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St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Saturday, August 7, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. 65th 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

Monday, August 9

12:00 p.m. Patty Ellis by Ruthie Cole

Tuesday, August 10

8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Foran & Tait Families by Bonnie Mando

Wednesday, August 11

12:00 p.m. Peter Schuchman by Judy Ruston

Thursday, August 12

8:00 a.m. Mary Foran by CSJ Associates

Friday, August 13

NO MASS

Saturday, August 14, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. 7th Anniv. Julia Pandich by Mike & Jan Pandich

Sunday, August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. 5th Anniv. Charles Jaworski by Family

11:00 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 (08-01-21)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$3,212.00
Loose Collection.....	\$136.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,722.00
Total Collection.....	\$5,070.00

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.**

Virtual Vacation Bible School!

St. Francis of Assisi "Peace Lab" Vacation Bible School is be on our website stfrancisbing.org NOW!



GO CHECK IT OUT!

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!

****ATTENTION: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers****

We will put a new schedule out for the Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers after Labor Day. Our new Mass schedule begins then and with people gradually returning to church it is time to get a schedule together. We will be giving people the opportunity to sign up for the ministry(s) and Mass times that they want. There will be sign sheets in the church at each Mass. Also there will be reminders on the Parish website and on our Facebook page and, as always, people can call the Parish office @ 722-4388

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, Stanley Charlier.

The Immorality of Nuclear Weapons

Seventy-six years after the end of WWII, nuclear weapons continue to feature prominently in national foreign policies. The United States and Russia are building new nuclear warheads and delivery vehicles, and North Korea and the United States threaten nuclear attacks. Speaking in Hiroshima in November 2019, the Pope said future generations will condemn our actions.

"The use of atomic energy for purposes of war is immoral, just as the possessing of nuclear weapons is immoral, as I already said two years ago. We will be judged on this. Future generations will rise to condemn our failure if we spoke of peace but did not act to bring it about among the peoples of the earth. How can we speak of peace even as we build terrifying new weapons of war? How can we speak about peace even as we justify illegitimate actions by speeches filled with discrimination and hate?"

Prayer for Nuclear Disarmament

*You have given us life, intelligence,
And the beauty of Creation, O Lord.*

*Your good gifts were given
So we might be stewards of all that is alive.
In our arrogance, we have unleashed
 Fearful forces that destroy.
We have brought down fierce fire from the sky.
 Your children have been burned,
 Your gentle green earth scorched.
 Fear rules us now, not Love;
We have given in to evils, lesser and greater.
In your mercy, help us turn from destruction,
 From the bombs and barricades.
With your grace, may we begin to dismantle the bombs
 Beat the sword into plowshares,
 And so transform the nuclear nightmare
 Into the peace you have proposed
 Here our prayer, Lord,
 And guide us in your ways. Amen.*

Hope Appeal Commitment Weekend September 11th & 12th

Hope Appeal Commitment Weekend will be September 11th and 12th and conclude on December 31st. We will take for our theme the words from Matthew 5:13; "You are the salt of the earth..." Many have reflected on the meaning of this scripture passage including Pope Francis who said "God gave each person faith, gifts and talents so that they would share them with others and bring the taste of the Gospel to the world. Christians must "go out with the message, go out with the riches of salt that we have received and give it to others." I know also that it is only with your help that our mission to be "salt" does not lose its flavor. So we ask for your prayers and assistance in meeting the Diocese of Syracuse's goal for this year's campaign of \$4.15M to support the ministries of our local area and throughout the Diocese.

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....

<u>St. Francis of Assisi:</u>	4:00PM (Vigil)
St. Paul's:	5:30PM (Vigil)
<u>St. Mary of the Assumption:</u>	7:30AM
St. Paul's:	9:00AM
<u>St. Francis of Assisi:</u>	10:30AM
<u>St. Mary of the Assumption:</u>	12:00PM (Noon)

19th Week in Ordinary Time: Justice Challenge

We celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary this week. Mary is considered the first disciple of Jesus. Her life tells us who she was: a mother, wife, daughter, niece, friend, neighbor, and disciple. Her presence in Jesus' life has been formative. Scripture reveals that Mary lived a life of generosity, compassion, forgiveness, hope, and kindness. She was the very first servant leader in the church. She gave up her own status in the community for the sake of Jesus—bearing him, raising him, teaching him and learning from him. She teaches us how to serve and how to lead.

