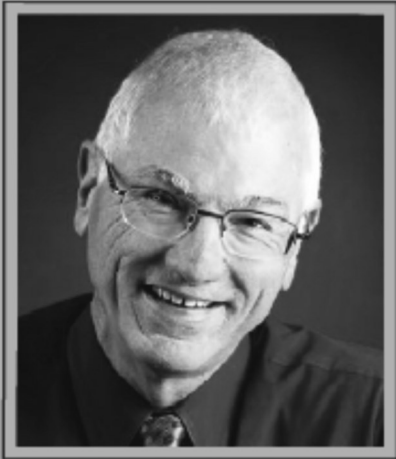


September 17, 2023

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



## LAUGHING *Through* LOSS, LOVE, AND LIFE

WITH CHAPLAIN NORRIS BURKES

Sunday, September 24th at 4:00PM

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall  
(1049 Chenango St, Binghamton, NY)



St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Eucharistic faith community committed to living and sharing the Gospel life.

### 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  
Suzanne Ekstrom  
Parish Media Manager  
Edmund Savo  
Organist  
Fred Hazlett  
Maintenance/Groundskeeper  
Tina Silvestri  
Housekeeper  
Brendan Kliment  
Nick Norton  
Sacristans

### Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday:  
7:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Friday: Closed

### Confession:

2nd & 4th Saturday of every  
month at 3:00 pm in the Church

Parish Office Phone: 722-4388

Faith Formation Office Phone:  
722-4177

### E-mail:

stfrancisbing@syrdio.org

### Website:

[www.stfrancisbing.org](http://www.stfrancisbing.org)

Please go online to  
**stfrancisbing.org** to view  
our latest Children's Liturgy.  
We will be posting new  
videos by 4:00PM on  
Saturdays.

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

**Follow us on FB & Twitter:**  
**@stfrancisbing**  
**for more information**



**Saturday, September 16, Vigil of Sunday**

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

**Monday, September 18**

12:00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. Rick Callahan by Family

**Tuesday, September 19**

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Wednesday, September 20**

12:00 p.m. Josephine Marascia by John & Mary Jane Paske

**Thursday, September 21**

8:00 a.m. Richard Mills by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

**Friday, September 22**

**NO MASS**

**Saturday, September 23, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. Ray Paske by John & Mary Jane

**Sunday, September 24, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:30 a.m. Vita Mannino by Family

### **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](http://stfrancisbing.org)**

### **Weekend's Offering (09-10-23)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$3,631.00
Loose Collection.....	\$451.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,990.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,072.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### **FAITH FORMATION**

Faith Formation will begin this weekend with a family event in the parish hall focusing on the Eucharist.

Confirmation will be celebrated **Sunday, October 1st at 10:30AM** with Bishop Cunningham.



*Our 2023 Confirmation Candidates received the Diocesan Green Apple Award for their outstanding service project based on Laudato Si.*

### **24th Sunday Ordinary Time: Justice Challenge**

This Sunday's Gospel challenges us to treat others as we want to be treated. The example which Jesus uses to illustrate this teaching is the one of debtors and forgiveness of debt. Throughout the Scriptures, we hear God challenging us to forgive debt and give people a second chance. Your challenge this week is to focus personally or globally on debt forgiveness. If you go the local route, ask yourself who most needs a second chance in your life. Whose "debt" can you forgive? If you want to meet the global challenge, ask who most needs a second chance, or a chance to start over, in the world. Is it victims of a natural disaster? Could it be those who have suffered from political persecution? Pay attention to what is happening in the world, then choose a group or individual in need of a second chance.

### **24th Sunday Ordinary Time: Creation Care**

A typical American family spends nearly \$2,000 per year on their home energy bills. Much of that money, however, is wasted through leaky windows or ducts, old appliances, or inefficient heating and cooling systems. The Energy Saver Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Savings Projects offer easy, step-by-step instructions for energy efficiency improvements that will save you energy and money. Go to [energy.gov](http://energy.gov) to explore ways to improve your energy efficiency, lowering your bills and saving the planet valuable resources.

### **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

**Listening to truth spoken in love is necessary.** Those seeking to participate in the Church embrace authentic listening. That means the baptized are taught how to listen, how to speak truth in love, how to respond seeking understanding, and how to respect multiple points of view. That means those leading, ministering, and serving the parish are especially formed for this holy work.

### **National Migration Week**

September 18-24 is recognized as The World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This weekend and next we are invited as a parish community to commemorate this sacred time by offering a donation and receiving a Prayer Card for Border Companions. Your donation will support the rapid response organizations at the Southern and Northern borders of the United States serving, empowering, and walking with our immigrant brothers and sisters at this challenging time. Border Companions strives to provide prayerful support and financial assistance. Your support in prayer and donation would be a great expression of solidarity.

