

August 06, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

NEVER AGAIN



**"THE USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR PURPOSES OF WAR IS IMMORAL,
JUST AS THE POSSESSING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IS IMMORAL"**
-POPE FRANCIS

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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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2nd & 4th Saturday of every
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Saturday, August 5, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Gerald Davies by Wife, Dottie

Sunday, August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord
10:30 a.m. Tom Giblin by Wife Joan & Family

Monday, August 7
12:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

Tuesday, August 8
8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, August 9
12:00 p.m. Claudette Simonis by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Thursday, August 10
8:00 a.m. Donald J. Levis by Robert Connelly

Friday, August 11
NO MASS

Saturday, August 12, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 pm Julia Pandich by Mike & Jan Pandich

Sunday, August 13, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. 7th Anniv. Charles Jaworski by Family

Catherine's Cupboard

CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD has been serving our community for the past 20+ years, it's **open the 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month from 5 till 7 (or until all are served)**. We serve anyone who comes, asking only for ID, if they have any. As members of SOUTHERN TIER FOOD BANK, we purchase at wholesale (or less), providing **basic dry or canned goods, fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy, and frozen meats**. We try to provide **5 days of meals** and include **personal care items** also. We operate on **100% donations or grants**. Our location at the parish center means we have most overhead costs covered. However, we serve over 1200 people, requiring a budget of close to \$50,000 a year. PLEASE tell anyone you know who is feeling food insecure to stop in. **If you would like to donate food items, they can be left at parish center or food barrel in church foyer. Monetary donations can be mailed to our parish office or via the online giving tab at stfrancisbing.org**

Weekend's Offering (07-16-23)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$3,279.00
Loose Collection.....	\$216.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,857.00
Total Collection.....	\$5,352.00

FAITH FORMATION

Confirmation final class and rehearsal will be Sunday, September 10th. Confirmation will be celebrated Sunday, October 1st at 10:30AM with Bishop Cunningham.

Creation Care Team Meeting **Saturday, August 12th @ 11:00AM**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

6:30pm - 8:00pm

at Our Lady of Good Counsel

Evening of Praise & Worship with
Jeremy Bobak & the THRIVE Band
Special Eucharistic Revival Message

Food, Fun, & Fellowship
on the patio to follow,
all ages are welcome!

Tori Reynolds
Evangelization Coordinator
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Transfiguration of the Lord: Justice Challenge

On August 7 and 9, we mark the bombings of Nagasaki and Hiroshima during World War II. Today we have nuclear weapons which are much more devastating than the atomic bombs dropped on Japan almost 70 years ago. Our U.S. Bishops have written courageously about nuclear war. Applying the Catholic Church's teaching about just war, which has evolved over the past two thousand years, the bishops have concluded that they cannot justify the use of nuclear weapons. Your challenge this week is to look at how you can contribute to a peaceful world so that the threat of nuclear war is made remote and unimaginable. How are you a peacemaker in your home? At school or at work? In your community? In how you engage in civic life? What is one thing you can do this week to make our world safer for everyone?

Transfiguration of the Lord: Creation Care Tip

On this feast day, when we remember how Jesus' seemingly normal human body was transfigured into dazzling white, honor it by transforming what some might see as trash or waste into something life-giving. Repurpose something you normally throw away into something useful in your home. Or start a compost bin, letting your fruit and vegetable scraps decompose into soil-building organic material. Search online for "how to start a compost bin" for hundreds of ideas of what can work for your home.

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.



In Remembrance of Hiroshima & Nagasaki

At 8:15 am on August 6, 1945, Hiroshima became the first city in the world to suffer a nuclear attack. At 11:02 am on August 9, Nagasaki became the second city to be hit by an atomic bomb. The Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemorate the bombings every year. They have established extensive programs to ensure that information about the bombings is passed on and to work for nuclear disarmament and world peace. Across the globe, nuclear weapons still pose a grave threat to human life, and to the life of the planet itself. We are still learning the lessons of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Justice and peace are intimately linked. Where there is armed conflict, injustice thrives, and injustice provides fertile ground for violence. We encourage you to use the anniversaries of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki as a focus for prayer, reflection and action on behalf of peace and nuclear disarmament. Alarmed at our current escalating nuclear armament, Archbishop John Wester of Santa Fe published, "Living in the Light of Christ's Peace: A Conversation Toward Nuclear Disarmament." At a news conference, Archbishop Wester called the nuclear arms race a "vicious spiral that prompts progressively destabilizing actions and reactions by all parties including our own country." Let us pray and advocate to end this nuclear darkness.

