

April 28, 2024

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

Listening Sessions:

Tuesday, April 30th @ 9:00AM Saturday, May 4th @ 10:00AM
Monday, May 6th @ 6:00PM



For our synodal Church
communion | participation | mission

“Enlarge the space of your tent”

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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, April 27, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Dan Mc Garry by Helene Corrigan

Sunday, April 28, Fifth Sunday of Easter
 10:30 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Monday, April 29
 12:00 p.m. Jim Lee by Wife, Sue

Tuesday, April 30
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Wednesday, May 1
 12:00 p.m. Vita Mannino by Family

Thursday, May 2
 8:00 a.m. Gerard LaClair by Darlene Rhodes & Family

Friday, May 3
NO MASS

Saturday, May 4, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Craig Totman by Mom & Dad

Sunday, May 5, Sixth Sunday of Easter
 10:30 a.m. 3rd Anniv. Bernadette Keough by Children

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**

Weekend's Offering (04-14-24)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$2,710.00
Loose Collection.....	\$500.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,450.00
Total Collection.....	\$4,660.00


FAITH FORMATION

Last weekend of Faith Formation for Grades K-9.
Grades 7-8-9 will meet at Port Dickinson Community Association grounds to plant a Microforest.

Looking Ahead:
 †Next Sunday at the 10:30AM Mass we will celebrate First Eucharist. The front pews of the church will be reserved for children and families. Mass may take a bit longer than usual, please plan accordingly. There will be a reception in the Parish Hall after Mass.
 †Saturday May 11th is the Confirmation Retreat at State Park. Please check your email for information regarding the retreat.



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.



Gospel Reflection: 5th Sunday of Easter

Jesus said, "I am the true vine and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.

Reflection: If God has any "pruning" to do so that we can become more fruitful disciples of Jesus, it can happen when we are attentive to the Word at our Eucharist. What we hear may help us realize how often we have missed or ignored God's gracious outreach to us. Having heard that Word will keep us connected to Jesus the Vine and give us renewed energy and desire to bear fruit as his disciples.

So we ask ourselves:

- † When have I felt God has spoken a special word to me?
- † What have I done to respond to what I have heard?

5th Sunday of Easter: Justice Challenge

May 1 is Holocaust Remembrance Day. That might sound grim, but the maxim that those who don't learn from history are doomed to repeat it has been proven true time and time again. Remembering the holocaust is a way to ensure that we never experience a similar event. Your challenge this week is to reflect on the holocaust which took place in Hitler's Germany. Discuss as a household what you know about it. Research why it happened, and how Hitler got so many people to try to exterminate an entire race of people. Then ask yourself what prejudice and hatred led up to the "Final Solution", the extinction of Jewish people. Commit yourself and your family to confronting racism or prejudice wherever you see it. This might be as simple as standing up to people who make comments at the expense of a particular group of people; it could mean advocating against regimes across the world which engage in genocide. Whatever you decide to do, hold all of the victims of the holocaust in your heart as you work to make sure that history does not repeat itself. Help the victims to not have died in vain.

Parish Synod Listening Sessions

In the letter you received recently we communicated to you about **5 listening sessions** that have begun. The next 3 sessions are on:

Tuesday, April 30th @ 9:00AM

Saturday, May 4th @ 10:00AM

Monday, May 6th @ 6:00PM

Your participation is strongly encouraged! All sessions are in the church hall. Please call the parish center to sign up. If you have not signed up for one, please do!

In preparation for our Listening Sessions please think about the following questions:

1. What do you see as the strengths and weaknesses of our parish?
2. What do you see as our challenges?
3. What are your hopes and dreams for our parish?
4. Outside of clergy, who do you view as our Parish Leadership?



Our Creation Care Team collected lots of lightweight plastics at the Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 20th. These plastics will be sent to Trex as part of the Nextrex recycling challenge program. If you have any lightweight plastics such as bags or wrappings we are collecting them at the parish center.

