

August 19, 2018

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

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It is very challenging to know where to begin or how to write what I feel in my heart from the celebration of last weekend! Everything went so well from start to finish— from the weather that had brought such terrible rain— Sunday afternoon was such a gift with the sun, blue sky, and breeze which added to so much in an unexpected way!

On of the greatest things I want to share with you are the reactions from people who came to the **11:00 A.M. Liturgy** and shared in the picnic celebration at The Orchard! From **family** (visiting from Denver, Massachusetts, Minnesota, NYC, Syracuse, etc.), **friends** (from area parishes and many from various sites in the Diocese) were so impressed with our parish community! I heard their comments all day Sunday, as well as by phone and text messages this past week. They spoke of the beauty of the church grounds, the beauty of the church environment, the splendid music of the choir and our youth soloists (**Natalie & Cassie**), the congregational participation, and most importantly the wonderful hospitality and spirit of community they received and witnessed! They said, “I have a hidden jewel with this parish”, and they were so moved by the whole experience. This is something every pastor wants to hear, and their experience of our parish of St. Francis of Assisi has left a lasting impression in their hearts and minds! A true reflection of **all of you— THANK YOU** to all of you who do so much in the parish that is seen and unseen!

You and I are also graces with truly a wonderful, hard working, and faithfully dedicated staff! Their ministry day in and day out profoundly assists me to effectively do my work to the best of my ability! I want to give a **BIG shout-out and heartfelt gratitude** to those great people: Dc. Steve Blabac, Dave Bollinger, Joe Carpenter, Sue Ekstrom, Delores Farwell, Fred Hazlett, Patty Hazlett, Maria Kirk, Agnes Miller, and Ed Savo! When you see them, or talk to them on the phone express your thanks for all they do to make our parish function so well!

The celebration after the liturgy was a great experience of parish, friends, and family! As mentioned earlier, the sunshine added to the beauty of the day! **Jo Anne Klenovic** is quite the organizer! She and her staff did a fantastic job with their setup and take down! No detail was overlooked! The food and beverages from **Red & White, McGirk's, and the Testani family** were delicious. Also, **Scott Freeman** and his quartet of music raised the spirit of the celebration! Thank you to all of these fine folks!

The weekend was such an affirming day in what it means to be a priest and the gratitude I have in my heart for these 40 years of ministry! I feel I have grown immensely, spiritually and personally, in the course of my 14+ years with you! You have been a grace in my life and ministry! Thank you for affirming me in the vocation I do enjoy from the depth of my heart!

— *Fr. Tim*



Saturday, August 18, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. 4th Anniv. Julia Pandich by Family
Sunday, August 19, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Albertina Lorenzo by Jennie Emm
 11:00 a.m. 54th Anniv. Joseph Francis Deinhardt, Jr. by Mother, Jean Mee Deinhardt

Monday, August 20

8:00 a.m. David Rollo by Greg Santa Croce

Tuesday, August 21

8:00 a.m. Marilyn Bennett by Carol Tabor

Wednesday, August 22

8:00 a.m. Marge Parkhurst by the Spaziano Family

Thursday, August 23

8:00 a.m. Bernetta Ciullo by Tony & Kathy Cullen

Friday, August 24

NO MASS

Saturday, August 25, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Jodi Rhoades by Family

Sunday, August 26, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

11:00 a.m. Ida Godkin by Paul & Jamie Dybas

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 (08-05-18)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,928.00
Loose Collection.....	\$361.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,454.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,743.00

Thank you for your generous donations!

Hope Appeal Donations are \$16,400 of our \$47,400 parish obligation. \$31,000 to go!

Faith Formation

Confirmation 2018 summer update info has been mailed. If your Confirmation interview needs to be rescheduled please call Maria Kirk at (607) 222-1477. We have received word from the Diocese that our celebration of Confirmation will take place Sunday, September 23rd at the 11:00A.M. Mass.

Mass Intentions For 2019

We have received the book for 2019 Mass Intentions. It is never too early to call and schedule dates that would be meaningful to you. You may like to reserve dates for special anniversaries or birthdays, or even just to have someone remembered. Call Delores at the Parish Center (722-4388) to schedule specific mass intentions.

