

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

## *Congratulations 2021 Confirmandi*

*Joshua "Jude" Coddington*

*Tyler "Francis of Assisi" Ferrara*

*Lauren "Catherine" Hart*

*Brooke "Ludmila" Johnson*

*Thomas "Peter" Kapinus*

*Carter "Andrew" Klein*

*Logan "Marie" Lomonaco*

*Alexander "Patrick" Maurer*

*Dylan "Francis" McCabe*

*Sarah "Maura" Nickerson*

*Tyler "Robert" Norton*

*Jonah "Alfred" Rice*

*Olivia "Anne" Santa Croce*

*Katherine "Joan" Saunders*

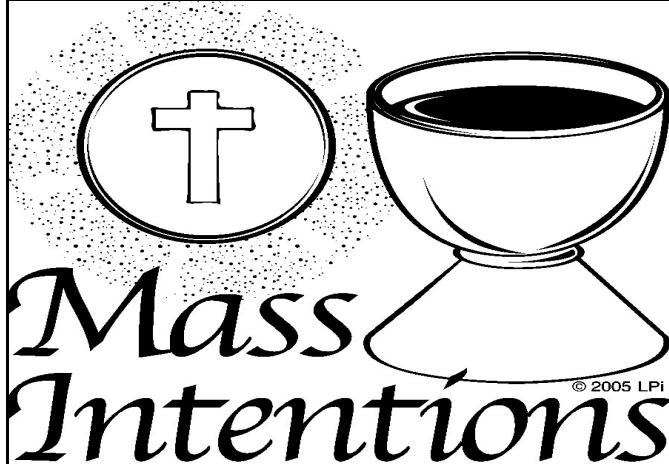
*Quinn "Mary" Sirgany*

*Michael "Francis" Turna*

*Kaylee "Katherine" Watson*

*Kathryn "Agnes" White*

*Liam "Mark" Wood*

**Saturday, October 9, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Vincent Cavanagh by the Cavanagh Family

**Sunday, October 10, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People -

**CONFIRMATION****Monday, October 11**

12:00 p.m. Jeremy Stahl & John Blakesley by the Guinane Family

**Tuesday, October 12**

8:00 a.m. Alice Cavanagh by Kathy & Glen Tait

**Wednesday, October 13****NO MASS****Thursday, October 14****NO MASS****Friday, October 15****NO MASS****Saturday, October 16, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Catherine Koons by Family

**Sunday, October 17, Twenty- Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**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 (10-03-21)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,630.00
Loose Collection.....	\$363.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$2,490.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,483.00

*Thank You for your generous contributions!*

**Faith Formation**

Registration information was mailed and is also available online. Classes start **October 17th**. Faith Formation students in Grade 7 and older are invited to participate in the Riverbank Clean-Up Service project. All Confirmation 2022 candidates are also asked to participate. Check your email for specific information next week.

**Confirmation 2022 Meeting**

Parents and Confirmation Candidates of 2022, there will be a parent and candidate meeting on **October, 12th at 7:00PM** in the church hall. Do not forget to bring your completed paperwork that was emailed/mailed to you by Maria Kirk.

**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).

**Americans Who Tell the Truth (Art Exhibit)**

Portraits by Robert Shetterly

Featuring Portraits of: Dorothy Day, Frederick Douglas, Oren Lyons, Paul Robeson, and more

Broome County Public Library— Decker Room  
October 1st—16th

**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

**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 Josephine Marascia.

## Prayer for the Confirmands

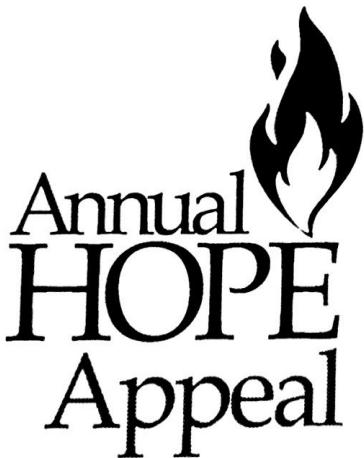
*Lord,  
 You send out Your Spirit  
 To touch the hearts of all people,  
 So that they may believe in You  
 And in Jesus whom You sent.  
 Look kindly on all Confirmands  
 As they listen to Your voice.  
 Open their hearts to Your Spirit  
 And bring to fulfillment  
 The good work that You have begun in them.  
 As we celebrate the Confirmation of these young adults,  
 Make each of us an instrument of Your love.  
 Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others,  
 and to be patient with what we do not understand.  
 Deepen our faith in the Gospel  
 And help us to pass it on by our example.  
 We pray that You will continue to guide us  
 And sustain us.  
 Through Christ our Lord,  
 Amen.*