5th Sunday of Easter: Creation Care Tip

Put your care for creation into action this week. This week, replace your old lightbulbs with energy efficient ones. Replace store-bought cleaners (which contain harsh chemicals that can be destructive to the environment) with homemade and/or natural cleaners such as vinegar, lemon juice, baking soda, or biodegradable cleaners. Search online for easy-to-make recipes for common house-cleaning solutions.

AED Training Volunteers

We are currently looking for people in the parish who would volunteer to take Automated External Defibrillation (AED) training. An AED is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device. Please call Joe at the parish center if you are interested.

For Potential Godparents and Sponsors for Baptisms or Confirmation

Anyone looking to be a Godparent or Sponsor to a Confirmation Candidate **MUST** be a registered member of St. Francis of Assisi to be able to get a letter of certification. This is the only way that the Church can verify you are a practicing Catholic. Please call Delores at the Parish Center (722-4388) for questions.

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**

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

May 7th— N. & D. Oliver, C. Danoski, and A. Smilnak



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!

DeBella Scholarship Information

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 for these scholarships are available on the tables at the rear of the church. The application is also available on our church website, www.stfrancisbing.org. Applications are due by 4:00PM on Thursday, May 9th. (Please note, the parish office is closed on Fridays) In order to be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must be a REGISTERED member of the parish.



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Creation Care Team/Donations

In 2022, St. Francis of Assisi parish members formed a Creation Care committee in response to Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si. Since that time the committee has initiated many projects, large and small, that could engage parish members (as well as local community members) of all ages to understand and respond locally to the impact of global warming on our shared earth. To make a donation please go to this site: www.cathcap.org

select: Contribute —> **Support a Group**

select: St. Francis of Assisi - Binghamton, NY

This link helps you calculate your carbon impact by:

Flight, Driving, Total Co2 or Cash Donations.

CathCAP (Catholic Climate Action Projects) is a carbon offset platform that allows people to offset some of their carbon emissions from travel and pool their community's donations to fund a local or global ecological project. Please check it out!

For information or questions, please ask...

Kay Corcoran: edwardcorcoran719@yahoo.com

Or Anne Wolanski: annewolanski@gmail.com

Birthright Mother's Day Flower Sale!

Carnations will available at the entrances of the church after each service Mother's Day weekend. The \$1 donation per flower will benefit women with unexpected pregnancies throughout the region. Birthright of Binghamton is a pro-life nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to helping pregnant women and their babies.

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, Maintenance, & Utilities,
Catholic School Support, Catherine's Cupboard,
Special Sunshine, Capital Campaign, STAR Fund,
and Creation Care Team*

Why Volunteer?

There are so many reasons to volunteer:

- † Lets you share your knowledge and talents.
- † Provides opportunities for making many new friends.
- † Brings the special fulfillment that comes only from helping others.
- † Helps you "get outside" yourself and put your own problems — even grief — in perspective.
- † Allows you to polish old skills and learn new ones.
- † Lets you "repay" an organization that has helped you or someone you love.

So go out and give volunteering a try!

Concessions | Prizes | Music

BINGO Night

EVERYONE is invited to help support the After Prom Party!

SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH
1:00 PM
CHENANGO FORKS HS CAFETRIA

\$5 PER BOARD | \$10 FOR 3 BOARDS

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

May 4th & 5th, 2024

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Kylie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	McKenzie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Barb Brozovic
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	Mike Stricke

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	Scott Iglar
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Ede Blabac
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Nick Norton
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Patrick Doyle
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Catherine Shafer
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Virginia Thompson

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

April 28—Maria and Amy

May 5--ONLINE ONLY

May 12—Patti Klepfer and Toni Robinson

May 19— Ede and Sarah Blabac

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 keep yourself connected to Jesus in your daily life?

Question for Youth: Jesus is the vine – we are the branches, connected to Him as our life-source. When do you feel most connected to Jesus in your everyday life? How can you go there more often?

Question for Adults: How does your own connection to Christ, the vine, affect your daily life? What image from this reading helps you see the importance of this connection to Christ?

END OF BULLETIN

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