

October 11, 2020

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Please go online to
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our latest Sunday mass.
We will be posting new
videos of our weekend
liturgies by 4:00PM on
Saturdays **even after our
reopening.**

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“@stfrancisbing”)
YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi
Binghamton)

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

**Saturday, October 10, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Vincent Cavanagh by Family

Sunday, October 11, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

11:00 a.m. 25th Anniv. Cathy Guth by Family**Monday, October 12****NO MASS – COLUMBUS DAY****Tuesday, October 13**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for two parishioners

Wednesday, October 14

12:00 p.m. John Mando by Marge Mangan

Thursday, October 15

8:00 a.m. Mary Wilson by Gail & Terry Wood

Friday, October 16**NO MASS****Saturday, October 17, Vigil of Sunday**

1:00 p.m. Wedding – Kelsey Heller & Spencer Wallach

4:00 p.m. Catherine Koons by Family

Sunday, October 18, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. John Broderick by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Connerton

11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

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 (10-04-20)

Regular Envelopes.....\$2,939.00
 Loose Collection.....\$23.00
 Electronic Collection.....\$2,432.00
 Total Collection.....\$5,394.00

*Thank You for your generous contributions!***FAITH FORMATION****Looking ahead:**

Our current plan is for **Faith Formation to begin on Sunday, October 18th** with a prayer service in the gym followed by a parent meeting. Please fill out the registration material that was mailed in August so that classrooms can be set up in the appropriate manner. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact Maria Kirk at 607-22-1477. If CV/CF schools are closed we will be online only. Parents who have requested online classes this year will be emailed websites and sign in codes next week.

Thank you for your cooperation and support!**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!

Bans of Marriage

Congratulations and best wishes to **Kelsey Heller and Spencer Wallach** who will be married soon. May God bless them and their marriage.

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.



Our Lady the Victorious

The painting situated at the rear of the church (this is a print copy), was begun at the onset of the COVID pandemic.

The ceramic stature of which this painting is a rendering, was created by a 17th century master. I had photographed the stature several years ago while visiting the Wieliczka salt mine in Kalwaria, Poland near Krakow.

In searching for a new art project, I was struck by the symbolism of Our Lady's name as well as the surrounding darkness of the grotto where it was ensconced.

We are certainly surrounded today by darkness on many fronts, and it served as a personal symbol of hope, comfort, and inspiration.

I am humbled and grateful to share this copy of this painting with the parish, with the hope that it will offer these same symbols to all.

—Barb Brozovic

Thank You! (From Bernadette Keough)

Dear Friends at St. Francis,

Thank you for all your cards and well wishes to celebrate my 100th Birthday. I never knew I had so many friends and acquaintances. God Bless Father Tim for all he did and God Bless all of you for your well wishes.

Sincerely,
—Bernadette Keough



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. We are asking all parishioners to contribute to this year's HOPE Appeal. If we all give, we will easily meet St. Francis of Assisi's parish share of the support for HOPE Appeal-funded ministries, programs, and services. If you are able to contribute more, I strongly encourage you to do so. 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 syrdio.org.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation **(How to have Fr. Tim hear your confession)**

Due to COVID-19, Fr. Tim will not be hearing confessions in the church. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please call Delores at the parish center (607)722-4388 to set an appointment for Fr. Tim to hear your confession. Thank you for your patience.

Political Engagement is Our Responsibility!

Catholics have a long tradition of engagement in the public square. Sometimes that engagement requires making difficult moral decisions that impact our own lives and those of others. Our conscience can help guide the decisions we make. The Second Vatican Council guides us: "Always summoning [one] to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience can when necessary speak to [one's] heart more specifically: do this, shun that" (Gaudium et Spes 16). However, our conscience doesn't just come to us when we are born. We must work throughout our lives to form it through prayer, learning, and conversation. In their statement on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the U.S. Catholic bishops lift up various issues of different moral weight and urgency. Some issues they mention include: "protecting the unborn, refugees and immigrant families; fighting racism and religious intolerance; aiding those impacted by poverty and conflict; preserving the family; and caring for our common home." Learn more about the issues and [watch brief videos at FaithfulCitizenship.org](http://watch.brief.videos.at.FaithfulCitizenship.org).