#### **Prayer for Migrants**

*Uprooted, walking across their country,*

*Walking across borders,*

*Walking to and from boats,*

*Walking with no home in sight.*

*Migrants are children of God*

*With no place to lay their head.*

*Waiting along roads, along borders,*

*Waiting for boats, for help to come,*

*Waiting in tents, in camps,*

*Waiting in detention centers,*

*Migrants are children of God*

*With no end to the waiting in sight.*

*Let us pray for all migrants,*

*Women, men, children;*

*Walking and waiting,*

*Longing for security,*

*The safety of a home,*

*For welcome, for inclusion.*

*Let us pray that the day will come,*

*Through God's grace and our work for justice,*

*When the walking and waiting will be over*

*When all migrants find the welcome they seek*

*And the embracing community they long for.*

*Amen.*

### **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". This year's HOPE Appeal video can be viewed online in one of two ways. You can go to our parish website [stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org) or find it on the Diocesan website [syracusediocese.org/hopeappeal/](http://syracusediocese.org/hopeappeal/). You can donate to the HOPE Appeal by going to our parish website and choosing "online giving".

**Donations are important and much appreciated!**

### **Great Picnic**

We had a wonderful response to our parish picnic last Sunday with nearly 150 or more attending. It was great to see new faces, families with their children, and seasoned parishioners. It did not "Rain Down" on us, but at 4:05PM it did pour. So we were fortunate with the weather. Thank you for all the contributions of food and goodies that added much to the picnic. A big thank you to Bev Krinik for her organizing and facilitating the day. She worked hard, and we are grateful for all of you who assisted before, during, and after the picnic. While the picnic is still on our minds, I would like to form a team of 4 to help next year. We can be assured of the venue as we had this year, and most likely the same time next year. Please let me know your interest in helping. I wish to build on the success of this year. Leave your name for me by calling the Parish Center (607-722-4388). Again THANK YOU!

### **St. Phoebe Day Discussion**

Last week, our parish was one of over 160 Catholic communities that celebrated the feast of St. Phoebe, who St. Paul commissioned to deliver his Letter to the Romans and whom he called diakonos, or deacon. Our celebration joined others around the world in honoring the gifts of women in our communities and praying through St. Phoebe's intercession for our Church as we prepare for this October's synod gathering in Rome, where the question of women's inclusion in the diaconate, the question of how the Church might better fulfill its mission through greater recognition, and promotion of the baptismal dignity of women will be discussed. May this celebration of women's gifts for leadership and ministry be but one step we take as a community on the road to becoming a more synodal church where the gifts of all are welcomed!

If you were inspired on St. Phoebe Day and want to stay up-to-date on the October synod, join October's weekly Rosary for a Synodal Church online at <https://bit.ly/synodrosary> and subscribe to <https://bit.ly/DDSubscribe>. If you are interested in growing the conversation about women here at St Francis of Assisi, please contact Maria Kirk at [Mkirk@syrдио.org](mailto:Mkirk@syrдио.org) for more information.

## 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.

### 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.

### Creation Care Team CathCap Donations

To make a donation please go to this site:

[www.cathcap.org](http://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](http://stfrancisbing.org)

For questions or more information contact

Kay Corcoran: [edwardcorcoran719@yahoo.com](mailto:edwardcorcoran719@yahoo.com)

or Anne Wolanski: [annewolanski@gmail.com](mailto:annewolanski@gmail.com)

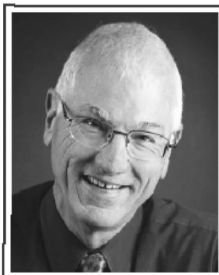
### International Day of Peace: Gun Violence Ribbons

September 21st is International Day of Peace. At this weekend Masses the Binghamton Associates of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet will be handing our orange ribbons for Gun Violence Prevention. Let all of us have conversations about ways we can promote peace in our neighborhoods, towns, and in our country. Let us encourage peace today so we can be safe tomorrow.

## 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.



## **LAUGHING** *Through* **LOSS, LOVE, AND LIFE**

### **WITH CHAPLAIN NORRIS BURKES**

Chaplain Norris Burkes will be giving a talk here with the subject, "Laughing through loss, love, and life." Chaplain Norris Burkes began his chaplain career with both the active duty Air Force and the Air National Guard until his retirement in 2014. 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 Chaplain Burkes for this special event!

**Sunday, September 24th**

**4:00PM**

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall**  
(1049 Chenango Street, Binghamton, NY)

All are welcome!

Join us for this special event!



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

**September 23rd & 24th, 2023**

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Barb Brozovic
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Mary Russik
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Jan Pandich
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Nancy Oliver
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Steve Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Denise Baxter

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sydney Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Ildiko Mitchell
10:30 Mass	EM Host	David Hanzes
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Anne Wolanski
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Marie Iobst
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Shirley McCray

**Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule**

**September 17th—Ede and Sarah Blabac**

**September 24th—Maria Kirk and Amy Drake**

**October 1st—ONLINE ONLY**

**\*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:** 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.

# END OF BULLETIN

CHURCH NAME: St. Francis of Assisi  
CITY, STATE: Binghamton, NY  
FILE NAME: 06-168  
PHONE: **607-722-4388**  
Contact: Delores A. Farwell or Sue Ekstrom

Comments:  
Bulletin copy for **September 17, 2023**

**Deliver 300 copies to St. Francis of Assisi.**