Your challenge this week is to read Luke 1:39-56. How is God asking you to lead in a spirit of service? What is your response?

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?

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELVING

Distribution

August 17th— M. & P. Peters, N. Oliver

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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

Thrive Outside “Though I Fall, I Will Rise Again!” (Micah 7:8)

Friday, August 20th

7:00PM—8:00PM

St. Vincent De Paul Blessed Sacrament, Vestal NY

End of Summer, now is the time to Thrive!
Join us on the lawn for live music, food, fun, and fellowship!
Bring your lawn chairs or blanket!

St. Anthony's Holy Name Society Captain & Crew Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 18th

9:00AM Shotgun Start

Apalachin Golf Course

Men's, Women's, and Mixed Teams
\$80/Golfer Includes:

Greens Fees/Cart/Steak Dinner/Prizes/Skins
Registration Fees Due: September 11th
To Register Call Nick @ 748-8686

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!

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 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!

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!

KOC Tom Mangan Memorial Golf Tournament “Thank You”!

Thanks to all who played in the Annual Tom Mangan Golf Tournament! A great time was enjoyed by everyone. We will see you all next Summer, Sunday July 31, 2022!



**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
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August 14th & 15th, 2021

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

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Name one way that your faith nourishes you? How does it help your life?

Question for Youth: Bread nourishes us physically, and Jesus as the living bread nourishes spiritually. How can you be more open to Jesus and the ways that he can feed you?

Question for Adults: What nourishes your life? What does the phrase “living bread” mean for you?

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One Minute Meditations

The gift of work

Work can feel like a treadmill. The routine can be exhausting and the job seem pointless. When we treat our labor as a gift back to God, there is an additional purpose to it than just a paycheck. "There is nothing better for man than to eat and drink and provide himself with good things by his labors. Even this, I realized, is from the hand of God" (Ecclesiastes 2:24).

Think and pray

Consider how many mistakes or heartaches could have been prevented if we had been wise enough to stop and think before acting. Too many times we focus on enjoying ourselves as much as possible and we step closer to sin until it draws us in. Trouble can be averted if we think and pray before we act.

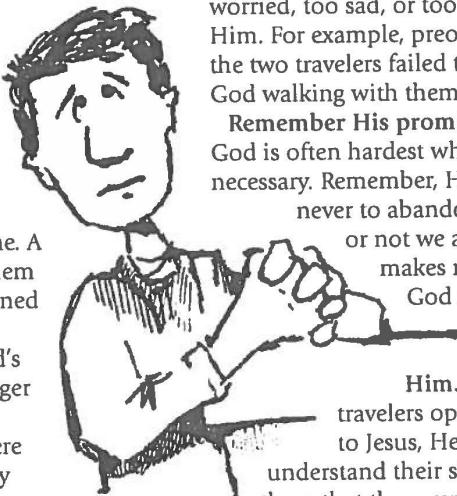
"Understand this well: there is something holy, something divine hidden in the most ordinary situations, and it is up to each one of you to discover it."

St. Josemaria Escriva



Two travelers, distraught over the murder of someone they loved, were heading out of town. As they walked, they struggled to understand what happened and why God had abandoned them. They felt overwhelmed and alone. A kind stranger joined them in their journey, explained the recent events, and reminded them of God's reliable love. The stranger turned out to be the very loved one they were grieving. Although they hadn't realized it, God was with them all along (Luke 24).

Why can't we find him? Events or experiences in our lives can lessen



our awareness of God and make Him appear distant. Sometimes we are too worried, too sad, or too angry to find Him. For example, preoccupied by grief, the two travelers failed to recognize God walking with them.

Remember His promise. Trust in God is often hardest when it is most necessary. Remember, He promised never to abandon us. Whether or not we are aware of Him makes no difference. God never breaks a promise.

