

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



“Say the word and my soul shall be healed.”

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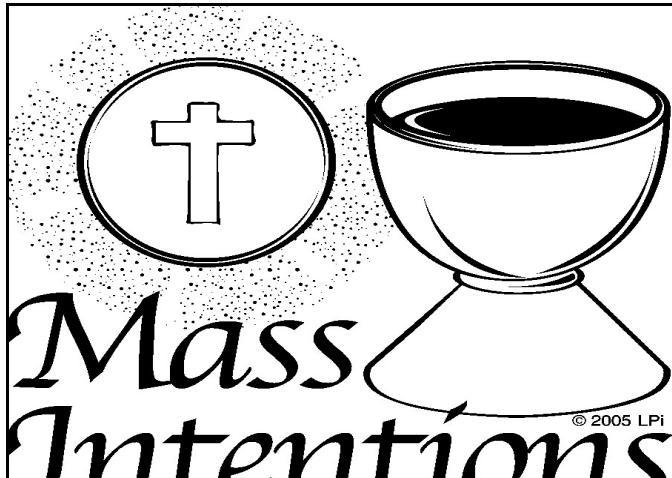
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**You can still attend
weekend mass virtually!**

**Saturday, September 18, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. George Koons by Family

Sunday, September 19, Twenty-Fifth**Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:30 a.m. Charlotte Dudley by Pat Gosch

Monday, September 20

12:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

Tuesday, September 21

8:00 a.m. Harley Adair by Jim & Rose

O'Neil

Wednesday, September 22

12:00p.m. Dick Liang by the Hazen Family

Thursday, September 23

8:00 a.m. Sue Cleary by Mary Russik

Friday, September 24**NO MASS****Saturday, September 25, Vigil of Sunday**4:00 p.m. 1st Anniv. Bob Shields by Wife,
Betsy & Family**Sunday, September 26, Twenty- Sixth****Sunday in Ordinary Time**10:30 a.m. Deceased members of Catholic
Central – Class of 1970**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 (09-06-21)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,477.00
Loose Collection.....	\$284.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$3,192.00
Total Collection.....	\$9,953.00

*Thank You for your generous contributions!***Faith Formation**

Registration information was mailed and is also available online. Faith Formation will begin on October 3rd with a family event "Salt and Light", a presentation by Frank Runyeon. Classes for K-9 will begin October 17th at 9:15AM.

Faith Formation students in Grade 7 and older are invited to participate in the Riverbed Clean-Up Service project. All Confirmation 2022 candidates are also asked to participate. More information will be emailed to families this week.

Confirmation 2021

We will celebrate Confirmation with Bishop Cunningham, **Sunday October 10th at 10:30 Mass.**

PARISH MISSION (Oct. 3, 4, & 5)

"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 9:15AM, followed by a 3 evening mission October 3rd, 4th, and 5th at 7PM.

Great for the whole family!

**Singing a New Mass**

"Mass of St. Francis Cabrini"

- 1.) Glory to God / Hymn #912
- 2.) Holy, Holy, Holy / Hymn #915
- 3.) Save Us, Savior / Hymn #918
- 4.) Amen / Hymn #919
- 5.) Lamb of God / Hymn #920

Choir Practice will start back up on September 23rd @ 6:30PM up in the choir loft.

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.

Second Sunday of the Season of Creation

The world's top Christian leaders — Pope Francis, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the spiritual leader of Orthodox Christians — on Tuesday, September 7th issued a joint appeal for delegates at the upcoming climate summit to "listen to the cry of the Earth" and make sacrifices to save the planet.

"We must decide what kind of world we want to leave to future generations," they said. But in the statement, they also noted that the threat is no longer far off.

"The extreme weather and natural disasters of recent months reveal afresh to us with great force and at great human cost that climate change is not only a future challenge, but an immediate and urgent matter of survival," said the statement from Francis, Archbishop Justin Welby of the Anglican Communion and the Istanbul-based Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I.

The statement sought to give a sense of urgency to the upcoming U.N. climate summit, which Francis at least is expected to attend in person. The conference, known as COP26, is scheduled for early November in Glasgow, Scotland.

"This is the first time that the three of us feel compelled to address together the urgency of environmental sustainability, its impact on persistent poverty, and the importance of global cooperation," they wrote.

Individuals have a role to play, but leaders bear the greatest responsibility to take courageous decisions in Glasgow, the statement said.

"We say: choose people-centered profits; make short-term sacrifices to safeguard all our futures; become leaders in the transition to just and sustainable economies."



Riverbank Clean-Up Volunteer Opportunity

In this Season of Creation let's cleanup 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).

Healing Mass at St. Thomas

On Thursday, October 7th, Father Amedeo Guida will celebrate a healing mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Binghamton at 7:00PM. All are welcome to attend!

