

August 16, 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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Also find the videos on our Facebook (search “@stfrancisbing”) Twitter (search “@stfrancisbing”) YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)

You can still attend weekend mass virtually!



Weekend's Offering (08-09-20)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$3,511.00
Loose Collection.....	\$129.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$3,762.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,402.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Saturday, August 15, Vigil of Sunday
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

Monday, August 17
12:00 p.m. Al Naser by Marilyn Cashman

Tuesday, August 18
8:00 a.m. Louise Evans by Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

Wednesday, August 19
12:00 p.m. Joe Morgan by Denny Berry

Thursday, August 20
8:00 a.m. Joseph Di Mascio by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Friday, August 21
NO MASS

Saturday, August 22, Vigil of Sunday
1:30 p.m. Wedding – Rachael Burns & Jonathan Kellar
4:00 p.m. Rose & John Serafini by Family

Sunday, August 23, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. David M. Hanzas by David & Colleen Hanzas & Family
11:00 a.m. 2nd Anniv. Mary O'Neil by Bernie & Family

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.

****Save the Date: Confirmation 2020!****

We have received our date for Confirmation from the diocese. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, September 13th. Mass with Bishop Lucia. Mass will be a bit longer than usual and we may have extra visitors with the confirmandi. Please plan accordingly. We will celebrate the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Sunday, October 4th at the 11 AM Mass.

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 especially Janette Webb.



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CIVILIZE IT
 DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE
 ——— 2020 ———

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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.

Deacon Ed Blaine Will Be Here! (IMANI)

Deacon Ed Blaine will be here on August 29th & 30th to speak about IMANI (Incentive of the Marianists to Assist the Needy to be Independent) is a mission of the Marianists Missionaries in Nairobi, Kenya. Created by Marianists Brother Peter Daino from Endwell, NY, IMANI assist the poorest of the poor in Kenya to become independent through direct service and job training activities. IMANI's mission is to "Raise the lowly to high places through sustainable programs of Vocational Skills Training and Business Support Human development and Spiritual formation in and through a Christian identity."

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.*

*Lead us to Life again, to affirmation of all goodness
 And to international disarmament.*

*With your grace, may we begin to dismantle the
 bombs, Beat the swords into plowshares,*

*And so transform the nuclear nightmare Into the
 peace you have proposed. Hear our prayer, Lord, and
 guide us in your ways. Amen."*

The Prophet

The true prophet's voice is often quiet and fleeting, but nonetheless strong. She or he is living and honest, courageous life guided by truth and compassion. With the grace of God they are trying to live out the truth, and whether knowingly or not, they follow the advice of Gandhi: "Let our first act every morning be this resolve: I shall not fear anyone on earth. I shall fear only God. I shall not bear ill-will toward anyone. I shall conquer untruth by truth and in resisting untruth, I shall put up with all suffering."

Bans of Marriage

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

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!

Happy 95th Birthday to John Fox

Family, friends, and neighbors gathered at John's home in the front yard to celebrate his 95th birthday. His front porch was decorated for the special occasion, and all were treated to lemonade and delicious summer berry pies from Maine. John is doing well. He had a very busy day not only receiving guests but enjoying numerous phone calls through the day. Congratulations John! May you enjoy a new year of good health, and each day be a gift of God's grace holding you strong!



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://syracusediocese.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 jjzarnowski@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 22ns & 23rd, 2020

4:00 P.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 is your favorite way to talk with Jesus? What words do you use?

Question for Youth: Do you trust that God hears your prayers? Do you believe that your prayer makes a difference?

Question for Adults: When you pray, how do you know that Jesus will really respond?

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