

September 05, 2021

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

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Also find the videos on our Facebook (search “@stfrancisbing”) Twitter (search “@stfrancisbing”) YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)

You can still attend weekend mass virtually!



Saturday, September 4, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Bob Shields by Jim & Rose O'Neil

Sunday, September 5, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

11:00 a.m. Antonio DeLuca by Family

Monday, September 6, Labor Day NO MASS

Tuesday, September 7

8:00 a.m. Mike Lynch by the Wolynick Family

Wednesday, September 8

12:00 p.m. Don Kupper by the Hazen Family

Thursday, September 9

8:00 a.m. Thomas Mack by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Friday, September 10

NO MASS

Saturday, September 11, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Sue Cleary by Mary Russik

Sunday, September 12, Twenty- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Bernadette Keough by Sally & Dick Everett

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 (08-29-21)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$3,698.00
Loose Collection.....	\$125.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,772.00
Total Collection.....	\$5,595.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Registration information will be mailed soon. Please read the information carefully and register your children for FF this year. Our program will begin with a family group event celebrating the Feast of St. Francis on October 3, and classes will begin October 17th.

Confirmation 2021

Confirmation final session **September 19th** details will be emailed. We will celebrate Confirmation with Bishop Cunningham, **Sunday October 10th at 10:30 Mass.**

IMPORTANT CHANGES AHEAD...

Our parish of St. Francis of Assisi is part of the Pastoral Care Area (PCA) with St. Mary's and St. Paul's. Presently there are 8 masses on the weekend celebrated in our PCA. We are being encouraged to do more together in a collaborative spirit. **Our trustees from our parishes have met, and it was decided that a revision to our present mass schedules in our parishes have to change.** Why? Because there are no other priests available when one of the pastor's get sick, or takes a weekend off for retreat or vacation. So each of the three parishes will have 2 masses, which can be covered by one priest when the need arises.

The new schedule to start the weekend after Labor Day (September 11/12) is as follows....

St. Francis of Assisi	4:00PM (Vigil)
St. Paul's.....	5:30PM (Vigil)
St. Mary of the Assumption.....	7:30AM
St. Paul's.....	9:00AM
St. Francis of Assisi	10:30AM
St. Mary of the Assumption.....	12:00PM (Noon)

****ATTENTION: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers****

We will put a new schedule out for the Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers after Labor Day. Our new Mass schedule begins then and with people gradually returning to church it is time to get a schedule together. We will be giving people the opportunity to sign up for the ministry(s) and Mass times that they want. There will be signup sheets in the church at each Mass. Also there will be reminders on the Parish website and on our Facebook page and, as always, people can call the Parish office @ 722-4388

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 Alice Cavanagh and Ruthie Cole.

First Sunday of the Season of Creation

Today is the First Sunday of the 2021 Season of Creation. This season is a time of prayer and action stretching from September 1st, the World Day of Prayer for Creation, to October 4th, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The Season celebrates God as creator of the vast cosmic universe, God's revelation in creation, and our calling to care for creation, to protect its rich diversity and to address the urgent, destructive crises threatening its health and future—including our own. This year's theme is *A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God*. *Oikos* is a Greek word meaning "home".

This theme invites the global Christian community to recall that every creature of God upon Earth is loved by God for itself. It reminds us that the current exploitation of Earth is making it "a means to economic or political ends" and is destroying its ability to be the nurturing home for millions of species that God has created it to be. It invites us to ask what we must do to restore the planet to being the life-giving home God intends it to be for all that dwell here.

Prayer of Gratitude for Creation

God of the universe,

We thank you for your many good gifts:

For the beauty of Creation and its rich and varied fruits,

*For clean water and fresh air, for food and shelter,
animals and plants.*

*Forgive us for the times we have taken the Earth's
resources for granted,*

And wasted what you have given us.

Transform our hearts and minds

So that we would learn to care and share,

*To touch the Earth with gentleness and with love,
Respecting all living things.*

*We pray for all those who suffer as a result of our waste,
greed, and indifference.*

*And we pray that the day will come when everyone has
enough food and clean water.*

*Help us to respect the rights of all people and all species
And help us to willingly share your gifts*

Today and always.

Amen.

