

August 14, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

**CELEBRATE OUR CHURCH
RENOVATION**

WITH BISHOP LUCIA

NEXT WEEKEND'S LITURGIES
AUGUST 20/21

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Eucharistic faith community committed to living and sharing the Gospel life.

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We will be posting new
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Saturdays.

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YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi
Binghamton)



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 13, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. 8th Anniv. Julia Pandich by Mike & Jan Pandich

Sunday, August 14, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Monday, August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Mass being held in Church)

12:00 p.m. Robert Blabac by Arlene Peters

Tuesday, August 16

8:00 a.m. Sadie Ann Weckel by Bonnie Mando

Wednesday, August 17

12:00 p.m. 21st Anniv. Sebastian Parasiliti by Family

Thursday, August 18

8:00 a.m. Irene Aylward Difenderfer by Mary Kornblum Reilly

Friday, August 19

NO MASS

Saturday, August 20, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

Sunday, August 21, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Janette Webb 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 (08-07-22)	
Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,983.00
Loose Collection.....	\$107.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$3,127.00
Total Collection.....	\$9,217.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation

ATTENTION PARENTS

Please check the "At-Home Faith Formation" tab under "Faith Formation" on our website stfrancisbing.org for Building Faith @ Home

****ATTENTION CONFIRMATION CLASS****

The Confirmation summer letter, of which includes the interview appointment schedule, has been mailed out. Please call the parish center if you need to reschedule your interview.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

Where: St. Francis of Assisi Church

When: August 15-19

6:00PM-8:00PM

Pre-Register at StFrancisBing.org

For more information call Maria Kirk at

607-722-4177



Rosary and Religious Item Donations

The Sisters of St. Joseph are helping the immigrants by giving them rosaries and religious items. If anyone would like to donate your old or extra rosaries or other religious items, it would be greatly appreciated. There will be a basket on the back table of the church for those who wish to give.

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, Jacqueline Boneck.

Living in the Light of Christ's Peace

The above heading is the title of Archbishop John Charles Wester's recent pastoral letter he released this past January. Archbishop Wester is the Bishop of the Santa Fe Diocese in New Mexico. The full title is: *Living in the Light of Christ's Peace: A Conversation Toward Nuclear Disarmament*; a document most recent and heartfelt from a U.S. Bishop seeking to end the nuclear arms race. His concern is that after decades in which arms control treaties led to reductions in nuclear armaments, a new arms race is already underway in the U.S. and Russia, the world's primary nuclear powers, develop new weapons systems.

Archbishop Wester's diocese in Santa Fe is the home of two National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Laboratories— Sandia and Los Alamos— where nuclear weapons research and development continues. His pastoral letter in so many ways is a prophetic writing as we commemorate the nuclear attacks at Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6th and 9th. He reflects on his travel to Japan in September 2017, the impact of his travel was the impotence to address this grave and moral issue of nuclear weapons. “*I think we've been lulled into a false sense of complacency. I think it's important as the Archbishop of Santa Fe that I say something, that the archdiocese has a seat at the table of discussion, because this is the birthplace of the nuclear bomb*”, Wester told the Catholic News Source. He also took to heart Pope Francis' comments during a November 2019 visit to Hiroshima that stayed with Wester: “*The use of atomic energy for purpose of war is immoral, just as the possessing of nuclear weapons is immoral, as I said two years ago.*”, the Pope said, “*We will be judged on this.*”

You can read the whole letter if you go to their diocesan website archdiosf.org where you will find the full text.

PRAYER

In Remembrance: Hiroshima and Nagasaki

*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.

Church Renovation Liturgical Celebration

With Bishop Lucia (August 20/21)

All are cordially invited to celebrate with Bishop Lucia the blessing of our newly renovated Church and Parish Hall. Bishop Lucia will be celebrating and preaching at

4:00PM Liturgy on Saturday, August 20th

and

10:30AM Liturgy on Sunday, August 21st

A reception will follow each celebration



So, let's come together to give thanks for the gifts God has given us as a parish community.



Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary: Justice Challenge

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. It is a moving and amazing event. Mary is taken into heaven, body and soul. She offers hope of the Resurrection and life after death to all believers. Hope is very important in our lives. It helps us through times that are tough, it helps us grow and change and to accept challenges, changes, and the unknown. Your challenge this week is to take some time to pray about how you can offer hope to someone who really needs it. It may be a family member, a friend, someone with a serious illness or depression, or even a stranger, but find a way!

Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary: Creation Care Tip

“Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!” —Luke 11:28

What is one environmental or green practice you know is in keeping with God's commandment to be good stewards of the earth but which you've resisted obeying up until now? We would probably lose our minds if we slavishly tried to make every single “correct” environmental choice in every hour of our day, but this week, focus on one thing you can do that you haven't done yet. Maybe this is the week to ditch the car in favor of your bicycle for your commute. Maybe you really can give up meat a couple times a week. Maybe it's within your reach to finally start the compost bin you've been meaning to get to. Whatever the inner urging is, obey it this week!

REMINDER:

**CREATION CARE TEAM MEETS AGAIN ON
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20TH AT 10:00AM**

ATTENTION POTENTIAL ALTAR SERVERS!

There will be a training session soon for new altar servers after we have completed the recruitment phase. Thank you. —Deacon Steve

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELVING

Distribution

August 16th— P. Peters, R. O'Neil, M. Peters

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Picnic 2022

Sunday, September 11th, 2022

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

12:30AM—3:30PM



Meat & drinks will be provided*

Please bring item to share according to last name:

A—D: Dessert E—G: Salad H—L: Veggies
M—Q: Snacks R—Z: Fruit

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-2022-registration



SCAN ME



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. The date for this 9 week program will be on Monday, September 12th from 6pm to 7:30 at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center. For more information and to register, please call Ginny Thompson at 607-222-1621.

Why Volunteer?

- † Lets you share your knowledge and talents.
- † 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.

15th Annual Fall Fest

Fun Raiser Raffle

Thursday, September 29th

@ Traditions at the Glen (under the tent)

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

\$20,000 in cash prizes

(Provided all tickets are sold)

Cost is \$100 with the opportunity to win 5 cash prizes.

1st - \$10,000

2nd - \$5,000

3rd - \$3,000

4th - \$1,000

5th - \$1,000

Tickets can be purchased via:

Mail Check Payable to "The Danielle House"

160 Riverside Drive Binghamton, NY 13905

Pay Pal Online

<https://www.daniellehouse.org/fallfest.html>

Credit Card or Cash

Please call The Danielle House at [607-724-1540](tel:607-724-1540)

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

****Danielle House Volunteers Needed****

Danielle House, our local healthcare hospitality home, is in need of volunteers. If you are looking to invest a few hours each week to serve families in a medical crisis, Danielle House is a charity you would love to be a part of. To learn more, please visit www.daniellehouse.org, or call 607-724-1549 to volunteer today!



ATTENTION: ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

Do you have a child or grandchild who has already received their First Eucharist? If so, they can be altar servers! **We are in desperate need of more altar servers** as we barely have enough to cover the masses alone week to week.

Why altar serve?

1.) It is a good way to get actively involved in the mechanics of mass. Some kids who find it hard to sit still may benefit from the activity that serving provides.

2.) It allows for kids to be a closer part of the church community and make connections.

3.) Direct religious education learning opportunity

4.) Gives kids a sense of purpose and pride in their church

Call the parish center (607)722-4388 or fill out a liturgical signup form (on table in the back of the church) and drop it in a collection basket.

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

August 20th & 21st, 2022

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Kathryn White
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Michaela Wood
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Betsy A Shields
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Anne Smilnak
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Terry Hanafin
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sydney Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Mary Bush
10:30 Mass	Lector	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Nancy Oliver
10:30 Mass	EM Host	David Hanzes
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Katie Ginalska

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume in the fall. You can continue to watch Children's Liturgy on our website and Facebook page throughout the summer.

Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org
to view our latest Sunday mass and
Children's Liturgy.

We will continue to post new videos for reflection by 4:00PM on Saturdays.

Also find the videos on our
Facebook (search "@stfrancisbing")
YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)

You can still view children's liturgy virtually!

Question of the Week

Question for Children: What is one way you can be closer to Jesus today?

Question for Youth: We are assured that God will be with us as we go through life, so what strategy do you use to keep God in mind as you deal with the ups and downs of life as a young adult?

Question for Adults: Share about a time when life's struggles were so difficult for you that you nearly "threw in the towel." What signs did you see then that God remained with you?

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