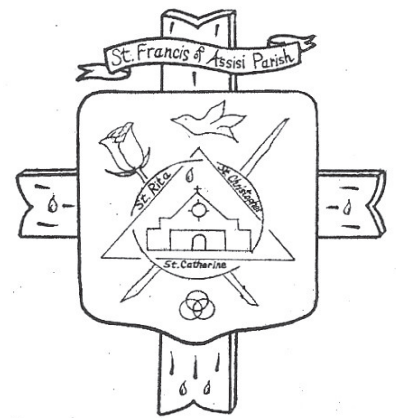
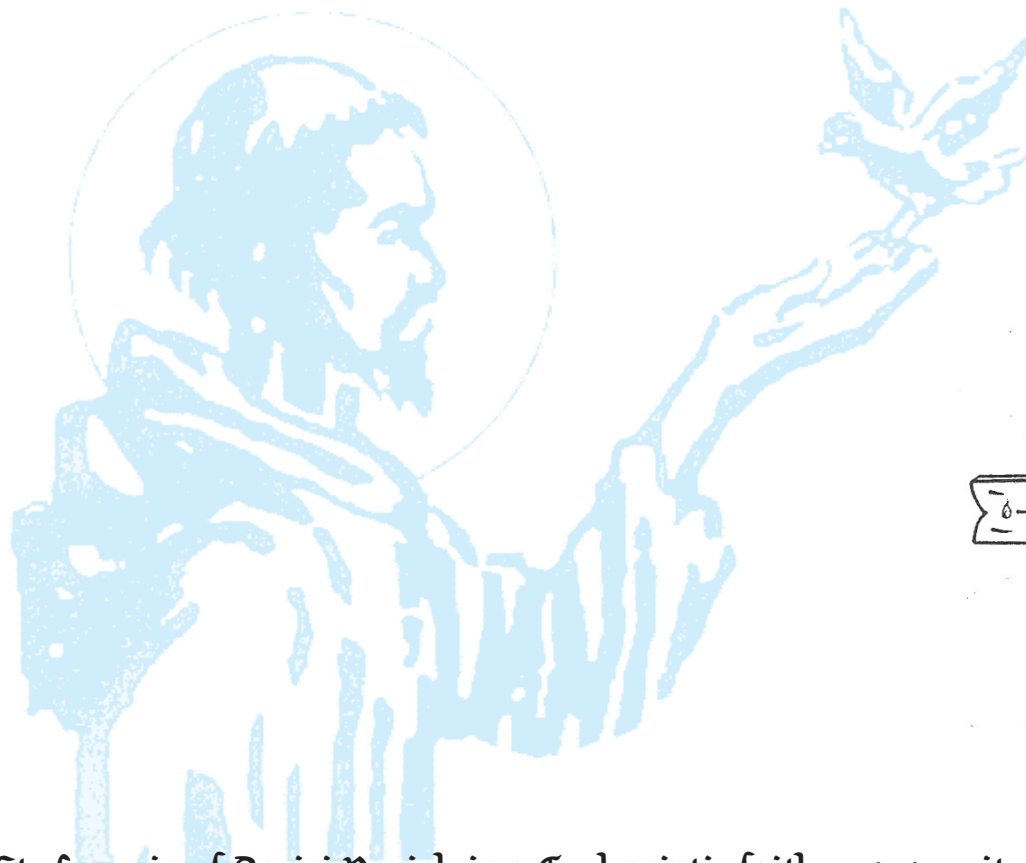


August 28, 2016

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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Monday through Thursday
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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, August 27, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Jodi Rhoades by Family

Sunday, August 28, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Linus Brennan by Mommy & Daddy

11:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Monday, August 29

8:00 a.m. Constance Clune by Mr. & Mrs. James Willerton

Tuesday, August 30

8:00 a.m. Rob Loftus by Wife, Sheila

Wednesday, August 31

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Gunter by Marge Mangan

Thursday, September 1

8:00 a.m. Mannino Vita by Daughter, Fina & Family

Friday, September 2

NO MASS

Saturday, September 3, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. William Health by Yvette Heath & Family

Sunday, September 4, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. David M. Hanzas by Family

11:00 a.m. Dc. Ray Goskowski by the Dotson 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 any time.

