

May 01, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



First Eucharist 2022

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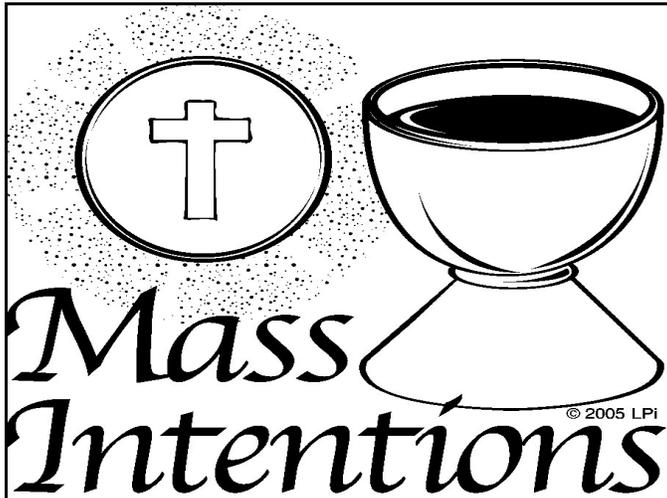
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Saturday, April 30, Vigil of Sunday

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

Monday, May 2

12:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

Tuesday, May 3

8:00 a.m. Carol Kilmer by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Wednesday, May 4

12:00 p.m. Michael Aswad by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Thursday, May 5

8:00 a.m. Christopher Shafer by Catherine Shafer

Friday, May 6

NO MASS

Saturday, May 7, Vigil of Sunday

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

Sunday, May 8, Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. 1st Anniv. Bernadette Keough by Children

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 (04-24-22)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$3,340.00
Loose Collection.....	\$158.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$2,262.00
Total Collection.....	\$5,760.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation

No Faith Formation. Have a nice summer. See you in the Fall!

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

Looking ahead:

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.

Blessing of Seeds & Plants: May 14/15

As our weather improves, it brings the hope of finally attending to our home gardens to plant the seeds for flowers and vegetables. So all of you gardeners are invited to bring your seeds and plants to the Weekend Liturgies on May 14th & 15th for a blessing for a fruitful harvest or colorful garden. This is a reminder and a way for us to show care for our common home.

“It is not far-fetched to say that our health, our very lives, depend on the sprouting of seeds. The planting of seeds and nurturing through harvest, we receive God’s choicest blessings when we break from our labors and enjoy a simple meal. Saving some of the new seeds allows us to continue this miraculous cycle of nature. Besides planting in the good earth, seeds cannot grow without fresh water. The cycle of rain blesses us, and water stored in the ground is our true treasure.”

(Catholic Rural Life)

How Do People Choose Their Church?

In a recent survey of church members, this question was asked: Why did you choose to join the church you attend?

- † 3% joined because of the pastor.
- † 9% chose their church because of its architectural beauty.
- † 14% joined because of denominational loyalty.
- † 18% because it was a convenient distance from their homes.
- † 22% joined because there were people who went to the church that they respected (family, friends, etc.).
- † 34% because of neighbors or friends invited them to the church.

The statistics speak for themselves. When it comes to evangelization, the members of our church make the biggest difference. Are you making that difference?

Prayer for Those Receiving First Eucharist

Lord Jesus Christ,

Bless the children coming forward

To receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be the step toward

A life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food

So that they turn to you

For comfort, guidance, and wisdom

As they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands, extended in anticipation

Of your body and blood,

Inspire all of us to cherish this sacred Sacrament.

Amen.



3rd Sunday of Easter: Creation Care Tips

“They saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, ‘Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.’” —John 21:9-10

The enticing smell of a barbecue! This summer activity reminds us of how our ancestors cooked. Even though charcoal grills are not recommended for environmental reasons, if you still want to cook out, its impact on the environment can be reduced. Use a barbecue that suits your needs, buying a small one or lighting just one burner for smaller portions. One 20-liter bottle of propane emits about 25 kg of CO2. The type of fuel makes a big difference too. Avoid flammable liquids. Charcoal and wood create a lot of soot, and propane and natural gas aren’t much better. Given the choice, an electric barbecue is the most ecological.

3rd Sunday of Easter: Justice Challenge

May 5th is a day to remember St. Hilary of Arles, a 5th century bishop. He used his office to serve the poor. He did manual labor to earn money for the poor, and was known to sell sacred vessels to pay ransom for those who were held captive. He was a man who did what he could do with the resources at his disposal. This is the call of all Christians. Do something good for Christ using whatever is available to you. The challenge this week is to examine your daily routine. What kind of influence do you have? What are your resources? How can you use your influence and your resources to do something good for someone or some community that needs your help?

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!

Thank You!

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule
Transportation
 NO TRANSPORTATION
Shelving (Mondays)
 NO SHELIVING
Distribution
 May 3rd— M. & P. Peters, M. Walsh, M. Mizzoni

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.

Why Return to the Church?
Question Reflection

1. Can you think of any time in your life that you returned to something you had given up? How did you feel? What made it easy? What made it hard?
2. Many people find that the church supports a lot of the basic human values they treasure, e.g., family, inner peace, personal dignity, integrity, and hope. What values do you think the church can best support in your life?
3. If you were to name the most important thing you received from your Catholic heritage, what would you say that it was? How do you see that continuing in your present and future life?

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.

Birthright's Annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale

Carnations will be available outside the church after each mass on Mother's Day weekend, May 7th/8th. 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. Your donation will help Birthright purchase baby clothes, maternity clothes, pregnancy tests, and other essential items for mothers and their babies.

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."

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!

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**

May 7th & 8th, 2022

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Brendan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Lector	Maria Kirk
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Beatrice Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Robert Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Peggy Munson

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sarah Bush
10:30 Mass	Lector	Shirley McCray
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Scott Klein
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Kerri Hamilton

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

May 8th

Sarah Blabac & Cece Barry

May 15th

Dan & Alison Brennan

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 asks Peter three times if Peter loves Jesus. What one thing can you do this week to show Jesus your love?

Question for Youth: Jesus asked Peter three times to "feed my sheep." Who are you being called to help in your life right now?

Question for Adults: Christ continues to feed us as his disciples, even after his death and resurrection. How does the Eucharist feed your faith?

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