We remember Hiroshima and Nagasaki

And the skies rained down fire.

Hiroshima. Nagasaki.

In the gardens of those cities the agony began.

The images of flames, smoke, destruction.

The smell of burning flesh.

The taste of ashes on the tongue.

Hiroshima. Nagasaki.

We ask forgiveness again, decades later.

And we will continue to ask forgiveness.

Through our acts of contrition,

May we learn to act as peacemakers,

So peace may be the restitution

We offer humanity. Amen.

National Religious Retirement Fund Collection

You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Picnic 2023

Sunday, September 10th, 2023

Binghamton First Ukrainian Pentecostal Grounds
(143 Castle Creek Rd, Binghamton, NY)

12:30PM—3:30PM (Serving at 1:00PM)

PLEASE no early birds, church services go until 12:15

Meat & drinks provided* (no alcohol or smoking)

Please bring place setting and utensils to reduce waste as well as an item to share according to last name...

A—D: Fruit E—G: Potato/Pasta Salad

H—L: Appetizers/Snacks M—Q: Veggies

R—Z: Dessert

RSVP:

Please take a flyer located in the back of the church and follow the instructions to RSVP physically or scan the QR code/visit the link below to RSVP online

stfrancisbing.org/parish-picnic-registration-2023



Upcoming Safe Environment Trainings

Initial Safe Environment Training

- † Tuesday, September 12: 10:00AM at Catholic Charities of Broome County, Binghamton
- † Tuesday, September 19: 6:00PM at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott
- † Saturday, September 23: 9:30PM at St. Patrick, Binghamton
- † Tuesday, October 3: 6:00PM at St. James, Johnson City

Safe Environment Recertification Training

- † Wednesday, September 6: 10:00AM at St. James, Johnson City
- † Saturday, September 9: 9:00AM at Immaculate Conception, Greene
- † Wednesday, September 13: 6:30PM at St. Thomas Aquinas, Binghamton
- † Tuesday, September 19: 3:00PM at Seton Catholic Central, Binghamton

Pre-registration is required for these sessions. Walk-ins and late arrivals **will not be permitted**. Registration for training sessions will close one (1) business day prior to the training session. Visit www.syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/ to register for a training session.

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

August 15th: C. Danoski, A. Smilnak, M. Hayes, and J. Wyatt

****CAN YOU HELP OUR PANTRY??****

Catherine's Cupboard needs; Pork & Beans, Mustard, and Blue City of Binghamton Trash Bags (medium size only). Items can be left in barrel in church foyer or dropped off at Pantry during week. Certain items, such as these we are unable to get from Food Bank and are costly when we buy cases. Thank you.



Chenango Bridge Fire Company Doug's Fish Fry Fundraiser

Chenango Bridge Fire Company will host a "Doug's Fish Fry" Fundraiser on **Tuesday, August 15th, from 11:00AM—6:00PM in front of the Binghamton Lowe's (1318 Front Street)**. Choose from fried fish, scallops, or shrimp, or dinners with fries and coleslaw.

Exploring Grief Through One's Own Experience

The purpose of this workshop is to better understand one's own grief experiences, exploring ways of coping with the pain associated with grief, understanding stigmas and myths around grief and how loss impacts our body, mind, and spirit. There will be time for creative expression around thoughts and feelings associated with loss and experience a relaxation/guided meditation that can be used to help cope with overwhelming thoughts and feelings. Time will allow for an opportunity to give honor to the ones who have died through a closing ritual. Mary Jean Tucci, MS. Ed, MDiv has been working in the field of grief work for the past 22 years through hospice bereavements counseling and pastoral care. She is also a Certified Life Coach.

