

August 01, 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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**You can still attend weekend mass virtually!**



**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

**Monday, August 2**  
 12:00 p.m. John Blakeslee by the Guinane Family

**Tuesday, August 3**  
 8:00 a.m. Antonio De Luca by Family

**Wednesday, August 4**  
 12:00 p.m. Bob Shields by Karen George

**Thursday, August 5**  
 8:00 a.m. John Krinik by Kathy & Glen Tait

**Friday, August 6**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, August 7, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv. Bob & Shirley Parke

**Sunday, August 8, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People  
 11:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Paske & Swartzmeyer Families by  
 Mary Jane & John

**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 (07-25-21)**

Regular Envelopes.....\$3,674.00  
 Loose Collection.....\$276.84  
 Electronic Collection.....\$1,717.00  
 Total Collection.....\$5,667.84

*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](http://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.

**Prayer to End World Hunger**

*You sent your people manna in the wilderness, O God,  
And through your son you gifted us with the  
Bread of Life.*

*Nurtured by your goodness and generosity,  
We see our vocation before us:*

*To extend these blessings*

*To everyone in the human family by working*

*To ensure all families have healthy food.*

*Help us to feed people who are hungry today.*

*Help us to reflect on how food is grown*

*And distributed and to create solutions*

*That provide long-term food security for all*

*God's children.*

*In Christ's name we pray,*

*Amen.*

**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!**

**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....**

**St. Francis of Assisi: 4:00PM (Vigil)**

**St. Paul's: 5:30PM (Vigil)**

**St. Mary of the Assumption: 7:30AM**

**St. Paul's: 9:00AM**

**St. Francis of Assisi: 10:30AM**

**St. Mary of the Assumption: 12:00PM (Noon)**

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

This week the Church remembers Blessed Pope Paul the VI. One of his most famous quotes is, "If you want peace, work for justice." This idea comes from years of Catholic social teaching responding to the world and the issues at hand in any given age. This statement can be clearly understood today. Just take a look at the civil war in Syria. At the heart of the refugee crisis is a lack of justice from a government that has amassed wealth while the people go hungry or without opportunities for education and participation in decisions that affect them. Followers of Jesus Christ must work to alleviate issues that attack the dignity of the human person—with works of charity and acts of justice. What exactly does that mean? When Syrian refugees are hungry and homeless, we must feed them and help them get the safe homes they deserve. Those would be acts of charity. At the same time, we can encourage our government to pressure the Syrian government to alleviate the problem and find solutions that will benefit the people and ensure the people won't suffer so terribly ever again. Policy and political change are both ways to bring justice. Both are needed to make change happen.

Your challenge is to choose an injustice you see in your community. Ask questions about the issue. What do I know about this injustice and what don't I know? Who is affected by the issue? Who has the power to change the issue? Who seeks to gain if the issue isn't resolved? Now... what are YOU going to do about the issue?

**Start somewhere TODAY!**

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

### **Transportation**

NO TRANSPORTATION

### **Shelving (Mondays)**

NO SHELIVING

### **Distribution**

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

## **Catholic Schools of Broome County**

### **Admissions**

### **For School Year (2021-2022)**

Admission into the Catholic Schools of Broome County for the 2021-2022 school year is still open!

Early Childhood Education through 12th Grade...

***100% Graduation Rate!***

***Tuition Assistance Available!***

***Transportation Provided by Home District!***

**Contact Office of Admissions at 607-231-4149** for more information or to schedule a tour of any of our schools.

Apply Now!

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**Catholic Schools of Broome County**

## **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.

### **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 **[stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.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!

### **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**  
August 7th & 8th, 2021

**4:00 P.M. Mass**

Designation ONLY

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

Designation ONLY

**11:00 A.M. Mass**

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**Children’s Liturgy of The Word will be  
posted by Noon on Saturdays!**

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Why is Jesus compared to bread? How can his teachings be like food?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus is the bread that gives us life. How does believing in Jesus make your life different?

**Question for Adults:** How do you partake of the nourishment that Jesus provides? How often?

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