

August 22, 2021

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



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

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Saturday, August 21, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Frank Acquisto by John & Maureen Mizzoni

Sunday, August 22, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Lucille Marsili by Suzanne & Don Carr
 11:00 a.m. Virginia Hope by Family

Monday, August 23
 12:00 p.m. Ned Cuddy by Judy & Gordon Ruston

Tuesday, August 24
 8:00 a.m. Mary Escamilla by Friends and Family

Wednesday, August 25
 12:00 p.m. Joyce Jeuck by Dot Davies

Thursday, August 26
 8:00 a.m. Sue Cleary by Mary Russik

Friday, August 27
NO MASS

Saturday, August 28, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Jim, Dorie & Jodi Rhoades by Family

Sunday, August 29, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 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 (08-08-21)

Regular Envelopes.....\$9,019.00
 Loose Collection.....\$270.00
 Electronic Collection.....\$4,127.00
 Total Collection.....\$13,416.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Registration information will be mailed soon. Please read the information carefully and register your children for FF this year. Our program will begin with a family group event celebrating the Feast of St. Francis on October 3, and classes will begin October 17th.

Confirmation 2021

We will celebrate Confirmation with Bishop Cunningham, **Sunday October 10th at 10:30 Mass.**

Virtual Vacation Bible School!

St. Francis of Assisi "Peace Lab" Vacation Bible School is be on our website stfrancisbing.org NOW!



GO CHECK IT OUT!

****ATTENTION: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers****

We will put a new schedule out for the Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers after Labor Day. Our new Mass schedule begins then and with people gradually returning to church it is time to get a schedule together. We will be giving people the opportunity to sign up for the ministry(s) and Mass times that they want. There will be sign sheets in the church at each Mass. Also there will be reminders on the Parish website and on our Facebook page and, as always, people can call the Parish office @ 722-4388

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.

Climate Crisis/Care For Our Common Home/Laudato Si

Early this week the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a report based on 14,000 scientific studies prepared by thousands of scientists and endorsed by 195 governments. It makes clear that our human community either takes climate change seriously or we will all roast, drown, or get blown away. It's already happening.

Nobel Prize Winner Paul Krugman considers the report "terrifying." He asserts that "unless we take drastic action very soon, catastrophe looms."

Florida's U.S. Congresswoman Kathy Castor, chair of the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, writes that "if we are to keep global temperatures in check, we urgently need to focus on cutting methane pollution." Methane has 80 times the heat-generating power of carbon dioxide. She argues much the same for natural gas because natural gas is made up of 85-90 percent methane and that methane leaks from extraction through pipelines to refineries.

Meanwhile, Catholic faith calls us to respond if we truly love our Creator and accept our responsibility to Care for Creation. Pope Francis continues to call us to pay attention to the newly branded global *Laudato Si* Movement.

Prayer to End Violence Against Women

*Lord of all, help us to be silent for a moment
So we can hear the cries of girls and women,
Some loud, many muffled,
Enduring violence in every area
Of our global community.*

Help us to be still for a moment, So we can recognize

*The terror on the faces
Of ten-year-old school girls raped in the Congo,
Girls of fourteen in Pakistan,
Shot for wanting an education,
Eighteen-year-old sex slaves in Europe,
U.S. college students, raped on campus,
Young wives in India threatened with burning,
Battered women in every country.*

*Help us to take the time to reflect on the fact
That the majority of human rights violations
Across your world*

Are acts of violence toward women.

*The roots of such hatred are deep and tangled,
And justice is long overdue.*

We ask Your help to act

*So we may become agents of transformation,
Willing to work to change systems and structures
That have fostered and allowed such violence
To continue, to this day, in the human community.*

All humans, women and men,

Are made in your image and likeness,

And have immeasurable dignity.

Help us, for a moment, to be silent and still

So we can recognize

You in the faces

Of every girl and every woman. Amen.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline

24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, the National Domestic Violence Hotline provides essential tools and support to help survivors of domestic violence so they can live their lives free of abuse.

Contacts to The Hotline can expect highly-trained, expert advocates to offer free, confidential, and compassionate support, crisis intervention information, education, and referral services in over 200 languages.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline answers the call to support and shift power back to those affected by relationship abuse.

