

September 27, 2020

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



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

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Please go online to [stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org) to view our latest Sunday mass. We will be posting new videos of our weekend liturgies by 4:00PM on Saturdays **even after our reopening.**

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!**



**Saturday, September 26, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Theresa Hannon by Peg Pitel

**Sunday, September 27, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Janette Webb by Wanda Kucera-Eksteen  
 11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Monday, September 28**  
 12:00 p.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

**Tuesday, September 29**  
 8:00 a.m. Rosemary Blabac by Mike & Debbie Davis

**Wednesday, September 30**  
 12:00 p.m. Mary Lou Clendening by Marge Mangan

**Thursday, October 1**  
 8:00 a.m. Vita Mannino by Daughter, Fina & Family

**Friday, October 2**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, October 3, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary – Robert & Mary Ann Struck

**Sunday, October 4, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People  
 11:00 a.m. Antonio DeLuca 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 (09-20-20)**

Regular Envelopes.....\$4,556.00  
 Loose Collection.....\$95.00  
 Electronic Collection.....\$1,281.00  
 Total Collection.....\$5,932.00

*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!

**October: Month of the Rosary**

October is dedicated as the Month of the Rosary. This year the Church of the Holy Trinity, Binghamton, is inviting the faithful to join us at 6:30PM on October 7th as we recite the rosary together for an end to the coronavirus pandemic. Mary has promised, “What you shall ask through my Rosary you shall obtain.” Our service will highlight several Marian hymns. Social distancing and masks **REQUIRED!**

**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 Harley Adair.



### Something to Think About

“Narcissism, or self-absorption, takes many forms. Some are normal. Some are normal in childhood but not in adulthood. Some are more distinctly pathological than others. Malignant narcissism is characterized by an unsubmitted will. All adults who are mentally healthy submit themselves one way or another to something higher than themselves, be it God, or truth, or love, or some other ideal. They do what God wants them to do rather than what they would desire.”

—Dr. Scott Peck (Author of *People of the Lie*)



Next weekend is HOPE Appeal Commitment Weekend, when we join with faithful across the Diocese of Syracuse to support the HOPE Appeal.

Our annual appeal funds ministries, programs, and services that help thousands across the Southern Tier.

You will receive a letter from Bishop Lucia asking for your support of the HOPE appeal. Please review the HOPE Appeal brochure and prayerfully consider making the most generous gift possible. You may bring your completed pledge card to Mass during HOPE Appeal Weekend or drop it by the parish office. You may also pledge your gift to our parish's campaign online, using your debit or credit card, at [syrdio.org](http://syrdio.org).

If you did not receive the HOPE Appeal mailing, or have questions about the HOPE Appeal, please call the parish center at 607-722-4388.

### Disaster Relief Collection

Prompted by Hurricane Laura, now Hurricane Sally, and the wildfires our West, the United States Catholic Conference has asked dioceses to take a voluntary collection to support humanitarian and church needs arising from these terrible disasters. Collected funds will be used where most needed. Since our reopening we are not presently taking up collections with a basket, but people are dropping their envelopes in the collection box near the door. So, if you wish to make a contribution you can make checks payable to Diocese of Syracuse and in the memos: Bishops Emerging Disaster Fund. You can place your donation in the collection box, mail or drop off at the parish center. Or send it directly to

Office of National Collections,

Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund

PO Box 96278, Washington DC 20090-6278

These disasters are very heart-warming to see as people's lives are unexpectedly uprooted and changed forever!

### Save the Date: Coloring Contest

The Diocese of Syracuse will be celebrating its fifth annual Safe Environment Week from Nov. 16-22, 2020. During this designated week, we will host a diocesan-wide coloring contest for Grade Pre-K through 6. It is an excellent opportunity for parishes to join the Diocese in raising awareness for keeping a Safe Environment.



#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](http://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 diverge.*

*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.*

### RCIA Announcement for September 2020

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](mailto: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](http://www.stfrancisbing.com). Thank you.

## Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

### Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

### Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

### Distribution

October 6th- Carol Botting, Diane Dobish, K. Dotson

### 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!**

### 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>**

### 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

## 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.

### Enjoy the Convenience of Online Giving!

St. Francis of Assisi Parish offers an easy way to make donations online. We have the following accounts set up:

*Ordinary Contribution*

*Catholic School Support*

*Special Sunshine*

*Repair & Maintenance*

*Catherine's Cupboard*

*Capital Campaign*

**Have donations taken weekly, monthly or yearly.**

To set up an online giving account, visit our website [stfrancising.org](http://stfrancising.org). Click the "Online Giving" tab listed at the top of the site's home screen or if you're using a mobile device, by clicking the drop-down menu in the top right corner. You must have an e-mail address to register online. Here you can create an account and authorize to have your donations electronically transferred directly from your checking account, your debit card or your credit card to the parish. If you have questions or need help getting started, call the Parish Center at 722-4388 and we will guide you through the process.

## **Fenton Free Library**

### **Doughnut Fundraiser**

For Children's Programming

**PRE-ORDER** Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

**Orders due by Wednesday, Oct. 21st**

**Pickup on Saturday, Oct. 24th, 8 am to 4 pm**

**FIVE Choices to Pre-Order**

### **ORDER FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
Glazed (\$8/dozen)	_____	_____
Chocolate Iced Glazed (\$7/half doz)	_____	_____
Glazed / Lemon filled (\$7/half doz)	_____	_____
Glazed / Rasbery filled (\$7/half doz)	_____	_____
Glazed / Cream filled (\$7/half doz)	_____	_____

**Additional Donation to Library** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Due** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to "Fenton Free Library"**

**Drop off or mail form to Library,**

**1062 Chenango St, Binghamton, NY 13901**

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**  
**October 3rd & 4th, 2020**

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

Designation ONLY

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

Designation ONLY

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

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** How do you show your love for Jesus by doing what he asks, even when it is difficult for you?

**Question for Youth:** Today’s parable reminds us that it isn’t what we say that counts as much as what we do. How would someone know you are a Christian through your actions?

**Question for Adults:** How and when were you like each of the sons in the Gospel?

# END OF BULLETIN

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**Deliver 200 copies to St. Francis of Assisi.**

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## Looking Forward in Faith – Vision 2020 Capital Campaign

Volume X

Sunday, September 27, 2020

### \$435,280 Pledged

*87% of Our Goal*

On Tuesday, September 22, the campaign office reported a new pledge total of \$435,280, moving us closer to our goal of \$500,000. If anyone has questions about the various pledging options to the campaign, memorial naming opportunities, or the transfer of securities, contact Joe Carpenter in the parish office at 722-4388.

Over  
140 Families  
Have Donated

### Thank You!!

Father Tim and the campaign committee wish to thank all of our donors and volunteers for their commitment and sacrifice to our parish and we ask that the remainder of our parish family join us in our efforts.

### Our Pathway To Success - Help Us Reach Our Goal By October 1<sup>st</sup>

With \$435,000 raised toward our \$500,000 goal we need to raise an additional \$65,000 in gifts and pledges.

We can reach our goal, if you join with your fellow parishioners that have already pledged.

This can be accomplished through a combination of gifts, for example:

Amount	# of Gifts	Total
\$15,000	1	\$15,000
\$10,000	1	\$10,000
\$5,000	2	\$10,000
\$3,000	5	\$15,000
\$2,000	5	\$10,000
\$1,000	5	\$5,000
		<b>Grand Total \$65,000</b>

### Pledges Can Be Made Over 5 Years!

Your participation is important to helping us reach our goal. We ask everyone that has not already done so, to please consider returning your pledge card as soon as possible.

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