

July 3, 2016

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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Mass Schedule

Monday-Thursday
8:00 am at the Parish Center
Chapel

Saturday Evening
4:00 pm

Sunday Morning
8:00 am & 11:00 am

Confession:

2nd & 4th Saturday of every
month at 3:00 pm at the Church

**Saturday, July 2, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Jeffrey Kraham by John & Peggy Munson

Sunday, July 3, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

11:00 a.m. Mannino Vita by Daughter, Fina & Family

Monday, July 4, Independence Day

NO MASS

Tuesday, July 5

8:00 a.m. Barb McEnaney by Tim, Sandy, Adam & Daniel Giblin

Wednesday, July 6

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Welch by Sandy Gotelli

Thursday, July 7

8:00 a.m. Robert Robinson by Carol & Ron Kilmer

Friday, July 8

NO MASS

Saturday, July 9, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Joanne Kopyar by the Youket Family

Sunday, July 10, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. 23rd Anniv. Matt Donovan by Family

11:00 a.m. Joanne Kopyar by the Bible Babes

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 any time.

FREE Cabinet and Christmas Fixtures

We have a large cabinet in the garage we'd like to get rid of for free to anyone who will remove it. Also, there are some Christmas fixtures (e.g. a nativity scene) for free as well. Call or stop by the Parish Center to discuss (607)722-4388. We really would like to get these out in order to make space.

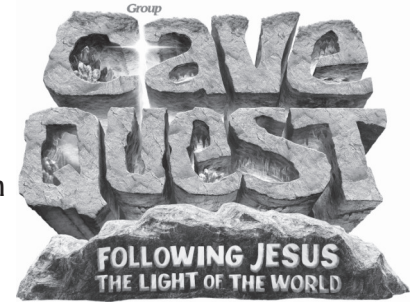
Neighborhood Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 18

Friday, July 22

6:15 — 8:30p.m.

at Binghamton 1st Church
of the Nazarene
1282 Chenango Street



**New Friends \ Delicious Snacks \
Surprising Adventures \ Cave Games \ Incredible
Music \ Interactive Bible Stories \ Fun Crafts**

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BINGHAMTON NAZARENE, PORT DICKINSON BAPTIST,
AND CHENANGO BRIDGE METHODIST

Cavern Café

The following items are needed for
Vacation Bible School

- Fruit Snacks
- Sunflower Seeds – shelled
- Gold Fish Crackers
- Vanilla Sugar Wafer Cookies
- Plain Rice Cakes
- Marshmallow Fluff
- Red Licorice Twist Strings
- Canned Vanilla Frosting
- Canned Peaches – Halves only
- Pretzel Sticks

Please take a post-it note to remind you of what we need. Remember VBS snacks are theme specific. Monetary donations are also welcome. VBS planners are grateful for your help! You can put your donations in the basket in the vestibule.

Registration

There are hard copies of the Vacation Bible School registration forms on the ushers' tables in the back of church if your don't want to pre-register online. Pre-registration is a big help in organizing crews and making the first night easier on parents as well. The link for online registration is available on our website under Faith Formation or on our Facebook page.

Volunteer Help

Any teens, grade 7 and older, or adults who would like to help with Vacation Bible School are welcome! Call Maria Kirk at the Parish Center at 722-4177. We can use extra crew helpers, and we can always use help in the decorating before VBS starts!

Bans of Marriage

Congratulations and best wishes to Kathleen Hart and Kyle Beagell who will be married soon. May God bless them and their marriage

Catherine's Cupboard 6 Month Update

It has been a productive time at the pantry. February fundraiser was extremely successful— **Thank You to all**. This year we are also keeping track of donations of food & personal care items. We have 4200 lbs so far. **Thank You** to all who contribute weekly to our barrel in the church foyer and also to Church of The Nazarene & Nimmonsburg Exercise/Dance Group for remembering us. We have been notified that we are receiving \$5,000 from the McDevitt Grant out of Syracuse in July, which can only be used for food items. The past 6 months we have done a few new things. At Easter, for the first time ever, hams were available to any family visiting the pantry. Just before Holy Week, 50 hams were given out. After considering many of the needs of our visitors, we have also started purchasing and giving out items that we can no longer get from the Food Bank and are either limited or not available through the SNAP (food stamps) program. This has been a big hit and so appreciated by the visitors. We also have a nice selection from the Food Bank of quality, fresh produce offered to the families. Needless to say, our pantry is alive and well, with over 500 families served this year. Help is needed unloading a truck that comes on Tuesday mornings around 10:30. Lifting is required, but if you are interested giving us a hand with this, please call the Parish Center. Again, none of this is possible without you, so **thank you so much!**

Are You Thinking About The Catholic Faith?

