

July 31, 2022

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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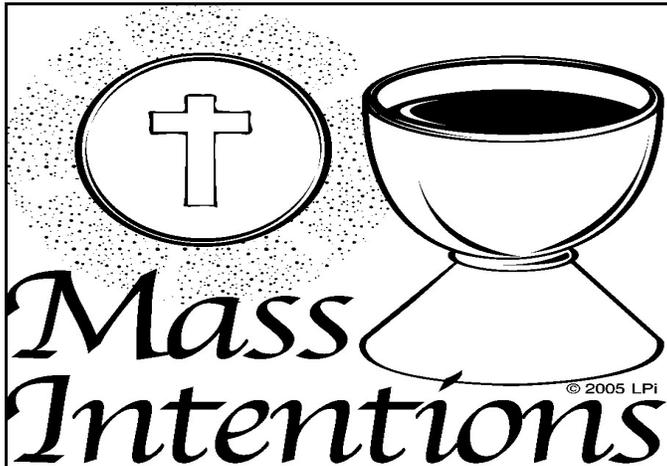
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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, July 30, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Mary & Vince DeNinis

**Sunday, July 31, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10:30 a.m. Charles Rettig by Steve, Joanne & Family

**Monday, August 1**  
**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, August 2**  
 8:00 a.m. Christopher Shafer by Sister, Catherine

**Wednesday, August 3**  
 12:00 p.m. Mary Kenrick by Marge Mangan

**Thursday, August 4**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Friday, August 5**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, August 6, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Gerald Davies by Wife, Dottie

**Sunday, August 7, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**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 (07-24-22)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$7,103.00
Loose Collection.....	\$275.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,722.00
Total Collection.....	\$9,100.00

*Thank You for your generous contributions!*

**Faith Formation**

**\*\*ATTENTION CONFIRMATION CLASS\*\***

The Confirmation summer letter, of which includes the interview appointment schedule, has been mailed out. Please call the parish center if you need to reschedule your interview.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022**

*It's time for fun in the sun!*

**Where: St. Francis of Assisi Church**

**When: August 15-19**

**6:00PM-8:00PM**

**Pre-Register at [StFrancisBing.org](http://StFrancisBing.org)**

**For more information call Maria Kirk at**

**607-722-4177**



**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.

**Church Renovation: WELCOME BACK...**

To our newly refurbished church. After four months of celebrating our weekend liturgies in the gym, we are finally back in church with a new look. The architecture of our building offered many possibilities. Fortunately, there was no need of any major repair. One of the major assets of the church is the beauty of our stained glass windows, and how could we enhance their color. After various renderings from church architects, it was decided to work with Ritterbeck Painting, from Moosic, Pennsylvania. They have a long history locally and beyond with church painting and restoration. They saw the beauty of the stained glass windows, and offered colors that would make them pop out. Also, the ability to bring a ceiling look to our environment is such a wonderful contribution to the body of the church. The majority of the work in the church hall is completed, but there is more additional work to be done.

We see that being finished in mid-August. Like all projects there is further tweaking to do with both sites. The new look will take time to adjust to from our long look of what we had before. I see the colors, stenciling and ornamentation offering a wonderful appreciation of our church as sacred space. The environment itself lends itself to prayer.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**There will be a special celebration for the church with Bishop Lucia, on the weekend of August 20/21.** It will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate not just the church building, but to celebrate as the church.....for you are the church. Thank-you for all you have contributed with your support and patience with this endeavor.

**SAVE THE DATE: PARISH PICNIC**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022**

Details to follow...

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
Creation Care Tip**

*“Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” —Luke 12:15*

This Gospel reading gives yet another reminder of the dangers of overconsumption and how it can harm us spiritually as well as harming the environment. An alternative of the man who built bigger barns to contain more things (an equivalent to Americans building bigger houses, bigger garages, or using more storage space) is a spirituality that knows that “less stuff” can mean more fulfillment, more peace, and more time to focus on what is reality important: human relationships and a balanced relationship with the natural world. This week, take honest stock of what you might let go of so that you can embrace something else that is more important.

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
Justice Challenge**

Family reunions happen a lot during the summer months. You may have seen signs or notices in parks where families have reserved space to come together to catch up on news, share family stories and food, and to celebrate their heritage. When we take time to nurture relationships and to support and celebrate our families, it is a blessing. Our families are the first places we learn about faith and what it means to be a part of God’s family. There are some things we know about being a part of God’s family: we must feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to those who thirst and visit those in prison. And our families help us do this good work. Your challenge this week is to discuss how your family has been a witness to you of being Christ in the world. Then choose a corporal work of mercy and practice it this week.

