

September 13, 2020

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

CONGRATULATIONS 2020 CONFIRMANDI

COREY "PATRICK" ASHMAN

MADISON "EMMA" ASHMAN

FAITH "FRANCES" BROWN

MIKAYLA "ROSE" BUCCI

SARAH "ANNE" BUSH

EVE "MARIANA" GINTY

SERENA "AGNES" GLENN

BRENDAN "ANTHONY" HEANEY

JORDAN "NICHOLAS" MARTIN

RYLIE "MARGARET" MILLER

GEORGIA "RITA" NOVITSKY

AYDEN "MARTIN" O'BRIEN

ALLYSON "ROSE" O'CONNOR

CHLOE "JANE" OSTEN

PATRICK "JOHN" SWEENEY

THOMAS "FRANCIS" THAYNE

ROBERT "FRANCIS" SCHMIDT (RCIA CANDIDATE)



Saturday, September 12, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. George Koons by Family

Sunday, September 13, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Legos & De Ninis Families by Mary & Vince De Ninis
 11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People - **CONFIRMATION**

Monday, September 14
 12:00 p.m. Tesfe Mesken by Timnit Yishak

Tuesday, September 15
 8:00 a.m. Kevin Taugher by Family

Wednesday, September 16
 12:00 p.m. James Keating by Bruce & Judy Daniels

Thursday, September 17
 8:00 a.m. Thomas Husar by John & Brenda Artman

Friday, September 18
NO MASS

Saturday, September 19, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Gerald Davies by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Sunday, September 20, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. "100th" Birthday – Bernadette Keough by Family
 11:00 a.m. 20th Anniv. Anne Jaworski 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.

Weekend's Offering (08-30-20)

Regular Envelopes.....\$3,657.00
 Loose Collection.....\$94.00
 Electronic Collection.....\$1,563.00
 Total Collection.....\$5,314.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

FAITH FORMATION

****Save the Date: First Eucharist 2020!****
 We will celebrate the Sacrament of First Eucharist at the **11 AM Mass on Sunday, October 4th.** Mass will be a bit longer than usual and we will have extra visitors, so we advise that you attend Mass at a different time on this weekend if you are not a part of First Eucharist.

2020-2021 Faith Formation Registration Information
 Registration information has been mailed. If you did not receive a packet please contact Maria Kirk.
 Registration Information is also posted on our website.

Instructions for Celebration of Sacraments

In order to permit Mass each parishioner must:

- † Seek information for registration for Mass, and procedures
- † Remain home if sick, symptomatic, or at risk
- † Wear a face mask in church (required) and, if possible, bring personal hand sanitizer
- † Observe the commands on the posted signage and follow the directives of ushers

Be aware that during this period, there will be:

- † No holy water in fonts
- † No offertory procession
- † No passing of the collection basket; baskets will be made available for offerings
- † No hymnals or missalettes (unless your own)
- † No congregating closely in or around the church

Prepare for the reception of Holy Communion:

- † Masks will be worn by ALL
- † Direction will be provided for those receiving
- † The Precious Blood will NOT be offered
- † Reception will involve: receiving the Body of Christ in the hand **ONLY**, stepping aside, lifting the mask, consuming the Eucharist, returning the mask..
- † Please maintain social distancing of 6 feet!

St. Anthony's Marketplace
Saturday, September 26th
9:00AM — 2:00PM
300 Odell Ave., Endicott, NY
***Baskets *Decorations *Food**
www.stanthonyvendicott.org

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.



On Your Confirmation

*God bless your Confirmation
And in each coming year,
As you grow in faith, remember
That He is always near.
God's love is everlasting;
He hears your every prayer,
And God is ever faithful
To keep you in His care.*

**Season of Creation: Sept. 1st — Oct. 4th**

Celebrated annually, the Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with God our Creator and our relationship with all of creation through prayer, celebration, reflection, conversion, and action. The Season of Creation began on September 1 and ends on October 4. The theme for the 2020 Season of Creation is "Jubilee for the Earth." For more about this 2020 Season of Creation, visit www.seasonofcreation.org. Here in our Diocese of Syracuse, we celebrate this year's Season of Creation by offering two free virtual lunch sessions. The first session, on "The Scripture and Spirituality of Laudato Si'," will be led Fr. Tim Taugher from **12:00 noon until 1:00 PM on Tuesday, September 15**. The second session titled, "The Science of Laudato Si': Threats to Our Common Home," will be led by Dr. Lawrence Tanner, Professor of Environmental Science Systems at Le Moyne College, from **noon until 1:00 PM on Tuesday, September 22**.

Each session will begin with prayer, followed by a 30-minute-or-so presentation, and time for discussion. To register for Tuesday lunch sessions, please go to faithformationevents.weebly.com or contact Dave Babcock by phone at (315)263-9023 for more information. Please consider praying, reflecting, joining our local Tuesday lunch sessions, and having discussions about God's Earth during this Season of Creation.

(How to have Fr. Tim hear your confession)

Due to COVID-19, Fr. Tim will not be hearing confessions in the church. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please call Delores at the parish center (607)722-4388 to set an appointment for Fr. Tim to hear your confession. Thank you!

Are You Hurting in Your Marriage?

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving, or uncaring; if your relationship has grown cold and distant; if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced but want to try again, then the Retrouvaille Program can help you.

**For more information call: 1-800-470-2230
Or visit: <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com>**

A Very Special Birthday

Bernadette Keough celebrates a wonderful milestone on September 24th, her 100th Birthday! She is a regular for years at the Sunday 8AM Liturgy. On Sunday, September 20th some of her family will join her at the 8AM Liturgy to celebrate and pray with her. If you would like to send her a card, you can mail it to: **1136 Chenango Street, Binghamton, NY 13901** Hopefully through family, friends, and parishioners she'll receive a card for each year!

