

April 30, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Monday — Thursday:
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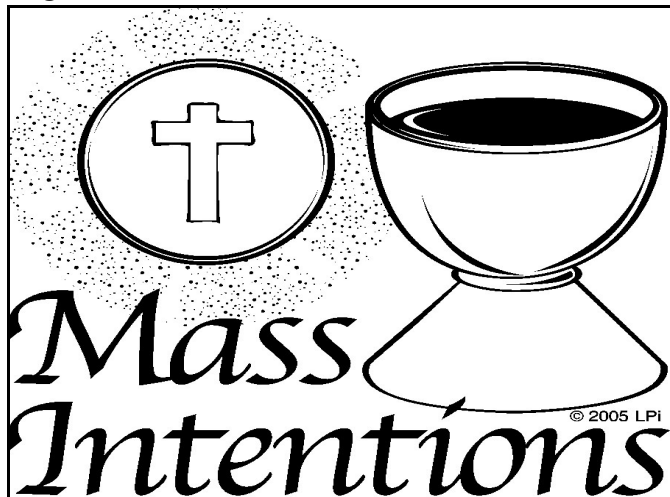
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We will be posting new
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**Saturday, April 29, Vigil of Sunday**

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

Monday, May 1

12:00 p.m. Carl James Lee by Wife, Sue

Tuesday, May 2

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Wednesday, May 3

12:00 p.m. Paul Ranucci by St. Francis
Special Sunshine Committee

Thursday, May 4

8:00 a.m. Jack Rodriguez by Kathie &
Chuck Healy

Friday, May 5

NO MASS

Saturday, May 6, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Craig Totman by Mom & Dad

Sunday, May 7, Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:30 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 (04-09-23)

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.

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!

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.

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)

one year later

Buffalo + Conklin

PRAYER HOPE SOLIDARITY



Saturday May 13th

1:00pm

Schnurbusch Park

1171 Conklin Rd. Conklin, NY

Our community joining in prayer with Buffalo one year after the deadly shooting at Tops Market.

Sponsored by Children of Abraham of the Southern Tier

Please Consider Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- † Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- † Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- † Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

4th Sunday of Easter: Creation Care Tip

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Psalm 23:1
As Pope Francis points out so often in his encyclical on creation care (*Laudato Si'*), a great deal of the environmental crisis can be traced back to consumerism and our habit of turning to objects to try to fulfill us instead of turning to God and each other. This week, instead of buying something you want, remind yourself you don't need it and find a healthier way to meet your needs.

4th Sunday of Easter: Justice Challenge

Today's Gospel has Jesus saying, "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." (John 10:9) We are called to salvation through Jesus. If he is the gate, then we need to live as he did, to follow his teaching, to be his disciples in the world. Jesus always stood for the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world. And he told us we would be judged by how we treated the least of our brothers and sisters. Your challenge this week is to find a brother or sister who is ignored by others but in real need of help. Reach out and practice the works of mercy. If they need food, clothing, or shelter, help them find it. If they need someone to listen to their story, lend an ear. Be the face of Christ for them.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

This weekend please support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. 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 be generous. More info 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

Clean-Up Day

Town of Fenton Residents Only

When is it? **Saturday, May 20th - ONE DAY ONLY**
7 AM to 5 PM

What can be taken to Clean-Up Day?

General Unwanted Debris

Construction Materials - Wood, Metal, Plasterboard **(NO BIG LOADS)**

White Goods - Washers, Dryers, Stoves, Refrigerators, AC Units, etc.
(**must** be drained of freon)

Tires - (Limit 4 per household, off rims/wheels)

Electronics - TVs, Monitors, PCs, Keyboards, VCRs, etc.

Electronics will be accepted at the Highway Garage 7 AM to 5 PM

What cannot be taken to Clean-Up Day?

Paint

Household Garbage

Brush or Yard Waste

Roofing or Asbestos Shingles

Where is it? Two locations:

Hillcrest: Carrier Services Group (former DLA) at the end of Hoyt

Port Crane: Fenton Highway Garage on Palmer Hill Road

Who can answer questions about Clean-Up Day?

Highway Department at 607-648-5080

KOC 206 Mother's Day Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus 206 will be having a Mother's Day Breakfast on **Sunday May 14th from 8:00—Noon** in the church hall of **Sts. John and Andrew**. Breakfast costs \$12 for Adults and \$5 for kids under 10. Proceeds benefit Loafs and Fishes Food Pantry.

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.

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!

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).

Annual Knights of Columbus 11403 Tom Mangan Golf Tournament



Sunday, July 30th

Genegantslet Golf Club

SAVE THE DATE



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

May 6th & 7th, 2023

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Kathryn White
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Mackenzie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Betsy A Shields
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Marge Mangan
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Ed White
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Larry Koch
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Kelly Mohny
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Kurt Mohny
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Communion children
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Only two needed
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Kerri Hamilton
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Donna Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Scott Igler

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

10:30 AM Mass

May 7th: Amy Drake & Katy Perry

May 14th: Ede & Sarah Blabac

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: How is Jesus your example when others don't like you?

Question for Youth: Sheep know their shepherd and follow his voice. How hard is it for you to recognize the voice of God in your own life? Who has helped you hear God's voice?

Question for Adults: In what specific ways is Christ an example which you follow when dealing with others, especially with the ones against whom you hold a grudge or those who dislike you

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