

July 28, 2024

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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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 27, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Maude Houlihan by Family

Sunday, July 28, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10:30 a.m. Living & deceased members of the De Ninis Family by Mary & Vince De Ninis

Monday, July 29
NO MASS

Tuesday, July 30
NO MASS

Wednesday, July 31
NO MASS

Thursday, August 1
NO MASS

Friday, August 2
NO MASS

Saturday, August 3, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Barbara Fazio by John & Maureen Mizzoni

Sunday, August 4, Eighteenth 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 (07-22-24)

Ordinary Contributions.....	\$7,405
Loose Cash.....	\$228
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$111
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$419
Catholic Schools.....	\$16
Votive Candles.....	\$0
Total Contributions.....	\$8,179
Ordinary Expenses.....	\$8,131
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$126
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$888
Votive Candles.....	\$66
Total Expenses.....	\$9,211
TOTAL.....	(Loss) —\$1,032

Please help keep our Parish going!

Angel of Hope Memorial Walkway and Garden

The Broome County Angel of Hope is in the Jeanne and John D. Wilfley Community Park, in the Village of Port Dickinson, New York. The angel is a replica of the Christmas Box Angel statue, located in Salt Lake City, Utah. The angel's face is that of a child, with arms slightly raised, waiting to be lifted. The Angel was first introduced in The Christmas Box, a worldwide bestseller by author Richard Paul Evans. In the story, a woman mourns the death of her little girl by making regular visits to her child's grave, marked by an angel statue. The Port Dickinson angel is the 50th angel of just over 150 angels across the world. As a memorial to children lost by families, inscribed bricks surround the base of the statue. The angel is displayed in a quiet area of the park, overlooking the Chenango River. Surrounded by trees and flowers, it is a place that is appropriately adorned for peace, reflection, and remembrance for all bereaved parents, grandparents, relatives, and friends who have lost a child. The last bricks were laid in the original section in 2013. We are pleased to announce that new orders for memorial remembrance bricks are once again being offered for purchase, which will be placed in newly constructed areas near the angel. New landscaping, walkways, and memorial benches are also planned, to expand the areas for reflection and remembrance. Scan the QR code to order a brick in memory of a child who passed in your family for \$150/brick. For any questions, email pdangelofhope@gmail.com



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 Maisie Matteson.



St. Francis of Assisi Parish Picnic 2024

Sunday, September 8th

1:00—3:00PM (Serving food at 1:30PM)

Please do not come before 1:00

First Ukrainian Pentecostal Church Grounds

(143 Castle Creek Road)

We are catering this year's picnic!

Bring your own: utensils and place settings and dessert to share.

Please consider a monetary donation to offset costs!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: set up, serving, clean up

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.

Prayer

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.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

We will be collecting for the Retirement Fund for Religious on the weekend of **August 17/18**. Since the 1988 founding of the collection by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, we have made a meaningful difference to the lives of countless senior religious nationwide. As we acknowledge these accomplishments, we must remain mindful that, with continued rising eldercare and daily living costs, many of our religious communities are still facing significant ongoing challenges in providing for the retirement needs of their aging women and men religious. Quite simply, our aging religious need your help. This is why I now turn to you with a renewed need for your assistance to ensure our senior religious are provided with critical support for their essential care, medicine, and daily needs.

#PRESTOSTRONG Fundraiser

Saturday August 10th from 6pm—10pm at Chango Valley State Park Golf Course Club House there will be 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 as well as #prestostrong merchandise may be purchased online at prestostrong2024.itemorder.com. Finally, there is also a GoFundMe fundraising page at gofund.me/2686c774.

Please keep AJ and his family in your prayers.

17th Sunday in Ordinary: Creation Care Tip

"They gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten." —John 6:13.

Often in our lives, we become paralyzed or fixated with the idea of not having enough and always needing more. Through the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus reminds us that there is always abundance. Use this week to examine your buying habits, especially surrounding food. Make a meal plan for the week and buy ingredients only for those meals to help reduce food waste, because so often in our insecurity about not having enough we purchase more than we need. If you have non-perishable items consider donating to the pantry.

