

June 30, 2024

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

*Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!*

-EMMA LAZARUS



St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Eucharistic faith community committed to living and sharing the Gospel life.

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Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday:
7:30 am to 4:30 pm
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Confession:

2nd & 4th Saturday of every
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Saturday, June 29, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Peter & Clara Ann Savo by Family

Sunday, June 30, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10:30 a.m. Tim Reardon by Joan Williams

Monday, July 1
 12:00 p.m. Vita Mannino by Family

Tuesday, July 2
 8:00 a.m. Anna & Stanley Mucha by Family

Wednesday, July 3
 12:00 p.m. Howard Rettig by Sister Joanne & Family

Thursday, July 4
NO MASS

Friday, July 5
NO MASS

Saturday, July 6, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Jerry Davies by Wife, Dottie

Sunday, July 7, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10:30 a.m. Antonio De Luca by Family

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**

Profit & Loss Weekly Summary (06-24-24)

Ordinary Contributions.....	\$5,427
Loose Cash.....	\$356
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$81
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$351
Catholic Schools.....	\$26
Votive Candles.....	\$34
Total Contributions.....	\$6,275
Ordinary Expenses.....	\$9,090
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$138
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$1,064
Votive Candles.....	\$66
Total Expenses.....	\$10,358
TOTAL.....(Loss) —	\$4,083

Please help keep our Parish going!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SCUBA
diving into friendship with god

Free

July 8-11
6:30-8:30 PM

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall

Scan QR Code to pre-register. Pre-registration is preferred.

Scuba Buddies Entering Kindergarten - Ending 5th

VBS is free to all participants, if you would like to help cover the costs please place monetary donations in an envelope marked VBS and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory. A million thanks for your help!

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 Mary Ellen Meskell and Marie Jones.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

The scriptures today affirm the value of life – human life, the lives of all creatures, and the life of the planet. God desires life not death for all people. God desires a good quality of life for all people. The gospel stories reflect God’s desire to heal those who are ill and to bring people to the fullness of life and health. God calls us to respect the creation that God has given us as a gift. It is not a thing for selfish exploitation or the profit of the few. Pope Francis in Laudato Si reminded us that widespread indifference and selfishness worsen environmental problems. Global dialogue and solidarity are needed. In today’s gospel, the approach of Jesus is very “person centered.” He cares for individuals. He spends time with the woman who has the hemorrhage. He is not afraid that she is “unclean.” He drives out the crowds so that he can personally deal with the little girl and her family. He makes sure that the little girl has something to eat.

Keeping in mind the approach of Jesus, we may want to direct our attention to some of the particular issues that confront our world today.

†God wants life and health for all people, yet the marvels of modern health care are not available to all. This is still true in the United States where not everyone has access to insurance, and is dramatically true in the poorest nations of the world.

†“God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living.” Yet war and violence continue to result in death. Irresponsible environmental practices result in death and illness to countless people and to other creatures of the earth. War and terrorism continues all over the world.

†Jesus responds to the need of the child who is ill. Yet, today countless children do not have the care, medicines, and preventive practices to stay health as they face illnesses like malaria or HIV/AIDS. The latest United Nations reports tell us that 800 million people experience hunger on some regular basis.

†God “does he rejoice in the destruction of the living.” God “fashioned all things that they might have being” (Wisdom 1:1). God wants us to respect the well-being of all living things and of our planet. The environmental abuse of our world is a grave sin.

#PRESTOSTRONG Fundraiser

On Friday June 14h, Chenango Valley Junior A.J. Presto suffered a severe spinal cord injury from a swimming pool accident. While the future is still unclear, A.J. continues to fight and work towards recovery. Join us on **Saturday August 10th from 6pm—10pm at Chenango Valley State Park Golf Course Club House** for a benefit for A.J. and his family. Presale Tickets are \$15 (\$20 at the door) and will include 2 sodas or cans of beer and 5 raffle basket tickets. There will be tons of raffle baskets, 50/50 drawings, food specials and live music throughout the night. Please plan on joining us for a night of fun and support for this tremendous young man. Donations & merchandise orders may be made online [prestostrong2024.itemorder.com](https://www.prestostrong2024.itemorder.com)

Save the Date: Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 8th

First Ukrainian Pentecostal Church Grounds (Old St. Christopher’s Church)

(143 Castle Creek Road)

More information will be coming soon

For a parish picnic to be successful, help is desperately needed. So, if you would like to volunteer and get involved please call the parish center (607-722-4388).

13th Sunday in Ordinary: Justice Challenge

We mark Independence Day every July to celebrate our freedom as a democratic nation. We honor the creation of the Declaration of Independence, which describes the equality of all people and their right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Your challenge this week is to celebrate human rights, but to also ask yourselves—as individuals and as families—how much you uphold these rights. Do you vote? Do you study the positions of candidates so you can vote with an informed conscience? Do you advocate with your state and national legislature for bills which defend the human rights of all God’s people? On a personal level, do you defend others from persecution, ridicule, or the denial of their right to life, freedom and happiness?