Last Weekend's Offering (08-21-16)

175 Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,021.75
Loose Collection.....	\$328.00
Electronic Donation.....	\$642.00
Total Collection.....	\$5,991.75

**Thank you, everyone for your donations.
They are greatly appreciated!**

Faith Formation

There will be a catechist meeting next Sunday, September 4th at 9:15 AM in the Library at the school. I'll have breakfast for us.

Faith Formation Registrations are due by September 8th.. Please be sure to fill out a form and return it to Maria Kirk so that class lists can be prepared for our upcoming Faith Formation year.

If you have misplaced your registration packet, there are extras available on the ushers table or on our website.

Registrations can also be filled out online at <http://www.stfrancisbing.org/faith-formation-registration-form.html>

Pre-Baptism Class

A Baptism Preparation Class will be held on Tuesday, September 20th at 6 PM, in the Faith Formation Office, 1031 Chenango ST. If you are expecting or have recently given birth and wish to have your baby Baptized please call Maria Kirk to make arrangements to attend.

Zumba Dance Fitness at St. Francis

Join our Zumba class on **Wednesday nights at 5:45** in the St. Francis of Assisi gymnasium. First class is always FREE, so come try it out. Feel free to email Diane Pierce Weiss at zumbawithdianepw@gmail.com for more information.

Yoga Classes Held at St. Francis

Please join Casey Calvey, Yoga Instructor, for gentle Hatha Yoga Classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. To register or for more information, contact Casey at 760-9549 or visit www.broomespiritsonyoga.com. All parishioners receive their first class free!

Prayers . . .

Please remember all of our parishioners who are in hospitals and nursing homes and our home-bound. Also, please pray for our deceased parishioners and loved ones especially, Charles Jaworski and Margaret Stolarcyk.



September 1st World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Pope Francis has established September 1 as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, inspired by the example of the Orthodox Churches who have observed this day for a number of years. Pope Francis wishes to remind us that: "Christians are called to "an ecological conversion whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them." Thus, "living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience" (*Laudato Si'*, 217). So on Thursday, September 1, we pray...

A Christian prayer in union with creation

Father, we praise you with all your creatures.

They came forth from your all-powerful hand;
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.

Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus,

through you all things were made.

You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother,
you became part of this earth,

and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.

Today you are alive in every creature
in your risen glory.

Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light

you guide this world toward the Father's love
and accompany creation as it groans in travail.

You also dwell in our hearts
and you inspire us to do what is good.

Praise be to you!

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,

teach us to contemplate you
in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of you.

Awaken our praise and thankfulness
for every being that you have made.

Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined
to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world
as channels of your love

for all the creatures of this earth,

for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good, advance the weak,
and care for this world in which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out.

O Lord, seize us with your power and light,
help us to protect all life,

to prepare for a better future,

for the coming of your Kingdom
of justice, peace, love and beauty.

Praise be to you! Amen.

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.

Our Lady of Sorrows Super Raffle

The 2016 Our Lady of Sorrows Super Raffle drawing will be held on September 13, 2016, with prizes totaling \$15,000. Only 350 tickets will be sold at a cost of \$100 each. For more info. or a ticket application form, call (607) 748-8287.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Bereavement Support Program

A new Bereavement Support Program will begin here on Tuesday, September 20, from 1:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m. in St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center, 1030 Chenango St. for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. Such a loss is one of life's most difficult experiences, but sharing one's thoughts and feelings with others, who have had a similar loss can be helpful on the journey from grief to healing.

To register for this 10-week process and for more information, please call Sister Karen (daytimes) at the Parish Center at 722-4388 or Rose O'Neil (evenings) at 772-0820 by Monday, September 12 so that books can be ordered.

