

September 1, 2019

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

SEPTEMBER 1  
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER  
FOR THE CARE OF CREATION



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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



**Weekend's Offering (08-25-19)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,429.00
Loose Collection.....	\$288.00
Assumption Collection.....	\$5.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$607.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,329.00

*Thank You for your generous contributions!*

**Saturday, August 31, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Jodi Rhoades by Family

**Sunday, September 1, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People  
 11:00 a.m. Vita Mannino by Daughter, Fina & Family

**Monday, September 2, Labor Day**  
**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, September 3**  
 8:00 a.m. Anna Sheffer by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

**Wednesday, September 4**  
 8:00 a.m. Antonio De Luca by Family

**Thursday, September 5**  
 8:00 a.m. Mary O'Neil by Tina & Kevin

**Friday, September 6**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, September 7, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. George Koons by Family

**Sunday, September 8, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. John Broderick by Family  
 11:00 a.m. 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv. Joan & Joe Gifford 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.

**Faith Formation**

2019 Confirmation will be held, **Sunday, October 6th at 11 AM Mass** with Bishop Lucia.

Faith Formation for Grades K-9 will begin **Sunday, September 15th at 9:30 AM**. Registration information has been mailed to family's involved in Faith Formation. If you were expecting a packet and did not receive it you can pick up a registration information packet on the ushers table, on-line, or if you prefer call Maria Kirk at the Parish Office and a packet will be mailed to you. You are asked to fill out a registration form each year to update information. This registration serves as the official yearly parish record. You do not need to register candidates who will be confirmed on October 6, 2019. There will be a parent meeting in the church on September 15th after the Opening Prayer Service.

Children's Liturgy will resume next weekend **September 7th & 8th at the 4 PM and 8 AM** masses.

There will be a Catechist meeting next **Sunday, September 8th at 9 AM** in the Faith Formation office at the Parish Center (1031 Chenango St.). After the meeting we will go to the school to look at your classroom and bring over any items for your "bin" that may be needed, Coffee and refreshments will be available -- please let Maria Kirk know if you cannot attend.

**Formation for Ministry Courses**

Those interested in more information about our lay ecclesial ministry formation program and/or preparation for the diaconate should contact: [formation@syrdio.org](mailto:formation@syrdio.org) or (315)470-1479. We are currently accepting applications for 2019-20. In addition, any three courses may be taken for Personal Enrichment. You can learn more about our program as well as online learning options at: [formationforministrysy.org](http://formationforministrysy.org)

**Children's Liturgy**

**September 7/8**

**4PM**— Catherine Shafer/Maria Kirk  
**8AM**— Shirley McCray/Marie Iobst

**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.

## World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

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. Each year from September 1st to October 4th, the Christian family united for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common role as stewards of God's creation. We see that our well-being is interwoven with its well-being. There are two recent events that dramatize the crisis our global environment is facing. The first is in Greenland, where glaciers are melting. "This is where Earth's refrigerator door is left open, where glaciers dwindle and seas begin to rise", writes Seth Borenstein in the LA Times. "New York University air and ocean scientist David Holland, who's been tracking Greenland from above and below, calls it 'the end of the planet'" It is here where the planet's warmer and watery future is being written. Another drastic example is what is taking place in Brazil with devastating fires in the Amazon Rainforest. The President of France, Emmanuel Mazon alarmingly spoke saying, "Our house is burning." The Amazon Rainforest are the lungs of our planet, and it is urgent to protect them for the well-being of all. Prayer and action are urgent if we want to turn from the direction that is presently taking place. Pope Francis reminds 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 secondary aspect of our Christian experience." (Laudato Si)

### **September 1st:**

Creation Day/World Day of Prayer for Creation

### **September 23rd—29th:**

United Nations Climate Action Summit

### **October 4th:**

St. Francis Day

*May we share the wisdom of two voices that remind us of the interconnectedness of life: St. Francis spoke to the birds at Assisi, and he calmed the wolf at Gubbio.*

*Knowing what Pope Francis has reminded us: all creatures are connected, all a part of the great web of Creation, all have a role to play in the sacred garden of Earth. May we become more attuned to this holy world and the creatures in it. From tiny insect to mammoth whale, they are given life and their part in ecosystems large and small. May we respect what God has created.*

*May we develop a deep reverence for the earth, its birds, wolves, insects, fish, and fowl, all reflecting the Glory of God. Amen.*

## Celebrating Labor Day...

It seems very appropriate on this Labor Day weekend to extend my heartfelt Thank You to you, the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi, for the work you do for the parish community throughout the year. So many of you do things that are often in the background, but so necessary for our mission as a parish. Summer in parishes can be a very quiet time, but that hasn't been the experience here for our parish. The summer began with Vacation Bible School, and the involvement of many of you made the week an enjoyable opportunity for our youth. Then, there was a basketball camp, coordinated by Pat Fallon, with over 40 upcoming stars participating. As noted recently much work has been done in the school to prepare for the upcoming arrival of the Chenango Valley Elementary students, grades 3-5. The hard work of many has resulted with a refreshing look to the school. We welcome our neighbors to their new site and hope the school year goes well for all of the students and staff. As a parish we are happy to have you here!



Then there was last Sunday's picnic, what a great and beautiful summer day. The planning, setting up, food, and clean up went so well. The First Ukrainian Pentecostal Church gave us such a wonderful welcome, and the venue was just perfect for us. Thank you to all who came. This Labor Day a deep expression of gratitude goes to our faithful parish staff: Dc. Steve Blabac, Delores Farwell, Maria Kirk, Joe Carpenter, Ed Savo, Sue Ekstrom, Fred and Patty Hazlett, Agnes Miller, Nick Norton, and Dominic Lomonaco. Five days a week they work faithfully and generously in furthering the mission of our parish. When you see them, thank them for their service. Thank you to all... "May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfillment.