Place: The Spiritual Center Windsor, NY

Date: August 12th **Time:** 9AM - 4 PM

Price: \$75 includes lunch

Contact: Sister Elizabeth (607) 655-2264

Monetary Settlement Reached in Diocese of Syracuse Bankruptcy Case: Church Entities to Pay Survivors of Abuse \$100 Million

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors announced that they have reached a settlement agreement in the chapter 11 case filed on June 19, 2020. The settlement will provide payment in the amount of \$100 million dollars to all survivors of sexual abuse for acts perpetrated against them by clergy, religious, lay employees, and volunteers. Although the settlement amount remains subject to a creditor vote and court approval, the dollar figure of the settlement has been accepted by the Official Committee. The Committee is comprised entirely of individuals who themselves survived sexual abuse when they were children by clergy members and employees within the Diocese of Syracuse. Agreement on a monetary settlement marks a very significant achievement in the case, but important issues remain. The Diocese and Committee are continuing to discuss the details of child protection protocols that will enhance measures already in place to protect young parishioners, students, and other vulnerable individuals within the Diocese. The discussions on child protection have been productive, collaborative, and extensive and Bishop Lucia has been personally engaged throughout the process. The Diocese and Committee will soon be in a position to announce an agreement on these enhanced measures that will further strengthen the safe environment program in the Diocese of Syracuse. "I can tell you as shocking as the settlement amount may seem to leaders of our own parishes and other Catholic entities, more appalling and heart-rending to me is the pain and mistreatment experienced by the survivors of Child and Adult Sexual Abuse at the hands of those they thought they could trust, writes Bishop Douglas J. Lucia in his Letter to the Faithful also issued today. "As the present leader of the Church of Syracuse, I cannot apologize enough for the abuse which happened or for any neglect in dealing with it. This is why the final settlement will include commitments meant to strengthen our safe environment protocols to further ensure the past does not repeat itself. "This settlement is a significant step forward in the healing process for over 400 victims in this case," according to Dr. Kevin Braney, Denver CO, who serves as Chair of the Official Committee. "I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to my fellow survivors and their families, for their endurance as they have patiently awaited this news. The Committee looks forward to our continued collaboration with Bishop Lucia and his leadership team as we work to settle with the Diocese's insurers and enhance the Diocese's child protection protocols." This settlement between the Committee and the Diocese, parishes, and other entities affiliated with the Diocese does not include a contribution from any of the six insurance companies that provided coverage to the Diocese. The Diocese and the Committee will continue to work in earnest to negotiate with the insurance carriers who are involved in this case with the goal of achieving a global settlement. In Diocesan bankruptcy cases, it is typical for Church insurers to contribute the majority of the global settlement amount paid to survivors of abuse.

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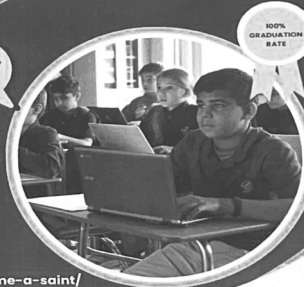
It's almost time for back to school! Have you thought about sending your child to Catholic School? The Catholic Schools of Broome County prides itself on helping our students achieve academically, in a comfortable environment built for learning. Experience what we have to offer and enroll today!

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

August 12th & 13th, 2023

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Anne Smilnak
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Betsy A Shields
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Rick Kazmark
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Mary Russik
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Carol Danoski
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Cadhla Hamilton
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Mary Bush
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Anne Wolanski
10:30 Mass	EM Host	David Hanzes
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Mary DeNinis
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Suzanne Carr
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Catherine Shafer

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

CHILDREN'S LITURGY WILL BE **ONLINE**
ONLY UNTIL FALL

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www.youtube.com/@stfrancisbing

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stfrancisbing.org
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We will continue to post new videos by
4:00PM on Saturdays.

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Facebook (search "@stfrancisbing")
YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)
<https://www.youtube.com/@stfrancisbing>

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virtually!**

Question of the Week

Question for Children: How do
you show that you listen to Jesus?

Question for Youth: How does
your faith in Jesus as the Son of
God affect your life?

Question for Adults: When have
you had a "transfiguration" experi-
ence? What was it like?

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