

August 18, 2019

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

Parish Picnic

Sunday, August 25th, 12:30—3:30



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

Staff

Rev. Timothy Taugher, Pastor
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Parish Media Manager
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Organist
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Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday:

7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Friday: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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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 17, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. 5th Anniv. Julia Pandich by Family

Sunday, August 18, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. 3rd Anniv. Charles Jaworski by Family

11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Monday, August 19

8:00 a.m. Geraldine DeAngelo by Family

Tuesday, August 20

8:00 a.m. Lawrence Arseneau by Maureen Rainone, CSJ

Wednesday, August 21

8:00 a.m. Lorraine DeNucci by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Thursday, August 22

8:00 a.m. 1st Anniv. Mary A. O'Neil by Bernie O'Neil & Family

Friday, August 23

NO MASS

Saturday, August 24, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Alberta Anderson by St. Francis Bible Babes

Sunday, August 25, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Patrick Nannery by Louise & Dave Martin

11:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by 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.

Weekend's Offering (08-11-19)

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| Regular Envelopes..... | \$5,479.00 |
| Loose Collection..... | \$512.00 |
| Electronic Collection..... | \$1,877.00 |
| Total Collection..... | \$7,868.00 |

*Thank You for your generous contributions!
\$20,000 to go on this year's HOPE Appeal
 commitment*



2019 Confirmation will be held, **Sunday, October 6th at 11 AM Mass** with Bishop Lucia.

Faith Formation for Grades K-9 will begin **Sunday, September 15th at 9:30 AM**. Registration information has been mailed to family's involved in Faith Formation. If you were expecting a packet and did not receive it you can pick up a registration information packet on the ushers table, on-line, or if you prefer call Maria Kirk at the Parish Office and a packet will be mailed to you. You are asked to fill out a registration form each year to update information. This registration serves as the official yearly parish record. You do not need to register candidates who will be confirmed on October 6, 2019. There will be a parent meeting in the church on September 15th after the Opening Prayer Service.

Formation for Ministry Courses

The Office of Formation for Ministry provides education and training to lay adult Catholics to prepare them to share the Gospel as lay ecclesial ministers and deacons and offers faith formation opportunities to all adults in the diocese. Those interested in more information about our lay ecclesial ministry formation program and/or preparation for the diaconate should contact: formation@syrдио.org or (315)470-1479. We are currently accepting applications for 2019-20. In addition, any three courses may be taken for Personal Enrichment. You can learn more about our program as well as online learning options at: formationforministrysyr.org

Children's Liturgy

No children's liturgy for August

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, Kathie Rzodski

Chenango Valley at St. Francis

Chenango Valley School District will be using our school building during the upcoming school year. Both St. Francis and Chenango Valley are making improvements to the school in preparation for the arrival of students in September. Chenango Valley is in the process of improving safety with the installation of new fire escape windows in each classroom. The building will be fully secure with the addition of new locking mechanisms on the outside doors and a new card access system at the main entrance on Chenango Street. There will be enhanced internet access throughout the building so that the computers, smartboards, etc. will work optimally. The interior of the school has been painted, bathrooms upgraded and the church hall has been set up to serve as a fully functioning cafeteria. The total cost to the school system is well over \$100,000. This money is part of the approved project for the renovations at Port Dickinson Elementary and Chenango Bridge Elementary school buildings. St. Francis is also making important improvements to our school. The first is the replacement of the school boilers. This has been a 2 part project, with the removal of the old boilers and the asbestos associated with that old equipment, followed by the installation of 2 high efficiency boilers. These boilers will improve the heating and reduce our fuel costs. We have upgraded our radon and TCE mitigation system with new fans on the existing units and with the addition of 2 new units in the basement of the church and school. We have done extensive level testing of both asbestos and radon and are all within acceptable limits. We have worked with the Boy Scouts and moved the supplies for the scouts into a storage container located on the auxiliary parking lot. Lastly, we will be fixing the tunnel between the school and the church. You will see some excavation work done in the parking lot within the next 2 weeks. We expect that to be completed over a 4 day period so we don't disrupt weekend Masses. The cost to the parish will also run more than \$100,000. We are paying for these improvements both from weekly donations and the use of DeBella funds. All of these improvements will enhance the marketability of the school building going forward. There will be an open house on **Tuesday, August 27, 11am to 1pm & 5pm to 7pm.** Please come and see what's been done. Much has been done to prepare our school for the CV community. This would not be possible without the full effort of our great staff and many volunteers who assisted in packing items in the kitchen to be stored. We want to thank Joe Carpenter, Fred Hazlet, Maria Kirk, Bev Krinik, and Nick Norton for all they did. It has been a big challenge for our parish and the CV School District as they prepare for the upcoming school year. Your spirit-filled presence with us will be a wonderful contribution to the neighborhood!

Child Victims Act

The headline in our paper this past Wednesday was not a great way to start the day with the reminder of the ongoing fallout about the sad reality of child abuse. Wednesday was the opening of a one-year window for litigation for ALL victims of child abuse in New York State. This litigation affects not only the church, but other institutions and organizations, e.g. Boy Scouts, Coaches, Teachers, and other such groups and people. Bishop Doug Lucia writes; "Collectively, we will experience afresh the pain of sacred trust violated and of the victims and their families whose spirits and lives have been so demoralized and harmed. To all victims, I once again in the name of the Diocese of Syracuse apologize most deeply and sincerely for the heinous acts perpetrated against them by their abusers who were supposed to be the caregiver of souls. I renew my own offer to meet with victims, if there is any way I can assist them in their search for healing and peace. In the coming days and weeks, parishes and other diocesan institutions may be contacted concerning a civil lawsuit. We will turn all such matters over to legal counsel to ensure that they are respecting the confidentiality that accompanies the due process of law."

