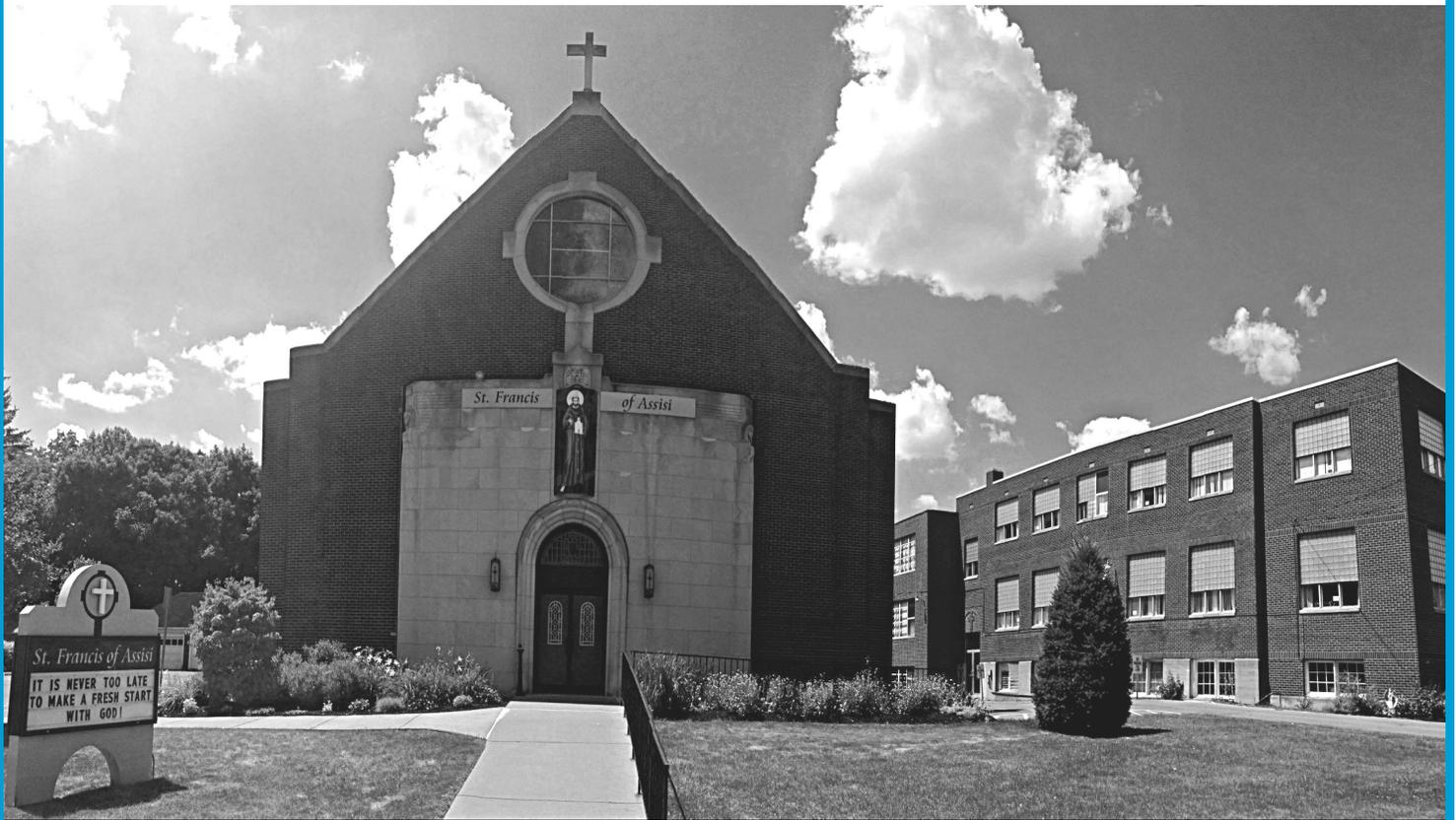


July 30, 2017

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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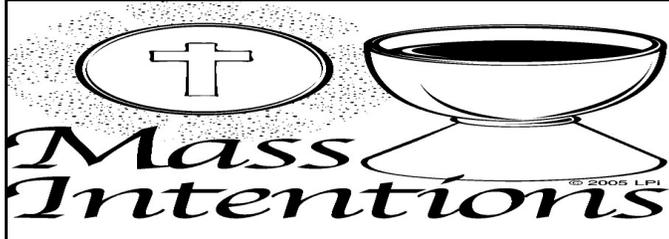
Mass Schedule

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 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 KOC #11403
 11:00a.m. Liturgy for the People

Monday, July 31
 8:00a.m. Mike Lynch by Friends

Tuesday, August 1
 8:00am Mannino Vita by Daughter, Fina & Family

Wednesday, August 2
 8:00a.m. Adam Kulas by Jim & Rose O'Neil

Thursday, August 3
 8:00a.m. Patricia Ryan by the Ryan Family

Friday, August 4
NO MASS

Saturday, August 5, Vigil of Sunday
 1:00p.m. Wedding - Lyndsey Church & Nicholas LoPiccolo
 4:00p.m. Daniel Berry by Tom & Joy Powers

Sunday, August 6, The Transfiguration Of The Lord
 8:00a.m. William Weckel by Wife, Esther & children
 11:00a.m. Antonino De Luca 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.

