

April 29, 2018

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

## 5th Sunday of Easter

*"I am the vine, you are the branches.  
If you remain in me and I in you,  
you will bear much fruit, apart from  
me you can do nothing" (John 15:5)*

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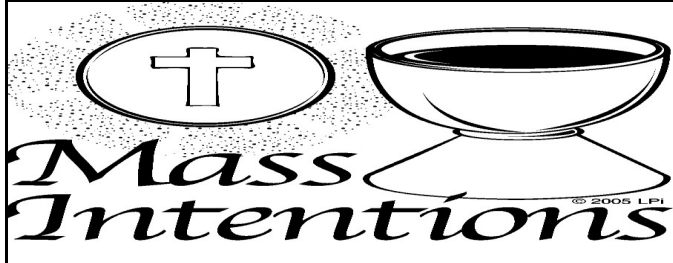
### **Mass Schedule**

Monday-Thursday  
8:00 am at the Parish Center  
Chapel

Saturday Evening  
4:00 pm

Sunday Morning  
8:00 am & 11:00 am

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



**Saturday, April 28, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. 36th Anniv. Hobart "Bud" Mohny Jr. by Kurt & Kelly

**Sunday, April 29, Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People  
 11:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

**Monday, April 30**  
 8:00 a.m. Elaine Spaziano by Barbara Kocak

**Tuesday, May 1**  
 8:00 a.m. Mannino Vita by Daughter Fina & Family

**Wednesday, May 2**  
 8:00 a.m. Rob Loftus by Wife, Sheila

**Thursday, May 3**  
 8:00 a.m. Antonio DeLuca by Daughter Fina & Family

**Friday, May 4**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, May 5, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Linus Brennan by Mommy & Daddy

**Sunday, May 6, Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
 8:00 a.m. Doreen Everett by Judy Adams  
 11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People - First Communion

**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 (04-22-18)**

Regular Envelopes.....\$4,902.50  
 Loose Collection.....\$447.00  
 Electronic Collection.....\$673.00  
 Total Collection.....\$6,022.50

*Thank you for all your generous donations*

**Faith Formation**

**Faith Formation Classes for K-9 today from 9:30-10:45AM. This is our last session until fall. Happy Summer!**

**Looking Ahead**

- First Eucharist will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 6th** at the **11:00AM Mass**. The front 12 pews on both sides of the church will be reserved for Families of children receiving 1st Eucharist. Mass may last a little longer than usual, **please plan accordingly**.
- Baccalaureate Mass honoring our graduating High School Seniors will be held on **Sunday, June 17th** at **11:00AM Mass**. Information regarding this celebration has been mailed. If you are a senior and did not receive this information please call Maria Kirk at the parish office 722-4177.
- Neighborhood VBS ***Shipwrecked! Rescued by Jesus*** will be held **July 9-13** at the Church of the Nazarene, **6:15-8:30PM**. Save the Date! Online registration information will be available soon.

**Parish Book Club**

Next Book Club Selection will begin May 8th. The Pope's new exhortation "Rejoice and Be Glad" will be the material. Call the parish center to reserve your book and study guide. (\$10)

**Seeds to Supper Signup**

Catherine's Cupboard is sponsoring "growing you own vegetables" training sessions particularly for our clients at the Cupboard. Six have signed up and there is room for 4 more persons. If any parishioners would like to participate please contact Deacon Steve at 648-2155 or sign up in the back of Church. Dates and times will be noted later after all people have been contacted.

**Birthright Mother's Day Flower Sale!**

Volunteers will be selling carnations 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.

