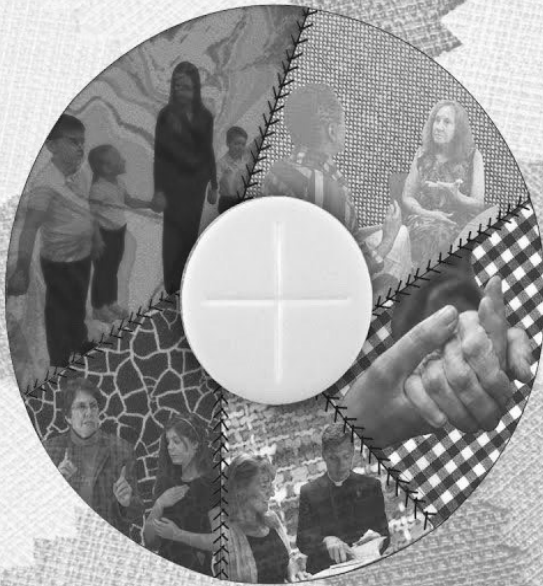


September 10, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



You *Strengthen* the
Fabric of *Our Faith*

2023
Annual
HOPE
Appeal

Foundation of the Diocese of Syracuse

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:
7:30 am to 4:30 pm
Friday: Closed

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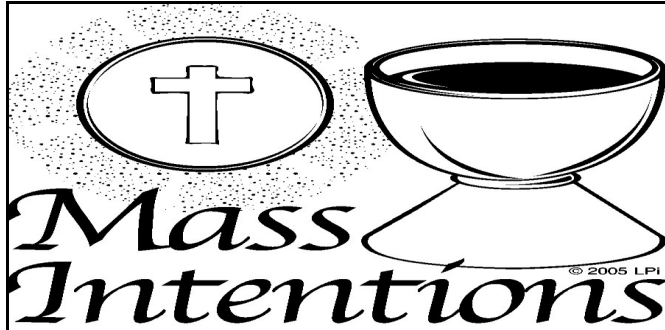
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our latest Children's Liturgy.
We will be posting new
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Also find the videos on our
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Saturday, September 9, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. **Special Intention** – For all Grandparents by The Paske Family

Sunday, September 10, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. 74th Wedding Anniv. John & Mary Zulko by Family

Monday, September 11

12:00 p.m. Jan Hannis by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Tuesday, September 12

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Wednesday, September 13

12:00 p.m. Rick Callahan by Sam & Anne Santoni

Thursday, September 14

8:00 a.m. Donald Walls by John Sharak

Friday, September 15

NO MASS

Saturday, September 16, Vigil of Sunday

1:00 p.m. **Wedding** - Lauren Guth & Holden Gray

4:00 p.m. George Koons by family

Sunday, September 17, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. John Klepfer by Janice & Ed Contino

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**

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 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!**

Maui Relief Special Collection

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the devastating wildfires that have ravaged the island of Maui. As a community of faith, we are called to come together and provide unwavering support to those who are suffering. It is in times like these that our collective love, faith and compassion can make a tremendous difference. Many have inquired if we can take up a collection for relief. I invite you to contribute to a second collection on **THIS WEEKEND**. Checks can be made out to Diocese of Syracuse - Maui Relief and mailed to the Finance Office, 240 East Onondaga Street, Syracuse New York 13202. The funds will be sent to The Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation which is a non profit corporation to support parish and school communities. Contributions will go directly to HCCF to support relief efforts for community members affected by the wildfires.

23rd Sunday Ordinary Time: Justice Challenge

In today's first reading from Ezekiel has the prophet challenging us to confront those who do wrong. Jesus follows in the Gospel with a similar message. Often when we hear or see racism, greed, or other actions which deny people their human dignity, we remain silent. We don't want to rock the boat or draw attention to ourselves. Your challenge this week is to be prophetic. When you hear someone putting down a person, a cultural or ethnic community, or whomever, speak the Gospel truth and challenge the offender to remember Jesus' example of treating everyone with dignity because we are all created in God's own image and likeness.

