

August 13, 2017

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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Office Hours:
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Mass Schedule

Monday-Thursday
8:00 am at the Parish Center
Chapel

Saturday Evening
4:00 pm

Sunday Morning
8:00 am & 11:00 am

Confession:
2nd & 4th Saturday of every
month at 3:00 pm at the
Church



Saturday, August 12, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00p.m. Arthur Grace by Family

Sunday, August 13, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00a.m. Henry Legos by Suzanne & Don Carr
 11:00a.m. Lloyd Woodruff by Jerry & Gwen Knickerbocker

Monday, August 14
 8:00a.m. Helene Benczik by Diane Benczik & Sister Paula Matthew

Monday, August 14, Vigil of The Assumption
 5:30p.m. John V. Foran by the Bible Babes
(Liturgy in Church)

Tuesday, August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 12:00p.m. Paul Bollinger by Marge Mangan
(Liturgy in Church)

Wednesday, August 16
 8:00a.m. Gary Klenovic by Don & Bonnie Moran

Thursday, August 17
 8:00a.m. Margaret Stolarcyk by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Friday, August 18
NO MASS

Saturday, August 19, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00p.m. 3rd Anniv. Julia Pandich by Family

Sunday, August 20, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00a. m. Rick Vavra by the Ruston & Ashman Families
 11:00a.m. Joseph Sardella by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

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 (08-06-17)

Regular Envelopes.....\$5,348.00
 Loose Collection.....\$330.00
 Electronic Collection.....\$1,289.00
 Total Collection.....\$6,967.00

Hope Appeal this week we added \$2,031
Our total donations so far are \$28,861 from 179 donors. We are at 64.2% of our goal.
\$16,000 STILL TO GO
We are 12 weeks into this year's Hope Appeal and over half way to this year's commitment!



Faith Formation, Confirmation

Confirmation final interviews have begun this past week. The schedule for interviews was mailed and an update was emailed. The update is online. Be sure you bring your letter to the Bishop and anything else that was highlighted to your interview. If you need to reschedule your interview be sure you contact Maria Kirk at 222-1477.

Safe Environment Training

A reminder to all church volunteers, that the United States Council of Catholic Bishops requires everyone who volunteers or is employed by any church organization to be screened. Our diocesan upcoming Safe Environment Training will be held at these locations. Screening is required every 5 years. If you have been contacted to be screened or to have your certification renewed please take advantage of these opportunities. If you have questions you can contact Maria Kirk at the parish office, 722-4177. Register online at www.syrдио.org.

Initial Safe Environment Training (PGC)

Wednesday, August 23rd at 6 PM
 Church of the Holy Family, Endwell

Recertification Training (EPDR)

Thursday, August 31st at 7 PM
 St. Thomas Aquinas, Binghamton
 Call Maria Kirk 722-4177 to register

Wednesday, October 25th at 5:30 PM
 Church of the Holy Family, Endwell
 Call Holy Family 754-1266 to register

Prayers . . .

Please remember all of our parishioners who are in hospitals and nursing homes and our home-bound. Also, please pray for our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

Annual School Supplies Collection

It's that time of year....summer is here and it's time to think about the kids going back to school.

The following items are needed to give students a fresh start in their classes:

- Backpacks**
- Paper**
- Notebooks (bound/spiral, 1, 3 or 5 subjects & also small ones for assignments)**
- Pens**
- Pencils (colored and plain) and erasers**
- Binders**
- Rulers**
- Safety scissors**
- Markers and highlighters**
- Crayons**
- Pencil bags**
- Book covers**
- Glue sticks**
- Index cards**

NO LUNCH BOXES are needed.

If you are able to help donate any of these items, we will be forever grateful. Seeing the child's face tells us we are making a difference. **Supplies are given out on Tuesday, August 29th** and any surplus will be shared with various area schools where it's needed. We appreciate your generosity to help children while they prepare to go back to school.

THANK YOU !

Items can be left at the Parish Center or
In barrels at church.

Megan Santa Croce Update

Megan Santa Croce is one of our young parishioners here at St. Francis. Right now she is going through another series of cancer treatments. Your prayers and support would be greatly appreciated. The website listed here was set up for people to sign up and assist the Santa Croce family with meals as they go through this challenging time. Please keep Megan and her family in your prayers and if you could please go to this link below (you may find this link on our website's homepage or on our Facebook page as well), please go and donate.

<https://my.lotsahelpinghands.com/community/support-for-megan-and-family>

Nocturnal Adoration Society

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet at St. Patrick's Chapel from 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. on Saturday, August 19th. All members at same time.

The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, August 14th @ 5:30 P.M. Vigil

Tuesday, August 15th @ 12:00 (Noon)

What happens to Mary of Nazareth is a sign of what God wants to give to all of us. We too are called to join in her hymn of praise for the blessings of God. We too are part of the struggle that is imagined in the Book of Revelation and we too are part of the victory over the "dragon." We too share in the "salvation and power." We too share in the fruits, of which Christ is the first. We too are destined to enter into eternal life. We rejoice with Elizabeth and Mary in the coming of new life and we work today to promote life. With Elizabeth and Mary we proclaim the greatness of a God who is concerned for the poor, who lifts up the lowly, who fills up the hungry, who is filled with mercy and compassion. With Mary and Elizabeth, we may also actually share in the reality of poverty, structural injustice, and even violence. In any case, we are certainly called be in solidarity with those who are poor and experience injustice and violence. We live with a great faith that the true victory will be found in the values of our God who "has mercy" and "has lifted up the lowly" and "has filled the hungry with good things." The "Magnificat" gives voice to the values of Catholic Social Teaching.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary, Virgin and Mother, you, who, moved by the Holy Spirit, welcomed the word of life in the depths of your humble faith: As you gave Yourself completely to the Eternal One, help us to say our own "yes" to the urgent call, as pressing as ever, to proclaim the good news of Jesus.