17th Sunday in Ordinary: Justice Challenge

Most of us want to be part of a winning team or be part of something that works or is doing really well! We love to give to organizations that reach lots of people and do the most good. This week the readings include accounts of people who did things differently. The first was the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand. This account in John includes the little boy who shared his fish and barley loaves. From that, Jesus and the disciples fed five thousand and had food left over. The disciples wanted to do the normal thing... send everyone out for takeout or a drive-through. But Jesus used the faith of the little boy to do things differently. That boy might have felt a little foolish looking around at all the people and then looking at his own little basket. However, he had faith. He just had to do what he was called to do...share his food. Another encounter in Scripture has Jesus preaching in Nazareth where he is booted out of town. People couldn't take him seriously; he had grown up in their midst. They knew his story. Jesus wanted to share what he had with them, but they didn't want it. He chose to leave and to use it as a lesson for the disciples. If you are not welcome, just shake the dust from your sandals and move on... their loss. What a great challenge for us, to follow our heart and do God's will even if it looks foolish or we are rejected. This week, pray for God to show you where your presence and gifts are needed. Make a list of people, places, and causes that you might be called to serve. Choose one and take a step in faith to make a difference.

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

August 6th— M. Mizzoni, N. & D. Oliver, and Emma



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

Are You Hurting in Your Marriage?

Has your marriage become troubled, unloving/uncaring; has it grown cold and distant; are you thinking of or already separated or divorced but want to try again, then the Retrouvaille Program can help you. Call 1-800-470-2230 or visit HelpOurMarriage.com

HAVE YOU LOST A LOVED ONE?

A journey from grief to healing

For those who are living through the loss of a loved one, our highly successful support group provides a safe space to share ideas, thoughts and experiences that can lead to healing. This is one of life's most difficult journeys and there is no need to travel it alone. New knowledge, skills and perceptions can ease your way to move on without your loved one.

This 9 week program will begin on Monday, September 9th from 6 to 7:30 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center. Seating is limited so please register early. For more information and to register, please call Ginny Thompson at 607-222-1621 and leave a message if necessary.

Catherine's Cupboard: UPDATE!

THANK YOU to the students from Vacation Bible School for the great snack-food items donated last week. They were asked to "share" what they would have with their friends thus kids at the pantry can also share with their friends. ALSO, a big thanks to GOOD NEIGHBOR group out of Vestal (a food recovery site) for the bread and desserts donated to us on pantry dates. This is a food recovery outreach program that collects from Freihofer's distributor and then passes on to food pantries-soup kitchen etc. all for FREE! We are now able to give out fresh bread, rolls and desserts for 80 + families each week. As always, none of this is possible without YOUR support which we are so ever grateful for. You can follow along with our weekly donations and expenses in the "Profit & Loss" space in our bulletin.

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

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!

Fundraiser

DINNER FOR 8

hosted by:

Fr. Tim Taugher and Staff of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Enjoy an autumnal inspired 5 Course meal!

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center

(1031 Chenango Street)

Mutually agreed upon date

Bidding to be a part of this
dinner starts at \$250

Auction will take place at the #PRESTOSTRONG Benefit on August 10th, 6PM, at Chenango Valley State Park Golf Course.



Funds raised will benefit AJ Presto and his family.
#prestostrong

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
August 3rd & 4th, 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 Jane Paske
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Marge Mangan
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Steve Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Denise Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Betsy A Shields
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Barb Brozovic

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sydney Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Daniel Dundon
10:30 Mass	Lector	Anne Wolanski
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Rick Kazmark
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Shirley McCray
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Patrick Doyle
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	David Hanzes
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Virginia Thompson

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: How do you share with others what you have?

Question for Youth: Generosity is key to today's Gospel. What do you have that you should be sharing with others? Think of your possessions, your talents, and your time. How can you use these for the good of others?

Question for Adults: In what ways do you generously provide for the needs of others who have little or nothing?

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