As we move through this process let us keep all parties directly affected in our prayers, especially those who have been victims of abuse.

A Prayer For The Victims of Abuse

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely harmed, and the cries of those who love them. Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HEADS UP: SPEED LIMIT CHANGE

Soon, the speed limit on Chenango Street outside of the Church and Parish Center will be changing from **30mph down to 20mph**. Please be aware of this change and obey the new limit as we know this will be enforced especially as the school year gets underway and students from Chenango Valley enter into our school building.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of Aug. 18th — Karen Dotson

Week of Aug. 25th — Michelle Warne

Shelving (Mondays)

August 19th — C. Woodruff & M. Ryder

August 26th — A. Short

Distribution

August 20th — M. Walsh, C. Danoski, K. Dotson, P. Peters, R. O'Neil, M. DeNinis

Assist Sister Norma Who Aids The Migrants and Refugees in McAllen, Texas

You may have seen Sister Norma on the news as someone who has been living out the Gospel, especially Matthew 25, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" says Jesus Christ. This past week, again, our consciences and hearts have been moved by the tragic situation at our borders, with incarcerated children and the disturbing photo of a father and his young daughter drowned in the Rio Grande River.

We may feel a loss as to what to do, but certainly keeping in our prayers the migrants as well as those like Sister Norma working daily with migrants would be an excellent place to start.

Contributions too can be made to Sister Norma at the Humanitarian Rescue Center in McAllen, TX. She helps families get what they need.

You may go online to...

<https://www.catholiccharitiesrgv.org/Donations.aspx>

Here you can see a list of items you may send and where to send them, as well as an Amazon Wishlist and a place to make monetary donations.

Crossing Guard Job Opening

There is an opening for a crossing guard at St. Francis School to direct the students during the school year. The position is Monday thru Friday 7:30AM to 9:30AM and from 3:00PM to 4:30PM. This individual will be an employee of the Town of Fenton and paid \$12.00/hr. Anyone interested please call Gary Holcomb at the Town of Fenton 648-4800 (ext 113).

Theology on Tap

Binghamton: Wednesday, August 21st, 7:00pm
@ The Colonial

Speaker: Sister Brigid O'Mahony

Title:

"Rethinking Missions: Working Effectively in the Third World"

Theology on Tap is a monthly speaker series that takes place at local bars throughout the Diocese of Syracuse, focusing on a wide range of topics that directly affect the lives of young adults in their 20s and 30s. There's no admission charge, so bring a friend!

PARISH REGISTRATION

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether you're a long-time resident or newly arrived in the Parish. Please check the appropriate box and place in the collection basket or return to the Parish Center. *We thank God that you are with us.*

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

- New Parishioner, send registration form
- Change of address or phone number
- Temporarily away. Stop envelopes
- Moving, please remove from Parish Roster

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SUNDAY AUGUST 25, 2019 12:30-3:30

143 CASTLE CREEK RD

**1st Ukrainian Pentecostal Church
formerly known as
St Christopher's Pavilion**

**Covered seating, plenty of parking, new play ground
volleyball and horseshoes...**

**Coffee, bottled water & meat dish plus paper
products will be provided**

Please bring a item to share.

Families whose last name ends with

A thru G: please bring desserts

H to O: bring salad's fruit, potatoes or pasta

P to S: bring finger food..veggies, snacks

T to Z small cans of soda (-6-12 cans)

RSVP no later than August 19th

Call Parish Center 722-4388 or drop this in collection basket

of adults _____ # of kids _____

HELP is needed..sign up at church foyer

LAST CALL to RSVP and/or sign up to help. NO hauling tables or chairs any where just setting food on tables, laying out table covers etc. EASY work can we count on you? Sign up in church foyer or call the parish center.

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

August 24th & 25th, 2019

4:00 P.M. Mass

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| Lector | Catherine Shafer |
| EM Host | Ethan Glenn |
| EM Host | Barb Brozovic |
| EM Host | Dom Lomonaco |
| EM Cup | Bob Parke |
| EM Cup | Marge Mangan |
| Altar Server | Dominic Lomonaco |
| Altar Server | Logan Lomonaco |
| Altar Server | Calliope Brennan |

8:00 A.M. Mass

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| Lector | Debbie Davis |
| EM Host | Denise Baxter |
| EM Host | Steve Baxter |
| EM Host | Tim Vaverchak |
| EM Cup | Mary Ellen Vaverchak |
| EM Cup | Kurt or Kelly Mohney |
| Altar Server | Mary Bush |
| Altar Server | Braeden Krisko |
| Altar Server | Sarah Bush |

11:00 A.M. Mass

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| Lector | Jim Lewis |
| EM Host | Emily Ekstrom |
| EM Host | David Gill |
| EM Host | Chris Gill |
| EM Cup | Rose O'Neil |
| EM Cup | David Hanzes |
| Altar Server | Jessica Wojnar |
| Altar Server | Brendan Heaney |
| Altar Server | Josie Wojnar |

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?

END OF BULLETIN

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