

July 07, 2024

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 8-11

6:30-8:30 PM

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall



Scuba Buddies  
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Kindergarten  
- Ending 5th

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### Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday:  
7:30 am to 4:30 pm  
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2nd & 4th Saturday of every  
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**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

**Monday, July 8**  
 12:00 p.m. Patrick Fitzgerald by Family

**Tuesday, July 9**  
 8:00 a.m. Keith Armentrout by John & Brenda Artman

**Wednesday, July 10**  
 12:00 p.m. Dick Talbut by Wife, Doris

**Thursday, July 11**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Friday, July 12**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, July 13, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Dorothy & Floyd La Clair by Darlene Rhodes & Children

**Sunday, July 14, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10:30 a.m. Anna Altadonna & Vito Carcieoppno 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](http://stfrancisbing.org)**

**Profit & Loss Weekly Summary (07-01-24)**

Ordinary Contributions.....	\$5,736
Loose Cash.....	\$539
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$86
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$546
Catholic Schools.....	\$6
Votive Candles.....	\$0
<b>Total Contributions.....</b>	<b>\$6,913</b>

Ordinary Expenses.....	\$8,131
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$126
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$888
Votive Candles.....	\$66
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$9,211</b>

**TOTAL.....(Loss) —\$2,298**

*Please help keep our Parish going!*



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**PRACTICE 7/29- 8/2**  
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**TOURNAMENT 8/3**  
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**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.



**Heating & Cooling System Meeting**

There will be a meeting on **July 16, 2024, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall**. We will be presenting information on a new heating & cooling system for the Parish Center. The current gas boiler in the parish Center is in its 65 year and, like or not, will fail sooner rather than later. Unlike what happened with the boiler in the school a few years ago, this time we can be proactive before we have a critical problem. As we mentioned, the purpose of our meeting on the 16th will be to provide information to the parish community about the different aspects of this project. We have approached this as opportunity to not only provide effective heating and cooling in the Parish Center, but also to reduce the carbon footprint at St. Francis (use less fossil fuel). The encyclical from Pope Francis, Laudato Si, which describes the importance caring for our home here on earth has been the incentive for this dual approach. Our Creation Care Team has been closely involved since the outset of this project. It has been largely through the efforts of some of those team members that we have been able to have a detailed energy audit here at the parish and gain access to some incentive funding. The project has proven to be a very interesting one and after our listening sessions in late April and early May, we thought this meeting would be a good opportunity continue our move toward Synodality at St. Francis. Please plan to attend. This is for the parish. There will be light refreshments and it shouldn't be more than an hour or so.

**Prayer for Civility**

As a Church and a nation, we are polarized and divided. Pope Francis challenges us to respond by building a “better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good” (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 154). We are called to overcome division, promote encounters with our neighbors, and seek the truth. *Civilize It: A Better Kind of Politics* is a nonpartisan initiative from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops that seeks to assist Catholics to counter polarization and division in Church and society by following the example of the Good Samaritan, who challenges us to “become neighbors to all” (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 80). Commit to *A Better Kind of Politics* and respond creatively to the problems facing our world and [civilizeit.org](http://civilizeit.org).  
*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.*

**#PRESTOSTRONG Fundraisers**

On Friday June 14h, Chenango Valley Junior AJ. 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. There are several fundraisers taking place to support AJ and his family. 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 at [presto-strong2024.itemorder.com](http://presto-strong2024.itemorder.com) until July 7th or Lawn signs reading “Presto Strong #29 Locked in for AJ” may be purchased until July 9th at [presto-strongjune24.itemorder.com](http://presto-strongjune24.itemorder.com). It would be a great support to have our whole area covered with these signs. Finally, there is also a GoFundMe fundraising page at [gofund.me/2686c774](http://gofund.me/2686c774). Most importantly, please keep AJ and his family in your prayers. He has a long road ahead of him and really needs support.

**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  
If you would like to volunteer and get involved please call the parish center (607-722-4388).

**14th Sunday in Ordinary: Justice Challenge**

It seems kind of funny that when the disciples went out on their missions, they failed sometimes. They tried to heal, and it didn't work. They tried to get rid of a demon, and it wouldn't leave. They talked with Jesus about this and he said they had to have faith. They needed to believe that they had authority and it would be theirs. This potential is offered to us as well. We might ask who are the sick, the poor, the mentally ill, the hungry and homeless? They are living among us – in our families, schools, workplaces and community. How do you serve? . In what small way are you being challenged to act on behalf of someone else in the face of fear?