For more information or to talk to someone on the phone, online, or via text about your experience with domestic violence visit www.thehotline.org/

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Justice Challenge

If there is a message to hear this week, it is being ready. The parables foretell the end of the world... be ready for you don't know when that might be. For Christians, that means we need to believe in, think about, and do the right things in life; we need to have our priorities in order. So what does this include? Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit those in prison and give drink to those who are thirsty. Spend your life doing these things and you will be prepared.

Why is that? These things shape our hearts and make us humble and willing to put others before ourselves. They help us to see the face of Christ in our midst. It is the crazy paradox of being a Christian. To be first, you must be last. To be a leader, you must be a servant.

Are you ready? What are you spending your time on these days?

Your challenge this week is to look at your calendar. How are you spending your time? Read Matthew 25:31-46, and make sure some of those things make it on your calendar each week.

Important Changes Ahead...

Our parish of St. Francis of Assisi is part of the Pastoral Care Area (PCA) with St. Mary's and St. Paul's. Presently there are 8 masses on the weekend celebrated in our PCA. We are being encouraged to do more together in a collaborative spirit. **Our trustees from our parishes have met, and it was decided that a revision to our present mass schedules in our parishes have to change.** Why? Because there are no other priests available when one of the pastor's get sick, or takes a week-end off for retreat or vacation. So each of the three parishes will have 2 masses, which can be covered by one priest when the need arises.

The new schedule to start the weekend after Labor Day (September 11/12) is as follows....

<u>St. Francis of Assisi:</u>	4:00PM (Vigil)
St. Paul's:	5:30PM (Vigil)
St. Mary of the Assumption:	7:30AM
St. Paul's:	9:00AM
<u>St. Francis of Assisi:</u>	10:30AM
St. Mary of the Assumption:	12:00PM (Noon)

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

September 7th— Mary Walsh, Priscilla Covey, Rose O'Neil

Catholic Schools of Broome County **Admissions** **For School Year (2021-2022)**

Admission into the Catholic Schools of Broome County for the 2021-2022 school year is still open!

Early Childhood Education through 12th Grade...

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Transportation Provided by Home District!

Contact Office of Admissions at 607-231-4149 for more information or to schedule a tour of any of our schools.

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PARISH REGISTRATION

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you, 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're 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

Hope Appeal Commitment Weekend **September 11th & 12th**

Hope Appeal Commitment Weekend will be September 11th and 12th and conclude on December 31st. We will take for our theme the words from Matthew 5:13; "*You are the salt of the earth...*" Many have reflected on the meaning of this scripture passage including Pope Francis who said "God gave each person faith, gifts and talents so that they would share them with others and bring the taste of the Gospel to the world. Christians must "go out with the message, go out with the riches of salt that we have received and give it to others." I know also that it is only with your help that our mission to be "salt" does not lose its flavor. So we ask for your prayers and assistance in meeting the Diocese of Syracuse's goal for this year's campaign of \$4.15M to support the ministries of our local area and throughout the Diocese.

St. Anthony's Holy Name Society **Captain & Crew Golf Tournament**

Saturday, September 18th

9:00AM Shotgun Start

Apalachin Golf Course

Men's, Women's, and Mixed Teams

\$80/Golfer Includes:

Greens Fees/Cart/Steak Dinner/Prizes/Skins

Registration Fees Due: September 11th

To Register Call Nick @ 748-8686

Why Volunteer?

There are so many reasons to volunteer:

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

So, go out and give volunteering a try!

Online Giving

Would you like to save paper and time when giving monetary donations to us? We have the option of online giving for your convenience. Visit our website stfrancisbing.org and click "**online giving**" in the menu. It's easy to set up using your checking account, credit, or debit card for automatic or one-time donation options and you can choose where the money goes. Check it out!

When Planning for your Funeral...

Please be sure to share with your children or whomever may be overseeing your funeral arrangements when you pass that you wish to have a funeral liturgy in the church. Even though your son/daughter may not be active, participating Catholics does not mean that you should not have a proper funeral at church. Especially, when you are faithful to attending weekly mass!

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
August 28th & 29th, 2021

4:00 P.M. Mass

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**Children’s Liturgy of The Word will be
posted by Noon on Saturdays!**

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Who and what help you believe in Jesus?

Question for Youth: Who do you know who really struggles with believing? What can you do to help them struggle through doubt?

Question for Adults: To whom do you go when you are looking for meaning or answers to life’s questions?

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