Riverbank Clean-Up Volunteer Opportunity

In this Season of Creation let's clean up our area riverbanks. If you take a walk along our rivers and streams you can see that they are in distress. The amount of litter easily rivals that of the 1970s. The Broome County Planning Department and Environmental Management Council (EMC) "Riverbank Cleanup" event will take place on **Saturday, October 16th** (rain date on October 17th). They are encouraging groups to organize a team to work together on this much needed project.

Let's form the St. Francis of Assisi Team and work together. The team can be made up of individuals, families, and youth (don't forget this could be also have the added bonus of being a perfect project for required community service hours). Organizers will provide us with some basic supplies including trash bags and gloves. If interested please call the parish center (722-4388).



Annual HOPE Appeal

The HOPE Appeal Commitment weekend will begin next weekend on Saturday and Sunday, September 11 and 12, 2021. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year; education of our children, college and

seminary students, evangelization, Catholic Charities services, and more. Please respond generously when you are asked to make your pledge. Each year, the HOPE Appeal gives us the opportunity to support valuable ministries, programs, and services that benefit many across the Diocese of Syracuse and beyond, including members of our own parish.

Our annual Appeal funds ministries, programs, and services that help thousands across Central New York and the Southern Tier. You will receive a letter from Bishop Lucia asking for your support of the HOPE Appeal. Please review the HOPE Appeal brochure and prayerfully consider making the most generous gift possible. You may bring your completed pledge card to Mass next weekend or drop it by the parish office. You may also pledge your gift to our parish's campaign online, using your debit or credit card, at www.syrdio.org.

As previously stated, our parish of St. Francis of Assisi will take up the HOPE Appeal during Masses next weekend, September 11-12. You should have received information about the HOPE Appeal in the mail as well as a request from the Diocese of Syracuse for all parishioners to make a pledge to the effort. Please review the HOPE Appeal brochure and prayerfully consider the most generous gift possible as a steward of Christ.

If you did not receive the HOPE Appeal mailing, or have questions about the HOPE Appeal, please call Delores at the parish office (607-722-4388).

Parish Mission

"A Journey to Joy" Frank Runyeon's 3 day mission responding to Pope Francis' call: Embark on a new chapter of Evangelism marked by...JOY.

Frank Runyeon will be here October 3-4-5, beginning with a Family Faith Formation presentation on October 3rd at 9:15 AM, followed by a 3 evening mission October 3-4-5. Watch the bulletin and website for more info.

Great for the whole family!

A journey to

Joy!

Bringing Scripture to Life,
with Drama and Humor

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

September 7th— Mary Walsh, Priscilla Covey, Rose O'Neil

Catherine's Cupboard Needs Greeting Cards and Calendars

Catherine's Cupboard Food Pantry wants your extra 2022 calendars! Its that time of year when greeting cards and calendars are arriving in the mail. Please remember we use them at Catherine's Cupboard. Last year we gave out over 250 calendars and even more in greeting cards. Just drop them in the barrel at church or leave at parish center for us. Thank you!

St. Anthony's Holy Name Society Captain & Crew Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 18th

9:00AM Shotgun Start

Apalachin Golf Course

Men's, Women's, and Mixed Teams
\$80/Golfer Includes:

Greens Fees/Cart/Steak Dinner/Prizes/Skins

Registration Fees Due: September 11th

To Register Call Nick @ 748-8686

PARISH REGISTRATION

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you, 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're with us.*

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

New Parishioner, send registration form

Change of address or phone number

Temporarily away. Stop envelopes

Moving, please remove from Parish Roster

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Justice Challenge

On September 15th, we celebrate Grandparents' Day. This is an opportunity to look at how we treat all of the elders in our communities, including but not limited to those in our own families. Your challenge this week is two-fold: do something special for the grandparents in your own family, but also identify an older person or couple in your community who suffer injustice in some way. It might be the injustice of loneliness, in which case a visit and a conversation would be great. It might be poverty; bringing a food basket or household supplies would be appropriate. Once your family identifies the elder in need, brainstorm the best way to help which also gives dignity and honor. No matter what you choose to do, find a way to let the elder share a life story or some wisdom with you from the perspective of many years of living. Finally, don't forget to thank them for the gift of their wisdom.

11th Annual Diocese of Syracuse Catholic Women's Conference

Attention Ladies! The 11th Annual Syracuse Catholic Women's Conference is coming to you.