Parish Creation Team

We invite you to join and be a part of an important group which will put into action the seven goals of Laudato Si, Pope Francis' encyclical on caring for our common home, creation.

Our Creation Care Team will join a national community of committed Catholics to lead the charge to solve climate change— together. We achieve more together, and united action is at the heart of this initiative. Creation Care Teams help transform our community to be, in Pope Francis' words, "protectors of God's gifts." So call Delores at the parish center to join the team (607-722-4388) and register online to join the team at the link provided on our website.

The time to act is NOW!



Last weekend was HOPE Appeal Weekend! Together, when we pledge our gift to the Annual HOPE Appeal, we are giving thanks to Christ for the innumerable gifts we've been given and helping our friends and neighbors who benefit each year from the diocesan good works funded through our annual appeal.

I am asking all parishioners to contribute to this year's HOPE Appeal. If we all give, we will easily meet St. Francis of Assisi's HOPE Appeal goal, which is our parish share of the support for HOPE Appeal-funded ministries, programs, and services. If we exceed our target, 100 percent of the excess will be returned directly to our parish to use for our continued church restoration project. However, if we do not meet our goal of \$41,618.70, the shortfall will be taken from our general fund. In an effort to meet our goal, I am asking every family in the parish to consider a minimum gift of \$175.00 (averages out to \$0.48 a day or \$14.38 a month). If you are able to contribute more, I strongly encourage you to do so. If you are not able to make the minimum gift, please give what you can. Your gift, no matter the size, whether it is a pledge or a one-time gift, is important. Thank you to everyone returning their HOPE Appeal pledge card this weekend!

If you are still prayerfully considering your HOPE pledge, 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 at www.syrdio.org.



Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELVING

Distribution

September 21st— K. & T. Barnhart, A. & S. Faughnan

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!

Danielle House

14th Annual Virtual November Fest Fun Raiser Raffle

**November 5, 2021
6:00 PM**

\$20,000 in cash prizes (provided all tickets are sold)

Tickets can be purchased either through...

Checks made payable to The Danielle House – mail to
160 Riverside Drive Binghamton, NY 13905

Pay Pal on line at <https://www.daniellehouse.org/novFest.html>

Credit card or cash – Please call The Danielle House
at 607-724-1540 for availability

Thank you in advance for your continued support

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

Catholic Charities Thanksgiving Baskets

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 will take place **September 7th—October 15th**, by calling the United Way **211 phone number (dial 2 1 1)** or by calling **1-800-901-2180**. Calling hours will be from **8:00AM—5:00PM Monday—Friday**. Please have information on hand for every person within the household prior to making the call. One Thanksgiving basket will be provided per household to individuals and families in need. Each household will receive a confirmation number from 211; **the confirmation number will be needed to pick up the basket.**

As Thanksgiving approaches, families who signed up will receive a phone call or mailed document one to two weeks before Thanksgiving for information, date, time, and location to pick up the basket. **Families should expect to pick up their baskets on the weekend of November 19th--November 21st.**

The Thanksgiving basket coordination program is a joint effort between Catholic Charities, United Way 211, local parishes, iHeart Media, and several local contributing businesses.

Volunteer Opportunity at Danielle House

God blesses those who bless others.

Danielle House is in need of volunteers.

Three hours shifts available.

Duties to include light housekeeping, and clerical, but most importantly being a friend to our guests.

If interested and for more information,
please call 607-724-1540.

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Justice Challenge

The Sunday Gospel has the apostles arguing about which one of them was the best. In response, Jesus taught them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Jesus told his followers to be like little children in order to get to heaven. Your challenge this week is to look at how important being first, being recognized, or being the "best" is to you. How competitive are you? Do you win at the expense of others? Do you expect others to serve you? Or are you a missionary disciple, as Pope Francis has challenged all of us to be? Instead of focusing on winning, do you go to the periphery, to the margins, and reach out to those most in need of God's love? Take sometime to reflect on which is more important to you— being first or being one who serves others. Do you need to make a change?

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
September 25th & 26th, 2021

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector.....Sally Orband
EM.....Bea Grace

10:30 A.M. Mass

Lector.....Logan Blakeslee
EM.....Maureen Mizzoni

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule
September 25th & 26th

4:00 P.M.

Cindy and Lauren White

10:30 A.M.

Ede and Sarah Blabac

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Children's Liturgy.

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

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Question of the Week

Question for Children: What are some specific ways in which you can serve your friends or family members?

Question for Youth: Sometimes, when we strive to be first or be the one that wins, we hurt others. When has striving to be first hurt others? What can you do differently in the future to help others to succeed?

Question for Adults: Is the role of being a servant for others easy or difficult for you to embrace?

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