## Prayer for Indigenous Peoples

*On October 11th we celebrate indigenous peoples,  
 Their close connection with the earth,  
 Modeling for us what Pope Francis teaches:  
 That all is connected and in communion,  
 And that we must recognize Creation as sacred.  
 We celebrate the sense of community  
 Of indigenous groups, of their sense as a people,  
 And their understanding of the common good,  
 Which is more important than individual gain  
 And which has sustained them for thousands of years.  
 We celebrate the value of traditional cultures  
 Of indigenous groups, which has so often been  
 Scorned and dismissed by those who would rule them;  
 The renewal of these cultures is a witness  
 To their richness, worth, and vitality.  
 May we learn from their wisdom  
 And may we support them in solidarity  
 As our brothers and sisters, all children  
 Of a Creator God who delights in diversity.  
 We pray that the human dignity of all indigenous peoples  
 In Australia, Africa, South and North America  
 May finally and fully be recognized.  
 We pray that the human rights of all indigenous peoples  
 May be finally and fully respected  
 So their connection to the earth, sense of community,  
 And their rich cultures may be passed on  
 To the generations to come. Amen.*

## For Potential Godparents and Sponsors for Baptisms or Confirmation

Anyone looking to be a Godparent or Sponsor to a Confirmation Candidate MUST be a registered member of St. Francis of Assisi to be able to get a letter of certification. This is the only way that the Church can verify you are a practicing Catholic. Please call Delores at the Parish Center (722-4388) for questions.



I am reporting to you that St. Francis of Assisi Parish has raised **\$6,600** toward our HOPE Appeal goal of **\$41,618.70**. If we do not meet this goal, 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 something. Your gift, no matter the size, whether it is a pledge or a one-time gift, is important. Thank you to all who have pledged their support to the HOPE Appeal ministries, programs, and services that benefit so many throughout Central New York, including many in our own parish. If you are still prayerfully considering your gift to this year's HOPE Appeal, you may bring your completed pledge card to Mass next weekend or drop it by the parish center office, or make your pledge to our parish's campaign online at [www.syrdio.org](http://www.syrdio.org).

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Justice Challenge

On October 11th we honor Pope Saint John XXIII. This is the pope who shepherded the Second Vatican Council. He also wrote several encyclicals, one in his last year of life in which he focused on war and peace. In *Pacem in Terris* (or Peace on Earth), Pope John wrote that the root cause of war is people not getting the resources they need to live a life of dignity. We know that there are enough resources in the world to support all of God's people. But some have too much while others don't have the bare necessities of life. Your challenge this week is to ask yourselves (as individuals and households) if you have too much, if you overuse resources while people around the globe are starving or living in despair. If you answer yes to this question, choose one thing you have which you can donate to someone in need. Drop it off at the St. Vincent de Paul Society or a local shelter to take one step toward ensuring lasting peace in our world.

## 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.

## Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

### Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

### Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELVING

### Distribution

October 19th— Michelle Hayes, Ginny Thompson, A. Short

### **Thank you from Catherine's Cupboard**

A grand THANK YOU to all who are supporting the pantry. Big Lots, Church of Nazarene, and Ogden Methodist continue year round supporting us plus all you wonderful parish members. None of this can happen without your support. Thanks again!

### 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

Have you had enough of COVID? Plan a cruise to the Land of the Midnight Sun in July 2022.

**Berkshire Travel Agency Presents**  
**A 14-Day Best of Norway Aboard the Rotterdam**

July 9 — 24, 2022

Hosted by Fathers:

John Yonkovig, Don Henry, Tom Ryan, and Tim Taucher

Valid U.S Passports Required

**Berkshire Travel Group Rates**  
(Per person/double Occupancy)

Category	Stateroom Description	Berkshire Rate
J	Inside Stateroom	\$2,855.00
E	Outside Stateroom	\$3,454.00
VD	Verandah Stateroom	\$3,805.00

**Rate includes:** Cruise accommodations as desired, port taxes and government fees, meals and entertainment on board ship, cocktail party for group

**Not included:** personal items, gratuities on board ship, airfare and transfers

Cancellation insurance is available and recommended

**Deposit:** \$600 per person is required to secure a room.

Contact Kathy Coll (610)372-4652 for more information!