What a Wondrous Gift! (Co-Garden Update)

God has certainly blessed us this year with a beautiful and bountiful pantry garden! Thank you to our confirmation candidates Georgia Novitsky, Allyson O'Connor, Corey Ashman, and Brendan Heaney, they did the laborious work of watering, planting, digging, and rigging up a woodchuck fence. In addition thank you to Andrew and Elizabeth Rice whom respectively had an Eagle scout project to produce the raised beds and fix the fencing and a Gold scout project to build a water collection shed. It's been four years of many parishioners' talents to get here, Thank you!

RCIA Announcement for September 2020

This has been a most unusual year to put it mildly! But we have not given up on RCIA. This message just serves as notice that we are still in business although on a much different model, in fact, we really don't know what the model will be exactly yet. Expect fewer in person meetings and more on-line material from some really good resources such as TEAM RCIA. So if you or someone you know wants to learn more about the Catholic Church, please contact the Rectory (607-722-4388) or Deacon Steve (steveblabac@yahoo.com or 607-648-2155) with your contact information and one of the team members would be more than happy to explore what we do in RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults). Please spread this information to any family members or friends who may not be receiving a bulletin at this time. Bulletins are available for viewing at www.stfrancisbing.com. Thank you.

Catholic Charities Thanksgiving Baskets

Catholic Charities of Broome County will give out free Thanksgiving baskets this year for families in need. To sign up for a Thanksgiving basket, you will need to call the United Way of Broome County's 211 phone number sometime between Sept. 8 to Oct. 16 during its business hours between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Households that order a basket will receive a confirmation number from 211. That number will be needed to pick up the basket. Families that order a basket will receive a letter detailing the how they can pick their food up about one week before Thanksgiving. Families should expect to pick their basket up between Nov. 20 and 23. Baskets will be limited to one per household in need. The charity also asks callers to have information on hand for every person in the household before making the call to 211. There will not be in-person sign-ups due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

September 15th— Mary DeNinis, K. & T. Barnhart



#CIVILIZEIT2020 - CIVILIZEIT.ORG - #CIVILIZEIT

What does it mean to love our neighbors in the midst of such a divisive climate? Catholics are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith to the public square—and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with anger and harsh language, often directed at people themselves. As Catholics, we must model a better way. We invite you to model love for neighbor by pledging to Civilize It and committing to civility, clarity, and compassion this election year. Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate is a non-partisan call to focus on the dignity of all people, even those with whom we disagree, and to put faith in action. Make room in your heart for those with whom you disagree and pledge dignity beyond the debate today at CivilizeIt.org!

A Prayer for Civility

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

*Where uncivil words prevail,
show me how to model love.*

*Help me remember the God-given dignity of all
and invite others to do the same.*

*Show me how to build bridges and not walls
and see first what unites us rather than how we di-
verge. Let me seek to understand
before asking to be understood.*

*Give me a listening heart
filled with empathy and compassion.*

*May I be clear in sharing my own position
and respectful and civil in describing those of others.*

Let me never tolerate hateful ideas.

May I invite all to charity and love.

*Lord, help me to imitate your compassion and mercy.
Make me an instrument of your peace. Amen.*

Save the Date: Coloring Contest

The Diocese of Syracuse will be celebrating its fifth annual Safe Environment Week from November 16 - 22, 2020. During this designated week, we will host another diocesan-wide coloring contest for Grade Pre-K through Grade 6. It is an excellent opportunity for parishes to join the Diocese in raising awareness on how we teach students to recognize and avoid potentially unsafe behaviors and situations.

Safe Environment Trainings

The Office of Safe Environment is offering online initial and re-certification training sessions for those required or interested to attend. The complete schedule of available training sessions and registration links can now be found on the diocesan Safe Environment page: <https://syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/> Four new sessions have been added to the Online Training Schedule:

PGC (Initial) Training:

Wednesday, September 23rd 10:00am - 12:00pm
(Registration closes Wednesday, September 16th, Noon)

EPDR (Re-certification) Training:

Wednesday, September 30th 6:00pm - 7:30pm
(Registration closes Wednesday, September 23rd @ 12)

Pre-registration is required for these sessions. Sessions are limited to 20 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration for the online training sessions will close four business days before the training session to allow time to mail training packets to participants' homes before the training session. If you have any questions or concerns, call 315.470.1421 or jzarnowski@syrdio.org.

Why Volunteer?

There are so many reasons to volunteer:

- † Lets you share your knowledge and talents.
- † Provides opportunities for making many new friends.
- † Brings the special fulfillment that comes only from helping others.
- † Helps you “get outside” yourself and put your own problems — even grief — in perspective.
- † Allows you to polish old skills and learn new ones.
- † Lets you “repay” an organization that has helped you or someone you love.

So, go out and give volunteering a try!

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 _____

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

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
September 19th & 20th, 2020

4:00 P.M. Mass

Designation ONLY

8:00 A.M. Mass

Designation ONLY

11:00 A.M. Mass

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Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org
to view our latest Sunday mass.

We will continue to post new videos of our weekend liturgies by 4:00PM on Saturdays, for those who wish to stay home for health and safety concerns.

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!**

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

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Jesus says we should forgive from our heart. When did you ask forgiveness of someone you hurt? How did you feel?

Question for Youth: Jesus challenges us to forgive. Who needs your forgiveness? From whom do you need to ask forgiveness?

Question for Adults: Jesus tells us to forgive seventy times seven, which means always and forever. Name a time this past week when you forgave someone. Name, too, a time when you accepted another person’s forgiveness.

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