

September 02, 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, 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

**Monday, September 3, Labor Day**  
**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, September 4**  
 8:00 a.m. Antonio DeLuca by Family

**Wednesday, September 5**  
 8:00 a.m. Michael Bruet by Bob & Bea Grace

**Thursday, September 6**  
 8:00 a.m. David M. Hanzas by Phyllis Canny

**Friday, September 7**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, September 8, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Dorie & Jimmy Rhoades by Family

**Sunday, September 9, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. John Broderick by Family  
 11:00 a.m. Janet T. Batcher by Ron & Catherine Hamilton

**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 (08-27-18)**

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| Regular Envelopes.....     | \$4,813.00 |
| Loose Collection.....      | \$394.00   |
| Electronic Collection..... | \$604.00   |
| Total Collection.....      | \$5,811.00 |

*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 especially, Esther Weckel.

### Prayer for Labor Day

*God of Creation, help us celebrate Labor Day by recalling the Church's teaching on work and workers' rights As well as by praying for all workers and those seeking work.*

*We celebrate the Church's long history defending Workers' rights and the right to unions.*

*We acknowledge that we are all called to work as co-creators Of the Kingdom of God, as Blessed John Paul II has instructed us, And as builders of the common good.*

*We affirm that work is central to the development Of the human person and can enable them To contribute to the common good.*

*We know that work is first for the good of workers For their own human flourishing and not primarily for profits.*

*We recognize that all workers have dignity And that all workers must be treated with respect.*

*We call for a just minimum wage so all families Can have decent living conditions.*

*We support the calls for workers' health and safety In all working environments.*

*As we reflect on our Church's teachings, we pray for all those currently employed*

*And ask that they enjoy the dignity of work*

*And all the rights to which workers are entitled.*

*We especially pray for those who are unemployed and seeking work;*

*May they know the support of our communities And may they be graced by solace and hope so they do not despair.*

*We pray that our local, state, and Federal government leadership work together To find solutions so that all who seek work*

*May find a decent position in workplaces that uphold the dignity of the worker.*

*Give us all the gift of good work*

*And the satisfaction of jobs well done.*

*God of creation, hear our prayer. Amen.*

### 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. Cannon 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.

### A Thought as School Begins

"The difference between school and life? In school you are taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you are given a test that teaches you a lesson."

— Tom Bodett

Prayers to all teachers, administration and students as another school year begins. Best of luck!

### Prayer for the Start of a New School Year

*Gracious God,*

*We gather as a community open to Your word and Your works.*

*In the months ahead, during our time of seeking and learning together, mold, shape, and transform us.*

*Give us a mind that engages with Your word and seeks to understand*

*Your truth in this complex world.*

*Give us ears to be attentive to Your voice in the world and to hear what we have not heard before.*

*Give us eyes to see You in all of your children on this earth and to see our world from new perspectives.*

*Give us a willing heart to be open to others and to nurture deep solidarity with the human community. Amen.*

### 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 grandchildren.

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

Week of September 2nd — **Closed for Labor Day**  
Week of September 9th — George & Pat Clark

**Shelving (Mondays)**

September 3rd — **Labor Day**  
September 10th — K. Mohney

**Distribution**

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

**Pantry Thank You**

A special THANK YOU to BIG LOTS-Binghamton Store for the ongoing support to our pantry and always giving us top notch service when we get big orders as well as for donating items throughout the year.

**\*\*HELP NEEDED FOR PANTRY\*\***

On September 10th, Catherine's Cupboard will be having new carpet installed after 40+ years. We need your help on Friday September 7th at 9:30AM to remove items from shelves to make carpet installation easier. If you can spare time, we would love your assistance!

**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/](http://cvwarriors.com/xc4k/)

Sponsored by:

Chenango Valley Warriors Athletic Club

**Church Choir is Looking for New Members**

Choir will be beginning to practice on September 6th at 6:30PM over in the Emmaus room. New members are also welcome to come and share their vocal gifts.

**\*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.

**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

**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.

**Ogden Hillcrest UMC, NYS Veteran's Home**  
**Donations Wanted**

Let's show appreciation for our veterans by donating the suggested items below and dropping them in the collection box at the back of Ogden Hillcrest UMC Church at 1061 Chenango Street.

**Suggested Items:** Electric razors, Sweatshirts and Sweatpants (XL, XXL preferred), Baseball caps, Puzzles (500pc or less), Large Print Reading or Puzzle Books, Arts and Crafts items, DVDs (new movies)

**Not Allowed:** disposable razors, sharp object-scissors, knives, anything that can be used as a weapon, personal care items, glass items, lighters or anything flammable, anything considered "over the counter" medication, electric appliances, cleaning supplies

All donations are due by September 16th and will be delivered in September. Everyone is welcome to join as it is very rewarding to help these veterans.

Thank you for your generosity!

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**

**September 8th & 9th, 2018**

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

Lector Sally Orband  
EM Host Carol Danoski  
EM Host Larry Koch  
EM Host Sue Lee  
EM Cup Carol Parga  
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 Suzanne Carr  
EM Host Denise Baxter  
EM Host Steve Baxter  
EM Cup Ede Blabac  
EM Cup Mary Ellen Vaverchak  
EM Cup Tim Vaverchak  
EM Cup Joanne Horoschak  
Altar Server Peyton Broderick  
Altar Server Natalie Broderick  
Altar Server Braedan Krisko

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

Lector Tom Giblin  
EM Host Virginia Thompson  
EM Host Betty Church  
EM Host Katie Ginalski  
EM Cup Rose O'Neil  
EM Cup David Gill  
EM Cup Chris Gill  
EM Cup Kerri Hamilton  
Altar Server Anna Ginalski  
Altar Server John Michael Frissora  
Altar Server Ian Ginalski

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** What steps can you take to more humbly welcome Christ into your heart?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus warns about the things that will lead us away from God. What tempts you away from being the person that God created you to be?

**Question for Adults:** Based on this reading from James, what is the sign in one's life that faith is present?

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