## 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.



## Fenton Free Library

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

## Doughnut Fundraiser

Funds raised will be used for exterior improvements

**PRE-ORDER** Krispy Kreme Doughnuts



Orders due by Wednesday, October 20th

Pickup on Saturday, October 23rd, 8 am to Noon

**5 Choices to Pre-Order**

### Krispy Kreme ORDER FORM

Name	Phone#	
<b>Variety</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
Glazed (\$9/dozen)		
Chocolate Iced Glazed (\$8/half doz)		
Glazed / Lemon filled (\$8/half doz)		
Glazed / Raspberry filled (\$8/half doz)		
Glazed / Cream filled (\$8/half doz)		
+Additional Donation to Library		
		Grand Total

Make Checks Payable to "Fenton Free Library"  
DROP OFF OR MAIL FORM TO LIBRARY  
1062 Chenango Street, Binghamton, N.Y. 13901

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**  
**October 16th & 17th, 2021**

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

Altar Server.....TBD  
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Lector.....John Artman  
EM.....Barb Brozovic  
EM.....Debra Carden

**10:30 A.M. Mass**

Altar Server.....Kathryn White  
Altar Server.....Abraham Watkins  
Altar Server.....Alexander Watkins  
Lector.....Ed White  
EM.....Donna Igler  
EM.....Scott Igler

**Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule**  
**October 16th & 17th**

**4:00PM**  
**Maria Kirk**

**10:30**  
**Ede & Bridget**

Please go online to  
**[stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org)**  
to view our latest Sunday mass and  
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.

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

**You can still view weekend mass and  
children's liturgy virtually!**

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** How difficult would it be for you to give something you treasure to someone else who needed it more than you do?

**Question for Youth:** What is your most important possession? How hard would it be for you to give it up?

**Question for Adults:** How hard is it for you to part with things you treasure? Do your possessions ever stand in the way of having deeper communion with God?

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# Growing in FAITH™

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October 2021

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

## One Minute Meditations

### God is Love

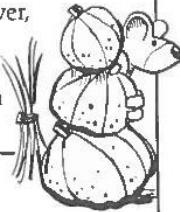
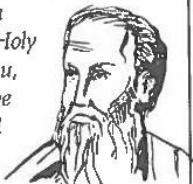
God is the creator of the universe, who made everything from nothing.

Yet, He is not a remote, uninvolved God. Nor is He an unforgiving judge waiting for us to mess up. Rather, God is our Father who loves us more than we could ask to be loved.

### His temple

St. Paul teaches that "your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own." We understand it is unhealthy to overeat or abuse drugs or alcohol. Yet, we don't always acknowledge the harm of watching movies and television shows with violence or sex, or listening to music with profane lyrics. God's temple deserves respect. "Therefore, glorify God in your body" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

"Daily prayer is the foundation of sanctity. Some prefer it in the morning. Some late at night. However, whenever, wherever, it's a must!" Timothy Cardinal Dolan

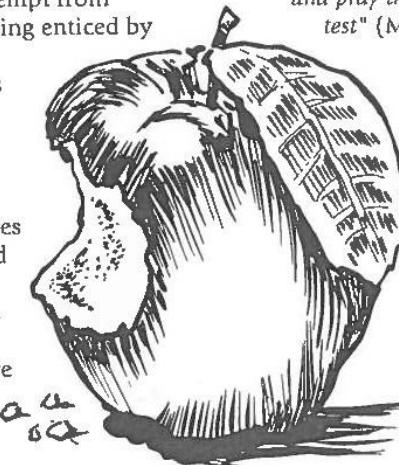


## "Lead us not into temptation ..."

No one is exempt from temptation. Being enticed by the attractions of this world is part of our human condition, but successfully fighting it makes us stronger and holier.

**Watch for it.**  
Temptation strikes when we are least able to fight it. Identify what tempts you most and try to anticipate when you are weakest. Then devise a plan of action – not just a resolution – to help you resist.

**Pray through it.** When Jesus caught His disciples sleeping in the garden instead of praying, He said, "Watch



*and pray that you may not undergo the test" (Matthew 26:41). Overcome temptation by being alert to it and praying instead of indulging in it.*

### Run from it.

Sometimes fleeing temptation is the best way to resist it. "God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it" (1 Corinthians 10:13). Avoid people, places or situations that give you trouble.