Saturday, September 11th

8:30AM—12:30PM

St. Thomas Aquinas in Binghamton

Our theme is, "Encountering Christ"!

This will be a 'Mini Conference'. Together we will pray the rosary, have Mass with the Bishop. We will also be blessed by our speakers Sr. Briege McKenna and Fr. Pablo. We will end our morning with Eucharistic Adoration, Confession and Benediction.

To register go to: www.syracusecatholicwomen.org

Tickets cost \$15.00 at presale, \$20.00 at the door

Faith on a Journey Catholic Cruise

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY to Fatima, Lourdes, & Shrines of Spain— (Portugal, Spain, and France) on a 12 day experience. April 5th—16th, 2022. Land prices begin at \$2069/person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of only \$500/person will reserve your spot. For more info or to register, contact Luke or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or email Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com

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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 need to tell someone. 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.

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
September 11th & 12th, 2021

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector.....Barb Brozovic
EM.....Betsy Shields

10:30 A.M. Mass

Lector.....Virginia Thompson
EM.....Catherine Shafer

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**Children’s Liturgy of The Word will be
posted by Noon on Saturdays!**

Question of the Week

Question for Children: How do you shun others whom you don’t like?

Question for Youth: Who are the people in our world today who sometimes go unnoticed? What could you do to help them?

Question for Adults: In what ways do you discriminate in your heart against those whom you judge less than fully worthy?

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St. Francis of Assisi Church
Rev. Timothy J. Taugher, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Make time

Life can be so busy that it becomes impossible to find time to pray.

Instead we have to make time to pray. If we make time for God, he will help us find the time we need for everything else.

Face forward

Continually reliving the past prevents us from looking ahead with hope. Follow St. Paul's example: *"Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 3:13-14).

Our Lady of Sorrows

On September 15th we commemorate Our Lady of Sorrows. The title refers to Simeon's prediction that Mary would experience sorrows as if "... you yourself a sword will pierce" (Luke 2:35). Her greatest sorrow may have been watching her son die on the Cross.

If we ever want someone who understands our difficulties, we have only to look to Mary.



"Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

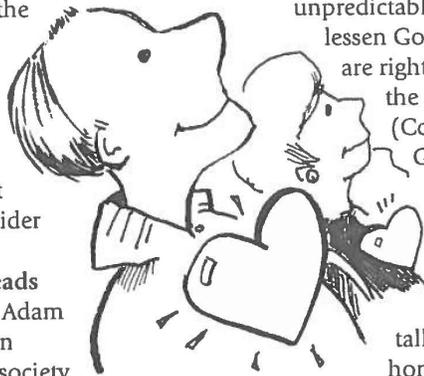
Popular culture would have us believe that happiness comes from having the perfect spouse, the perfect home, the perfect job, and the perfect body. Without all that, happiness isn't possible. Consider this:

God's way leads to perfection. Adam and Eve were in Paradise until society convinced them that by eating a piece of fruit, they could become perfect and be even happier. Had they listened to God instead, their lives would have stayed perfect.

Only God loves perfectly. Sometimes we fear that showing our failings to

others will lessen their regard. The more perfect we appear, the more we will be loved and respected. Human love is unpredictable, but we can never lose or lessen God's love. He loves us as we are right now. In fact, Jesus created the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) to remind us of God's unconditional love.

God's idea of perfect is possible. Jesus said, "... be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48), but he wasn't talking about muscles or homes. Perfection in Jesus' eyes means loving God with all our hearts, praying for our enemies, and taking care of the poor. To Jesus, love, obedience and service is the true measure of perfection and he wants us to let go of anything that gets in the way. That's the only "perfect" that is possible.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

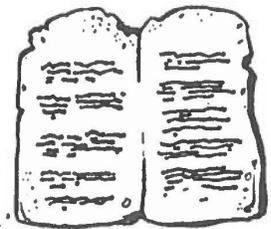
Why do Catholics follow the Ten Commandments?

The Ten Commandments were given by God to the Israelites on Mt. Sinai after they left Egypt. They are considered divine law because God himself revealed them to help his people live holy lives. They formed the basis of Jewish life, so Jesus followed them, too.

The Commandments are standards of holiness for Christians, too. Obey them

and eternal happiness is ours. Disobey them and we suffer the consequences.

