

April 24, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

Divine Mercy Sunday



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

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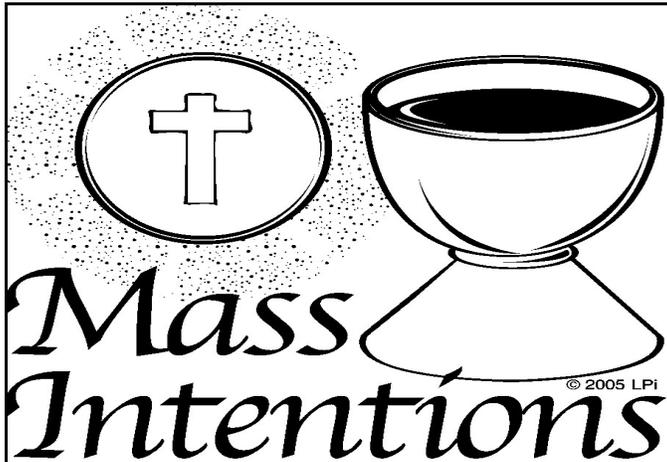
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Please go online to stfrancisbing.org to view our latest weekend reflection. We will be posting new videos by 4:00PM on Saturdays.

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



Saturday, April 23, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People
Sunday, April 24, Sunday of Divine Mercy

10:30 a.m. Martin & Kathryn Reagan by Daughter, Ellen Clark

Monday, April 25
 12:00 p.m. Martha Savo by St. Francis' Choir

Tuesday, April 26
 8:00 a.m. Rev. Stanley Gerlock by Marge Mangan

Wednesday, April 27
 12:00 p.m. Peter Schuchman by Kathleen Priddle Nicholson

Thursday, April 28
 8:00 a.m. Jim Lee by Wife, Sue

Friday, April 29
NO MASS

Saturday, April 30, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Martha Savo by Marge Mangan
Sunday, May 1, Third Sunday of Easter
 10:30 a.m. Lew Angelo by Sally & Dick Everett

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 (04-17-22)

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| Regular Envelopes..... | \$4,062.00 |
| Loose Collection..... | \$885.00 |
| Electronic Collection..... | \$2,021.00 |
| Total Collection..... | \$6,968.00 |

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation for grades K-9 in the school today. This is the last session for this school year.

Check the bulletin for information on Vacation Bible School this summer.

Looking ahead:

First Eucharist will be celebrated **Sunday, May 1st at our 10:30 AM Mass.** The first 10 pews on each side of the church will be reserved for children and their families. The first pew on the right side of the altar will be reserved for any handicapped persons. Mass will take a bit longer than usual, please plan accordingly.

Confirmation 2022 Retreat will be held at Otsiningo Park, **May 15th, 10:30 AM. All candidates are required to attend.** Permission forms were distributed or you can find the form on our website under Faith Formation>> Confirmation>> Confirmation Documents Forms and Assignments.

**Call to Action Upstate Presents:
A Thruway Tour
Catholic Culture Wars**

(Featuring: Michael Sean Winters)

Michael Sean Winters is a journalist with the National Catholic Reporter covering politics and events in the Roman Catholic Church. He is the authored *Left at the Altar: How Democrats Lost the Catholics and How Catholics Can Save the Democrats.* His biography of Rev. Jerry Falwell, *God's Right Hand: How Jerry Falwell Made God a Republican and Baptized the American Right* was published in 2012 to critical acclaim. Winters also reports on the U.S Church for the London-based Catholic weekly, The Tablet.

Culture Wars have distorted the Catholic intellectual and moral tradition of the Church. Winters will address the following topics:

- †Achieving a balance of the "common good" in our divided society
- †The American tendency to reduce religion to ethics and politics and how that adds fuel to the fire of culture wars
- †Protecting ourselves and our Church from the distortions of Culture Wars,
- †Becoming an inclusive church, one that listens, learns, and takes responsibility for proclaiming the Gospel.

—————→ **Tuesday, May 3rd, 7PM** ←————
at St. Francis of Assisi Church

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.

