

September 17, 2017

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

Ministry  
Appreciation

Day  
September 30th

Family  
Concert  
October 1st

Parish  
Mission  
October 2nd  
“Faith”  
October 3rd  
“Hope”  
October 4th  
“Love”

*faith*  
*on fire*  
**MISSIONS**



**Staff**

Rev. Timothy Taugher, Pastor  
Deacon Stephen Blabac  
Delores A. Farwell  
Parish Administrative Assistant  
Maria Kirk  
Director of Faith Formation  
Joseph Carpenter  
Parish Business Administrator  
Sue Ekstrom  
Parish Media Manager  
Edmund Savo  
Organist

Office Hours:  
7:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Monday through Thursday  
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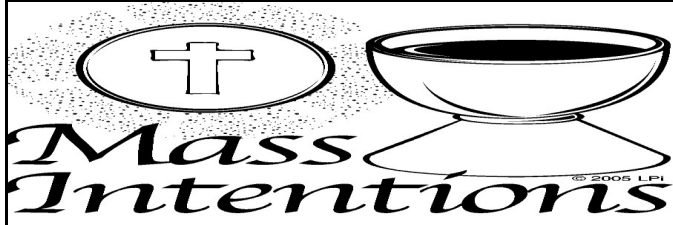
**Mass Schedule**

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 16, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. George Koons by Family

**Sunday, September 17, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People  
 11:00 a.m. Edward P. Bonner Jr. by Eileen Craig

**Monday, September 18**  
 8:00a.m. Helene Benczik by Diane Benczik & Sister Paula Matthew

**Tuesday, September 19**  
**NO MASS**

**Wednesday, September 20**  
**NO MASS**

**Thursday, September 21**  
 8:00 a.m. Rose Marie Riley by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

**Friday, September 22**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, September 23, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00p.m. John Duffy by Sr. Jean Hart, C.S.J

**Sunday, September 24, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00a.m. Rick Vavra by St. Francis' Prayer Chain  
 11:00a.m. Confirmation – Liturgy for the People

**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 (09-10-17)**

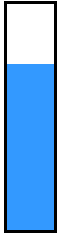
Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,176.00
Loose Collection.....	\$443.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,544.00
Total Collection.....	\$8,163.00

**Hope Appeal this week we added \$360**

**Our total donations so far are \$30,121 from 188 donors. We are two thirds of the way to our 2017 commitment.**

**The diocese overall is at 80%!**

**\$14,740 LEFT TO GO!**



**Faith Formation**

**Faith Formation for Grades K-9 at 9:30 AM.** All classes meet in the Parish Hall. Please note: there will be no Faith Formation on September 24th. Faith Formation for Grades K-9 will continue on October 1st.

Our **Confirmation Service Project Expo** will take place **this Sunday at 9 AM** in the Parish Hall, please stop by to see how the candidates have served our community this past year. The **Confirmation final class, rehearsal and luncheon** will take place after the Service Project Expo.

Our parish will celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, September 24th at the 11 AM Mass.** Bishop Cunningham will be here. The front pews on both sides of the church will be reserved for Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors. Mass will take longer than usual, please plan accordingly.

**We are hoping to expand Children's Liturgy of the Word** to the 4:00PM Vigil and 11AM Masses. If you are interested please contact Maria Kirk, for information.

**“Go into the World” Parish Mission Prayer for Our Mission**

*Lord, Jesus, we are your people, the Church.  
 Through our Parish Mission, may we  
 deepen our faith and commitment to  
 you and our Parish Community.  
 Help us to share more fully  
 in your mission to spread the Good News.  
 Through our time of renewal,  
 may we come to know Christ's presence  
 In each person we encounter.  
 Send your Spirit to renew our hearts  
 That together we help to build  
 the Kingdom of God. Amen*

**Blessing of Animals**

In honor of the feast day of our patron, St. Francis of Assisi, there will be a blessing of animals this **Sunday, October 1st at 12:15 p.m.** (after the 11 a.m. Liturgy) in front of the Church. So bring your four-legged friends, feather friends, and any other animal of God's creation.

**Prayer for Dreamers**

We pray for these, our children all,  
We pray for their dreams  
For safety, a home, a future.  
They need your care:  
Be with them at this difficult time.

We pray for those who would turn them away, Who  
need to listen closely and to be open To the clear call of  
the Christian Scriptures: "I was a stranger  
And you welcomed me."

