


August 27, 2017

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

September 1



The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which He has entrusted to our care, and to implore His help for the protection of creation as well as His pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.

**POPE FRANCIS**

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### Office Hours:

7:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Monday through Thursday  
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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 26, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Jodi Rhoades by Family

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

8:00 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. Charles Jaworski by Family

11:00 a.m. Jim Kalivoda by St. Francis Choir

**Monday, August 28**

8:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

**Tuesday, August 29**

8:00 a.m. John Broderick by Family

**Wednesday, August 30**

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

**Thursday, August 31**

8:00 a.m. Alex Horoschak by Jim Moffitt

**Friday, September 1**

**NO MASS**

**Saturday, September 2, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Mannino Vita by Daughter, Fina & Family

**Sunday, September 3, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a. m. Liturgy for the People

11:00 a.m. Antonino De Luca 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 (08-20-17)**

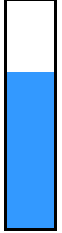
Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,923.50
Loose Collection.....	\$466.00
Assumption Collection.....	\$676.50
Electronic Collection.....	\$496.00
Total Collection.....	\$8,016.00

*Hope Appeal this week we added \$200*

*Our total donations so far are \$29,311 from 182 donors. We are at 65.2% of our goal.*

*We are 13 weeks into this year's Hope Appeal and over halfway to this year's commitment!*

**\$15,550 LEFT TO GO**



**Faith Formation**

Faith Formation Registrations for the upcoming 2017-2018 year have been mailed, if you did not receive one there are extra copies on the Usher's tables or you may register online on our website (stfrancisbing.org). Faith Formation begins **Sunday, September 10th at 9:30 A.M.** in the church.

Catechists Meeting will take place Sunday, **September 3rd after 8:00 AM Mass (9:15 AM)** in the Library. Please attend this meeting to review the updates and changes to our Faith Formation Program.

Confirmation Candidates Service Projects will be displayed in the Parish Hall on Sunday, **September 17th after the 8:00 AM Mass.** Parishioners are welcome to come down stairs and look at the variety of projects our candidates participated in last year. The Confirmation Wrap-Up class and Rehearsal will begin by **9:20 AM.** Confirmation 2017 will take place on **Sunday, September 24th at the 11:00 AM Mass.**

**Safe Environment Training**

A reminder to all church volunteers, that the United States Council of Catholic Bishops requires everyone who volunteers or is employed by any church organization to be screened. Our diocesan upcoming Safe Environment Training will be held at these locations. Screening is required every 5 years. If you have been contacted to be screened or to have your certification renewed please take advantage of these opportunities. If you have questions you can contact Maria Kirk at the parish office, 722-4177. Register online at [www.syrдио.org](http://www.syrдио.org).

**Initial Safe Environment Training (PGC)**

Wednesday, September 13th at 1:00 PM  
Catholic Charities, Binghamton (limited seating available)

**Recertification Training (EPDR)**

Thursday, August 31st at 7 PM  
St. Thomas Aquinas, Binghamton  
Call Maria Kirk 722-4177 to register

Wednesday, October 25th at 5:30 PM  
Church of the Holy Family, Endwell  
Call Holy Family 754-1266 to register

## World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation: September 1st

Pope Francis has established September 1st as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, inspired by the example of the Orthodox Churches who have observed this day for a number of years. Pope Francis wishes to remind us that, “Christians are called to an ecological conversion whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the World around them.” Thus, “living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.” (Laudato Si, #217)

On Friday, September 1st, use the prayer below praising God’s creation on the World Day of Prayer. This prayer is a modern version of the St. Francis prayer that Pope Francis refers to in Laudato Si.

### Be Praised For Creation

*Be Praised, O Lord, through the interconnected web of  
Creation,*

*Which binds your children, your creatures and your  
earth,*

*All that you have woven together*

*So all may exist in Original Goodness.*

*Be Praised for Sister Sun, that glowing star that warms  
our world,*

*Calling seeds to travel in the soil up to the light and  
bring us food.*

*Be Praised for Brother Moon, and for all the planets  
That reveal your complexity and the scope of your  
creativity.*

*Be Praised for Your universes and multiverses,  
unfolding to us*

*In endless waves, humbling us in our astonishment.*

*Be Praised for Sister Wind, which moves with energy*

*Throughout our planet, carrying our hopes and prayers.*

*Be Praised for Brother Water, who has sustained life for  
all that grows*

*And whose freshness we can still glimpse despite the  
soiled streams.*

*Be Praised for Mother Earth, the ground beneath our  
feet, who we are called to cherish and not defile.*

*Blessed be those who suffer and are in need because of  
the injustices done to our planet.*

*Blessed be those who work for peace on earth*

*And for Your earth itself, including Pope Francis.*

*Blessed be those who know our time is short*

*And we are called in the here and the now*

*To tend this earthly garden, to restore the great gift*

*Given to all for the benefit of all.*

*Praise our God, and give thanks to our Creator*

*Through our humility and our care*

*For His beloved Creation. Amen.*

## Faith on Fire: Parish Mission (September 30—October 4th)

An exciting event is taking place beginning on Saturday, September 30th with our parish mission, “Faith on Fire”. Is the flame of your faith smoldering or hardly at all vibrant? We all need at times to fan the flame of faith so that we can live our faith with passion, and our lives be a light to the world. Through the work of Faith on Fire Missions with music, preaching, fellowship, and prayer parishes have rekindled the flame.

For 40 years and after 600+ parishes Faith on Fire Missions have provided unforgettable weeks of preaching, music and inspiration for tens of thousands of parishioners across the United States. Fr. Ken Beale, who will be leading the mission often uses quotes such as “Jesus came singing love and He lived singing love. He died singing love. He arose in silence. For the love to go on we must make it our song You and I be the singers.”