23rd Sunday Ordinary Time: Creation Care

Out of sight, out of mind. It can be so easy to trash something or pour something down the drain that will hurt someone or something else "downstream" because we forget that everyone downstream is a neighbor too. What items do you use or improperly dispose of that cause harm after they've left your sight? This week, look up our local hazardous waste organization to determine how to safely dispose of paint, batteries, e-waste, motor oil, medicines, etc.

ATTENTION: Lectors, EMs & Altar Servers

It is time again to make the schedule for October, November, and December. If there are weekends when you are **not** available to Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Serve, let us know. Call Ed and Cindy White at 607-648-2784 or by cell 607-206-3469 **BEFORE SEPTEMBER 11TH!** Thanks

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

Thinking like Jesus is required. All the baptized embrace ongoing conversions. That means there is ongoing, open engagement with the word of God and full, conscious and active participation in the Eucharist because both are catalysts for conversion. That means the faithful come to worship fully prepared to meet Christ in the Eucharist. Participants must be willing to change perspectives and practices based on what they hear from Christ and from others, leaving behind prejudices, stereotypes, complacency, and comfort.

Thank You From Joanne Corey

Thank you for the opportunity to sell and sign copies of my poetry chapbook, *Hearts*, after masses last weekend. I appreciate the conversations I was able to have with parishioners who stopped by my table. If you missed the event and you are interested in purchasing a signed copy, please contact jcorey.poet@gmail.com

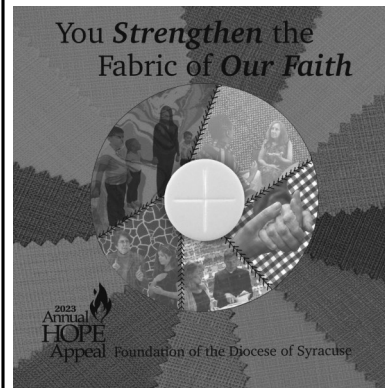
Sept. 24th @ 4PM: Chaplain Norris Burkes



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."

Join us for his talk entitled, "Laughing through loss, love, and life."

2023 Annual HOPE Appeal



The HOPE Appeal is our Diocesan Appeal campaign to support programs and services throughout our diocese which touches countless lives in every city, town, and rural area in our diocese. When the goal of the HOPE Appeal is achieved we ensure that these programs will receive the funding that is needed.

Our parish goal for the 2023 HOPE Appeal is \$42,826.

The overall theme this year is, "You Strengthen the Fabric of our Faith", which reminds us that we are in this together as the Body of Christ. The brochure in your bulletin gives you an over view of how the funds of the HOPE Appeal are used. This year's HOPE Appeal video can be viewed online in one of two ways. You can go to our parish website stfrancisbing.org or find it on the Diocesan website syracusediocese.org/hopeappeal/. You can donate to the HOPE Appeal by going to our parish website and choosing "online giving" or you can do so on the diocesan site. If you donate on the diocese website be sure to select our parish, St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton, so that your donation will contribute to our assigned goal.

Your support is important and much appreciated!

Creation Care Team CathCap Donations

To make a donation please go to this site:
www.cathcap.org

select: Contribute —> Support a Group

select: St. Francis of Assisi - Binghamton, NY

This link helps you calculate your carbon impact by: Flight, Driving, Total Co2 or Cash Donations.

You may also donate directly by visiting the online giving page on our website, stfrancisbing.org

For questions or more information contact
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Upcoming Safe Environment Trainings

Initial Safe Environment Training

† **Saturday, September 23:** 9:30PM at St. Patrick, Binghamton

† **Tuesday, October 3:** 6:00PM at St. James, Johnson City

Safe Environment Recertification Training

† **Tuesday, September 19:** 3:00PM at Seton Catholic Central, Binghamton

Pre-registration is required for all sessions. Walk-ins and late arrivals **will not be permitted**. Registration for training sessions will close one (1) business day prior to the training session.

Register: (www.syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/)

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

September 19th: K. & T. Barnhart, M. & P Peters

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.

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.

Fundraiser Carbon Impact Donation

On June 30th the Creation Care Team held a Brook's Barbeque Fundraiser. The proceeds from this fundraiser are intended to support projects that reduce our carbon footprint. There are few activities that we, as human beings, engage in that are carbon neutral. The Brook's Barbeque was not a carbon neutral event. As good stewards of the environment we will donate \$500 (roughly double the value of our negative impact) of our \$2,700 profits to CathCap to offset our ecological damage from the event.