Filled with Christ's presence, you brought joy to John the Baptist, making him exult in the womb of his mother. Brimming over with joy, you sang of the great things done by God.

Standing at the foot of the cross with unyielding faith, you received the joyful comfort of the resurrection, and joined the disciples in awaiting the Spirit so that the evangelizing Church might be born.

Obtain for us now a new ardor born of the resurrection, that we may bring to all the Gospel of life which triumphs over death. Give us a holy courage to seek new paths, that the gift of unfading beauty may reach every man and woman.

Virgin of listening and contemplation, Mother of love, Bride of the eternal wedding feast, pray for the Church, whose pure icon you are, that she may never be closed in on herself or lose her passion for establishing God's kingdom.

Star of the new evangelization, help us to bear radiant witness to communion, service, ardent and generous faith, justice and love of the poor, that the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of the earth, illuminating even the fringes of our world.

Mother of the living Gospel, wellspring of happiness for God's little ones, pray for us. Amen. Alleluia!

—Pope Francis

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of August 13th — George & Pat Clark

Week of August 20th — Karen Dotson

Shelving (Mondays)

August 14th — P. Turnbull, A. Hanley

August 21st — E. & K. Corcoran

Distribution

August 15th — C. Danoski, L. Gildea, B. Grace,
M. Ryder, C. Woodruff, R. Rounds

**JIMAY'S FLEA MARKET
FUNDRAISER *TODAY***

This Sunday from 6:00a.m. until 3:00p.m. at 1766 Conklin Road. **Thank you to JIMAY'S** for donating space and to all of you for your donations. A sample of what we have; 1920 wooden wheel barrel, 1950 Davy Crockett hat with raccoon tail, 42" flatscreen TV, assorted computer equipment, bicycles, dishes, holiday decorations, assorted treasures old and new. All proceeds go to the pantry. Stop down we might just have what you want or need! Over 100 vendors on site.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Picnic

WHERE: PORT DICKINSON PARK

**WHEN: SUNDAY AUGUST 27th,
12:00p.m. (noon) until 3:00p.m.**

**MENU: PHIL'S CHICKEN, SALAD
(plus dishes to share)**

FREE Admission

Beverage and plastic ware provided

Please bring a dish to share. See below.

In order to have a nice variety of food choices we are asking you to follow the chart below:

Last names starting with...

A thru F : bring fruit and/or vegetable item

G – M : pasta and/or potato salad

N – S : desserts

T – Z : snacks and/or finger-type foods.

RSVP no later than August 21th:

___ of adults attending

___ of kids attending

To RSVP please call Delores in the parish office at 722-4388

We need help with moving tables & chairs to and from (2 pick up trucks or large vans). Sign up sheets are at the front foyer of church.

St. Francis of Assisi Co-ed Basketball Camp

The St. Francis of Assisi Co-ed Basketball Camp is scheduled for **August 14th—18th from 9:00a.m. to 12:30p.m. in the school gym.** The camp is open to all boys and girls entering **grades 1—5.** Each camper will receive a camp t-shirt, along with instructions on the fundamentals of basketball. Jim Norris will be our guest speaker. Cost for the session is \$40.00. For more information or to register, please call Delores at the Parish Center at 722-4388.

Save the Dates!

“Awaken Our Hearts”

Go Into the World Mission

September 30 – October 4, 2017

Sponsored by the Churches of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Mary of the Assumption, and Church of St. Paul

“From Baptism to table, from table to world:
we are called, anointed, fed and sent
as presence of the loving God.”

Fellowship!

Mission!

Music!



For more information contact your Parish office or watch the bulletin for details!

Men In Black Softball Game

Today at 6:00pm, the Men In Black team of priests and seminarians will play a softball game against the youth from Our Lady of Good Counsel in Endicott. The game will be played at Glendale Park in Endicott. With fan participation and interactive games, it is fun for the whole family and admission is **FREE.**

Bereavement Support Program

A new Bereavement Support Program will begin on Monday evening August 28th from 7:00p.m. until 8:30p.m. or in the afternoon on Tuesday, August 29th from 1:30p.m. to 3:00p.m. at the Parish Center for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. Such a loss is one of life's most difficult experiences; but, sharing one's thoughts and feelings with others who have had a similar loss can be very helpful on the journey from grief to healing. To register for this ten week process or for more information, please call Rose O'Neil at 772-0820 or David Bollinger at 239-0203 by Monday, August 21st so books can be ordered.

Catholic Charities of Broome County

Catholic Charities provides hundreds of individuals and families throughout our county with mental health and addiction services. If you or someone you know needs help, you can find Catholic Charities of Broome County online at <http://www.catholiccharitiesbc.org>, or visit them directly at 232 Main Street in Binghamton.

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

August 19th & 20th, 2017

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Catherine Shafer
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Barb Brozovic
EM Host	Terry Hanifin
EM Cup	Teresa Creeden
EM Cup	Bob Parke
EM Cup	Shirley Parke
EM Cup	John Pierce
Altar Server	Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server	Logan Lomonaco
Altar Server	Mary Katherine Doyle

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Maureen Mizzoni
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Ed White
EM Host	Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Ede Blabac
EM Cup	Debbie Davis
EM Cup	Katie Ginalski
Altar Server	Kathryn White
Altar Server	Lauren White
Altar Server	Brigid Birtch

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Mary Lou Ekstrom
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	David Gill
EM Host	Chris Gill
EM Cup	Rose O'Neil
EM Cup	Jules Furrer
EM Cup	Sue Jones
EM Cup	Jim Lewis
Altar Server	John Michael Frissora
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	_____

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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