

August 9, 2020

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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Please go online to stfrancisbing.org to view our latest Sunday mass. We will be posting new videos of our weekend liturgies by 4:00PM on Saturdays **even after our reopening.**

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You can still attend weekend mass virtually!



Weekend's Offering (08-02-20)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,755.00
Loose Collection.....	\$33.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,212.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,000.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Saturday, August 8, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Gerald Davies by Angela Miller

Sunday, August 9, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Carol Shiffner by Fina & Vincenzo Altadonna

Monday, August 10
 12:00 p.m. William & Esther Weckel by Family

Tuesday, August 11
 8:00 a.m. Robert Breski by Nick & Rosalie Roth

Wednesday, August 12
 12:00 p.m. Dorothy Pagliarella by Jim & Rose O'Neil

Thursday, August 13
 8:00 a.m. Ed Presley by Chuck & Linda Bucci & Family

Friday, August 14
NO MASS

Saturday, August 15, Vigil of Sunday
 1:00 p.m. Wedding – Courtney Robinson & Andrew Walters
 4:00 p.m. 6th Anniv. Julia Pandich by Mike & Jan Pandich

Sunday, August 16, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. 4th Anniv. Charles Jaworski by Family
 11:00 a.m. Madeline Benke by Jules Furrer

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.

FAITH FORMATION

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FULL WEEK ONLINE!
"EarthKeepers", our Vacation Bible School (VBS) based on Laudato Si is up now! EarthKeepers is a 5 session VBS that can be enjoyed at your own pace. It will be online through Saturday, August 29th. Each session of VBS video is approximately 35-45 minutes long but would take about 60-75 minutes to complete (but that really depends on how involved your snack, craft and game time takes). Parents, for a list of items to have around for craft and snack as well as helpful information visit our Vacation Bible School page www.stfrancisbing.org/vacationbibleschool. We hope you enjoy EarthKeepers. A very heartfelt thank you to all who made Earth keepers a success, Ede Blabac, Melissa, Brendan and Logan Kliment, Cindy, Lauren and Kathryn White, Olivia Blaise, Cassie Blewette, James, Sarah and Mary Bush, Sue Ekstrom, Maria Kirk, and Fr. Tim for his ongoing support.

*****ATTENTION CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:*****
 A 2020 Confirmation Update letter has been mailed out. Please review the material carefully. If you need to reschedule your interview please contact Mrs. Kirk directly via her cell phone (607)222-1477.

Bereavement Group

We would normally be sending letters out and have notices in the bulletin saying that the new Bereavement Group would be starting in September. I discussed this with Fr Tim and we believe we will need to wait and hopefully begin the group in January instead. We will keep you informed, and will put another note in the bulletin in November. Thank you for your understanding during these difficult times.
 —Rose O'Neil

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.



#CIVILIZEIT2020 - CIVILIZEIT.ORG - #CIVILIZEIT

What does it mean to love our neighbors in the midst of such a divisive climate? Catholics are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith to the public square—and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with anger and harsh language, often directed at people themselves. As Catholics, we must model a better way. We invite you to model love for neighbor by pledging to Civilize It and committing to civility, clarity, and compassion this election year. Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate is a non-partisan call to focus on the dignity of all people, even those with whom we disagree, and to put faith in action. Make room in your heart for those with whom you disagree and pledge dignity beyond the debate today at CivilizeIt.org!

A Prayer for Civility

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where uncivil words prevail,
show me how to model love.*

*Help me remember the God-given dignity of all
and invite others to do the same.*

*Show me how to build bridges and not walls
and see first what unites us rather than how we di-
verge. Let me seek to understand
before asking to be understood.*

*Give me a listening heart
filled with empathy and compassion.*

*May I be clear in sharing my own position
and respectful and civil in describing those of others.*

Let me never tolerate hateful ideas.

May I invite all to charity and love.

*Lord, help me to imitate your compassion and mercy.
Make me an instrument of your peace.*

Amen.

Bans of Marriage

Congratulations and best wishes to **Courtney Robinson and Andrew Walters** who will be married soon. May God bless them and their marriage.

Congratulations and best wishes to **Rachael Burns and Jonathan Kellar** who will be married soon. May God bless them and their marriage.

I Loved You Enough

“Someday, when my children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates a mother, I’ll tell them...

I loved you enough to bug you about where you were going, with whom and what time you would get home.

I loved you enough to insist you buy a bike with your own money, which we could have afforded to buy you.

I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover your hand-picked friend was a creep.

I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your bedroom, a job that would have taken me 15 minutes.

I loved you enough to say, “Yes, you can go to Disney World on Mother’s Day.”

I loved you enough to let you see anger, disappointment, disgust, and tears in my eyes.

I loved you enough not to make excuses for your lack of respect or your bad manners.

I loved you enough to admit that I was wrong and ask for your forgiveness.

I loved you enough to ignore “what every other mother” did or said.

I loved you enough to let you stumble, fall, hurt, and fail.

I loved you enough to let you assume the responsibility for your own actions, at 6, 10, or 16.

I loved you enough to forgive you for lying about an unchaperoned party...after discovering my instincts were correct.

I loved you enough to be insensitive to your demands...so that you sometimes had to stand alone.

