

August 20, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

God, bring
consolation
and relief

to Maui

“Be gracious to us, O Lord, for we are in distress.”

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
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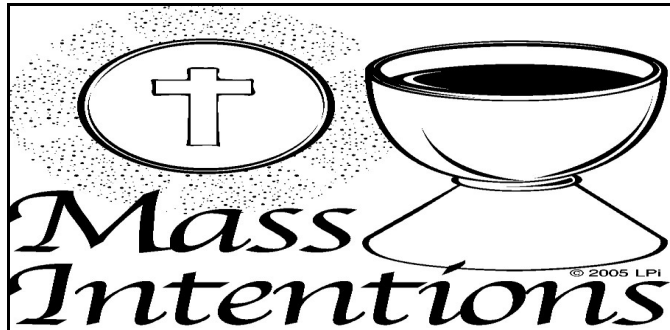
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our latest Children's Liturgy.
We will be posting new
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Saturdays.

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**Saturday, August 19, Vigil of Sunday**

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

Sunday, August 20, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, August 21

12:00 p.m. Joan Hays by Robert Connelly

Tuesday, August 22

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Wednesday, August 23

12:00 p.m. Bob Blabac by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Thursday, August 24

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, August 25

NO MASS

Saturday, August 26, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Jim, Dorie & Jodie Rhoades by Family

Sunday, August 27, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

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**

Weekend's Offering (08-13-23)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,325.00
Loose Collection.....	\$221.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,830.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,376.00

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 has been sent out. **Faith Formation will begin September 17th** with a family event in the parish hall focusing on the Eucharist. **Mark your calendars!**

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.

Joanne Corey Book Signing

Parishioner and poet Joanne Corey will be signing copies of her chapbook *Hearts* after liturgies on September 2nd and 3rd in the Parish Hall. The poems in *Hearts* center around her mother's final years living with heart failure. Joanne will have copies available for sale for \$17 each (cash or check). Questions? Email Joanne at jcorey.poet@gmail.com.

20th Sunday Ordinary Time: Justice Challenge

This Sunday's Gospel is a tough one. Jesus seems to be calling the Canaanite woman a dog. But she persists, challenging Jesus to see her human need. Jesus is persuaded to cure her daughter because of the woman's enduring faith. This Gospel event illustrates that Jesus' mission was not just to the Chosen People, but to the whole world. Your challenge this week is to follow in Jesus' footsteps. Reach out to someone of a different faith, defend a Muslim who is persecuted for their religion, learn about Judaism, or watch a Buddhist Meditation. How can you model our Catholic belief that Jesus is a universal Savior—for everyone, everywhere, all the time?

20th Sunday Ordinary Time: Creation Care

If you have school-age kids or pack your own lunch for work, make a change this school year that moves you away from single-use plastic baggies or disposable wraps. Make an investment in some high-quality, re-usable containers or cloth snack bags. If you don't pack lunches for anyone in your family, is there a family you know to whom you can gift such containers?

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, Thomas Dwyer.



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.

What does Synodality look like? A synodal journey is a process of praying, listening, speaking, discerning, and then finding a way forward. It requires the ability to listen deeply, to sift through what is shared, and then to add the Spirit's voice as it comes to us in Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium. It is a way for every Catholic to have a voice, and to have their issues heard and valued. It is a useful tool for parish pastors, diocesan bishops, and Church leadership at every level, to consult with the Holy Spirit and the People of God before making important decisions.

When was Synodality first used in the Catholic Church? The first recorded use of this process of prayerful listening and discernment took place during the Council of Jerusalem around 50 AD. You can read about it in the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 15 in the New Testament.

What is the "Synod on Synodality?" Pope Francis is convinced that synodality may be the Church's best path forward into this new millennium. He has called for a "Synod on Synodality" to explore the issue. It will be held in two sessions, October 2023 and October 2024. For more info visit <https://www.synod.va/en.htm>

Prayer for the People of Maui

Holy Father, we lift up the ongoing physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the people of Maui. We pray especially for all whose whole world changed in one day. For all who are suddenly homeless and don't know what the next day will bring. For all who are grieving the loss of a loved one. For all who are waiting for news of a loved one. For all who are waiting to return to homes, not knowing what they might find. For all who are hungry, tired, in shock, separated from loved ones, or have sorrow of any kind. For the whole community of Maui who share this collective grief and loss. The needs are many, but you know them all. You know each person by name. We entrust them to you and know you are always near the brokenhearted. Engage our imaginations and move our hearts to compassion, O Lord, that we would interact with these casualties, not as news stories or statistics, but as our own sisters and brothers, flesh and blood, irreplaceable individuals whose losses will leave gaping holes in homes, friendships, workplaces, churches, schools, organizations, and neighborhoods. Be merciful to those now wounded. Be present with those now bereaved. You do not run from our brokenness, O God, You move ever toward those in need. Now let your mercies be active through the hands, the words, and the compassionate care of those who willingly enter this sadness to console and to serve.