**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.

**Living Holiness Today;**  
**Based on Pope Francis's Recent Apostolic**  
**Exhortation**

Creator of every human being, of every human life,  
 You call us to a life of holiness,  
 A life for the times in which we live,  
 Brimming with risks, challenges, and opportunities.  
 You remind us that we are never completely ourselves  
 Unless we are part of a community  
 And that holiness is found in our next-door neighbors,  
 In those living among us—those who reflect you.  
 May we come to see the great cloud of witnesses among us:

The elderly and the young,  
 The migrant and the refugee,  
 The asylum seeker and the immigrant,  
 The hungry and the poor,  
 The prisoner and the person confined to institutions,  
 The trafficked and the tortured,  
 The ethnic minority groups and the LGBTQ community,  
 The feminist and the visionary,  
 The educator and the learner,  
 The journalist and the poet,  
 The community activist and the policy maker,  
 The environmentalist and the economist,  
 The artist and the musician,  
 And the grassroots organizer and the conscientious objector.

Through their witness, may we learn to be poor of heart;  
 To react with meekness and humility;  
 To mourn with, and wipe the tears of, the anguished;  
 To hunger for righteous justice;  
 To act with kindness and mercy;  
 To keep our hearts free of hatred and of all that tarnishes love;  
 To be artisans of peace and nonviolence;  
 And to walk the path of the Gospel, even if it requires being persecuted and humiliated. Creator of every human being, of every human life,  
 Unsettle us, challenge us, and demand authentic transformation In the way we live a life of holiness rooted in Gospel justice. Amen.  
 —Dianna Ortiz, O.S.U.

**Pacem in Terris: Peace on Earth**

Pope John XXIII issued this monumental encyclical 55 years ago on April 11, 1963, as tensions grew between our country and Cuba. With the hard work of diplomacy a nuclear disaster was averted, but nuclear weapons and their proliferation have grown as more nations possess or are presently manufacturing them. Much has been in the news lately about nuclear weapons in North Korea and Iran. We as a country have an enormous stockpile of nuclear weapons that can destroy the world one hundred times over.

The possibility of a world free of nuclear arms may seem increasingly remote, Pope Francis admitted on November 10, 2017. However, he said the world must be “genuinely concerned by the catastrophic humanitarian and environmental effects of any employment of nuclear devices.”

Pope John XXIII 55 years ago called the world to peace and away from armed force or violence. Let us pray that we can heed his call and be true peacemakers in our world today.

**Rejoice and Be Glad: On the Call to**  
**Holiness in the Contemporary World**

“Rejoice and Be Glad: On the Call to Holiness in the Contemporary World” is the title of Pope Francis’ new exhortation that was released this past Monday, April 9th. In the introduction to the exhortation, Francis emphasizes that the goal of his exhortation is to “re-propose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges, and opportunities.”

An apostolic exhortation is considered the second highest form of papal teaching after an encyclical letter. You may recall his first exhortation, “Joy of the Gospel”

In light of Easter joy, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, it is a fitting time to rekindle our baptismal call to be holy by reading this wonderful work of Pope Francis.

If you are interested in ordering a copy and joining in a discussion of the book on the Tuesdays of May, beginning May 1st, at 2:00PM or 7:00PM, please call Delores at the Parish Center (722-4388).

We are all called to holiness! Take time to read this book and examine how you are answering this call.

**Ascension Mass Schedule**

*Vigil*

*Wednesday, May 9th 7:00 p.m.*

*Ascension*

*Thursday, May 10th 12:00 p.m.*

**Liturgies will be held in Church**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Is**

**May 20th**

**Wear Red!**



**Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule**  
**Transportation**

Week of April 29th — Karen Dotson  
Week of May 6th — Nancy Oliver

**Shelving (Mondays)**

April 30th — C. & R. Danoski  
May 7th — E. & K. Corcoran

**Distribution**

May 1st — D. Kellett Team #2

**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. This award is not just a one-year award but has the potential of multiple years if all requirements are met. Interested applicants should contact their school Guidance Counselor. Submissions must be received by **May 2nd**.