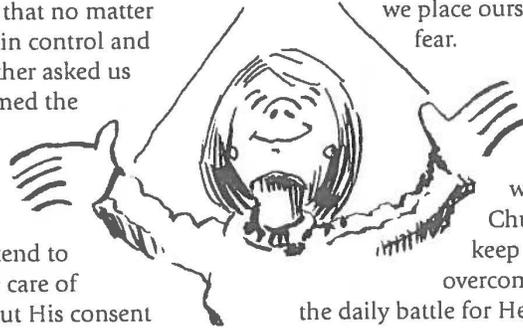
Jesus summarized the spirit of the Commandments in Matthew 22:36-40.



Be not afraid

The phrase "be not afraid," made famous by Pope St. John Paul II, helps us to remember that no matter what happens in the world, God is in control and we are in good hands. The Holy Father asked us to put our trust in Jesus who redeemed the world.

Refuse to worry. Jesus reminded us that tomorrow isn't guaranteed to anyone (Luke 12:20). What brings us peace is to tend to today's challenges and let God take care of tomorrow. Nothing happens without His consent



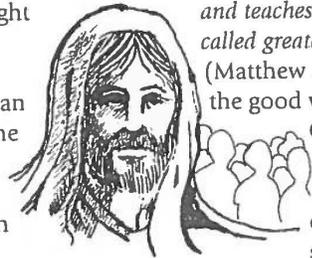
and He won't permit anything that is bad for us. When we place ourselves in His care, we have nothing to fear.

Keep your eyes on Him. Don't let the world blind you to God's presence in your life. We may not feel powerful at times, but when we stay close to Jesus through His Church, we receive the grace we need to keep fighting temptations to sin. God has overcome the world. With His help, we will win the daily battle for Heaven.

from Scripture

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48, The discipline of discipleship

In this Gospel passage, the disciples hear of an unknown man healing in Jesus' name. In their jealousy, it seemed the disciples were more concerned about losing the spotlight than in healing. Jesus added perspective. He pointed out that the man had the same goal as the disciples – to build up God's Kingdom. He was a teammate, not an enemy.



Discipleship means making a change of heart and mind. Jesus was very clear: if we choose to follow him, we can't foster private sins, too. If,

through those sins, we lead others into sin, our responsibility is doubled.

These are grim words, but the opposite is great news: "Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:19). God rewards us for the good we do to and for others.

Our example is powerfully influential. Being a faithful disciple isn't easy. Rooting out personal sin and setting a good example is difficult, but we're not alone or without grace to do the job. No matter what we sacrifice, the reward is infinitely better.

Q & A

Why do I have to go to Mass when I don't enjoy it?

A Catholic adult who lives an average lifespan can attend as many as 4,084 Sunday Masses. No ritual or event can sustain good vibrations 4,048 times. The truth is that the Mass is not meant to always make us feel good. It isn't actually about us – it's about God.

Mass is public worship. At every Mass, we worship God as a natural response to His overwhelming magnificence. This is not because God needs our praise, but because we need to praise Him. We recognize and honor all that is good about Him.

Mass is a sacrifice. When the gifts are brought to the altar, each of us offers our lives along with the bread and wine. We can do nothing of our own accord, so Christ accepts our offerings – our sacrifice – and joins it to His ongoing work of salvation.

Mass is a meal. Through the Eucharist, Jesus makes His home within us. We deepen our union with Jesus each time we receive His Word and His Body and Blood during Mass.

Feasts & Celebrations

September 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st century). Tradition says Mary was born in Jerusalem after her mother, Anna, and her father, Joachim, had been married more than twenty years without children. Mary's birth brought her parents joy, and we are joyful too – because Mary brings salvation to all of us with the birth of Jesus.

September 23 – St. Padre Pio (1968). Born to farmers in southern Italy, Padre Pio was an inspiring confessor and counselor. He received the five wounds of Our Lord's Passion (stigmata) eight

years after he became a Capuchin Friar. Despite intense personal and physical suffering, he remained dedicated to prayer.

September 28 – Saint Wenceslaus (929). As the king of Bohemia, Wenceslaus worked closely with the Church to end the persecution of the Christians in his country. He encouraged German missionaries, built churches, and cared for the sick, and poor. Political conflict led to his assassination by his brother. The "Good King" was immediately recognized as a martyr.



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