A Hymn for a Time of National Crisis

*O God of all the nations, your ancient prophets saw
that kings and institutions are not above the law.
Integrity is precious, and truth will one day stand;*

*Your way is peace and justice,
and love is your command.*

*O God, when times are troubled,
when lies are seen as truth,*

*When power-hungry people
draw praise and not reproof,*

*When greed is seen as greatness,
when justice is abused,*

*We pray that those who lead us
will know what they must choose.*

*We pray they'll gather wisdom and lift up high ideals,
To guide our struggling nation along a path that heals. We
pray they'll have the vision to value each good law, To put
aside ambition, to seek the best for all.*

*O God of all the nations, may those who lead us see
that justice is your blessing, that truth will set us free. Give all
of us the courage to seek the nobler way,
So in this land we cherish, the good will win the day.*

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.*

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

October 19th — Alma Short, Michelle Hayes, Ginny Thompson

THANKSGIVING BASKETS 2020

Starting on the 1st of November we will start collecting your donated Thanksgiving baskets. We are expecting to be asked to fill 125 or more this year. With shortage of items in the store lately, I thought I would give you a heads up of what will be needed.

- ⇒ Stuffing (bag/box)
- ⇒ Pie crust (boxed or unrefrigerated only)
- ⇒ Pie filling (canned only, nothing refrigerated)
 - ⇒ Cranberry sauce
- ⇒ Canned fruits, veggies and sweet potatoes
 - ⇒ Instant mashed potatoes
 - ⇒ Boxed bread or pudding mixes
 - ⇒ Gravy (glass jar or canned)

The shopping list will also be out in late October explaining more, but if you see these items now pick them up to make it easier later. It will be a challenge to complete this annual project but feel we will succeed one way or another. What is for sure is this year will be "Drive-up" pick-up for everyone's safety.

HELP WILL BE NEEDED on November 18th & 19th with sorting and getting organized. For safety purposes we will do this in 2 hours shifts of no more than 4 people working at any time. More details to follow.

Fenton Free Library

Krispy Kreme 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# _____

Variety

Quantity Amount

Due

Glazed (\$8/dozen) _____

Chocolate Iced Glazed (\$7/half doz) _____

Glazed / Lemon filled (\$7/half doz) _____

Glazed / Raspberry 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

HELP SUPPORT

Birthright of Binghamton

(Non-profit organization)



Boscov's

FRIENDS *really* HELPING FRIENDS

2 BIG DAYS

SHOP OCTOBER 14TH & 15TH, 2020

NO SHOPPING PASS TO PURCHASE!

YOU SAVE

20% OFF

LOWEST SALE PRICES ON ALMOST EVERYTHING

*10% discount items and exclusions apply.

WE RECEIVE

5% BACK

OF YOUR TOTAL PURCHASE

**MENTION OUR ORGANIZATION BY NAME
IN-STORE AT THE REGISTER OR ONLINE AT CHECKOUT
& WE'LL RECEIVE 5% OF YOUR TOTAL PURCHASE.**

Amish Hand Made 'King Size' Quilt Raffle

This wonderful hand stitched "Peacocks" Amish Quilt (estimated at \$1,800.00) has been donated to Birthright for a raffle. The drawing will take place on November 23, 2020.

Please copy additional tickets if you need them. Ticket stubs must be returned to our office by November 16, 2020. We ask you to kindly send a check made out to Birthright of Binghamton, Inc., rather than cash.

For more tickets, or additional information, please feel free to call the office at 607-798-7661.

The winner of the 2019 quilt was Mary C. Cooney. Congratulations Mary!



Thank you for helping us find a good home for this beautiful quilt and for supporting Birthright!

Amish Hand Made 'King Size' Quilt _____

"Peacocks" _____

Drawing November 23, 2020 _____

Raffle Tickets \$2 each, 3 for \$5 _____

Proceeds to benefit _____

Birthright of Binghamton, Inc. _____

435 Main Street, Johnson City, NY _____

607-798-7661 _____

Phone _____

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>

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
October 17th & 18th, 2020

4:00 P.M. Mass

Designation ONLY

8:00 A.M. Mass

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11:00 A.M. Mass

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

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Why is it important for you to do what Jesus asks of you?

Question for Youth: Each week we are invited to participate in Mass. When you are at Mass, how well do you really participate? How could you be more present in heart, mind, and spirit?

Question for Adults: Using Jesus’ parable as your starting point, describe in your own words who will be welcome and why they will be welcome, at the eternal banquet of God.

END OF BULLETIN

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