

April 23, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



God's Vision of Abundant Life

2023 EARTH DAY PROGRAM

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
Friday: Closed

Confession:

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

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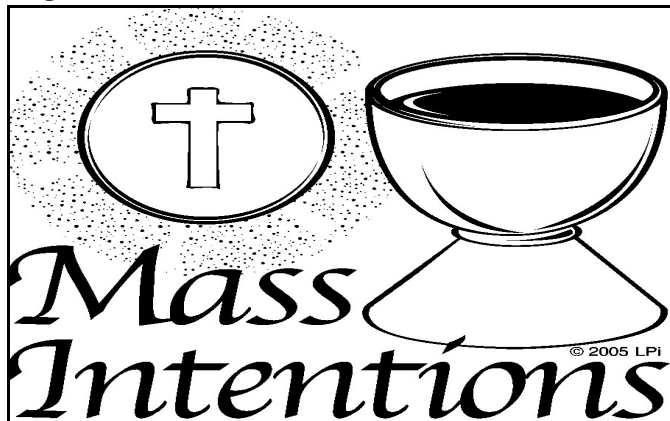
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We will be posting new
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**Saturday, April 22, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Donald Walls by Pattie Bartolillo & Family

Sunday, April 23, Third Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Monday, April 24

12:00 p.m. Mary Mercincavage by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Tuesday, April 25

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Wednesday, April 26

12:00 p.m. Ronald Antonyak by Chuck & Kathie Healy & Family

Thursday, April 27

8:00 a.m. James Meddleton by Selma Vinci & Family

Friday, April 28**NO MASS****Saturday, April 29, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. 100th Birthday- Ann Irving Munson by John & Peg Munson

Sunday, April 30, Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. Vita Mannino by 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.

Weekend's Offering (04-09-23)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,237.00
Loose Collection.....	\$1,097.25
Electronic Collection.....	\$2,912.00
Total Collection.....	\$8,246.25

Thank you for your generosity!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation for Grades K-9 will meet as usual today.

Looking Ahead:

- † First Eucharist dress rehearsal Saturday, May 6th at 10AM in the Church.
- † First Eucharist will be celebrated on Sunday, May 7th at the 10:30 Mass. The front pews will be reserved for the children preparing to receive the sacrament and their families. Mass will last a bit longer than usual, parishioners are asked to please plan accordingly.
- † Confirmation Retreat at Chenango Valley State Park will be held Saturday, May 13th. Parents and candidates are asked to check your email for details.

Memorial Mass

There will be a Memorial Mass for Jan Harris on Saturday, April 29th at 10:00AM at St. Francis of Assisi Church. All are welcome to attend.

Birthright Items Needed

Birthright is a volunteer organization dedicated to pregnant women and children. Please consider donating the following most needed items;

- † Receiving blankets
- † Stretchesuits size NB—6mo
- † Blanket sleepers size NB—18mo
- † Onesies size 0-3mo or 3-6mo
- † Diapers
- † Baby Bottles
- † Infant Board Books

Call Diane Yajko 607-372-0312 for more information or for interest in volunteering.

Rosary and Religious Item Donations

The Sisters of St. Joseph are helping the immigrants, homeless, and those who need a Christian reminder by giving them rosaries and religious items. If anyone would like to donate rosaries or other religious items, there is a basket on the back table of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

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.



Reintroduction of the Distribution of the Precious Blood (Cup)

Given the easing of restrictions associated with COVID-19 public health emergency, the distribution of the Precious Blood is going to be offered **beginning with the weekend liturgies of May 6th/7th**. The option of receiving from the cup gives a fuller expression of Jesus' command to "take and eat... and take and drink." Receiving from the cup is an option if you so wish to do as you come to communion (if you are not feeling well please forgo the cup). The procedure will be the same as before; come to the Eucharistic Minister, respond "Amen" to the words of that Eucharistic Minister, take the cup in your hands, and with devotion sip from the cup. As always the same procedure will be followed after the communicant leaves. The Eucharistic Minister will wipe the lip of the cup with a cloth, and turn it for the next communicant.

NO INTINCTION (dipping of host into the cup)

The current General Instruction of the Roman Missal [GIRM] offers a fine summary of the theology which undergirds this practice: Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds. For in this form the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clearer expression is given to the Divine Will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord, as also the connection between the Eucharistic banquet and the eschatological banquet in the Kingdom of the Father (no. 281). The reintroduction of this practice in our parish serves as an opportunity to reflect on the great gift of the Eucharist, the Real Presence of Christ Himself, to the people of God. Especially in this time of National Eucharistic Revival, a renewed appreciation of, and devotion to Jesus, who makes Himself available to us in Holy Communion at every Mass, is a reminder to all of the love of Christ and his desire to remain with his people always.

Spring Book Club

Our parish book club will begin on **Tuesday, May 9th, at both 2:00PM or 7:00PM in the Parish Hall**. The book is, *Living with Real Presence: Eucharist as an Approach to Life* by James Meyer. As we are in this time of National Eucharistic Revival, this book can be a rich source of prayer and reflection on the Eucharist during this Easter Season.

In this transformative new book, best-selling author, S. James Meyer introduces us to a whole-life encounter with the living Christ, awakening a fresh awareness that the Eucharist is about life, love, and relationships. *Living with Real Presence* reminds us that our lives, Christ's life, and all lives are united in a sacred communion with our Creator and creation. A spiritual journey for personal reflection or small group discussion, Meyer's "Eucharistic living" is a timely call for Catholics to engage in the National Eucharistic Revival. Please call Delores at the Parish Center (607-722-4388) to order a book and the time you hope to attend (2:00PM or 7:00PM).

