

October 01, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



2023 Confirmandi

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| + Jordan "Sebastian" Benowski | + Jason "Sebastian" O'Connor |
| + Mary "Catherine" Bush | + Lauren "Gertrude" Paske |
| + Dylan "Christopher" DeFilippo | + Hailey "Apollonia" Rinker |
| + James "Michael" Fitzgerald | + Madilyn "Hildagard" Robertson |
| + Brendan "Henry" Kliment | + Nolan "Joseph" Sirgany |
| + Courtney "Augustine of Hippo"
McCabe | + Gabriel "Patrick" Tallant |
| + Alexander "Giuseppe Moscatti"
McMullen | + Warren "John" Walters |
| | + Kaida "Anastasia" Warwick |



Mass Intentions

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**

Monday, October 2
 12:00 p.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Tuesday, October 3
 8:00 a.m. 1st Anniv. Betty Parasiliti by Family

Wednesday, October 4
 7:00PM Liturgy for the People — Feast of St. Francis (**Mass held in Church**)

Thursday, October 5
 8:00 a.m. Kathy Dedek by Milan Dedek

Friday, October 6
NO MASS

Saturday, October 7, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Patricia Dean by Son, Bill

Sunday, October 8, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10:30 a.m. John & Doris Graham by Laura Walker

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

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 in the Parish Hall**. It is a **required meeting** and will set the tone for the coming year. Please make every effort to attend.

Broome County Riverbank Clean-up
 This year's Broome County Riverbank clean up will be **Saturday, October 21st beginning at 9AM**. Our location is yet to be determined, but if you are interested in joining the group from St. Francis of Assisi please contact Maria Kirk at mkirk@syrdio.org for more information.

26th Sunday Ordinary Time: Justice Challenge
 This Sunday's gospel focuses on the difference between words and actions. Jesus teaches us that promising to do something is meaningless when it is not backed by action. Your challenge this week is to reflect on a time when you resolved to do more to help the poor and vulnerable, but then got busy with everyday life and never got around to serving. Or think of a time when you were specifically asked to do something to help others, but said no. Then choose one action you thought of doing or previously turned down and just do it! You may find it so uplifting that you make a commitment to do it on a weekly or even monthly basis. The important thing is to act.

26th Sunday Ordinary Time: Creation Care
 Most of us are conscious of our use of paper and try to recycle it. What about other paper products, though, like paper towels and tissues? How can you reduce your use of those? Swap out paper towels with dishcloths or rags this week, and consider switching to handkerchiefs instead of using tissues to blow your nose.

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.

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission

This 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

It's about BOTH the clergy and the baptized as agents for the Spirit. The synodal culture is one that holds the creative tension between the Spirit working through all the baptized and the same Spirit working through the hierarchy. That means it is not either/or but both/and, always searching for God's will rather than seeking to build power structures or force ideas. Clericalism gives way to an active embrace of the many charisms the Holy Spirit has given the Body of Christ.

Blessing of the Pets: October 4th

Father Tim will bless your pets on **Wednesday October 4th on The Feast of St Francis at 4 pm** in front of the church. Please keep your dogs on a leash and other pets contained.

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

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 stfrancising.org or find it on syracusediocese.org/hopeappeal/ You can donate to the HOPE Appeal by going to our parish website and choosing "online giving". **Donations are important!**

MISSION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Join us!

▼ Livestream Link



***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.

Upcoming Safe Environment Trainings

Initial Safe Environment Training

- † **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 OLGC, Endicott

Safe Environment Recertification Training

- † **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/)

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

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

Catherine's Cupboard: PANTRY NEWS

Fall is here, we are now collecting **2024 calendars**, you know those that show up by the dozen in your mailbox. Last year 150 went to a nursing home & jail ministry plus they're given out year round to pantry visitors. Greeting cards are used year-round as well. Leave donations in the foyer barrel at church or drop off at the pantry during parish center business hours. The **Thanksgiving Baskets** this year will be collected starting on November 1st through November 14th. **We expect to do 135 baskets** and know already we will be short on turkeys SO start buying items like pie crust & filling, stuffing etc as it is always hard to find the closer you get to the holiday. IF you have an extra turkey we can accept them starting November 1st. Drop off at Catherine's Cupboard food pantry, located inside St. Francis of Assisi's Parish Center during regular office hours Mon-Thru 8AM—4PM. THANK YOU for the ongoing support of blue trash bags and food items as it is desperately needed.

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.

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

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.