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children** is a process designed by the church for adults and older children to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. The goals are to give a complete overview of Catholic teachings and to begin to deepen a Christian spiritual life centered in the Sunday Scripture readings.

Are you:

- A person who has not been baptized and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of becoming Catholic?
- A baptized Christian of another denomination who would like to learn more about and possibly join the Catholic church?
- A baptized Roman Catholic who has never received Eucharist or Confirmation and would like to complete their sacraments?
- A child over the age of 7 who has never been baptized or has been baptized in another Christian faith or has been baptized Catholic and has never received Catholic instruction?

RCIA & RCIC offer an environment of support and guidance. If you or someone you know is interested in this process, contact the Parish Office at (607)722-4177.

St. Francis of Assisi Co-ed Half Day Basketball Camp

The St. Francis of Assisi Co-ed Basketball Camp is scheduled for **August 8th—12th from 9:00a.m. to 12:30p.m. in the school gym**. The camp is open to all boys and girls entering **grades 1—5**. Each camper will receive a camp t-shirt, along with instructions on the fundamentals of basketball. Jim Norris will be our guest speaker. Cost for the session is \$40.00. For information or registration please call the Parish Center at 722-4388.

Bans of Marriage

Congratulations and best wishes to Nicole Church and Matt Miller who will be married soon. May God bless them and their marriage

SAVE THE DATE!

The Tom Mangan Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for **Sunday, July 31st** at the Genegantslet Golf Course in Greene, NY. There will be a shotgun start at 1:00p.m. More details to follow.

Pastoral Council Garden

The Pastoral Council has decided to grow a garden at the old school playground site with the produce going to Catherine's Cupboard. Preparations begin this summer with the soil, and just like our Patron Saint, St. Francis of Assisi, we are begging for some basic supplies to get started. We need some **tarps** to cover the grass to get rid of the roots, **steel fencing and fence posts**, and some **hoses** to get water from Pastor Joyce's house to the site. Please don't start dropping items off but call Deacon Steve at 607-648-2155 so the sub-committee can decide what we need. Thank you.

Ukrainian Festival Days

St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church will be holding its 89th Annual Ukrainian Festival Days on **Saturday, July 16th, 12p.m.—7p.m. and Sunday, July 17th from 11a.m.—6p.m.** All proceeds from the festival help to maintain the church facilities and support cultural and humanitarian projects. All are invited to share in the festivities.

Eagle Scout Project Update

Nicholas Norton would like to thank all the parishioners who donated toward his Eagle Scout project to replace the book holders in the church pews. The car wash was very successful, and all of the donations have been greatly appreciated. He has raised enough funds to be able to order the materials needed to build the book holders and hopes to begin work on them in the near future. Thank you, again, for all of the support.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of July 3rd — CLOSED
 Week of July 10th — George & Pat Clark

Shelving (Mondays)

July 4th — CLOSED
 July 11th — P. Turnbull, A. Hanley

Distribution

July 5th — A. & S. Faughnan, J. Wyatt, M. Quinn, R. & P. Scales

Last Weekend's Offering (06-26-16)

208 Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,832.75
Loose Collection.....	\$336.00
Electronic Donation.....	\$545.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,713.75

Thank you, everyone for your donations.

They are greatly appreciated!

Human Trafficking Youth Awareness Day

The American Civic Association, in partnership with Safe Harbor, will be hosting a youth Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness event. During the event, participants will learn the definition of human trafficking, its causes and effects, how to identify signs of trafficking, and what steps to take in order to receive help if they or someone they know faces a human trafficking situation. The event will also include a self-defense class, workshops, role playing skits, and trivia. Lunch will be provided. Please join us at the American Civic Association, located at 131 Front St, Binghamton, NY 13905 on **July 9, 2016 from 11:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.** for this Anti-Human Trafficking Youth Awareness event. Due to the sensitive nature of the materials that will be covered, we ask that all participants be 12 years of age or older. Please feel free to contact our office by phone at 723-9419 or by email at jomar@americancivic.com for any questions.