Be with them so they may hear and respond.  
We pray for ourselves,  
That we may lift up our voices  
Again and again to advocate  
For the these young dreamers,  
Be with us so we may  
Stand in solidarity with them,  
Our children all. Amen.

**Parish Trustee Transition**

The last several years Mary Frances Charsky and Patrick Rogan generously served as our Parish trustees, and their service has been of valued support for which I am grateful, Thank you!

Succeeding them I have asked Marge Mangan and Pat Doyle to serve as our new trustees. I look forward to working with them as we continue to pursue the mission of our parish in proclaiming the Gospel.

All of them have been and continue to be active parishioners, and their dedication to the parish community is important to our ongoing vitality.

**Transitus of St. Francis**

The Secular Franciscan Order (formerly known as the Third Order of Saint Francis) is in its eighth century of existence. Through these 800 years, the Lord has gathered people together in the way of St. Francis. The purpose of Francis and his followers is to live the Gospel within the everyday world, one day at a time. this shared vision had sustained and nourished millions of people throughout the years.

We would like to invite all to attend a special service celebrating the Transitus of St. Francis at St. Cyril's Church on Clinton Street at 6:30PM on October 3rd. A brief reception and information gathering will follow in the church hall.

Only the Holy Spirit can recruit for the Secular Franciscan order. But Francis welcomed all who came to him, and so we welcome you.

Please take some quiet moments and see if the Holy Spirit is calling you to learn more about the Franciscan way. Joy sustains our lives and fulfills our living. We seek the same for others

**Faith on Fire: Parish Mission**  
**(September 30—October 4th)**

An exciting event is taking place beginning on Saturday, September 30th with our parish mission, "Faith on Fire". Is the flame of your faith smoldering or hardly at all vibrant? We all need at times to fan the flame of faith so that we can live our faith with passion, and our lives be a light to the world. Through the work of Faith on Fire Missions with music, preaching, fellowship, and prayer parishes have rekindled the flame. For 40 years and after 600+ parishes Faith on Fire Missions have provided unforgettable weeks of preaching, music and inspiration for tens of thousands of parishioners across the United States. Fr. Ken Beale, who will be leading the mission often uses quotes such as "Jesus came singing love and He lived singing love. He died singing love. He arose in silence. For the love to go on we must make it our song You and I be the singers." Our parish mission is going to be a shared event with our neighboring parishes of St. Mary's and St. Paul's. In the coming weeks a letter is going to be mailed to all parishioners, a sign-up sheet for volunteers to assist, and more information in the bulletin. So, set the time aside to participate, and have your faith rekindled. One critical way to prepare is to pray for the mission. Printed below is a prayer. I invite you and your family to pray regularly so that our hearts and spirits can be open to receive the grace of this mission.

**Ministry Appreciation Day** is scheduled at St. Paul's Church in Binghamton. This event is an effort to show appreciation to folks involved in all the parish ministries; Faith Formation, Pastoral Care, Music Ministry, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Finance Committee & Pastoral Council Members. This is a celebration of your good work throughout the year. Every person involved in ministry, at any level, should plan to attend.

Please take a few moments now to mark your calendars and make plans to join us on Saturday September 30th at 9:00a.m. in the Church at St. Paul's. In appreciation for all that you give in love, a luncheon will be provided in the hall. RSVP requested. Please fill out the forms in the pew or call Delores in the Parish Office at 722-4388.

**Family Concert Shuttle Bus Service**

There are signup sheets in the back of the church for shuttle bus service from St. Francis to St. Mary's on Sunday, October 1st. Please note that there must be a minimum of 20 people signed up in order to use this service. Please be at St. Francis by 6:20p.m. so that the shuttle bus may promptly leave at 6:30p.m. The shuttle will have two departure times from St. Mary's back to St. Francis. The first departure will be directly after the concert at 8:30p.m. The final departure will be at 9:15p.m. if you wish to attend the reception afterwards.

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

### **Transportation**

Week of September 17th — Karen Dotson

Week of September 24th — Michelle Warne

### **Shelving (Mondays)**

September 18th — T. & M. Phalen

September 25th — N. Minch, NJ. Mirabito

### **Distribution**

September 19th — D. Kellett & Team #1

## **Safe Environment Training**

A reminder to all church volunteers, that the United States Council of Catholic Bishops requires everyone who volunteers or is employed by any church organization to be screened. Our diocesan upcoming Safe Environment Training will be held at these locations. Screening is required every 5 years. If you have been contacted to be screened or to have your certification renewed please take advantage of these opportunities. If you have questions you can contact Maria Kirk at 722-4177. Register online at [www.syrdio.org](http://www.syrdio.org).