Fenton Free Library
Moody Memorial Building
1062 Chenango Street
Binghamton, NY 13901
607-724-8649

Doughnut Fundraiser

FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED FOR BUILDING UPDATES AND IMPROVEMENTS

PRE-ORDER Krispy Kreme Doughnuts



Orders due by Wednesday, October 17th

Pickup on Saturday, October 21st, 8:00AM to Noon

5 Choices to Pre-Order

Krispy Kreme ORDER FORM

Name _____	Phone# _____		
Variety	Quantity	Amount Due	
Glazed (\$12/dozen)			
Chocolate Iced Glazed (\$12/half doz)			
Glazed / Lemon filled (\$12/half doz)			
Glazed / Raspberry filled (\$12/half doz)			
Glazed / Cream filled (\$12/half doz)			
+Additional Donation to Library			
			Grand Total

Make Checks Payable to "Fenton Free Library" for "Donuts"
DROP OFF OR MAIL FORM TO LIBRARY
1062 Chenango Street, Binghamton, N.Y. 13901
Phone orders are also accepted 607-724-8649

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

October 7th & 8th, 2023

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Mike Stricek
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Judy Daniels
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Kurt Mohney
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Kelly Mohney
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	John Artman
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Brenda Artman

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Cadhla Hamilton
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Mary Bush
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Mike Gaetani
10:30 Mass	EM Host	David Hanzes
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Catherine Shafer
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Kerri Hamilton
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Marie Iobst
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Shirley McCray

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

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 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?

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St. Francis of Assisi Church
Rev. Timothy J. Taugher, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. John XXIII

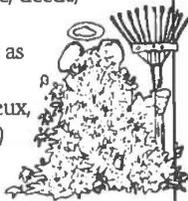
Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born to a poor farming family in Bergamo, Italy. His ordination as a priest in 1904 began a lifetime serving the Church as the bishop's secretary, a military chaplain, cardinal-patriarch of Venice, and finally, as pope. He often visited the poor, the sick and prisoners. He also spent his brief papacy working to improve relations with the Eastern Church. He is most remembered for opening the Second Vatican Council. He died in 1963.



Choose entertainment carefully

A steady diet of violent entertainment, objectifying media, or explicit reading helps us to become comfortable with violence and sex. We begin to see people as characters rather than humans. Sinful behavior becomes normalized. In our journey toward holiness, it is critical that we are choosy about what we watch and read.

"Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing." (St. Therese of Lisieux, *Story of a Soul*)



His Mother for our own

While He was on Earth, Jesus gave all of Himself for us – even His life – out of love. He even gave us His own mother to be our true mother (John 19:26-27). In turn, Our Lady works to bring us to the heart of her Son.

"To Jesus, through Mary." St. Louis de Montfort used these words to explain that devotion to Mary is the best way to grow closer to Jesus, because Mary herself will lead us to her Son if we ask for her help. When we are under temptation to sin, spiritually dry or discouraged, let Mary take you by the hand and lead you to Jesus.

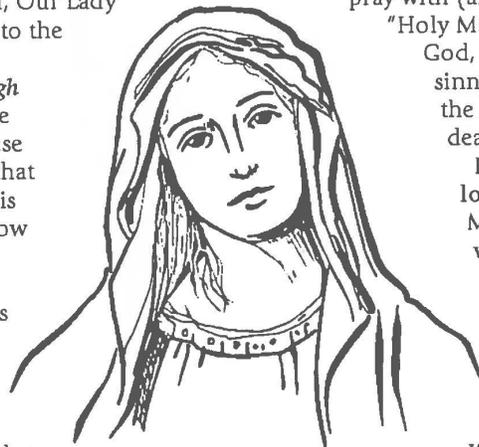
Our path to Jesus. We have one mediator in Christ (1 Timothy 2:5).

Yet, what loving son refuses his mother's requests? In His generosity, God is pleased to answer Mary's prayers for us. We can ask Mary to pray with (and for) us:

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death."

Entrust all we love to her. St. Maximilian Kolbe wrote, "Let us entrust to (Our Lady) all of those close to our hearts, and she, the best among mothers, will help them in the best way

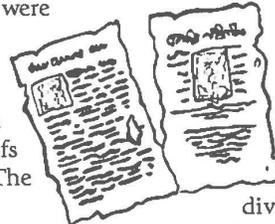
possible." There is no safer place for all those we love than our Mother's arms.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics have two versions of the Creed?