13th Sunday in Ordinary: Creation Care Tip

“God does not delight in the death of the living. For he created all things so that they might exist; the generative forces of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them.” –Wisdom 1:13-14. Personally, we may not like buzzing, crawling, slithering, or scampering critters like bees, insects, mice, or snakes that inhabit our yards, gardens, and parks, but God created them as creatures with value. This week, vow to eliminate, or cut back on, your household’s use of pesticides and poisons that kill wildlife, seen and unseen. Advocate that your city use only natural methods of critter control in its parks and public areas.

Update: Lightweight Plastic Collection

As of last counted we have collected about 3,094 pounds of soft lightweight plastics to be recycled. This collection is ongoing and will continue until 11/3/24. For more information see the collection bin located in the parish center foyer or call the parish center.

Community Garden Volunteers Needed

We are looking for someone to spearhead the Community Garden. Charlotte Heaney kept it alive for many years, but she is no longer able to. It provides some produce for Catherine’s Cupboard. It would be a great service project for anyone in need of hours. Email Nora Bush at nbush@familyenrichment.org if interested.

PLEASE TELL US THE NAMES & ADDRESSES OF SHUT-INS, WE WOULD LOVE TO REACH OUT!
CALL DELORES AT THE PARISH CENTER
(607)722-4388 TO LET US KNOW! THANK YOU!

**Catherine's Cupboard Distribution
Volunteer Schedule**
July 2nd— M. Hayes and A. & S. Faughnan



**DONATION
PAMPHLET**

Please feel free to take a Catherine's Cupboard donation pamphlet in the back of the church or at the parish center. This pamphlet has some great information about our food pantry as well as

CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD many easy ways to contribute to the pantry. There are numerous ways YOU can help those in need right here in our community. The pantry relies on people like you to do your part! Take one or request one to be sent to you!

Newman House Golf Tournament
Newman House Catholic Community at Binghamton University will be having it's annual captain and crew style golf tournament.

When: August 4th
Where: Traditions at the Glen
Cost: \$100/Player
Hole Sponsor: \$200
Send a check to:
Newman House
400 Murray Rd.
Vestal, NY 13850

OR register online at newman.binghamtonsa.org/

All proceeds go to help fund the Newman House Budget and Maintenance of the Building

Chenango Bridge Fire Company Fundraiser
It's too hot to cook! Chenango Bridge Fire Company is sponsoring a Doug's-To-Go Fish Fry fundraiser on Tuesday, July 2nd from 11:00AM—6:00PM in the Lowe's outer parking lot. For "call-ahead" orders that day, call 607-753-9184 until 4:00PM.

AOH CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
Saturday August 3rd @ 8:30AM Captain and Crew Golf at **Ely Park** followed by a steak dinner awards party. Only \$80 per player \$320 per team. More info can be found on the BCAOH website www.bcaoh.com

Opening: Seton Catholic Central Principal
Seton Catholic Central is looking for a Principal for the 2024-25 school year! If you are interested in applying, please reach out to CSBC President, Tracy Caezza at tcaezza@syrdiocese.org.

SAVE THE DATE *Totus Tuus*

JULY 21-26, 2024

GRADES 1 - 6,
9AM - NOON,
MON - FRI

GRADES 7 - 12,
7PM - 9PM,
SUN - THURS

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
VESTAL NY

Annual

**MEN IN BLACK
SOFTBALL GAME**

SUNDAY, JULY 28TH
5:30PM | MIRABITO STADIUM
BINGHAMTON

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**Annual Knights of Columbus 11403
Tom Mangan Golf Tournament**

Sunday, July 28th

Genegantslet Golf Club

1:00 pm shotgun start

Captain & Crew format.
All are welcome.

Cost: \$80/player, \$320/team
Dinner Only: \$30/person

Your team list as well as checks made payable to "KofC 11403" should be mailed or delivered to:

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center
1031 Chenango Street,
Binghamton, NY 13901

Any questions please contact:
Larry Koch @ 607-237-1300 or
Marge Mangan @ 607-725-2368

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
July 6th & 7th, 2024

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Thalia Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Mary Russik
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Carol Danoski
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Peggy Munson
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Steve Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Denise Baxter

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Julianna Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Daniel Dundon
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Clare Blackman
10:30 Mass	Lector	Kay & Ed Corcoran
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Scott Iglar
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Donna Iglar
10:30 Mass	EM Host	David Hanzes
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Mary DeNinis
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Suzanne Carr

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

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: What does sharing with others bring happiness to you?

Question for Youth: What are some of the miraculous moments in your own life? Do you ever pray for miracles?

Question for Adults: What is your personal response to St. Paul's instruction to the Corinthians today? How will this change your personal habits with money and possessions?

END OF BULLETIN

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