**\*ATTENTION: ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!\***

Do you have a child or grandchild who has already received their First Eucharist? If so, they can be altar servers! We are in **desperate** need of more altar servers as we barely have enough to cover the masses alone week to week.



**Why altar serve?**

- 1.) It is a good way to get actively involved in the mechanics of mass. Some kids who find it hard to sit still may benefit from the activity that serving provides.
- 2.) It allows for kids to be a closer part of the church community and make connections.
- 3.) Direct religious education learning opportunity
- 4.) Gives kids a sense of purpose and pride in their church

**Call the parish center (607)722-4388 or fill out a liturgical signup form (on table in the back of the church) and drop it in a collection basket.**

**Southern Tier Afghan Resettlement Fund**

- Use your camera on your smartphone to scan this QR code =====>>
- Learn more about our Southern Tier Afghan Resettlement Fund
- Donate to help an Afghan family in need right here in the Southern Tier



*“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”*

**Rosary and Religious Item Donations**

The Sisters of St. Joseph are helping the immigrants by giving them rosaries and religious items. If anyone would like to donate your old or extra rosaries or other religious items, it would be greatly appreciated. There will be a basket on the back table of the church for those who wish to give. Thank you!

## **Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule**

### **Transportation**

NO TRANSPORTATION

### **Shelving (Mondays)**

NO SHELIVING

### **Distribution**

August 2nd— M. Lyons, M. Mizzoni, M. Peters

### **\*\*Danielle House Volunteers Needed\*\***

Danielle House, our local healthcare hospitality home, is in need of volunteers. If you are looking to invest a few hours each week to serve families in a medical crisis, Danielle House is a charity you would love to be a part of. To learn more, please visit [www.daniellehouse.org](http://www.daniellehouse.org), or call 607-724-1549 to volunteer today!

### **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!**

### **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

## **15th Annual Fall Fest** **Fun Raiser Raffle**

**Thursday, September 29th**  
**@ Traditions at the Glen (under the tent)**

**6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

\$20,000 in cash prizes  
(Provided all tickets are sold)  
Cost is \$100 with the opportunity to win 5 cash prizes.

- 1st - \$10,000
- 2nd - \$5,000
- 3rd - \$3,000
- 4th - \$1,000
- 5th - \$1,000

**Tickets can be purchased via:**

**Mail Check Payable to "The Danielle House"**  
**160 Riverside Drive Binghamton, NY 13905**

**Pay Pal Online**  
<https://www.daniellehouse.org/fallfest.html>

**Credit Card or Cash**  
Please call The Danielle House at 607-724-1540

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

### **Safe Environment Trainings**

The Office of Safe Environment is providing initial and re-certification training sessions for those required or interested to attend. The complete schedule of available training sessions and registration links can now be found on the diocesan Safe Environment page:

<https://syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/>

### **Spirituality of Aging**

On Tuesdays in August, the **LeMoyne College Center for Aging Resources and Enrichment** will present four speakers for your enjoyment at Holy Family Church— a continuation of the program presented in 2019 with Monsignor Yeazel. **All talks will begin at 2:00PM** and are free and open to the public. No registration required.

**Tuesday, August 2nd**— "Is Life like a River? Currents in Aging"

**Tuesday, August 9th**— "Accepting Future Blessings: Spiritual Vitality in Our Senior Years"

**Tuesday, August 16th**— "Staying Faith Filled in Fearful Times"

**Tuesday, August 23rd**— "Do you ever feel anxious, angry, or apprehensive? Me too!"

**Call 315-488-3139 ext. 104 for any questions.**

### **St. Mary of the Assumption 2022 Bazaar**

**Saturday, August 13th**  
**12:00PM—10:00PM**

Come and Enjoy  
Good Food, Music, and Games

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

**August 6th & 7th, 2022**

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Michaela Wood
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Maria Kirk
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Beatrice Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Robert Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Peggy Munson

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sydney Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	J D Wojnar
10:30 Mass	Lector	Shirley McCray
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Richard Kazmark
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Scott Klein
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Kerri Hamilton

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**Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume in the fall. You can continue to watch Children's Liturgy on our website and Facebook page throughout the summer.**

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to view our latest Sunday mass and  
Children's Liturgy.

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YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)

**You can still view children's liturgy  
virtually!**

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**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** What is the most important thing in your life?

