

August 27, 2023

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



## Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

September 1st—October 4th

### A Mighty River

Amos 5: 24

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:  
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#### **Confession:**

2nd & 4th Saturday of every  
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**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  
**Monday, August 28**

12:00 p.m. Carlton Harrison by St. Francis  
 Special Sunshine Committee

**Tuesday, August 29**

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Wednesday, August 30**

12:00 p.m. Viola Macko by St. Francis Special  
 Sunshine Committee

**Thursday, August 31**

8:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. John Garrigan by Nick &  
 Rosalie

**Friday, September 1****NO MASS****Saturday, September 2, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv. Ronald &  
 Ronetta Decosse

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

10:30 a.m. Antonio DeLuca 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](http://stfrancisbing.org)**

**Weekend's Offering (08-20-23)**

Regular Envelopes.....\$2,940.00  
 Loose Collection.....\$340.00  
 Electronic Collection.....\$1,902.00  
 Total Collection.....\$5,182.00

**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.

2023/2024 Faith Formation Registration letters and info have been sent out and is also on the website. **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](mailto:jcorey.poet@gmail.com).

**21st Sunday Ordinary Time: Justice Challenge**

Saint Rose of Lima (August 23) and Saint Monica (August 27) are both known for the power of their prayer. Saint Rose is believed to have prevented a devastating earthquake from destroying Lima by praying for the safety of the city. Saint Monica's persistent prayer helped in the conversion of her son, Augustine, who turned from his hedonistic life and became a Father and Doctor of our Church. Your challenge this week is to tap into the power of prayer. Prayerfully choose an injustice which you see—in your local community, in our country, or in the world. Then pray every day this week for an end to the injustice. Open your heart and listen to what God wants you to do to help end the injustice.

**21st Sunday Ordinary Time: Creation Care**

With the back-to-school season upon us, shop at a second-hand store or organize a clothing swap for what the kids need this year, rather than buy all new clothes, backpacks, and school supplies. Over-consumerism and the desire for new things contribute to an unsustainable economy that continues to deplete the earth of natural resources. Remember the old saying, "Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without."

**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, Mary Walsh.



## **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. "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium." —Pope Francis

No one's left out. The WHOLE people of God journey together. If they are baptized, they belong to the family of God. That means, for example, the baptized who are nones, dones, loosely affiliated, "free range" Catholics, divorced, and remarried, LGBTQ+, legal and illegal immigrants, people of color, infants, children, youth, teens, adults, and elders, previously incarcerated, and the addicted all have a seat. It means this human experience is more important than ideas.

## **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 @ 7PM: 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.

### **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. Don't miss this event! Catch his columns in the upcoming Saturday paper. Chaplain Norris Burkes began his chaplain career with both the active duty Air Force and the Air National Guard until his retirement in 2014. He served as a combat hospital chaplain in Iraq with additional deployments to Saudi Arabia and Panama. Concurrent to his military service, he served as a board-certified healthcare chaplain at Sutter Memorial, Kaiser, Methodist and Mather VA hospital. He entered official retired life on July 1, 2017. Highlighting his chaplain work, Burkes writes a spirituality column that offers a humorous and hope-filled approach to everyday spirituality and is syndicated in 35 additional papers nationwide. He recently published a book retelling the best of his newspaper columns called "Thriving Beyond Surviving." He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in religion and journalism and has a Master of Divinity degree and a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing. He authored, "Hero's Highway" and "No Small Miracles."



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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.**

## **What is the Season of Creation?** **September 1st—October 4th**

You may have noticed a beautiful new Season of Creation liturgical banner in our midst! What is Season of Creation? The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. Pope Francis made the Roman Catholic Church's warm welcoming of the season official in 2015. The Season of Creation begins on September 1, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. Throughout the month-long celebration, we come together in an annual ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for our common home.

**Visit our website for a video livestream of this year's Global Ecumenical Prayer Service on September 1st at 9:00AM.**



## 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.

## Bans of Marriage

Congratulations and best wishes to **Lauren Guth and Holden Gray** who will be married soon. May God bless them and their marriage.

## Hospital Visitation

Please remember, if you or another parishioner gets admitted to either Binghamton General Hospital or UHS Wilson Medical Center and you wish to be visited by Fr. Tim you **MUST to tell someone or call the parish center**. You should indicate that you are Catholic and belong to St. Francis of Assisi parish and that you wish to be visited by Fr. Tim or another Clergy member if you wish.

## Bible Study with the Bible Babes

The Bible Babes will begin studying Judges in mid October. If you are interested call Kathy Tait (607-692-7067) by 09/12 so books can be ordered. We meet in the church hall Tuesdays at 1:30PM.



We will be joining other parishes throughout the Diocese of Syracuse to Kick Off the 2023 HOPE Appeal at Masses on September 9th and 10th. Your continued generosity strengthens our parish and our Church. We look forward to sharing this year's message:

***You Strengthen the  
Fabric of Our Faith***

## 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.

## 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](https://stfrancisbing.org/parish-picnic-registration-2023)



**SCAN ME**



## 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.*

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**  
**September 2nd & 3rd, 2023**

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Thalia Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Kurt and Kelly Mohney
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Barb Brozovic
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Jan Pandich
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Steve Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Denise Baxter
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sydney Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Roy Santa Croce Jr.
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Donna Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Scott Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Mary DeNinis
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Suzanne Carr

**Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY WILL BE **ONLINE**  
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**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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