

August 23, 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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Please go online to stfrancisbing.org to view our latest Sunday mass. We will be posting new videos of our weekend liturgies by 4:00PM on Saturdays **even after our reopening.**

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!



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

Monday, August 24
 12:00 p.m. Tony Fusco by Bob Connelly

Tuesday, August 25
 8:00 a.m. Donald Gioia by "The Italian Lunch Bunch" - William & Maureen Kniffen

Wednesday, August 26
 12:00 p.m. Rob Loftus by Wife, Sheila

Thursday, August 27
NO MASS

Friday, August 28
NO MASS

Saturday, August 29, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Jim, Dorie & Jodi Rhoades by Family

Sunday, August 30, 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 (08-16-20)
 Regular Envelopes.....\$5,209.00
 Loose Collection.....\$197.00
 Electronic Collection.....\$1,644.00
 Total Collection.....\$7,050.00
Thank You for your generous contributions!



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.

****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.

****Save the Date: First Eucharist 2020!****
 We will celebrate the Sacrament of First Eucharist at the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, October 4th. Mass will be a bit longer than usual and we may have extra visitors, please plan accordingly.

2020-2021 Faith Formation Registration Information
 Registration information has been mailed. If you did not receive a packet please contact Maria Kirk. Registration Information is also posted on our website.

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 Jack Quinn.

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

#CIVILIZEIT2020 - CIVILIZEIT.ORG - #CIVILIZEIT

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."

EVERY PERSON'S DIGNITY

Catholic social teaching asserts the sacredness of every human being. God gives life. We must respect life — all of life, conception to grave, even after. Life is about much more than conception and birth. "Pro-life" means to many opposition to abortion and euthanasia. Politicians play on that narrow focus. Being fully "Pro-life" requires other "pro" stances:

†Pro-health care of the born and all the living

†Pro-family

†Pro-living wages

†Pro-decent housing for all

†Pro-peace

†Pro-help for the poor

†Pro-equal justice

†Pro-care for creation

†Pro-quality education for all

†Pro- childcare when parents have to work

†Pro-employment

†Pro-migrants

†Pro-refugees

†Pro-environment

†Pro-gun safety

†Pro-responsible driving

†Pro-life without parole vs. execution

†Pro-encouraging the struggling and marginalized

†Pro-the human race which God creates and loves

Forming our consciences requires attention to all dimensions of "pro-life". God calls us to work for the common good rather than just my good and my better life.

Voting is civic responsibility and a moral act. As we prepare to vote, we are called to awaken our conscience to what pro-life means. Then we can bring our conscience to weigh in faithfully on our voting decisions.

—Father Bob Bonnot

Are You Hurting in Your Marriage?

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving, or uncaring; if your relationship has grown cold and distant; if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced but want to try again, then the Retrouvaille Program can help you.

For more information call: 1-800-470-2230

Or visit: <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com>

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
(How to have Fr. Tim hear your confession)

Due to COVID-19, Fr. Tim will not be hearing confessions in the church. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please call Delores at the parish center (607)722-4388 to set an appointment for Fr. Tim to hear your confession. Thank you for your patience.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

September 1st— B. Grace, P. Peters, M. Lyons

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.

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

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! THANKS!

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:

Tuesday, **September 8th 6pm - 8pm** (Registration closes on Wednesday, September 2nd at 9am)

Wednesday, **September 23rd 10:00am - 12:00pm** (Registration closes on Wednesday, September 16th at Noon)

EPDR (Re-certification) Training:

Wednesday, **September 9th 9am - 10:30pm** (Registration closes Thursday, September 3rd @ 9am)

Monday, **September 14th 6pm - 7:30pm** (Registration closes Tuesday, September 8th @ 12)

Friday, **September 18th 9am - 10:30am** (Registration closes Friday, September 11th @ 12)

Wednesday, **September 30th 6:00pm - 7:30pm** (Registration closes Wednesday, September 23rd @ 12)

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 jzarnowski@syrдио.org.

Save the Date: Coloring Contest

The Diocese of Syracuse will be celebrating its fifth annual Safe Environment Week from November 16 - 22, 2020. During this designated week, we will host another diocesan-wide coloring contest for Grade Pre-K through Grade 6. It is an excellent opportunity for parishes to join the Diocese in raising awareness on how we teach students to recognize and avoid potentially unsafe behaviors and situations.

Enjoy the Convenience of Online Giving!

St. Francis of Assisi Parish offers an easy way to make donations online. We have the following accounts set up:

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 stfrancis.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 29th & 30th, 2020

4:00 P.M. Mass

Designation ONLY

8:00 A.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: What are three things you know about Jesus?

Question for Youth: Today’s Gospel is about identity – the revealing of Jesus’ true self. How difficult is it to you to reveal your true self? What holds you back from being who God created you to be?

Question for Adults: If Jesus turned and asked you the same question, who would you say he is? How would you describe Jesus to someone who did not know him?

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