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 (07-23-17)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,282.25
Loose Collection.....	\$601.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$616.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,499.25

Hope Appeal this week we added \$1,886
Our total donations so far are \$26,768 from 179 donors. We are at 59.6% of our goal.
\$18,000 TO GO
We are 10 weeks into this year's Hope Appeal and over half way to this year's commitment!



Faith Formation

Confirmation 2017 summer update information has been mailed. Please call Maria Kirk if you need to reschedule your Confirmation Interview. Also be sure you bring to your interview any information that was requested, including your letter to the Bishop. If you misplaced this information it can be found both on the Parish website www.stfrancisbing.org or on the Confirmation Facebook page.

Safe Environment Training

A reminder to all church volunteers, that the United States Council of Catholic Bishops requires everyone who volunteers or is employed by any church organization to be screened. Our diocesan upcoming Safe Environment Training will be held at these locations. Screening is required every 5 years. If you have been contacted to be screened or to have your certification renewed please take advantage of these opportunities. If you have questions you can contact Maria Kirk at the parish office, 722-4177. Register online at www.syrдио.org.

Initial Safe Environment Training (PGC)

Wednesday, August 23rd at 6 PM
 Church of the Holy Family, Endwell

Recertification Training (EPDR)

Thursday, August 31st at 7 PM
 St. Thomas Aquinas, Binghamton
 Call Maria Kirk 722-4177 to register

Wednesday, October 25th at 5:30 PM
 Church of the Holy Family, Endwell
 Call Holy Family 754-1266 to register

Mass for Peace

A Mass for Peace will be celebrated here at our Parish on **Wednesday, August 9th at 7:00p.m.** It is important to come together as a people of faith to seek the power of Christ's peace for our country and world. O Lord Jesus Christ, Who said to Your Apostles: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you," regard not my sins but the faith of Your Church, and deign to give her peace and unity according to Your Will: Who live and reign, God, world without end. Amen.

Congratulations and Thank You!

Congratulations and thank you to Cameron Drumm for the beautiful benches on the parking lot side of the church. They are a wonderful addition to our grounds! Thank you to everyone who assisted Cameron with their donations to the project. I am sure when his scout leaders see his work he will be awarded his Eagle Scout Medal. A job well done, Cameron!



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: Worry, Excitement, and Desire

What do you worry about? What do you get excited 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.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of July 30th — Ann Wilcox

Week of August 6th — Marie Giordano

Shelving (Mondays)

July 31st — J. & K. Brady

August 7th — C. & B. Danoski

Distribution

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

Bans of Marriage

Congratulations and best wishes to Lyndsey 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



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.

St. Francis of Assisi Co-ed 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!*

Shower of Hope Project Volunteers Needed

Outreach Ministries of the Southern Tier is looking for volunteers to work behind the scene as well as on site locations for the “Shower of Hope Project”. The “Showers of Hope Project” is a mobile unit that will provide a safe showering facility for those in need. Volunteers needed to help sort and organize donations and work at local parishes where mobile unit will be stationed. The shower unit is in place behind St. Patrick's Rectory. We are presently offering showers on Thursdays from 1-3 pm at St. Patrick's. There will be a Volunteer Meeting on Tuesday, August 1 at 7:00 pm at St. Patrick's Hall for anyone interested in volunteering or would like more information. Interested but cannot attend the meeting? Please call Mary at 723-9208. The way to serve is as important as the service, please consider helping. Thank You!

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.

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**.

Catholic Charities of Broome County

Catholic Charities provides hundreds of individuals and families throughout our county with mental health and addiction services. If you or someone you know needs help, you can find Catholic Charities of Broome County online at <http://www.catholiccharitiesbc.org>, call (607) 729-9166, email at catholiccharitiesbc@ccbc.net or visit them directly at 232 Main Street in Binghamton.

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

August 5th & 6th, 2017

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector Marge Mangan
EM Host Carol Danoski
EM Host Joan Storer
EM Host Debby Carden
EM Cup John Pierce
EM Cup Mary Lou Ekstrom
EM Cup Mary Frances Charsky
EM Cup Larry Koch
Altar Server Mary Katherine Doyle
Altar Server Sarah Shafer
Altar Server _____

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Ed White
EM Host Lou Angelo
EM Host Katie Ginalski
EM Host Shirley McCray
EM Cup Nancy Oliver
EM Cup Kurt or Kelly Mohney
EM Cup Debbie Davis
EM Cup Joanne Horoschak
Altar Server Sarah Bush
Altar Server James Bush
Altar Server Mary Bush

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector John Klepfer
EM Host Joseph Frissora
EM Host Sue Jones
EM Host Jules Furrer
EM Cup Kerri Hamilton
EM Cup Maria Lord
EM Cup Rose O'Neil
EM Cup David Hanzes
Altar Server John Michael Frissora
Altar Server _____
Altar Server _____

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 _____."

END OF BULLETIN

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