Our parish mission is going to be a shared event with our neighboring parishes of St. Mary’s and St. Paul’s. In the coming weeks a letter is going to be mailed to all parishioners, a sign-up sheet for volunteers to assist, and more information in the bulletin.

So, set the time aside to participate, and have your faith rekindled. One critical way to prepare is to pray for the mission. Printed below is a prayer. I invite you and your family to pray regularly so that our hearts and spirits can be open to receive the grace of this mission.

### “Go into the World” Parish Mission Prayer for Our Mission

*Lord, Jesus, we are your people, the Church.*

*Through our Parish Mission, may we  
deepen our faith and commitment to  
you and our Parish Community.*

*Help us to share more fully  
in your mission to spread the Good News.*

*Through our time of renewal,  
may we come to know Christ’s presence*

*In each person we encounter.*

*Send your Spirit to renew our hearts*

*That together we help to build  
the Kingdom of God. Amen*

**Fellowship!**

**Mission!**

**Music!**



**Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule**  
**Transportation**

Week of August 27th — Nancy Oliver  
Week of September 3rd — **Labor Day**

**Shelving (Mondays)**

August 28th — J. & K. Brady  
September 4th — **Labor Day Closed**

**Distribution**

September 5th — M. Peters, K. Dotson, A. Smilnak,  
R. Serafini, A. Short, S. Orband

**XC Warrior Challenge**  
**4k Community Cross Country Race**

**September 16th, 2017**  
**@ 11:00 A.M.**

**Chenango Valley High School**

**Commemorating the 50th McDaniel-Baxter Invite**

To register go to: [cvwarriors.com/xc4k/](http://cvwarriors.com/xc4k/)

Sponsored by:  
Chenango Valley Warriors Athletic Club

**Annual School Supplies Collection**

It's that time of year...summer is here and it's time to think about the kids going back to school.

The following items are needed to give students a fresh start in their classes:

- Backpacks**
- Paper and Binders**
- Notebooks (bound/spiral, 1, 3 or 5 subjects & also small ones for assignments)**
- Pens/Pencils (colored and plain) and Erasers**
- Rulers and Safety scissors**
- Markers and highlighters**
- Crayons**
- Pencil bags**
- Book covers**
- Glue sticks**
- Index cards**

**NO LUNCH BOXES** are needed.

If you are able to help donate any of these items, we will be forever grateful. Seeing the child's face tells us we are making a difference. **Supplies are given out on Tuesday, August 29th** and any surplus will be shared with various area schools where it's needed. We appreciate your generosity to help children while they prepare to go back to school.

**THANK YOU !**

Items can be left at the Parish Center or  
In barrels at church.

**Fresh Florida Citrus Fundraiser**  
**(from the grove to you, great fruit for a great cause)**

Sponsored by: Chenango Valley Athletic Club (Boosters)

Sales Dates: **August 13th — October 6th**

You can order...  
Navel Oranges  
Grapefruit  
Fresh Orange Juice  
Mandarin Oranges  
Red Apples  
Tangelos  
And more...

**Contact April Rauscher via email at [aprilr887@gmail.com](mailto:aprilr887@gmail.com) to order**

**Rite of Christian Initiation For Adults**

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will begin on Sunday, September 10 after the 8 am Mass. The session will last from 9:15 am until 10:15 am. We are fortunate to welcome Paul back to complete his Catechumenate and we also welcome Jacob, a new Catechumenate to the Process. All are welcome to meet with us whether you have questions about the Catholic Faith, about the RCIA process or just want to talk about your Faith. Please contact Deacon Steve if you have any questions.

**\*\*Attention Eucharistic Ministers,  
Altar Servers, & Lectors\*\***

It's time to begin work on the next quarter's schedule for the Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, and Lectors. This schedule covers October, November, and December. If you have any special requests, please let us know before **September 15th** by calling Lynda and Joe Carpenter at 607-772-6732 or via email at [joseph.carpenter28@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.carpenter28@gmail.com). We will be completing and submitting the schedule on **September 20th**. We also have some good news, there were 8 new altar servers trained this summer. Thank you to those young people and their families and also Maria Kirk and Steve Blabac for coordinating the training. Thank you!

**Catholic Cruise Eastern Caribbean**

Come and sail away on a 7 night Eastern Caribbean Cruise with Father Ronald Calhoun from December 20th — 27th on Holland America's Koningsdam out of Ft. Lauderdale (Port Everglades), Florida. Ports of Call: Grand Turk Island, Turks & Caicos + San Juan, Puerto Rico + Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S.V.I. + Half Moon Cay, Bahamas (Cruiseline Private Island) Prices begin at \$3158.00 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered, Deposits of only \$350 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further information or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785.

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**  
**September 2nd & 3rd, 2017**

**4:00 P.M. Mass**

Lector	William Bennett
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Larry Koch
EM Host	Teresa Creeden
EM Cup	Debby Carden
EM Cup	Mary Frances Charsky
EM Cup	John Artman
EM Cup	Brenda Artman
Altar Server	Tyler Norton
Altar Server	_____
Altar Server	_____

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

Lector	Debbie Davis
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Denise Baxter
EM Host	Steve Baxter
EM Cup	Ede Blabac
EM Cup	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup	Lou Angelo
Altar Server	Peyton Broderick
Altar Server	Natalie Broderick
Altar Server	Braedan Krisko

**11:00 A.M. Mass**

Lector	Tom Giblin
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Jim Lewis
EM Host	Stephanie Stracuzzi
EM Cup	Rose O'Neil
EM Cup	David Gill
EM Cup	Chris Gill
EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	John Michael Frissora
Altar Server	_____

**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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