Vision of Wholeness Prayer

*God of grace, creator of a world of plenty,
the heavens declare your glory
and the earth your generosity.*

*In love, you created us
and in your likeness you made us
to be partners in creation.*

*In greed, we have turned away
and have marred your image in us
to fashion a fragmented world.
Renew in us your vision of wholeness,
that the rich may restore wealth to the poor
and the poor share blessings with the rich.*

*Revive in us a passion for justice,
that the tyranny of profit be quelled
and whispers of freedom find voice.*

*Refresh in us our sense of calling,
that we may follow Christ in serving others
and live simply with those who simply live.*

Amen.

3rd Sunday of Easter: Creation Care Tip

"Now on that same day, two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened." —Luke 24:13-14

It seems the disciples thought nothing of walking seven miles in a day to get to their destination. This week, make a commitment to walk somewhere you would normally drive to, or if that's not possible, go for a walk in your neighborhood. Besides saving gas, what do you notice around you that you might have missed otherwise because you have to slow down?

3rd Sunday of Easter: Justice Challenge

Today's Gospel recounts the Emmaus journey of the two disciples. They recognized the resurrected Christ only when he broke bread with them. Saint Damien of Molokai, whose feast day is May 10, is well known for breaking bread with lepers. Your challenge this week is to reflect on the people who need you to break bread with them. Is it the people who come to the local Catholic Worker House for lunch or the homeless shelter? Is it the young person sitting alone in the cafeteria at school? Spend some time searching your heart and your community to see who needs you to be bread in their lives. Then break bread with someone new this week, and discover the face of Christ when you do so.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States of America and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

May 2nd—N. & D. Oliver, C. Botting, and D. Dobish

DeBella Scholarship: Due April 27th

DeBella Scholarship Applications are available on the website. Graduating Seniors are encouraged to fill out and return an application for a grant. **Applications are due 4 PM, Thursday, April 27th.** Applications are available on our website, stfrancisbing.org/scholarship-forms-and-contests

Ladies of Charity Scholarships

The Ladies of Charity will award three \$500 scholarships to high school seniors who plan to pursue a service-oriented career which specifically makes a difference in someone's life. The scholarship is based on academic achievement, financial need, and service to school, Church and community. Please see your school guidance counselor for an application. **Deadline is April 19, 2023.**

Laimons and Sylvia Drupa Scholarship

The Binghamton Garden Club is offering this scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 to a graduating senior in a Broome County high school. The selected senior must major in a university undergraduate program in horticulture, environmental studies, botany, landscape architecture, biology (not pre-med) or other directly related fields. The award is not just a one-year award, but has the potential of multiple years if all the requirements are met. Interested applicants should contact their school guidance counselor. Contact M. Rankin, Scholarship Chair, at 607-773-8959 for more information.

Hospital Visitation

Please remember, if you or another parishioner gets admitted to either Binghamton General Hospital or UHS Wilson Medical Center and you wish to be visited by Fr. Tim you need to tell someone. You should indicate that you are Catholic and belong to St. Francis of Assisi parish and that you wish to be visited by Fr. Tim or another Clergy member if you wish.

Are you currently planning a Catholic Wedding?

PreCana Day

A PreCana Day for **ALL ENGAGED COUPLES IN THE SOUTHERN TIER** preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony will be held May 6th. This is one of the **ONLY** local opportunities for marriage prep (otherwise you go to Syracuse)

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish

Saturday, May 6th, 8:30AM—5:30PM (with Mass)

Cost: \$60

Registration is REQUIRED, and space is limited so call the parish office at 607-723-5383 ASAP.

Southern Tier
Singers' Collective

LIGHTING THE WAY

Directed by William Culverhouse

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH

7:30PM

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Featuring the world premiere of Dunbar Hymn
by STSC Composition Competition winner
Liam Frager

Free and open to the public. Voluntary donations gratefully accepted.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you, celebrating with us, whether you're a long-time resident or newly arrived in the Parish. Please check the appropriate box and place in the collection basket or return to the Parish Center.

We thank God that you're with us.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

- ☐ New Parishioner, send registration form
- ☐ Change of address or phone number
- ☐ Temporarily away. Stop envelopes
- ☐ Moving, please remove from Parish Roster

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

April 29th & 30th, 2023

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Michaela Wood
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Joseph Carpenter
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Steve Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Denise Baxter
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sydney Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Toni Robinson
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Marie Iobst
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Shirley McCray
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Jules Furrer

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

10:30 AM Mass

April 23rd: Ede & Sarah Blabac

April 30th: Cindy & Kathryn or Lauren White

VIRTUAL LITURGIES

Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org
to watch our latest Sunday Mass or Liturgy
of the Word as well as Children's Liturgy
videos.

We will continue to post new videos for
reflection by 4:00PM on Saturdays.

Also find the videos on our
Facebook (search "@stfrancisbing")
YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)

**You can still view children's liturgy
virtually!**

Question of the Week

Question for Children: What is your favorite time to share a meal with your family?

Question for Youth: The disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread. How have you experienced Jesus at Mass, in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread? How have you experienced Jesus at meals and with friends and family?

Question for Adults: Share about great meals you've been part of, ones which are still memorable to you

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