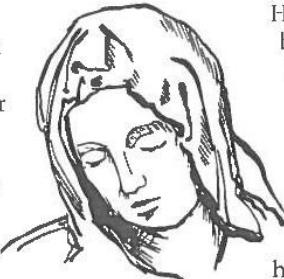
**Don't start it.** It is easier to resist temptation if you stop it when it starts. Then it won't have the force of habit. Though it is never too late to ask for God's help, the longer you live with the temptation, the harder it will be to turn to Him.

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

In Old Testament kingdoms, the queen mother played a significant role in her son's governance of His kingdom. Her power and authority flowed from her position as it related to her son.

## Why do Catholics turn to Mary?

His subjects often petitioned her to speak for them. As Queen Mother of Heaven, Mary's purpose is to further her Son's kingdom. When we turn to her, she acts with her authority to bring our concerns to her Son, and He is always inclined to fulfill her wishes.

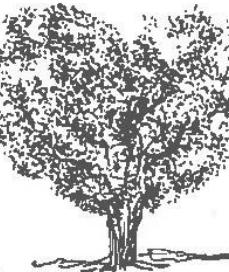


## God's love never changes

It's only human to want to be loved. Unfortunately, even the best friend or lover will let us down once in a while. That can leave us lonely or searching for the wrong kind of love. Fortunately, God will never let us down. His love is the right kind of love to have.

**His love never changes.** Standards set by humans change over time. Something considered "in" today, can be "out" in no time. God's love is unchanging and unending.

Friends come and go. Sooner or later, you have



to leave your friends or they leave you. But Jesus said, "... behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). God never leaves.

**He loves us for who we really are.**

There's nothing God doesn't know about us, and He adores us anyway. If God likes you, others will, too. To please God we have to fill ourselves with love for Him and other people, and that makes us even nicer to be around. Pass it on.

### from Scripture

#### Mark 12:28-34 – The first Commandment

The Jewish authorities often tried to draw Jesus out and get Him to say something counter to Jewish law. That way He could be discredited – or worse. Yet, the strategy never worked for them. In fact, one of the scribes was so impressed by Jesus' response to a challenge by the Sadducees that he posed a question of his own. He sincerely wanted to learn from Jesus' answer.

The scribe asked which of the commandments was most important. Jesus said everything starts and ends with love – love of God and love of each other. To love God is to



love one another. They are as inseparable as the beams of the cross. While it is easy to love God, loving others is more difficult.

But true love of neighbor is measured by how we treat those who are neither family nor friends. It means including people when the natural inclination is to exclude or avoid them. Jesus loved prostitutes, thieves, lepers, even His political enemies. This is how God loves and He calls us to do no less.

### Feasts & Celebrations

In October we celebrate the Rosary especially on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. The Rosary helps us to meditate on Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

**October 6 – St. Bruno (1101).** Bruno was born in Germany, studied in France and became a theology professor. With six other companions, Bruno founded the Carthusian Order in 1084 and helped reform the clergy in Rome.

**October 14 – St. Callistus I (222).** A Roman slave, Callistus obtained his

freedom and was ordained a deacon by Pope Zephyrinus, whom he later succeeded. Callistus's election caused an eighteen-year schism, spawning the first anti-pope. In a time of trial and confusion, he reopened the Church to all. He was martyred in Rome.

**October 20 – St. Paul of the Cross (1775).** Paul was inspired by a vision to start a religious order dedicated to the Passion of Christ.

He founded the Passionists in 1720, lived a penitential life, worked miracles, and cared for the poor and sick.



### Q & A Why is a Catholic Funeral important?

Although no one enjoys dwelling on death, most of us will mourn and bury loved ones in our lifetimes. Friends may counsel us to skip the church funeral and just "get it over with," but our faith

provides the strength we need to deal with death. The Church has created Rites to help us face the difficulties and reality of death.

Every baptized Catholic has a right to a Catholic funeral. The Rites of a Catholic Funeral include Prayers after Death, Prayers in the Presence of the Body, the Scripture Prayer Service at the Wake, the Funeral at Church (with or without Mass), and the Internment Prayer Service at the cemetery. Together these services not only make up the total Catholic Funeral Service, but also provide the Church's special prayers for the deceased. The Rites also support families and friends who are grieving for their loved one.

Catholics are entitled to a Catholic Funeral whether they are frequent or infrequent Mass attendees. (For specific questions, check with your local parish.)

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