**Safe Environment Training Schedule**

Safe Environment Training is required for EVERY-ONE who works or volunteers at any catholic church regardless of whether or not they are in direct contact with children. If you have not yet had your Initial Safe Environment Training please reserve your spot at the PGC trainings listed below. If you had your Initial Training over 5 years ago, then you are due for your Recertification (EPDR). To sign up for one of these training sessions please go online to:

<https://syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/training-for-adults/>

Or call Maria Kirk to sign up at (607)722-4177

**Initial Safe Environment Training (PGC)**

**Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM**  
Catholic Charities, Binghamton  
(limited seating available)

**Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**  
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott

**Recertification Training (EPDR)**

**Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**  
St Mary of the Assumption, Binghamton

**Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**  
St. Mary of the Assumption, Binghamton

**Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**  
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott

**Pension Payment**

During the 1970's employers across the Syracuse diocese made the decision to provide a defined benefits pension plan for their employees. This plan included 190 different employers including the parishes, cemeteries, the Diocese, schools and other affiliated entities.

Unfortunately over the last forty plus years \$36.1 million of the required pension has gone unfunded. Each parish in the Diocese is obligated to pay their share of the unfunded pension. Please keep in mind that the responsibility for funding the pension has always fallen to the individual employers. This is not a Diocesan mandate.

St. Francis has been actively working with the Diocese in determining the unfunded portion of the pensions owed to our employees both past and present. After many months of analysis we determined that our responsibility totaled \$234,156. This figure includes employees from both St. Christopher's and St. Francis (St. Catherine's). There were several options offered to the various employers in order to resolve this pension issue. After several meetings with the parish Finance Committee, we elected to pay the unfunded amount in full and, by doing that, receive a 10% discount on the total amount. On February 28 we sent a check to the Diocese in the amount of \$210,704.29 (\$234,156 - 10%) satisfying our obligation. In order to make this payment we removed \$100,000 from our DeBella equity fund currently managed by Charles Schwab. The remainder of the money came directly from our general checking used to operate the parish. We expect to refund the DeBella over the next 18 months using 6 quarterly deposits. We will not pay any additional pension payments for the next 5 years, which will result in a total operational expense reduction of \$75,000.

We know that this is a considerable expense and if any of you have questions about the handling of the unfunded pension payment please address any questions to Joe Carpenter in the Parish Office, 722-4388 or email [jcarpenter@syrдио.org](mailto:jcarpenter@syrдио.org).

**St. Pauly Donations**

The clothing shed from St. Pauly has been a fixture at St. Francis since 2013. Over the past 5 years the parish has received \$8,200 from St. Pauly in return for the approximately 200,000 pounds of clothing donations during that time. This money is used to support our many different youth activities. The donated clothing is shipped to places in need all over the United States and abroad. Thanks to all who have donated.

**2018 HOPE Appeal**

The HOPE Appeal Commitment weekend will be on Saturday and Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. A letter will be sent to all families asking for support. We are called to consider our gifts and to return a portion of them for good works.

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

**May 5th & 6th, 2018**

**4:00 P.M. Mass**

Lector	Marge Mangan
EM Host	Dc.Steve
EM Host	Betsy Shields
EM Host	Bob Grace
EM Cup	Bob Shields
EM Cup	Dom Lomonaco
EM Cup	Bea Grace
EM Cup	Jan Pandich
Altar Server	Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server	Logan Lomonaco
Altar Server	Madelyn Strnatka

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

Lector	Shirley McCray
EM Host	Dc.Steve
EM Host	Lou Angelo
EM Host	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup	Shirley McCray
EM Cup	Joanne Horoschak
EM Cup	Maureen Mizzoni
Altar Server	James Bush
Altar Server	Sarah Bush
Altar Server	Mary Bush

**11:00 A.M. Mass**

Lector	1st Eucharist
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Katie Ginalski
EM Host	Steve Guth
EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
EM Cup	Chris Gill
EM Cup	David Gill
EM Cup	Dave Bollinger
Altar Server	Anna Ginalski
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	John Michael Frissora

**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?

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