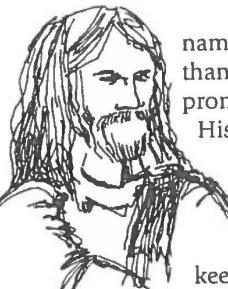
Talk to Him. When the travelers opened their hearts to Jesus, He helped them to understand their situation, assured them that they were firmly in God's care, and gave them peace and consolation. When we open our hearts to Jesus and tell Him everything, He will give us peace and consolation, too.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10). The use of His name is so powerful, Jesus promised that He will answer any prayer we make in His name (John 14:14).

It is wrong to speak the holy

How do Catholics regard Jesus' name?



name of God in any way other than prayer or praise. In fact, He promised that whatever we ask in His powerful name, He will give us. Calling on His name as a swear, to express improper emotions, using it to curse or make promises we don't keep are grave sins.

Grow in patience and tolerance

The past eighteen months of pandemic have tested our patience and good humor. Tempers have become shorter and tolerance limited. Yet, followers of Jesus know that it is critical for our daily treatment of others to demonstrate our love for God. We are asked to show as much patience to others as God has with us.

Fight against your own defects. Certainly it can be frustrating when the faults and mistakes of others disrupt the routine of our lives. In fairness, our own defects disrupt theirs as well. Instead of noting and



resenting the weaknesses of our neighbors, we can focus on improving our own.

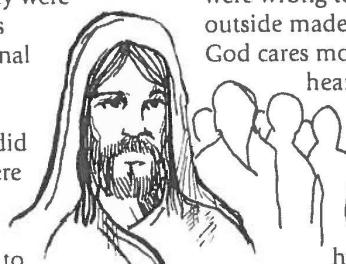
Help, don't judge. Developing an honest concern for those around us helps us to become generous in our relationships. Acting with love and understanding means that we aid those in our lives instead of looking for their blunders.

Become a carrier of love. Jesus asks us to be His hands and feet on Earth. As His disciples, we are to carry His love to others. It is through our actions that we bring Jesus to the world.

from Scripture

The religious leaders sent investigators to check up on Jesus and didn't like what they saw. Not only were Jesus and His followers ignoring some traditional rituals, Jesus scolded the leaders for being hypocrites when they did observe them. They were outwardly obedient so they could look holy instead of taking steps to actually be holy.

For example, devout Jews performed a cleansing ritual before each meal. The Pharisees liked to believe this ceremony kept them from being considered unclean. They were critical because



Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Clean hearts vs. clean hands

Jesus' followers didn't perform this ceremony. Jesus told them that they were wrong to think being clean on the outside made them acceptable to God. God cares more about the state of our hearts than our hands.

Hypocrisy is when we pretend to be something we aren't and have no intention of becoming. Jesus called the Pharisees hypocrites because

they went through the motions of worshipping God so they could appear holy in the eyes of the Jews. We become hypocrites when we follow religious practices carefully but allow our hearts to remain distant from God.

Q & A How can I resist temptation?

There is only one effective way to resist temptation and that is to say "no." But that is easier said than done. Try these ideas for help:

Make a list of what most often leads you into sin. Do you have friends who love to gossip? Do you drink too much with coworkers? Do you spend too much money at the mall? Write your list down and make it complete. Then decide to reject each item on the list.

Practice saying "no" when you are alone. Say it out loud if you have to. Don't offer explanations. Just make it a "no." "I don't do that." "That's not me."

Remove yourself from temptation. In the Old Testament story of Joseph, his boss's wife "looked at him with longing" and followed him around but Joseph "would not agree to lie with her or even be near her" (Genesis 39:10). Avoid the gossiping friends, go straight home from work, stay away from the mall.

There is nothing more important than avoiding sin.

Feasts & Celebrations

August 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord. Tradition holds that it was on Mt. Tabor where Christ appeared radiant in the company of Moses and Elijah. A voice said, "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

August 8 - St. Dominic (1221). Dominic was alarmed by the Albigensian heretics who threatened the Church. He and his followers rejected material comforts while many Catholic preachers traveled in luxury. St. Dominic became an itinerant preacher like the Apostles and founded the Order of Preachers, "Dominicans."

August 10 - St. Lawrence (258). A Roman deacon to Pope St. Sixtus, II. In response to Roman demands for the Church's material treasure, St. Lawrence gathered the poor and presented them as the Church's treasure. He was martyred shortly afterwards.

August 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Declared a dogma of our faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary's taking up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life.



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