I loved you enough to accept you for what you are, and not what I wanted you to be.

But most of all, I loved you enough to say no when you hated me for it. That was the hardest part of all.”

Instructions for Celebration of Sacraments

In order to permit Mass each parishioner must:

—Seek information from his/her parish regarding registration for Mass, and policies/ procedures.

—Remain home if sick, symptomatic, or at risk

—Wear a face mask in church (required) and, if possible, bring personal hand sanitizer

—Observe the commands on the posted signage and follow the directives of ushers

Be aware that during this period, there will be:

—No holy water in fonts

—No offertory procession

—No passing of the collection basket; baskets will be made available for offerings

—No hymnals or missalettes (unless your own)

—No congregating closely in or around the church

Prepare for the reception of Holy Communion:

—Masks will be worn by ALL

—Direction will be provided for those receiving

—The Precious Blood will NOT be offered

—Reception will involve: receiving the Body of Christ in the hand ONLY, stepping aside, lifting the mask, consuming the Eucharist, returning the mask.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

August 18th — M. Walsh, R. O'Neil, P. Covey

Pantry Volunteers Needed (New Schedule)!

Catherine's Cupboard is ready to make a new schedule for Tuesday Open Pantry 5:30PM-7:30PM. ARE YOU INTERESTED in helping? Volunteers will be working in a team of 3 inside, with protective shields, masks etc. One visitor at a time, no one will be allowed in to sit and wait, once served they will leave by side foyer, for everyone's safety. Please call or email if interested (723-2350 or bevkrinik@aol.com). The schedule will be for Sept. Have you gotten more 2021 calendars than you need? We would love extras, including greeting cards! Drop off at parish center!

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!

VIDEOS! FULL MASS & CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD!

We would like to remind everyone who may not be able or who may still be concerned about attending Mass physically, we are still posting our full Sunday liturgy videos on our website (stfrancisbing.org), on our Facebook page, and on our Twitter page! We will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

We are also posting Children's Liturgy of the Word for our young parishioners who would certainly benefit from a more comprehensive understanding of the readings and the gospel. It's a great way to get them engaged in Mass and our catholic teachings.

PLEASE, LET US KNOW THE NAMES AND THE ADDRESSES OF ANY SHUT-INS AT HOME OR IN NURSING HOMES. WE WOULD LOVE TO REACH OUT IN ANY WAY WE CAN! CALL DELORES AT THE PARISH CENTER (607)722-4388 TO LET US KNOW! THANK YOU!

Safe Environment Trainings

The Office of Safe Environment is offering online 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://syracusedioocese.org/safe-environment/> Four new sessions have been added to the Online Training Schedule:

PGC (Initial) Training:

Friday, **August 21st 9am - 11am** (Registration closes on Monday, August 17th at 9am)

Tuesday, **September 8th 6pm - 8pm** (Registration closes on Wednesday, September 2nd at 9am)

EPDR (Re-certification) Training:

Friday, **August 21st 1pm - 2:30pm** (Registration closes on Monday, August 17th at 9am)

Wednesday, **September 9th 9am - 10:30pm** (Registration closes on Thursday, September 3rd at 9am)

Pre-registration is required for these sessions. Sessions are limited to 20 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration for the online training sessions will close four business days before the training session to allow time to mail training packets to participants' homes before the training session. If you have any questions or concerns, call 315.470.1421 or jzarnowski@syrдио.org.

JOB OPENING **(HouseKeeper)**

We have a current job opening for our housekeeping position. The expected schedule is 3 days a week (Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday) with hours ranging from 15-20 hours weekly.

Duties include; cleaning, organizing, watering plants, taking out garbage, etc.

If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please call the Parish Center (607-722-4388) during regular business hours.

Please Note: It's mandated that every employee complete Safe Environment Training within 60 days of hire. Part of this course is a **requirement** to pass a background check.

Enjoy the Convenience of Online Giving!

St. Francis of Assisi Parish offers an easy way to make donations online.

We currently have the following accounts set up to donate

Ordinary Contribution

Repair & Maintenance

Catholic School Support

Catherine's Cupboard

Special Sunshine

Capital Campaign

Have donations taken weekly, monthly or yearly.

To set up an online giving account, visit our website stfrancisbing.org. Click the "Online Giving" tab listed at the top of the site's home screen or if you're using a mobile device, by clicking the drop-down menu in the top right corner. You must have an e-mail address to register online. Here you can create an account and authorize to have your donations electronically transferred directly from your checking account, your debit card or your credit card to the parish. If you have questions or need help getting started, call the Parish Center at 722-4388 and we will guide you through the process.

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
August 15th & 16th, 2020

4:00 P.M. Mass

Designation ONLY

8:00 A.M. Mass

Designation ONLY

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

Question of the Week

Question for Children: What does God’s voice sound like when you pray and listen to Jesus?

Question for Youth: In today’s Gospel, Peter began to walk on the water when he was focused on Jesus. He began to sink when he got distracted by the storm. What is your life like when you are focused on Jesus and your relationship with God? How is it different when you get caught up in other things?

Question for Adults: Tell about your experiences of hearing God speak in “tiny voices” rather than in the winds and earthquakes of life.

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