**Question for Youth:** It is easy to get self-centered and greedy. What do you have in your life that is unnecessary? In your life, what keeps you close to God? What distracts you from your relationship with God?

**Question for Adults:** What wisdom do you pull out of this reading to help you set priorities in your life?

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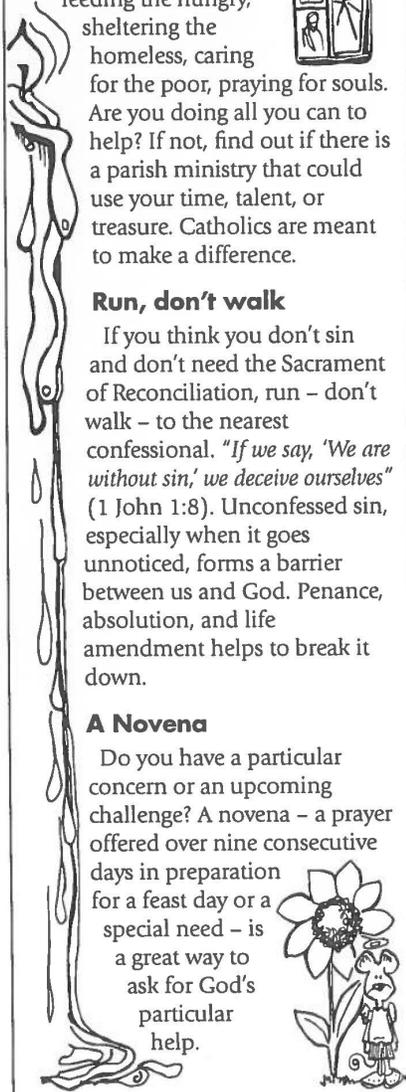
## One Minute Meditations

**Get involved**  
Catholics have a long history of action – feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, caring for the poor, praying for souls. Are you doing all you can to help? If not, find out if there is a parish ministry that could use your time, talent, or treasure. Catholics are meant to make a difference.



**Run, don't walk**  
If you think you don't sin and don't need the Sacrament of Reconciliation, run – don't walk – to the nearest confessional. *"If we say, 'We are without sin,' we deceive ourselves"* (1 John 1:8). Unconfessed sin, especially when it goes unnoticed, forms a barrier between us and God. Penance, absolution, and life amendment helps to break it down.

**A Novena**  
Do you have a particular concern or an upcoming challenge? A novena – a prayer offered over nine consecutive days in preparation for a feast day or a special need – is a great way to ask for God's particular help.



## Jesus, I trust in you!

We fully trust in someone when we have a firm belief in his or her reliability, truth, ability, and strength. Do you trust God? He really is *"faithful and true"* (Revelation 19:11). You can trust Him ...

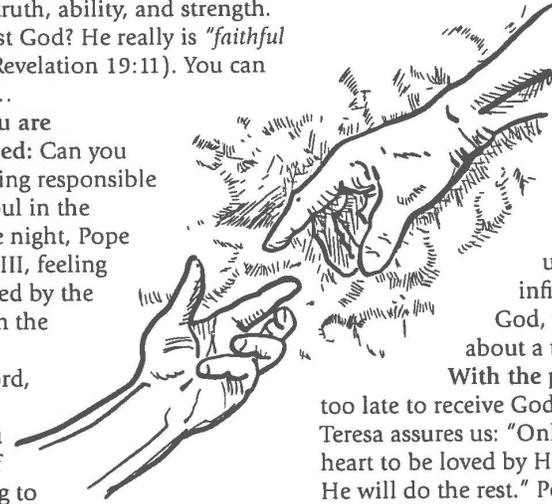
**When you are overwhelmed:** Can you imagine being responsible for every soul in the world? One night, Pope St. John XXIII, feeling overwhelmed by the problems in the Church, prayed, "Lord, it's Your Church; You take care of it. I'm going to bed." That's the perfect model for us. Surrender concerns to God, trust Him to handle them, and relax.

**With the future:** St. Padre Pio said, "You say you are anxious about the

future, but don't you know that the Lord is with you always and that our enemy has no power over one who has resolved to belong entirely to Jesus?"

When we understand the infinite love of God, we won't worry about a thing.

**With the past:** It's never too late to receive God's mercy. Mother Teresa assures us: "Only open your heart to be loved by Him as you are. He will do the rest." Pope Francis has said that God is never tired of dispensing His mercy. We are the ones who tire of asking. Never tire of asking. Absolution is as close as your nearest Catholic church.