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WM. R. Chase & Son Funeral Home
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Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of August 28th — Nancy Oliver

Week of September 4th — **LABOR DAY weekend**

Shelving (Mondays)

August 29th — T. & M. Phalen

September 5th — **LABOR DAY**

Distribution

August 30th — **BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

September 6th — R. & P. Scales, R. O'Neil,
K. Dotson, M. Hayes, R. Serafina

Catholic Cruise Eastern Caribbean

Come and sail away on a 7-night Eastern Caribbean Cruise with Father Salvatore Sciorba, **November 26th to December 3rd**, 2016 on Holland America's Eurodam out of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Prices begin at \$1,658 for two passengers, including all port fees and taxes. Deposits of only \$350/person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Robert or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or Eileen@catholiccruisesandtours.com

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.

Care for our Common Home

Laudato Si excerpts from paragraphs 127 - 129 below are from Chapter 3 titled, *The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis*.

"...We need to remember that men and women have "the capacity to improve their lot, to further their moral growth and to develop their spiritual endowments". Work should be the setting for this rich personal growth, where many aspects of life enter into play: creativity, planning for the future, developing our talents, living out our values, relating to others, giving glory to God...

We were created with a vocation to work. The goal should not be that technological progress increasingly replace human work... Work is a necessity, part of the meaning of life on this earth, a path to growth, human development and personal fulfillment. Helping the poor financially must always be a provisional solution in the face of pressing needs...To stop investing in people, in order to gain greater short-term financial gain, is bad business for society. In order to continue providing employment, it is imperative to promote an economy which favors productive diversity and business creativity...Civil authorities have the right and duty to adopt clear and firm measures in support of small producers and differentiated production..."

Annual School Supplies Collection

It's that time of year....summer is here, and it's time to think about the kids going back to school.

The following items are needed to give students a fresh start in their classes:

Backpacks, paper, notebooks (bound or spiral, 1, 3 or 5 subjects & also small ones for assignments), pens, pencils (colored and plain), binders, rulers, safety scissors, markers, crayons and highlighters, pencil bags, book covers, glue sticks, erasers and index cards.

NO LUNCH BOXES are needed.

If you are able to help donate any of these items, we will be forever grateful. Seeing the child's face tells us we are making a difference. **Supplies are given out on Tuesday, August 30th at 5:30 p.m.** The child must be in K-12 and living with the adult who is registering them. First come, first serve. In the past we have given to over 100 kids. This is open to anyone, so pass the word.

Would you like to help? At 10:00 a.m. on August 30th we will sort and set up. Then, at 5:00 p.m. we will get ready to give out. Just show up if you want to help. We appreciate your generosity to help children while they prepare to go back to school.

THANK YOU !

Items can be left at the Parish Center or in the barrels at church right up until August 30th.

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

September 3rd & 4th, 2016

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	John Artman
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Kelly Benjamin
EM Host	Paulette Scales
EM Cup	Ron Scales
EM Cup	Mary Frances Charsky
EM Cup	Brenda Artman
EM Cup	Jan Pandich
Altar Server	Elizabeth Wrighter
Altar Server	Mikayla Bucci
Altar Server	Tyler Norton

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Dom Lomonaco
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Sr. Karen Gaube
EM Host	Ede Blabac
EM Cup	Kurt or Kelly Mohny
EM Cup	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup	Joanne Horoschak
Altar Server	Sarah Bush
Altar Server	Mary Bush
Altar Server	James Bush

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Jules Furrer
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Jim Lewis
EM Host	Maria Lord
EM Cup	Rose O'Neil
EM Cup	David Bollinger
EM Cup	Katie Ginalski
EM Cup	Sue Jones
Altar Server	Zachary Carr
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	_____

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Jesus tells us that we should treat everyone as a guest. Who do you tend to shun or not be nice to?

Question for Youth: God asks us to do for others without hope of repayment. This past week, what did you do for someone else for which you won't be repaid? Who are the people most in need of your generosity?

Question for Adults: Who are the people living near you that you would find it most difficult to invite to a meal in your home? Or to invite to be part of your life?

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