

August 13, 2023

# 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:**

Monday — Thursday:

7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Friday: Closed

## **Confession:**

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

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"@stfrancisbing")  
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Binghamton)

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**Saturday, August 12, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Julia Pandich by Mike &amp; Jan Pandich

**Sunday, August 13, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**10:30 a.m. 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Charles Jaworski by Family**Monday, August 14**

12:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

**Tuesday, August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 a.m. Debbie Wheeler by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

12:00 p.m. Dina Shabalina by Mary Frances Charsky

**Wednesday, August 16**

12:00 pm Peg Pitel by St. Francis Ladies Auxiliary

**Thursday, August 17**8:00 am 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniv. Sebastian Parasiliti by Family**Friday, August 18****NO MASS****Saturday, August 19, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Tom &amp; Dolores Foran by Kathy &amp; Glen Tait

**Sunday, August 20, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:30 a.m. Mary Zulko by Marge Mangan

**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](https://stfrancisbing.org)**

**Weekend's Offering (08-06-23)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,235.00
Loose Collection.....	\$234.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$3,800.00
Total Collection.....	\$8,269.00

**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.

Watch the website and your mail for 2023—2024 Faith Formation Registration letters and information. This information will be mailed next week. **Faith Formation will begin September 17th** with a family event in the parish hall focusing on the Eucharist. **Plan ahead and mark your calendars!**

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)****Meet-up at Beer Tree**

The RCIA Team at St. Francis will have an RCIA get together on Monday, August 28th at 6:00PM at the Beer Tree in Port Crane, NY. The purpose is to give an overview of the RCIA process for anyone contemplating joining our Parish Family as a Roman Catholic. If you have ever considered joining us, please come.

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Justice Challenge**

On August 14 we celebrate the feast day of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe. He gave up his life in a concentration camp during World War II, offering to take the place of a father who was selected for the gas chamber. He was canonized a saint in 1982. Your challenge this week is to give up something on behalf of another person. It won't be your very life as it was for St. Maximilian, but it might be something you really like. Maybe you are called to give up television to help someone with their homework, or to sacrifice a meal in order to pray for a loved one suffering from cancer. It might be taking money you saved for a smart phone or tablet and donating it to people suffering from a hurricane or typhoon. What are you willing to give up for others?

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Creation Care Tip**

As summer fruit comes into its abundance, do you or anyone you know have extra produce to share? If you can't eat all the apples on your tree or notice a fruit tree in your neighborhood laden with good fruit, inquire about picking it and donating it to a local food bank. If you can't harvest it yourself, inquire about local volunteer fruit gleaning groups who will come and harvest the fruit and give the excess to those in need. Inspired? Start a gleaning program in your own community (<https://bit.ly/gleaning-guide>)!

**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.



## **For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission**

This upcoming October the Synod in Rome will be held. This convening is a major event in the church, and it comes after the universal listening sessions that took place two years ago. In the bulletin there will be a regular information about this Synod, and what it means for the church. So let us begin with three questions often asked.

**Why is Synodality important Today?** In October 2021, Pope Francis called for the revival of an ancient way of being Church together, called Synodality. It is a way of moving forward that acknowledges that the Church belongs to Christ, that the Spirit is active today, and that all the People of God, together, must prayerfully discern what the Holy Spirit is saying.

**What is a "Synod?"** A synod is an assembly of church leaders, like the Lutheran Missouri Synod.

Eastern and Orthodox Churches have often used synods to discuss and discern important issues. At the end of Vatican II, the participating bishops wished to continue having a voice in global Church affairs, so Pope Paul VI issued a document creating the Synod of Bishops. This Catholic Synod of Bishops meets every few years to discuss selected Church issues. Pope Benedict XVI held a Synod on New Evangelization. Pope Francis has held Synods on the Family, Young People and the Amazon. Catholic synod gatherings do not have the authority to make binding Church law. Catholic synods issue advisory documents for the pope to consider.