Mercy Sunday

Back in 2017, Pope Francis made a wonderful observation about mercy. He states:

Mercy in the light of Easter enables us to perceive it as a true form of awareness. This is important: mercy is a true form of awareness. We know that it [awareness] is experienced through many forms. It is experienced through the senses, it is experienced through intuition, through reason and even other forms. Well, it can also be experienced in mercy, because mercy opens the door of the mind in order to better understand the mystery of God and of our personal existence. Mercy enables us to understand that violence, rancor, vengefulness have no meaning, and the first victim is whoever feels these sentiments, because he deprives himself of his own dignity. Mercy also opens the door of the heart and allows one to express closeness especially to those who are lonely and marginalized, because it makes them feel as brothers and sisters, and as children of one Father. It favors recognition of those who need consolation and helps one find the appropriate words so as to give comfort. Brothers and sisters, mercy warms the heart and makes it sensitive to the needs of brothers and sisters with sharing and participation. Thus, mercy requires everyone to be instruments of justice, reconciliation and peace. Let us never forget that mercy is the keystone in the life of faith, and the concrete form by which we make Jesus' Resurrection visible" (4/23/17, Regina Caeli Address).

Thank You for Your Support Afghan Family, Ukraine, and Parish

Over the course of these last few months there have been a couple of unexpected and urgent emergencies.

One was for the Afghan family that resettled in our area this past January. They are settling and adjusting very well to this new life. Support was requested, and you responded so generously, with financial assistance, bicycles, and clothes.

Then came the unexpected war in Ukraine, and the impact on the lives of the Ukrainian people. The human need was, and still is, immense! However, you responded to our recent parish collections with a total over \$9,000.

We are looking at sharing this donation in a way that can be directly supportive to the need in Ukraine. Three in consideration include: The Ukrainian Pentecostal Church (located at the former St. Christopher's Church), World Central Kitchen (they make and serve meals in Ukraine and countries that have received people from Ukraine), and Caritas Ukraine (a Catholic agency that provides humanitarian assistance in the form of clothing, footwear, and other necessary items to people in need)

You have also been very generous in your overall financial support of our parish. So, thank you for all of this, and so much more!

If you would like to continue to make donations to our various collections, visit our website stfrancisbing.org.

THANK YOU!

Holy Week & Easter Thank You!

It was such a wonderful experience to be able to celebrate the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter this year. Coming together as a faith community was a hopeful sign in the celebration of the central mysteries of our faith; the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. I couldn't have done it alone— many people did so much behind the scenes, as well as participating in the liturgies. I am very grateful to all of our Parish Staff, and also the generous involvement of our parishioners who assisted in making each celebration a prayerful experience. Making these celebrations happen is always a challenge. So, THANK YOU to staff, volunteers, and you, our parishioners, for all your hard work.

— Fr. Tim

Arbor Day and Tree Planting

Arbor Day is celebrated on Friday, April 29th. To observe Arbor Day, our parish Creation Care Team along with churches in our neighborhood will be purchasing and planting new trees in Port Dickinson Park. A number of trees had to be removed due to disease, and this initiative will be a great effort to work together for the good of our community. We will be purchasing trees, but **help is needed on Saturday, April 30th at 10:00AM** to assist in planting. Meet us at Port Dickinson Park to beautify our wonderful park.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Creation Care Tips

Depending on where you live, vegetable gardening season is upon us, or will be soon. Do you have a small patch of earth where you can grow some food? Some pots on a patio or a bright windowsill? What about a local community garden? It is a good and holy thing to work with the earth, to plant seeds, and to tend them while they grow into plants. Jesus told many stories of farmers in Scripture. Your challenge this week is to seek out a place to grow food in your community. If you don't have your own space to garden or you have space to share with others, sign onto SharedEarth.com a site which matches up those with garden space and those seeking it. Plant some seeds or volunteer to help weed support those who are caring for God's creation and feeding those most in need.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Justice Challenge

God loves all people but has a soft spot in his heart for the poor and vulnerable members of society. Thomas was vulnerable because he missed out on the first appearance of Jesus to the Apostles. He was an outsider among the group, and he expressed his sense of being "distant" by refusing to believe their story. When Jesus arrived again with Thomas present, he directed his attention to the vulnerable Thomas. Jesus loved all of his followers, but Thomas was in need of special, preferential attention. Jesus delivered, and Thomas believed. The challenge this week is to give attention to the outsider in your group. Draw that person back in with your love. It's just the right thing to do as we celebrate Divine Mercy!