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St. Phoebe Day

Enlightened by grace and taught the faith by the chosen vessel of Christ, you were found worthy of the diaconate and you carried Paul's words to Rome. O Saint Phoebe, pray to Christ God that his Spirit may enlighten our souls and guide the discernment of the Church that the gifts and voices of women may be received and affirmed in our day for the service of your people! Saint Paul proclaimed you a protector of many, and you became his helper. Rejoice, Saint Phoebe.

On the weekend of **September 2/3**, the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, we will celebrate in a special way St. Phoebe of Cenchreae, diakonos and benefactor to many, who traveled over 746 miles to bring St. Paul's letter from Corinth to the new Christian community in Rome. **September 3rd** is the day our church commemorates St. Phoebe. Our parish will also host a Prayer Service and video discussion on the role of women in the church exemplified by St. Phoebe and recognize the many gifts and talents women have consistently provided to the church. **This prayer service will be held in our Parish Hall on Wednesday, September 6th at 7 PM.**

Parish Events to Remember for September **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. Don't miss this event! Catch his columns in the upcoming Saturday paper.

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

September 5th: M. Lyons, M. Mizzoni, A. & S. Faughnan

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 Thank You

Our women and men religious offer gratitude. A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious Last Week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org.



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
to schedule an appointment time

Catherine's Cupboard

Catherine's Cupboard is getting wiped out every distribution day. **Specific items in desperate need to drop off would be condiments, City of Binghamton blue trash bags, and canned goods.** Please **NO items past their expiration date**, we cannot give those out. A special thank you to the Church of the Nazarene for their generous donations!

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...

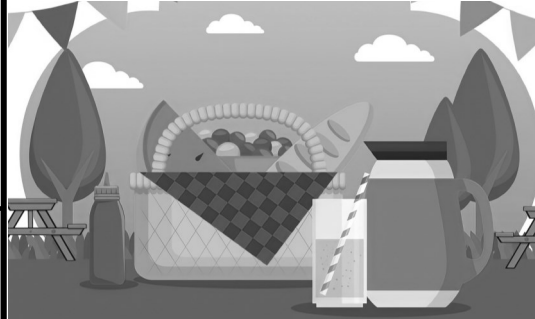
A—D: Fruit **E—G:** Potato/Pasta Salad

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



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Upcoming Safe Environment Trainings

Initial Safe Environment Training

- † **Tuesday, September 12:** 10:00AM at Catholic Charities of Broome County, Binghamton
- † **Tuesday, September 19:** 6:00PM at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott
- † **Saturday, September 23:** 9:30PM at St. Patrick, Binghamton
- † **Tuesday, October 3:** 6:00PM at St. James, Johnson City

Safe Environment Recertification Training

- † **Wednesday, September 6:** 10:00AM at St. James, Johnson City
- † **Saturday, September 9:** 9:00AM at Immaculate Conception, Greene
- † **Wednesday, September 13:** 6:30PM at St. Thomas Aquinas, Binghamton
- † **Tuesday, September 19:** 3:00PM at Seton Catholic Central, Binghamton

Pre-registration is required for all 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.

Register at (www.syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/)

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

August 26th & 27th, 2023

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Michaela Wood
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Kathryn White
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Joe Carpenter
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Mary Russik
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Judy Daniels
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Maria Kirk
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	John Artman
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Brenda Artman
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Catherine Shafer
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Anne Wolanski
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Marie Iobst
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Shirley McCray

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

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

WATCH MRS. BLABAC WEEKLY ONLINE
www.youtube.com/@stfrancisbing

VIRTUAL LITURGIES

Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org
to watch our latest Children's Liturgy videos.

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

Also find the videos on our
Facebook (search "@stfrancisbing")
YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)
<https://www.youtube.com/@stfrancisbing>

**You can still view children's liturgy
virtually!**

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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