**What is "Synodality?"** Synodality comes from the Greek work for "Journeying Together." It puts the Holy Spirit first, leading the journey. It is based on the belief that the Holy Spirit lives within and speaks to all the baptized Children of God. Before the Church can move forward under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we must first listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying, especially what the Spirit is saying to those on the margins. This listening to the Spirit's voice, from the bishops to the most remote lay person, is called gathering the "sensus fidelium" or sense of the faithful (Catechism #92)

To prepare for the Synod we will be praying after communion the prayer that is found in the pews. "Come, Holy Spirit!"

## **Upcoming Safe Environment Trainings**

### **Initial Safe Environment Training**

† **Tuesday, September 12:** 10:00AM at Catholic Charities of Broome County, Binghamton

### **Safe Environment Recertification Training**

† **Wednesday, September 6:** 10:00AM at St. James, Johnson City

**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/](http://www.syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/)) to register for a training session.

## **Parish Events to Remember for September** **Wed., Aug. 30th (Almost September)**

Prayer Service to begin the Season of Creation (09/01—10/04). Looking at this to be an ecumenical Service with a social gathering. If the weather cooperates we will gather in the courtyard at the Parish Center. More information to come.

### **Sat./Sun., Sept. 2nd/3rd: St. Phoebe Day**

St. Paul in his letter to the Romans commends St. Phoebe to the church in Rome, and introduces her as a deacon of the church. St. Phoebe was a woman of great courage and deep love. Her feast day is September 3rd. More information to come.

### **Wed., Sept. 6th @ 6PM: St. Phoebe Prayer Service**

A prayer service for St. Phoebe will be held at the church in the parish hall at 6PM. This will be open to the area parishes and there will be a speaker for this event.

### **Sun., Sept. 10th: Parish Picnic**

Our parish picnic will take place from 12:30—3:30pm at the First Ukrainian Pentecostal Grounds.

### **Sun., Sept. 24th @ 4PM: Chaplain Norris Burkes**

Chaplain Norris Burkes, a national columnist, will be giving a talk here in our parish hall. Norris Burkes is a freelance writer and spiritual columnist. His articles are featured weekly in the Saturday Press-Connects. His column takes a spiritual, often comical—if not irreverent—look at everyday life. He first started writing a column for Florida Today in 2001 and is now syndicated in nearly 40 papers around the country. You don't want to miss this event! Catch his columns in the upcoming Saturday paper.

## **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](http://stfrancisbing.org/parish-picnic-registration-2023)



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

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

## **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.

## **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP A journey from grief to healing**

For those who are living through the loss of a loved one, our highly successful support group provides a safe space to share ideas, thoughts and experiences that can lead to healing. This is one of life's most difficult journeys and there is no need to travel it alone. New knowledge, skills and perceptions can ease your way to move on without your loved one. This 9 week program will begin on Tuesday September 19th from 6 to 7:30 pm at The St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center. Seating is limited so please register early. For more information and to register, please call Ginny Thompson at 607-222-1621 and leave a message if necessary.

## **National Religious Retirement Fund Collection**

**Support a lifetime of service.** Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education, and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

**DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.**

## **Community Blood Drive**

**Proudly Hosted by  
St. Francis of Assisi Church**

**Held in the Parish Hall  
(1049 Chenango Street Binghamton, NY 13905)**

**Wednesday, August 23, 2023  
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Walk-ins welcome. Appointments preferred!

Visit [www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time)  
to schedule an appointment time

## **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.



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

**August 19th & 20th, 2023**

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Thalia Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	John Artman
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Betsy A Shields
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Anne Smilnak
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Carol Danoski
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Peggy Munson
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Nancy Oliver
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sydney Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Mike Gaetani
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Kerri Hamilton
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Donna Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Scott Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Virginia Thompson

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**Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule**

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

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

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**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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