**14th Sunday in Ordinary: Creation Care Tip**

Summer holidays and festivals can create a lot of trash in your neighborhood or town. Rather than walking by it feeling critical of the people who littered, bring a trash bag with you on your walks this week to pick up the trash before wildlife ingests it or it makes its way into the waterways, where it adds to the pollution.

**Holy Family Annual Bazaar**

Church of the Holy Family will be having their Annual Bazaar on **July 14th, 15th, and 16th at 3600 Phyllis Street in Endwell**. Food, Games, and Entertainment.

**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 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!

CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD

**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/](http://newman.binghamtonsa.org/)**

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

**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](mailto:nbush@familyenrichment.org) if interested.

**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](http://www.bcaoh.com)

**Knights of Columbus Trivia Knight Benefit**  
**Saturday, July 18th 7:00—9:00PM** (6:30PM open)  
**St. Patrick's Church Hall** (9 Leroy St, Binghamton)  
Trivia, Refreshments, Prizes, 50/50 Raffle  
Admission is \$12 at the door  
**All proceeds benefit LOCAL Charities and Catholic Schools of Broome County Scholarships**

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**MEN IN BLACK  
SOFTBALL GAME**

**SUNDAY, JULY 28TH**  
**5:30PM** | MIRABITO STADIUM  
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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 13th & 14th, 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	Patti Klepfler
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Judy Daniels
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Nancy Oliver
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Betsy Shields
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Kurt Mohny
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Kelly Mohny
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Michaela Wood
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Mary Bush
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Hadley Jenks
10:30 Mass	Lector	Lois Choinski
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Kevin Murphy
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Mary Mullaney
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Ede Blabac
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Shirley McCray

**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 sign-up form (on table in the back of the church) and drop it in a collection basket.**

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** What helps you have deeper faith in Jesus?

**Question for Youth:** When have you struggled to speak the truth among your friends? What makes this difficult? What are the consequences?

**Question for Adults:** Name a time when you placed your trust in God even though those around you did not believe.

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

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Kateri Tekakwitha

A smallpox epidemic in her Native American village left Kateri orphaned, disfigured, and half-blind at the age of four, and raised by relatives. Introduced to Catholicism by visiting priests, she was baptized when she was 19 against the objections of her relatives. Eventually, the persecution against her became so strong she had to steal away to a Christian village where she lived in holiness. After her death, her scarred face was miraculously restored to its original beauty.

### Grow with God

A relationship between two people is most satisfying when it is dynamic and growing but that takes effort and care. Our relationship with God is no different. Spending time with God and making Him a daily part of your life will help your relationship with Him grow and deepen.

### Got faith?

Faith is not about what you see with your eyes. Faith is about what you see with your heart. "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe" (John 4:48).



## Our God of second chances

The bad news is that at some point in our lives—probably way more than we would like to admit—we are going to make choices that hurt our relationship with God.

The good news is that our God is a God of forgiveness and second chances. Here are some suggestions for using God's second chances in your own life.

Come to your senses. The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-52) left the embrace of his father and ruined himself with bad choices. He finally "came to his senses" and returned home. Realize and admit your own mistakes and come back to your Father's embrace.

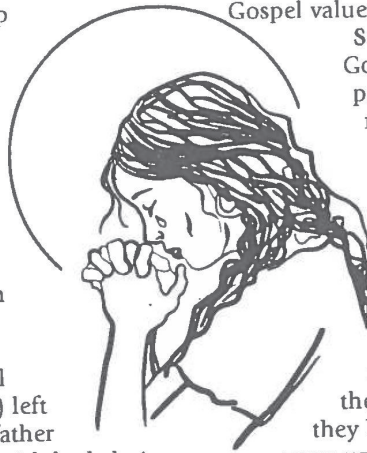
Avoid bad company. "Walk with

wise men and you will become wise, but the companion of fools will fare badly" (Proverbs 13:20). Surround yourself with people who will support your Gospel values.

Stay close. Closeness to God comes through prayer, Scripture study, regular Mass participation and living a Gospel-centered life.

Don't give up. Jesus spent three years teaching twelve people how to live as His

followers. They didn't always get it right (and they lived with Him!), but they kept trying. When you mess up, remember what Jesus said to the woman caught in the act of adultery. "Neither do I condemn you ... from now on do not sin anymore" (John 8:11). Pick yourself up and start again.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics wear scapulars?