Happy Labor Day!

**St. Patrick's, Binghamton, will begin offering an 8:00 am Mass on Saturdays beginning September 7th.**

## **Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule**

### **Transportation**

Week of Sept. 1st — **Labor Day Closed**

Week of Sept. 8th — Marie Giordano

### **Shelving (Mondays)**

September 2nd — **Labor Day Closed**

September 9th — Alex Hayes & Carol

### **Distribution**

September 3rd — B. Garce, M. Peters, M. Lyons,  
R. & C. Parga, A. Short

## **8th Annual Southern Tier Pastoral Care Conference**

### ***Pastoral Care: The Cup of Compassion***

**Who:** \*Those who visit or bring Communion to people in nursing homes, hospitals, or homes

\*Those who work in hospice, bereavement or funeral ministries

\*Those interested in participating in Pastoral Ministry within their parish

**Presenter:** Sister Alma Jones, CSJ

**When:** Tuesday, September 17th, 2019

**Where:** Church of the Holy Family — McCabe Hall  
3600 Phyllis Street, Endwell

**Time:** 9:00AM Mass with Conference beginning at  
9:45AM

## **Save The Date Parish Mission**

Why so much stress, worry, and fear?  
We have answers!

**Who? Presenter:** Fr. Francis Pompei OFM

**What? Parish Mission**

**When? September 29th—October 1st @  
7:00PM**

**Where? St. Francis of Assisi Church**

Please join us and learn how to live!

## **Upcoming Safe Environment Training**

### **Initial Safe Environment Training (PGC)**

Wednesday, **September 11th at 1:00 pm**  
Catholic Charities of Broome County, Binghamton

### **Recertification Training (EPDR)**

Saturday **September 7th at 10:00 am**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Binghamton

Please visit:

[www.syracusedioocese.org/safe-environment](http://www.syracusedioocese.org/safe-environment)  
to view both schedules and to register for a training session.

## **Here's the Deal on the Hope Appeal**

We have collected just over \$30,000 thus far this year from 183 donors. The average donation is \$162. This leaves us \$16,000 short of our commitment for this year. During last year's campaign we received 243 donations totaling a little over \$32,000. So we have fewer donors donating more per donation. If you have donated thank you very much, if you have not yet made a commitment to this year's Hope Appeal please consider doing so. Just like last year, the parish will be writing a check for the outstanding balance of our Hope Appeal commitment. This will strain our pocketbook because of our improvements to the school building this year. The new heating system and finally the repair to our leaky tunnel are not cheap. Thank you for listening.

## **COME HELP With Our Gardens**

COME join us, those with or without a GREEN thumb! **Saturday, September 14th at 9AM** we need help thinning and cleaning up our garden beds (church and parish center). Some lilies and Rose of Sharon need to be thinned out, shrubs and small tree need shaping. There will be "expert's" on hand to teach you what needs to be done. Many hands make this a fun and quick chore. So mark your calendar, kids 10 or over can help too! Plants will be available after mass that weekend if you would like some. If you have trimmers etc please bring them, we are unsure how many we have on hand.

## **New Bereavement Support Group**

A new Bereavement Support Process will begin Monday evenings September 16th, 6:30 to 8:00 and Tuesday afternoons September 17th, 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 thoughts and feelings with others who have had a loss can be helpful on the journey to healing. To register for this ten week process or for any info about the group, please call Rose O'Neil at 772.0820 (message can be left) by September 6th so books are ordered.

## **Parish Picnic Thank You!**

Thanks to ALL who volunteered, events are only good if people show up and enjoy themselves. A Special thanks to the 1st Ukrainian Pentecostal Church for their hospitality. There are a few items that were left, if you are missing a "baked bean" serving spoon or serving dish, please check in the parish center kitchen.

## **RCIA Begins**

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> after the 8 AM Mass. The location will be the Faith Formation Office on the second floor of the Parish Center (Maria Kirk's Office). Everyone is welcome to attend and learn about becoming a member of our Catholic Parish Family. Please contact Deacon Steve (607-648-2155) if you have any questions.

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**  
**September 7th & 8th, 2019**

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

Lector	Sally Orband
EM Host	Carol Danoski
EM Host	Larry Koch
EM Host	Carole Parga
EM Cup	Sue Lee
EM Cup	Mary Frances Charsky
EM Cup	John Artman
EM Cup	Brenda Artman
Altar Server	Vincent Williams
Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
Altar Server	Madelyn Strnatka

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

Lector	Scott Klein
EM Host	Shirley McCray
EM Host	Denise Baxter
EM Host	Steve Baxter
EM Cup	Ede Blabac
EM Cup	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup	Virginia Thompson
Altar Server	Andrew Rice
Altar Server	Jonah Rice
Altar Server	Juliana Rice

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

Lector	Charles Linfear
EM Host	Steve Guth
EM Host	Betty Church
EM Host	Maria Lord
EM Cup	Rose O'Neil
EM Cup	David Gill
EM Cup	Chris Gill
EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
Altar Server	Jessica Wojnar
Altar Server	Josie Wojnar
Altar Server	

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Jesus tells us that we should treat everyone as a guest. Who do you tend to shun or not be nice to?

**Question for Youth:** God asks us to do for others without hope of repayment. This past week, what did you do for someone else for which you won't be repaid? Who are the people most in need of your generosity?

**Question for Adults:** Who are the people living near you that you would find it most difficult to invite to a meal in your home? Or to invite to be part of your life?

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