Save the Dates!

"I Have Called You by Name"

Mobilizing the Family of Faith - Eucharist Must be Lived

September 29 – October 3, 2018

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

Lead by Speaker: Vince Ambrosetti

Embracing and living the call of Baptism. BAPTISM CALLS EACH AND ALL OF US to a conscious and active role in the Mystical Body of Christ. Faith is not a spectator event, parish is not meant for passive membership.

Belonging to Christ carries gifts beyond measure, and real responsibilities that impact the lives of all those who surround us, especially our children, and even our children's children.

Fellowship!

Mission!

Music!



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

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 Daniel Pagliarella.

A Statement Regarding The Devastating News From Pennsylvania

If you watched or heard the news this past week from Pennsylvania— it has been devastating for the victims of abuse, their families, and the people of our catholic faith. We need to urgently continue to do all we can to rid ourselves of such a scourge to what has taken place in our history. From what I have read, I am **disgusted** by what my brother priests have done in the past. I pray for the victims and their healing, families still coping with what they experienced, and for us as a church to reconcile with all those tragically effected by this history.

The following is a statement from our Bishop in regards to this news out of Pennsylvania...

“These are difficult days to be a Roman Catholic. The allegations regarding Archbishop Theodore McCarrick and now the release of the grand jury report involving six dioceses in Pennsylvania have deepened a wound for Catholics who have been besieged by news of clergy sexual abuse since 2002. It is understandable for many to ask, "What is next?" "What and who can I trust?"

"How did this ever happen?" The People of God are rightfully asking these questions. In these recent days, we have become painfully aware that those meant to shepherd and guide others are sinners not only in the sense that all are fallible but also specifically in the area of sexual abuse of children and young people. They must be held accountable for their actions. Bishops are no exception.

Our focus together should always be the safety and well-being of the human person - especially the vulnerable and the innocent among us. Over the past 15 years, since the crisis broke in 2002, the Diocese of Syracuse has addressed this problem aggressively by reporting all allegations to the appropriate district attorney, ensuring that no priest with a credible allegation of abuse remains in ministry, and preventing acts of abuse through our highly successful Safe Environment Program. There are now nearly 40,000 individuals trained in child sexual abuse prevention as well as criminally background checked. I am grateful to the trained men and women who have worked tirelessly either as members of our Diocesan Review Board or Safe Environment program to ensure that the Diocese of Syracuse has an established and well-monitored set of policies and procedures that will not allow any abuse to ever take place.

Like you, I am deeply troubled by these grievous acts and I must again apologize for the pain and suffering endured by our people. To the victims of clergy sexual abuse decades ago, I know I can never change what has taken place, nor remove the pain or the anger. I will continue to pray fervently for all victims of clergy sexual abuse, to ask those who have been harmed to come forward to report the abuse in order to begin the healing process and remain steadfast in my personal commitment that this horrific chapter in our local church will not happen again.”

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.

Welcome Peter Daino

On the weekend of August 25th/26th we will be hosting Peter Daino to discuss with us the Lusubilo Orphan Care. Lusubilo Orphan Care Project is a community-based organization located in Karonga district of northern Malawi. There will be a second collection on the weekend of the 25/26 for this cause.

For Potential Godparents and Sponsors for Baptisms or Confirmation

Anyone looking to be a Godparent or Sponsor to a Confirmation Candidate MUST be a registered member of St. Francis of Assisi to be able to get a letter of certification. This is the only way that the Church can verify you are a practicing Catholic. Cannon law requires you are to be a practicing Catholic to be a sponsor. Please call Delores at the parish center (722-4388) with any questions.

Safe Environment Training

Protecting God's Children the initial Safe Environment training will be held Wednesday, August 8th at 6 PM in the Faith Formation Office, 1031 Chenango Street. Register online at www.syrdio.org click on Safe Environment initial training. All people who work or volunteer for the church or use the church facility for children must be trained. If you need help registering call Maria Kirk at 222-1477.

