

May 02, 2021

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



John 15:5

"I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES"

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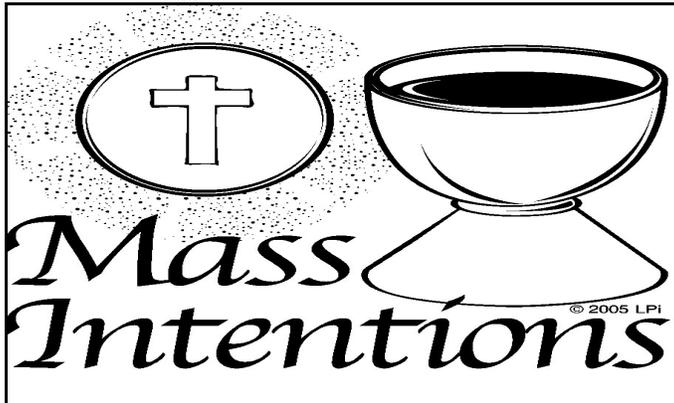
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**You can still attend weekend mass virtually!**



**Saturday, May 1, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Craig Totman by Mom & Dad

**Sunday, May 2, Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People  
 11:00 a.m. Vita Mannino by Daughter, Fina & Family

**Monday, May 3**  
 12:00 p.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

**Tuesday, May 4**  
 8:00 a.m. Antonio DeLuca by Family

**Wednesday, May 5**  
 12:00 p.m. Gerald Russik by St. Francis' Choir

**Thursday, May 6**  
 8:00 a.m. James Lee & Josephine Henderson by Family

**Friday, May 7**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, May 8, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Martha Kostun by Jan & Mike Pandich

**Sunday, May 9, Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
 8:00 a.m. Franklin Fleeger by CV Transportaion Dept.  
 11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People - **FIRST EUCHARIST**

**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 (04-25-21)**

Regular Envelopes.....\$3,013.00  
 Loose Collection.....\$143.00  
 Electronic Collection.....\$1,857.00  
 Total Collection.....\$5,013.00

*Thank You for your generous contributions!*

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Have a good rest of the school year!  
 Hope to see you all at church!**

First Eucharist Rehearsal will be **Saturday, May 8th at 10 AM in the church.**

First Eucharist will be celebrated **Sunday, May 9th at the 11 AM Mass.** Mass will be a little longer than usual, and reservations will be required. Call the Delores at the Parish Center to make reservations (607-722-4388)

**Looking Ahead:**

Confirmation Retreat **Sunday, May 16th at Otsiningo Park, 11 AM.** Mass will be celebrated at 5 PM.



**Birthright Mother's Day Flower Sale!**  
**May 8th & 9th**

Carnations will be 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. There will be buckets of flowers and donation cans at various locations to allow for social distancing.

**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 17, 2021.** Contact M. Rankin at 773-8959 for more information.

**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, especially Edward Write.

### **Get Vaccinated!!**

In an interview this past January, Pope Francis stated that he believes that, “ethically, everyone [who can] has to get the [COVID-19] vaccine.” He called vaccination, “the ethical choice because you are gambling with your health, with your life, but you are also gambling with the lives of others.” Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI received their vaccinations back in January.

If you haven’t already, schedule your appointment NOW! For information on how to sign up to get your COVID-19 vaccine here in Broome County go to [www.gobroomecounty.com/hd/coronavirus/vaccine](http://www.gobroomecounty.com/hd/coronavirus/vaccine)

or call 211 to ask for help in making an appointment. The process is very simple and is organized very well at this point. **SO GO GET VACCINATED!!!**



### **5th Sunday of Easter: Justice Challenge**

Justice Challenge: On May 1st we honor St. Joseph as the patron saint of workers. Did you know that May 1 is also Holocaust Remembrance Day? That might sound grim; after all, who wants to remember something so unspeakably evil? But the maxim that those who don’t learn from history are doomed to repeat it has been proven true time and time again in human history. Remembering the holocaust is one way to ensure that we never again 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 caught up in trying to exterminate an entire race of people. Then ask yourself what little steps of prejudice and hatred led up to the big “Final Solution” of seeking extinction for the entire Jewish people. Commit yourself and your family to confronting one of the little steps towards racism or prejudice wherever you see it. This might be as simple as standing up to people who make jokes at the expense of a particular group of people; it could mean advocating to oppose 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 history doesn’t repeat itself. Help ensure that the victims did not die in vain!

### **Samaritan House “Unique” Spring Sale 2021**

Samaritan House will be holding it’s SPRING SALE on Saturday, May 15th from 9:00AM—3:00PM and Sunday, May 16th from 9:00AM—1:00PM, at St. Mary of the Assumption Recreation Center (152-156 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY)

Come by and support Samaritan House’s cause of supporting those in need in our area!

