

September 24, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

September 1st—October 4th

A Mighty River

Amos 5: 24

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

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Monday — Thursday:
7:30 am to 4:30 pm
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2nd & 4th Saturday of every
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We will be posting new
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Saturdays.

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"@stfrancisbing")
YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi
Binghamton)

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Saturday, September 23, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. 1st Anniv. Ray Paske by John & Mary Jane

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

10:30 a.m. Vita Mannino by Family

Monday, September 25

12:00 p.m. Thomas Dwyer by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Tuesday, September 26

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Wednesday, September 27

12:00 p.m. Michael Pratt by The Hazen Family

Thursday, September 28

8:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Friday, September 29

NO MASS

Saturday, September 30, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. 3rd Anniv. Bob Shields by Wife, Betsy & Family

Sunday, October 1, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. John Klepfer by St. Francis Faith Formation - **CONFIRMATION**

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 (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 grades K-9 will meet at 9:00PM in the Church. Parent meeting after opening prayer.

Please note:

There will be no Faith Formation the next two weekends, **October 1st (Confirmation) or October 8th (Columbus Day)**

Faith Formation for grades K-9 will resume **October 15th at 9 AM, in the Parish Hall.**

Confirmation 2024:

There will be an Important meeting for Parents and Candidates preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024 on **October 10th at 7 PM**. It is a required meeting and will set the tone for the coming year.

25th 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.

25th Sunday Ordinary Time: Creation Care

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard." —Matthew 20:1-2

Two thousand years after Jesus told this parable, the plight of day-laborers remains precarious. Produce in America remains relatively cheap compared to other countries because much of it is grown and harvested by poorly paid immigrants, exposed to toxic pesticides daily without proper protection. Small farms and organic farms have a better track record of treating their workers—and the land—more justly than giant corporate farms. This week, shift some of your purchasing power to smaller growers and producers.

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, especially Lucille Lovaglia and Stephanie Stracuzzi.



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

Humility and honesty are critical. Leaders exhibit humility and honesty, atoning for wounds they have caused and wounds caused by others holding similar ministerial positions. That means discerning woundedness and embracing the many steps to reform. It means seeking the truth and speaking the truth, always respecting others' dignity.

Liturgy for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi **October 4th**

On Wednesday, October 4th at 7:00PM a special liturgy will be celebrated as we remember the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. As the Season of Creation closes, we remember St. Francis as the patron of the environment, and our call to be good stewards of God's creation. On this day, Pope Francis will be releasing a major exhortation of the environment, a continuation of his encyclical, *Laudato Si*.

Also, this day is the opening of the Synod on Synodality in Rome. This gathering has been in preparation for a couple of years, and it poses as a significant event. St. Francis of Assisi heard a call from God to rebuild the church. At first, he took the call literally to rebuild a dilapidated chapel stone by stone, but what needed rebuilding was the spiritual life of the church. Pope Francis with his call for the Synod is an invitation to discern on how we can bring the mission of the gospel into our world today.

All are invited to St. Francis of Assisi Church, 1049 Chenango Street, as we hold all these events in prayer. Sr. Katie Eiffe, from the office of Synodal Planning will share in the homily.

2023 Annual HOPE Appeal

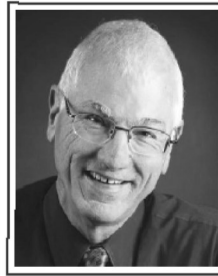
The HOPE Appeal is our Diocesan Appeal campaign to support programs and services throughout our diocese which touches countless lives in every city, town, and rural area in our diocese. When the goal of the HOPE Appeal is achieved we ensure that these programs will receive the funding that is needed.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

Donations are important and much appreciated!



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!

Dining for Dollars!

Enjoy an evening of fun as your pastor serves you dinner and sings for tips to support *Faith in Action* Volunteers.

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Riverdale Banquet Hall,

Endwell, NY 13760

5:30 Social Hour

6:30 Dinner

\$35.00 per person



For more information or to purchase tickets:

607-724-9130, ext. 304

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

October 3rd: K. Dotson, R. Rounds, M. Hayes, and J. Wyatt

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.

Commemoration Transitus of St. Francis

The Commemoration of the Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi to Eternal Life Will take place at Saints Cyril and Methodius Church on Tuesday, October 3 At 4:00 PM. All are invited to this solemn service which is presented by the St. Francis Secular Fraternity." No refreshments will be served at this time.

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

- † Tuesday, October 3: 6:00PM at St. James, Johnson City
- † Thursday, October 26: 10:00AM at St. Francis of Assisi, Binghamton
- † Thursday, October 26: 6:30PM at St. Mary, Kirkwood
- † Friday, November 17: 10:00AM at OLG, Endicott

Safe Environment Recertification Training

- † Saturday, September 30: 10:00AM at OLG, Endicott
- † Wednesday, October 11: 6:30PM at St. Patrick, Binghamton
- † Monday, October 23: 10:00AM St. Francis of Assisi, 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/)

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.

**Saturday, October 14th to
Wednesday, October 18th, 2023**

for our Parish Mission at

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

1049 Chenango Street, Binghamton, NY



Living with Real Presence

Eucharist as an Approach to Life

Author Deacon S. James Meyer

MISSION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

***Saturday, October 14th, 2023**

Celebrate Liturgy at 4:00 p.m.

***Sunday, October 15th, 2023**

Celebrate Liturgy at 10:30 a.m.

► **Monday, October 16th, 2023**

Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m.

► **Tuesday, October 17th, 2023**

Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m.

► **Wednesday, October 18th, 2023**

Closing Liturgy for Parish Mission at 7:00 p.m.

join us!

Livestream Link



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

September 30th & October 1st, 2023

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Thalia Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Betsy A Shields
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Carol Danoski
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Peggy Munson
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Anne Smilnak
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Larry Koch
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
10:30 Mass	Lector	Confirmation Candidates
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Scott Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Donna Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	David Hanzes

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

September 24th—Maria Kirk and Amy Drake

October 1st & 8th—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: How do you experience God being generous to you: through your family, friends, school, or parish?

Question for Youth: This Gospel reminds us that God is always seeking us out and welcoming us into his generous love. Through whom has God reached out to you? Who is always encouraging you to say "yes" to God?

Question for Adults: Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words how God will treat those who come to be part of the church, even those who come late.

END OF BULLETIN

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