Thanksgiving Basket Sign-up Information

Individuals and families living in Broome County will have the opportunity to sign-up for a Thanksgiving basket. Baskets will include all the items needed for a wonderful holiday meal. **Sign-ups for baskets will take place September 6th through October 13th, 2023. Sign-ups will be held by calling the United Way 211 phone number (dial 2-1-1) from Monday -Friday 7:30AM to 4:30PM beginning the Wednesday after Labor Day.**

Each household will receive a confirmation number from 211. **The confirmation number will be needed to pick up the basket.** One Thanksgiving basket will be provided per household. Please have information on hand for every person within the household prior to making the 211 call.

All families signed-up for a basket will receive a phone call or mailed document 1 to 2 weeks prior to Thanksgiving Day. This will provide information on date, time and location of the basket pick up. **Families should expect to pick up their baskets the weekend of November 17th to November 19th, 2023.** The Thanksgiving basket coordination program is a joint effort between Catholic Charities, United Way 211, local parishes, iHeart Media and several other local contributing businesses. For additional information please contact Hannah Burge at 729-9166.

Installation of EV Charging Stations

In the not too distant future, you will see something new in our parking lots. St. Francis of Assisi will be installing EV (electric vehicle) charging stations in our Church and Parish Center lots. An EV charging station is a piece of equipment that allows folks that have electric or plug-in hybrid cars to charge their vehicles. There are quite a few environmental reasons why this is a project that St. Francis of Assisi is undertaking, but there is going to be a need for an increased number of these stations because there is going to be an increasing number of electric cars. So you may ask yourselves why should a church, our church, be involved in something like this? Most importantly, installing EV chargers signals a commitment to our community and clean air. This initiative responds directly to several sections of Pope Francis's Laudato Si' encyclical:

- 🌱 **The Cry of the Earth-** we would helping support the reduction of emissions
- 🌱 **The Cry of the Poor-** these stations would be accessible to the disadvantaged in our community
- 🌱 **Ecological Economics-** by installing these stations we as a Parish are treating the economy as a subsystem of Earth's larger ecosystem, emphasizing the preservation of our natural resources
- 🌱 **Adopting Sustainable Lifestyles-** this convenience at the Parish makes adopting a sustainable lifestyle easier for our parishioners.
- 🌱 **Community Engagement and Sustainable Lifestyles** – the Parish is practicing what it preaches by not just supporting, but by taking proactive steps toward sustainability.

Because the Parish is in a disadvantaged area the cost to the Parish is minimal and the benefits to the earth are significant. We expect installation in early Spring 2024.

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
September 16th & 17th, 2023

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Michaela Wood
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Kathryn White
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Ed White
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Steve Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Denise Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Deb Carden
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Maria Kirk
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Carol Danoski

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Cadhla Hamilton
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Mary Bush
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Kay & Ed Corcoran
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Catherine Shafer
10:30 Mass	EM Host	David Hanzes
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Virginia Thompson

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS **ONLINE ONLY**

WATCH MRS. BLABAC WEEKLY ONLINE

www.youtube.com/@stfrancisbing

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

Do you have a child or grandchild who has already received their First Eucharist? If so, they can be altar servers! **We are in desperate need of more altar servers** as we barely have enough to cover the masses alone week to week.

Why altar serve?

- 1.) It is a good way to get actively involved in the mechanics of mass. Some kids who find it hard to sit still may benefit from the activity that it provides.
- 2.) It allows for kids to be a closer part of the church community and make connections.
- 3.) Direct religious education learning opportunity
- 4.) Gives kids a sense of purpose and pride Church

Call the parish center (607)722-4388 or fill out a liturgical signup form (on table in the back of the church) and drop it in a collection basket.

Question of the Week

Question for Children: What is one thing you would do for someone whom you loved?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us about the importance of community and friendship. When have you helped heal an argument between friends? How did that feel?

Question for Adults: How do you make sure you follow the way of love as described by Paul in today's reading? What steps do you take to eliminate the unloving — grudges, hatred, prejudice, or others.

END OF BULLETIN

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