### **Bishop Lucia Announcement**

Ten months ago, I announced the filing of a Chapter 11 case for reorganization of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse before the United States Bankruptcy Court. On November 6, 2020, the aforementioned court established April 15, 2021 at 11:59 pm ET, as the deadline to file proofs of claims against the diocese (the “Bar Date”). As of today, I have been informed that 371 claims are filed in relation to the NYS Child’s Victims Act. One victim of sexual abuse is too many! And so, to see the number “371” is particularly disheartening and of the greatest concern for me because of the damage done both directly and collaterally. To all victims of sexual abuse, I renew my commitment and that of this local Church to assist you in the healing process. We seek to make amends for the wrong and sinful behavior perpetrated against you and cannot apologize enough for the failure to protect you from your abusers. When we began the reorganization process, also known as “Chapter 11” on June 19, 2020, it was explained that: “Chapter 11 is a voluntary action taken by a company or entity to reorganize financially with the goals of being able to respond to the financial claims of those to whom it owes money and to emerge with its operations intact.” Of particular concern to me was how the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse could respond in a just and fair manner to the claims of sexual abuse arising from the NYS Child’s Victim Act. At the time, I explained that: “This diocese has limited resources for adequately responding to claimants under the Child Victims Act. We believe and hope that Chapter 11 will provide the victims, any other claimants, the diocese, and its insurers with a method where all of these claims can be settled, and the victims compensated in a fair and timely manner. As part of our Reorganization Plan, the diocese intends to create a fund with a pool of money from both diocesan funds and money from insurance carriers.” So now we begin the next phase in the reorganization process having passed the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese. In this phase, we will work with the Creditors Committee and the insurance companies to arrive at a plan that will compensate victims and allow the Diocese to emerge from Chapter 11. Such a settlement will be arrived at with the help of legal counsel and the supervision of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of New York. Over the course of the coming months, I ask you to pray with me for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as both Advocate and Consoler for this work, so that it might bear much healing and fruit for those involved. Particularly, I seek a reasonable way to assist the victims of child abuse in the Diocese of Syracuse which fosters restoration and renewal in their lives as children of God. With this in mind, I wish to invite members of the Diocesan family, especially those who have been victims of abuse, to a Mass for Healing at 12 Noon on Thursday, April 29th at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse. This time of prayer during National Child Abuse Prevention Month will particularly pray for the gifts of healing and fortitude for all victims of crime and oppression and will include a special blessing during the Mass. Having just celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday, I again place our diocesan family under the loving care of the Sacred Heart of Jesus praying that He will make our hearts more like His through this time of purification and reparation. Please know my prayers for you and your loved ones continue and I ask humbly for your prayers for all victims, as well as, for me and the Church of Syracuse.

In the Name of Jesus,

—Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia Bishop of Syracuse

## Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

### Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

### Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

### Distribution

May 4th— B. Grace, M. Peters, M. Lyons

### 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!**

### 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

Have you had enough of COVID? Plan a cruise to the Land of the Midnight Sun in July 2022.

**Berkshire Travel Agency Presents**

**A 14-Day Best of Norway Aboard the Rotterdam**

July 9 — 24, 2022

Hosted by Fathers:

John Yonkovig, Don Henry, Tom Ryan, and Tim Taugher

### Cruise Itinerary

Valid U.S Passports Required

Day	Port	Arrive	Depart
Sat	Overnight flight to Amsterdam, Netherlands		
Sun	Depart Amsterdam		5:00PM
Mon	Sea Day		
Tue	Scenic cruising Oslofjord		
Tue	Oslo, Norway	8:00AM	4:00PM
Wed	Kristiansand, Norway	8:00AM	5:00PM
Thu	Stavanger, Norway	8:00AM	3:00PM
Fri	Scenic cruising Sognefjord		
Fri	Flam, Norway	7:00AM	7:00PM
Sat	Sea Day		
Sun	Amsterdam, Netherlands		
Mon	Sea Day		
Tue	Eidfjord, Norway	7:00AM	3:00PM
Tue	Scenic cruising Hardangerfjord		
Wed	Alesund, Norway	8:00AM	5:00PM
Thu	Geiranger, Norway	7:00AM	5:00PM
Thu	Cruising Geirangerfjord		
Fri	Bergen, Norway	8:00AM	5:00PM
Sat	Sea Day		
Sun	Debark Amsterdam	7:00AM	

### Berkshire Travel Group Rates

(Per person/double Occupancy)

Category	Stateroom Description	Berkshire Rate
J	Inside Stateroom	\$2,855.00
E	Outside Stateroom	\$3,454.00
VD	Verandah Stateroom	\$3,805.00

**Rate includes:** Cruise accommodations as desired, port taxes and government fees, meals and entertainment on board ship, cocktail party for group

**Not included:** personal items, gratuities on board ship, airfare and transfers

Cancellation insurance is available and recommended

**Deposit:** \$600 per person is required to secure a room.

Contact Kathy Coll (610)372-4652 for more information!

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**  
May 8th & 9th, 2021

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

Designation ONLY

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

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

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**Children’s Liturgy of The Word will be  
posted by Noon on Saturdays!**

**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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