Catholics wear scapulars as a sign of their devotion to Mary and their commitment to a Christian life. The scapular, particularly the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, symbolizes Mary's protection and promises spiritual benefits to



the wearer. Tradition holds that those who wear it faithfully will receive Mary's special protection and will not suffer eternal damnation. It serves as a daily reminder to live virtuously and is often associated with spiritual affiliation to religious orders like the Carmelites.

## A vacation is no vacation without Mass

Does your summer vacation sometimes include taking a vacation from Mass? Finding a Mass when you are away from home, or fitting it into a summer schedule can mean making special efforts. Here are four reasons to fit Mass into your summer routine:

Wherever Mass is said anywhere in the world, millions of people you don't know are praying for you and with you. Where else can you get that kind of help?

Attending Mass connects you to the Communion of Saints – the saints in heaven,



the souls in purgatory and believers on earth. That's powerful company.

After Jesus ascended to Heaven, His followers formed the early Church to keep His message alive. Every time you attend Mass, you help to keep Jesus' message alive.

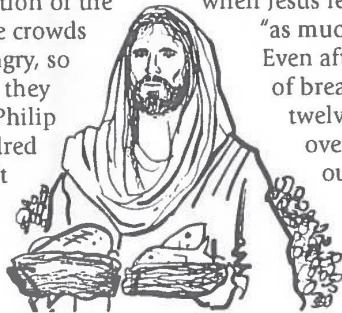
God commanded us to keep holy the Sabbath, and Mass is the way a Catholic fulfills that requirement. If God tells you to do something, it's a good idea to do it.

*Note:* to find a church or Mass time anywhere in the country, see [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org).

### from Scripture

#### John 6:1-15, God's generous response to generous faith

This Gospel passage records the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes. The crowds following Jesus were hungry, so Jesus asked Philip where they could get enough food. Philip calculated that two hundred days' wages still wouldn't buy enough food for them. Like Philip, we face problems that seem too big for us and can be intimidated.



brought – all of it. What a surprise when Jesus fed the five thousand "as much...as they wanted." Even after they'd had their fill of bread, there were still twelve wicker baskets left over! God can't be outdone in generosity.

When we are faced with many problems at once, it can be overwhelming.

It's easy to react like

Philip and give up hope. While on our own, we may not have much to offer, if we offer what we have to God, He can do something amazing with it.

### Q & A Why are Catholics asked to dress modestly?

Catholics are encouraged to dress modestly, firstly in church, to honor and respect the sanctity of the liturgy. This practice keeps the focus on prayer and the Eucharist, free from distractions. And, dressing modestly is a way to show respect and honor to God.



In general, modesty in attire reflects the dignity of the human body, recognizing it as made in God's image. By dressing with discretion, we display humility and purity, following scriptural teachings. Conforming to common standards of decency promotes unity and mutual respect.

Beyond church, modest dressing aligns with Catholic values of chastity and humility, guiding us to live our faith daily and publicly. It demonstrates self-respect and respect for others, acknowledging every person's dignity. Modest attire minimizes temptations and scandals, fostering purity in interactions. Moreover, it sets a positive example for others, especially the youth, reinforcing values of decency and virtue.

In essence, modest dress in church and everyday life cultivates an atmosphere of respect, reverence, and virtue, embodying and demonstrating our Catholic beliefs and values.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**July 3 – St. Thomas, Apostle (First Century):** Despite being known as "doubting Thomas," he made a beautiful profession of faith when he received proof of Jesus' Resurrection: "My Lord and My God" (John 20:28). Tradition says Thomas evangelized the Parthians, Medes, and Persians, and ultimately reached India.

**July 5 – St. Elizabeth of Portugal (1336):** The daughter of King Peter III of Aragon, she married King Denis of Portugal. She became known as "the Peacemaker" for resolving political

conflicts. After her husband's death, she became a Franciscan tertiary with the Poor Clares.

**July 15 – St. Bonaventure (1274):** Cured of an illness through the prayers of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Bonaventure became a Franciscan. As Minister General of the order, he cultivated a love of the way of St. Francis and the order's ideals.

**July 24 – St. Charbel Makhlūf (1898):** A Maronite hermit, St. Charbel lived a life of solitude and holiness. He had a reputation as a wonder worker, even among his Muslim neighbors.



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