## Why Do Catholics Do That? Why do Catholics bury loved ones' remains?

Everything the Church teaches about care for the dying, funeral rites, and burial is out of respect for the body. For Catholics, the body has the added dignity of participating in the Sacraments during life: *"your body is a temple of*



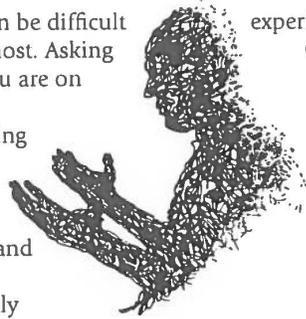
*the Holy Spirit"* (1 Corinthians 6:19). In the Creed, we profess belief in the resurrection of the body. Therefore, the Church permits cremation as long as the cremains are buried in sanctified ground. Scattering ashes is prohibited.

# Discerning God's will

Do you have a big decision to make? It can be difficult to hear God's voice just when you need it most. Asking the right questions and looking for signs you are on track can help you make the right choice.

"Will it help me get to Heaven?" Answering this question first will weed out extraneous options quickly. Then, when deciding between two good choices, consider which one makes best use of your strengths, gifts, and your state in life.

Deep peace. In heartfelt prayer, you'll likely



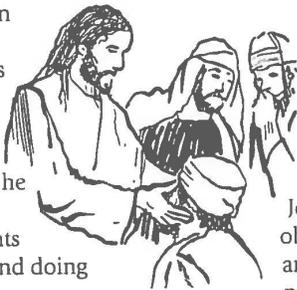
experience a deep peace for one of your options. Only God gives this kind of peace (John 14:27). It's a good sign when that peace lasts throughout the decision process. Lack of peace is usually God saying, "no."

Good fruits. These are easiest to see after you have taken steps toward your decision. If you see spiritual fruits like generosity, joy, patience, and self-control growing in your soul, you're on the right track. Anxiety, turmoil, anger, tension are signs that you made a misstep.

## from Scripture

### Luke 14:1, 7-14, Unreciprocated kindness

Jesus was under close and careful scrutiny by the Pharisees who were watching for a misstep in order to discredit him. They were afraid that his "radical" ideas would undermine the religion and tradition they protected. Nonetheless, he never let this critical scrutiny by his opponents keep him from saying and doing the right things.



As Christians, we must never succumb to pressure to do what is politically or socially correct at the expense of our spiritual beliefs and obligations. For example, there is a cultural value to

"networking" – entertaining people who can further our personal or professional goals. There is usually an exchange of favors implied in this kind of a relationship, "you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours."

In this parable, however, Jesus urged us to forget about obtaining benefit or admiration and instead serve people in need. He said that doing favors for and being kind to the disadvantaged can be very rewarding and will bring blessings to the host. The guests won't be able to reciprocate, but God will certainly repay the kindness.

## Q & A What does Mary's Assumption mean for us?

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII infallibly declared that, "having completed the course of her earthly life," the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up, body and soul, into heavenly glory.



Although this doctrine was declared relatively recently, the Church's belief in it isn't new. Sacred Scripture and Tradition repeatedly emphasize Mary's

sinlessness and holiness (Luke 1:28), and her deep involvement in the mysteries of Christ's life. Given this, we believe Jesus preserved her body from decay and raised her to heavenly glory.

For us, the Assumption, is a "sneak preview" of what our ultimate destiny can be if we are faithful to Christ, as Mary was - having our glorified bodies, sinless and perfectly happy. What she is now, we hope someday to be. Moreover, the Assumption reveals the value of our bodies in God's plan. When God created us in His image, He created us body and soul and said it was "very good" (Genesis 1:31). It's so good, that He intends to raise us, bodily, into His glory.

## Feasts & Celebrations

**August 2 – St. Peter Julian Eymard (1868).** Born in France, Peter was ordained in 1834 and earned a reputation as a preacher. He was friends with St. John Vianney. He founded the Congregation of the Priests of the Blessed Sacrament to increase devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

**August 9 – St. Edith Stein (1942).** Born Jewish, she was a brilliant atheist intellectual in Germany. Edith converted to Catholicism after studying St. Teresa of Avila, and became a Carmelite nun. Although her order tried to shelter her

from the Nazis, she was arrested and executed at Auschwitz.

**August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption.** Declared a dogma of faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary's being taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life.

**Aug. 24 – St. Bartholomew the Apostle (1st Century).** Bartholomew is thought by some scholars to be the apostle, Nathanael (John 1:46). After Jesus's Ascension, Nathanael spread Christianity to India and Armenia, where he was martyred.



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