The Fourth of July

The Preamble to our nation's Constitution reads more like a covenant we Americans have made with one another than a legal outline of how our government will operate. Although God is not mentioned at all, we can sense God's Spirit in the Preamble: "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, established justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity..." To strike that balance between the practical demands of governing and the values of God requires that we participate in the affairs of government responsibly and intelligently, in the wisdom and justice of God.

We are called to proclaim the reign of God— a reign not based on material possessions or on financial security or on political or military power. The harvest is ready. Now is the time. God's love is abundant and invites us to share the abundance.

Saint John of the Cross taught that all the goodness present in the realities and experiences of this world "is present in God eminently and infinitely, or more properly, in each of these sublime realities is God". This is not because the finite things of this world are really divine, but because the mystic experiences the intimate connection between God and all beings, and thus feels that "all things are God".

We are called to work for the liberation of the whole world. We are to get excited about the vision of Jesus. From this excitement and love, will come a vision that includes all the particular individual calls which can all be a source of life and freedom and joy (not a heavy burden or a commitment to some big institution, but a source of freedom).

We are all called to follow Jesus with a deep confidence in the abundance of God's gifts. We are called to work for the joyous liberation of the world and all its people. We are called to be liberated and alive in God and with one another. (Might this be the true spirit of Independence Day?)

Summer is upon us & we need YOUR HELP to complete some projects

- 1) Neighborhood **Vacation Bible School July 18-22 from 6:15–8:30p.m.** Binghamton First Church of the Nazarene 1282 Chenango Street Sponsored by: Binghamton First Church of the Nazarene, Ogden Hillcrest Methodist and St. Francis of Assisi. VBS Volunteers needed . If you are a "seasoned" volunteer or new, please call Maria Kirk 722-4177...see bulletin as to supplies that are also needed
- 2) Need Help with our landscaping: Gardens around the parish need weeding and dead heading old flowers. Easy work for those who can get ground level. Shaping of some shrubs (tools are available but talent to do this is needed). Take pride in our parish and help it look great!
- 3) Parish Picnic: **August 28th, Port Dick Park. 12 –3:00.** We Need help planning, set up, cleanup, games etc
- 4) School Supplies collected during August, give away on **Tuesday August 30th.** Basic school supplies & backpack, no lunch boxes.

IF you can help in any of these projects, in any way, please sign the form, cut this section out (including both the top section and the signup form) and drop off to Parish Center or leave in collection basket during Mass in the next few weeks. All of these are good "family or service projects" for teens and adults to do together. Please consider helping us one way or another.

SIGN UP FORM) I want to help on project 1 2 3 4
 Name _____
 Cell-phone #() _____ - _____ Email _____

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

July 9th & 10th, 2016

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector Kathleen Tait
EM Host Dc. Steve
EM Host Catherine Shafer
EM Host Dom Lomonaco
EM Cup Marge Mangan
EM Cup Mary Ellen Meskell
EM Cup Peggy Munson
EM Cup Jan Pandich
Altar Server Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server Logan Lomonaco
Altar Server Bryan Heller

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Tim Hogan
EM Host Dc. Steve
EM Host Tim Vaverchak
EM Host Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup Mary DeNinis
EM Cup Ede Blabac
EM Cup Lou Angelo
EM Cup Sr. Karen Gaube
Altar Server Brigid Birtch
Altar Server Natalie Broderick
Altar Server Peyton Broderick

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Tom Giblin
EM Host Dc. Steve
EM Host Sue Jones
EM Host Jules Furrer
EM Cup Jim Lewis
EM Cup Maria Lord
EM Cup Rose O'Neil
EM Cup Kerri Hamilton
Altar Server _____
Altar Server _____
Altar Server _____

Question of the Week

Theme: We work together to share the Good News of Jesus.

Question for Children: To whom would you announce the Good News about Jesus? Who do you think most needs to hear this message?

Question for Youth: When Jesus sent the disciples out, he was preparing them for the future when he would be gone. How are you growing in your own faith and preparing for a life as a Christian disciple?

Question for Adults: Why do you think Jesus sent them out two by two, rather than alone?

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