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

Saturday, September 23rd at 10:00 AM

Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal

Saturday, September 23rd at 9:30 AM

St Francis of Assisi, Binghamton

Saturday, October 21st at 9:00 AM

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott

Wednesday, November 8th at 6:00 PM

SS John & Andrew Parish, Binghamton

Wednesday, November 8th at 1:00 PM

Catholic Charities, Binghamton (limited seating)

Saturday, November 27th at 6:00 PM

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott

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

Wednesday, October 25th at 5:30 PM

Church of the Holy Family, Endwell

Monday, October 30th at 6:00 PM

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Endicott

Saturday, November 11th at 9:00 AM

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Endicott

Wednesday, November 29th at 6:00 PM

Parish of Saints John & Andrew, Binghamton

## **Bans of Marriage**

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Matt Westfall and Laura Martone who will be married this weekend.

May God bless them and their marriage.

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Congratulations and Best Wishes to Trevor Mohny and Jessica Johnson who will be married this weekend.

May God bless them and their marriage.

## **Rummage & Bake Sale**

To Benefit the No Compressor Station Legal Fund

**Saturday, September 23rd**

**9:00a.m. — 1:00p.m.**

**St. Francis of Assisi Gymnasium**

**1051 Chenango Street**

**Donation Drop Offs**

**Sunday, September 10th & September 17th**

**4-6p.m. at St. Francis Church**

Baked goods can be dropped at 8:00a.m. on 09/23

Looking for all donations except summer clothing

Please price items prior to drop-off

## **Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet**

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a

Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, October 1st

from 8:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. in the Church Hall.

Please come and join us for a truly wonderful breakfast!

## **Thanksgiving Baskets**

**Sign-ups will be held September 11<sup>th</sup> — October 20<sup>th</sup> at our pantry locations.**

Catholic Charities Binghamton Pantry at 100 Main St.:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00-11:30 and

1:00-3:30, Tuesdays 1:00-3:30 pm

Mother Teresa's Endicott Pantry located at St. Ambrose Church, 202 Garfield Ave:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 AM-2:30 PM

Residents of Vestal, Endwell and Endicott may sign up for a basket at Mother Teresa's Cupboard

Residents of Johnson City may choose either pantry to sign up, but must sign up ONLY at one.

Residents of the Windsor Central School District MUST sign up with Windsor Human Development. For more details for Windsor residents, please call 273-8839

All other Broome County residents please use the Catholic Charities Binghamton Pantry

## **Harvest Dinner Gift Basket**

November 5th is the Harvest Dinner, time to plan now what your GIFT BASKET donation will be. The choices are always so wonderful and a part of the day so many look forward to. Plan now and drop off on November 4th in church hall

## **Ladies of Chari-TEA**

Sponsored by the Binghamton Chapter of the Ladies of Charity

**Saturday, September 30th**

**St. Patrick's Social Hall** (Corner of Oak and Leroy Streets)

**1:00p.m.—3:30p.m.**

Designer Purses Scarves Jewelry Door Prizes

50/50 Raffle Mink Coat Raffle Dessert Tea Buffet

**\$5.00 Tea admission at the door**

**Bring your own teacup!**

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

**September 23rd & 24th, 2017**

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

Lector	Bob & Betsy Shields
EM Host	Paulette Scales
EM Host	Ron Scales
EM Host	Marge Mangan
EM Cup	Peggy Munson
EM Cup	Judy Murphy
EM Cup	Joan Storer
EM Cup	Dom Lomonaco
Altar Server	Mary Katherine Doyle
Altar Server	Sarah Shafer
Altar Server	Mikey Schultz

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

Lector	Roy Santa Croce
EM Host	Mary DeNinis
EM Host	Denise Baxter
EM Host	Steve Baxter
EM Cup	Kurt or Kelly Mohney
EM Cup	Joanne Horoschak
EM Cup	Maureen Mizzoni
EM Cup	Suzanne Tierno
Altar Server	Kathryn White
Altar Server	Lauren White

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

Lector	Confirmandi
EM Host	Fr. Tim
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Dave Bollinger
EM Cup	Stephanie Stracuzzi
EM Cup	Jim Lewis
EM Cup	Steve Guth
EM Cup	Katie Ginalski
Altar Server	Mary Bush
Altar Server	Sara Bush
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	Tyler Norton
Altar Server	Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server	Logan Lomonaco

**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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