Both creeds summarize what Catholics believe but were written at different times for different purposes. The Apostles' Creed is the summary of the beliefs of the early Church. The Nicene Creed is the expanded form of the



Apostles' Creed, stemming from two Church councils (Nicaea, AD 325; Constantinople, AD 381) to combat Arianism, which proposed Jesus was not God but a kind of super-saint. The Nicene Creed emphasizes Jesus' divinity, His divine Sonship, and the divinity of the Holy Spirit.

"Angel of God, my guardian dear ..."

"Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life," said St. Basil. The Church teaches that we each have a guardian angel, assigned to guide and protect us until death (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #336). Jesus said: "In heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 18:10). Tap your angel's powerful protection to grow in virtue and holiness:

Confide in your guardian. Guardian angels aren't mind-readers, but they do observe us



carefully. The more we tell them, the better they can help us make good choices, avoid sin, and keep us safe.

Ask for help. Our guardian can help make tough decisions, resolve conflicts, offer protection especially for our souls. They intercede for us, and help to prepare our souls for the moment when we stand before God.

Respect guardian power. Angels are powerful creatures, created by God to care for us. They aren't answerable to us but stand ready to help us get to Heaven.

from Scripture

Matthew 22:34-40, Jesus has the right answers

In their first meeting with Jesus, the Pharisees wanted to trap Him by getting Him to say something that contradicted Jewish law. Then He could be arrested and silenced. The lawyer they sent was aware that generations of Jews had debated fruitlessly about which law was the most important. Pretending to seek Jesus' opinion, he asked Jesus to choose which of the 613 commands of the Jewish law was the most important.

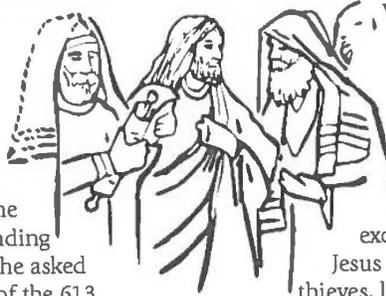
Jesus silenced them all by saying everything starts and ends with love – love of God and love of others. To love

God is to love one another. These laws are at the heart of all the other laws.

Even the Pharisees couldn't argue with that.

While it is easy to love God, loving others is more difficult. It means including people when the natural inclination is to exclude or avoid them.

Jesus loved prostitutes, thieves, lepers, even his political enemies. True love of neighbor is measured by how we treat the poor, the vulnerable, and our enemies. This is how God loves and He calls us to do the same.



Feasts & Celebrations

October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary. Pope Gregory XIII named this feast because it was believed that Christians won a critical victory at the Battle of Lepanto after praying the Rosary.

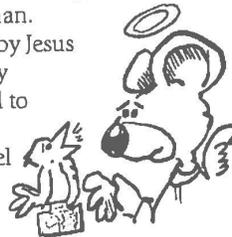
October 9 – St. John Leonardi (1609). Born in 1543 in Lucca, Italy, St. John spent his priesthood ministering in hospitals and prisons and teaching the Faith. He established the Clerks Regular of the Mother of God, and helped found the Congregation of Christian Doctrine.

October 16 – St. Hedwig (1243).

Born to the Duke of Croatia, St. Hedwig married the Duke Henry of Silesia. They founded a convent, hospitals, and monasteries. After his death, St. Hedwig became a Cistercian nun, donating her fortune to charity.

October 28 – Sts. Simon and Jude (1st century). St. Simon was a Zealot – Jews who believed the Messiah would free them from political oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman.

After being called by Jesus to be apostles, they eventually traveled to Persia where they preached the Gospel until they were martyred.



Q & A Can Catholics celebrate Halloween?

Catholics can celebrate Halloween as a holiday with Christian roots. In 835, Pope Gregory IV moved the commemoration of All Martyrs (later All Saints Day) from May 13 to November 1. The night before became known as All Hallow's Even or "Holy



Evening," and eventually Halloween. Villagers visited local homes to gather contributions for the feast to be held the next day, All Saints Day.

Those who didn't contribute might be subject to a prank or "trick."

Catholics enjoy donning creative costumes and giving out candy, but it's important to avoid glorifying evil, death, and the Devil. Consider using the holiday to learn about a saint you didn't know or collecting food for the poor.

In short, Halloween is a chance to celebrate generosity, friendship, and community. It's the threshold of a time to remember the believers who have gone to Heaven before us and the hope we have of following. We also pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory to strengthen them during their purification before entering Heaven.

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