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule
Transportation
 NO TRANSPORTATION
Shelving (Mondays)
 NO SHELIVING
Distribution
 May 2nd— M. Peters, M. Walsh, P. Peters

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. **Submissions must be received by May 1, 2022.**
 Contact M. Rankin, Scholarship Chair, at 607-773-8959 for more information.

John M. DeBella Scholarships
 St. Francis of Assisi Finance Committee, in conjunction with the DeBella Oversight Committee has set aside a sum of money to establish the John M. DeBella College Scholarships. **Four, \$500 scholarships will be awarded to four seniors from the parish who plan to attend college in the fall.** Applications are available at the rear of the church. The application is also available on our church's website. **Applications are due by 4 PM on Thursday, April 28th. (Please note, office is closed on Friday).** In order to be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must be a REGISTERED member of the parish. Email mkirk@syrdio.org if you have any questions.

St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Chain
 Our Parish Prayer Chain welcomes requests for prayers for those who are ill or experiencing other important needs. If you have a prayer request or would like to become a part of the Prayer Chain, please call Delores at the Parish Center (607-722-4388).

Online Giving
 Would you like to save paper and time when giving monetary donations to us? We have the option of online giving for your convenience. Visit our website stfrancisbing.org and click "online giving" in the menu. It's easy to set up using your checking account, credit, or debit card for automatic or one-time donation options and you choose where the money goes. The following are the accounts we have available for donation:
Ordinary Contribution, Repair, Maint. & Utilities, Catholic School Support, Catherine's Cupboard, Special Sunshine, Capital Campaign, and the Southern Tier Afghan Resettlement Fund
Check it out!

Southern Tier Afghan Resettlement Fund
 • Use your camera on your smartphone to scan this QR code =====>>>
 • Learn more about our Southern Tier Afghan Resettlement Fund
 • Donate to help an Afghan family in need right here in the Southern Tier



"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

****Volunteer Opportunity: Needed For Co-Garden!!!****
 Spring is here and so are the thoughts of the delicious vegetables you can help grow for our pantry!! Needed are volunteers to help water the garden and tend to it. This is a great volunteer project for youth, confirmation candidates, and families that love the outdoors and help our pantry. Please contact me, Charlotte Heaney at cheaney@frontiernet.net or (607)765-8392. I am looking forward to working with you!!

Movie in Theatres: "Father Stu"
 Based on a true story, Father Stu is an unflinchingly honest, funny, and ultimately uplifting drama about a lost soul who finds his purpose in a most unexpected place. Father Stu is truly a story of hope in a time that can sometimes feel hopeless. And the fact that Hollywood is delivering it remains truly remarkable!
 As we commemorate our redemption in the celebration of Easter, you might consider going to this movie on how one person's life experienced redemption!

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 30th & May 1st, 2022

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| 4:00 Mass | Altar Server | Kathryn White |
| 4:00 Mass | Altar Server | Liam Wood |
| 4:00 Mass | Altar Server | Michaela Wood |
| 4:00 Mass | Lector | Joseph Carpenter |
| 4:00 Mass | EM Host | Carol E. Danoski |
| 4:00 Mass | EM Host | Lawrence Koch |
| 4:00 Mass | EM Host | Ed White |
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| 10:30 Mass | Altar Server | Sydney Keough |
| 10:30 Mass | Altar Server | William Keough |
| 10:30 Mass | Altar Server | Juliana Rice |
| 10:30 Mass | Lector | 1st Communion Readers |
| 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

May 1st
NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY

May 8th
Sarah Blabac & Cece Barry

Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org
to view our latest Sunday mass and
Children's Liturgy.

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: Jesus appeared to the disciples even though they were afraid and locked in the closed room. How can you show Jesus to another person this week by how you act?

Question for Youth: Thomas didn't believe because he hadn't seen Jesus with his own eyes. How hard is it for you to believe in God without being able to see God? How do you see God in the words and actions of others?

Question for Adults: Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Give one example of how you will show your belief in Jesus this week - how you are being sent forth.

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