

August 26, 2018

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



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

Monday, August 27

8:00 a.m. Don Hurley by the Broderick Family

Tuesday, August 28

8:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Wednesday, August 29

8:00 a.m. Joe Rubitski by Nick & Rosalie Roth

Thursday, August 30

8:00 a.m. Rob Loftus by Wife, Sheila

Friday, August 31

NO MASS

Saturday, September 1, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Sophia Patsko by Helen Waring & Family

Sunday, September 2, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Gertrude Edwards by Melissa Glenn

11:00 a.m. Mannino Vita by Daughter, Fina & 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 (08-05-18)

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

- Faith Formation Information, Calendars and Registration Forms were mailed this week. If you did not receive one and need to register your child for Faith Formation there are extra copies on the usher's tables, or you can register online.
- Faith Formation will kick off with the family concert at St. Mary's followed by classes beginning October 14th.
- Faith Formation is not contingent on your ability to pay, if you cannot afford to pay please register your children anyway.
- Additional Information for students entering Direct Prep for Confirmation 2019 will be mailed next week. Please fill out a registration form for those students for Faith Formation this year.

Confirmation 2018

- Final Class, Rehearsal and Luncheon with Sponsors will be September 16th. Sponsor arrive at 10 AM, rehearsal after 11 AM Mass.
- Confirmation 2018 will be celebrated on Sunday, September 23 at the 11 AM Mass. The front pews on either side of the church will be reserved. Handicapped seating will be available on the "school" side of the church only. Mass will be longer than usual, please plan accordingly. There will be a reception downstairs after Mass. All are welcome.

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.

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.

Abuse Scandal

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we proclaim the mystery of faith after the consecration; “We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.” We are baptized into this profound mystery of dying and rising with Christ— living this mystery is also the mystery of life. We die and rise with Christ in our personal lives as well as in our social and communal lives.

The recent news regarding this abuse scandal in the Catholic Church has been painful for all of us. I believe we are in uncharted waters, and I am not sure what is ahead for us as a church. The core of our Christian faith is that there is life after death— in death there comes new life! The news for me has shaken me to my core!

As a priest, I am a representation of an institution that has failed miserably in its responsibility to young people and to the faithful. Church leaders deliberately chose self-preservation and institutional reputation over the protection of the most vulnerable people in their care. I am heart-sick, sad, angry, frustrated, and embarrassed to be associated with such a reality.

What does the Catholic Church need? Our church needs a systematic change— a reformation that will change the church to allow married priests, female deacons like we did in the early church, and most importantly lay control and authority at the highest levels of the church governance under the Pope.

We as a church have to die to what has been the common practice of being church. In this dark time in our church it is a death of experience! The time is challenging us to let go— to die — so that something new can be born— there will be new life. It will not come fast or easy, but it will come.

This week in my prayer, I went to the great Italian spiritual writer, Carlo Carretto. He once wrote a little tribute to the church which captures well both its scandal and its grace. In the closing section of perhaps his most mature book, *I Sought and I Found*, Carretto addresses the church in these words,

“How much I must criticize you, my church and yet how much I love you!

You have made me suffer more than anyone and yet I owe more to you than anyone.

I should like to see you destroyed and yet I need your presence.

You have given me much scandal and yet you alone have made me understand holiness.

Never in this world have I seen anything more compromised, more false, yet never have I touched anything more pure, more generous or more beautiful.

Countless times I have felt like slamming the door of my soul in your face— and yet, every night, I have prayed that I might die in your arms!

Then too— where would I go?

To build another church?

But I could not build one without the same defects, for they are my defects. And again, if I were to build another church, it would be my church, not Christ’s church.

No. I am old enough. I know better!”

I find his prayer for the church to be one of hope in a challenging time, and I hope you find it a source of grace for your own prayer. — 

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.

Special Thank You

We would like to express our gratitude to Kirk Simonis and friends who spent two days trimming trees and helping us out with landscaping on our church grounds. We appreciate your helping hands!

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. Canon 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.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule
Transportation

Week of August 26th — Ann Wilcox
Week of September 2nd — **Closed for Labor Day**

Shelving (Mondays)

August 27th — C. Woodruff & M. Ryder
September 3rd — **Labor Day**

Distribution

September 4th — M. Peters, A. Smilnak, C. Danoski,
R. Rounds, M. Quinn, M. Hayes

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.

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

Judy McDonald: Catholic Comedian
Coming to Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Vestal
October 20th & 21st
She will speak at all Masses
and at 7:00p.m. on Sunday, October 21st

XC Warrior Challenge
4k Community Cross Country Race

September 15th, 2018
@ 9:00 A.M.

Chenango Valley High School

Commemorating the 51st McDaniel-Baxter Invite

For more info or to signup go to: cvwarriors.com/xc4k/

Sponsored by:
Chenango Valley Warriors Athletic Club

Dinner Out for CV Athletics

At **House of Reardon Restaurant** 20% of all food and beverage sales on **Tuesday, August 28, 5-8PM**, will be donated to **CV Warriors Athletic Club**.

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.

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**

September 1st & 2nd, 2018

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Sr. Maureen Rainone
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Bob Shields
EM Host	Betsy Shields
EM Cup	Debby Carden
EM Cup	Daniel Minch
Altar Server	Tyler Norton
Altar Server	Brendan Kliment
Altar Server	Logan Kliment

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Ed & Kay Corcoran
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Marie Iobst
EM Host	Nancy Oliver
EM Cup	Scott or Donna Iglar
EM Cup	Shirley McCray
Altar Server	Andrew Rice
Altar Server	Jonah Rice
Altar Server	Juliana Rice

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Jules Furrer
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Karyn Church
EM Host	Steve Church
EM Cup	Pat Clark
EM Cup	Lyndsey LoPiccolo
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
Altar Server	Alexander Watkins

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?

END OF BULLETIN

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