Initial Safe Environment Trainings

Wednesday, September 12th at 1:00 pm
Catholic Charities of Broome County

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule
Transportation

Week of August 19th — Marie Giordano
Week of August 26th — Ann Wilcox

Shelving (Mondays)

August 20th — P. Turnbull & A. Short
August 27th — C. Woodruff & M. Ryder

Distribution

August 21st — M. Walsh, P. Peters, S. Lee,
K. Dotson, M. Ryder, & C. Woodruff

NOT COLLECTING
SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

We have done this collection for over 10 years now and YOU have been so generous. At this time we will be holding back as it has become a "favorite event" lately and there are now more than 25 giveaways throughout the area. The pantry will get tissue and sanitizer's or what ever it is the big item every student now needs this year and just offer it to families with their food.

RCIA Inquiry Session at Beer Tree

The RCIA Team is holding an Inquiry Session at the Beer Tree on Monday, August 20th at 7 pm. Everyone is invited and we are especially inviting spouses who are not Catholic and would like to find out more about the Catholic Faith. This meeting will be Dutch Treat (everyone pays their own way). Please consider joining us!

Memorial Golf Tournament Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus Council 11403 wish to thank everyone who participated in our annual Tom Mangan Memorial Golf Tournament held on July 29th. All who played enjoyed a beautiful sunny day, a competitive round of golf, along with great food and prizes. Proceeds from our events support Catherine's Cupboard, other church activities as well as state and national Knights of Columbus Charitable Programs. One of our Knight's members, Steve, even had a hole in one, a very memorable event for any golfer. We will host this event again next year on July 28, 2019. We invite you to join us.

Donations Wanted
for Sister City Benefit Sale

Once again the Binghamton – El Charcón Sister City Project will hold its annual Benefit Sale in support of several wonderful educational programs in rural El Salvador. We would be grateful for donations of items in good condition (no clothes, please). If you're downsizing, planning to move, or just want to clear out some of those closets, please contact Beth (785-0869) or Suzanne (798-0787) to arrange for us to pick up your donations.

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 _____

Phone _____

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

New Bereavement Support Process

A new Bereavement Support Process will begin Monday evenings September 10, 6:30 to 8:00 and Tuesday afternoons September 11, 1:30 to 3:00 at the Parish Center for anyone who has experienced the loss 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 to healing. To register for this ten week process or for any information about the bereavement group, please call Rose O'Neil at 772.0820 (a message can be left) or David Bollinger at 239.0203 by August 31st so books can be ordered.

School Update

As most of you are aware the Hillside Children's Home has been renting our school building since June of last year. Our lease arrangement with Hillside will be continuing until May 31, 2019. However, our plans to continue with Hillside after May 2019 and perhaps sell the building to them after the lease expires have been put on hold. The State Department of Education has not granted Hillside permission to operate a school in our building. There is some sunshine in this message in that we will be working with the Chenango Valley Schools to lease the building during the 2019-2020 school year. We have had some preliminary discussions with Dave Gill (superintendent and one of your fellow parishioners) about using the school during the renovations to Port Dickinson Elementary and Chenango Bridge Elementary schools during the 2019-2020 school year. We are happy about this opportunity to support CV and will continue to work with Hillside until the Spring.

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

August 25th & 26th, 2018

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector Catherine Shafer
EM Host John Pierce
EM Host Barb Brozovic
EM Host Terry Hanifin
EM Cup Bob Parke
EM Cup Shirley Parke
Altar Server Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server Logan Lomonaco

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Maureen Mizzoni
EM Host Mary Deninis
EM Host Ed White
EM Host Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup Kurt or Kelly Mohny
Altar Server Kathryn White
Altar Server Lauren White

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Mary Lou Ekstrom
EM Host Emily Ekstrom
EM Host David Gill
EM Host Chris Gill
EM Cup Rose O'Neil
EM Cup Jim Lewis
Altar Server John Michael Frissora
Altar Server Brendan Heaney

Attention All

Please keep a close eye on the schedule, you may be asked to fill in when needed. So, we appreciate your cooperation during these summer months.

Question of the Week

Question for Children: How does receiving communion help you grow in your faith? How does it help you love others?

Question for Youth: Jesus promises us eternal life if we follow him and believe. What makes it hard for you to believe? What is easy about faith?

Question for Adults: How does your faith in Jesus nourish your own life? How does the Eucharist nourish you?

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