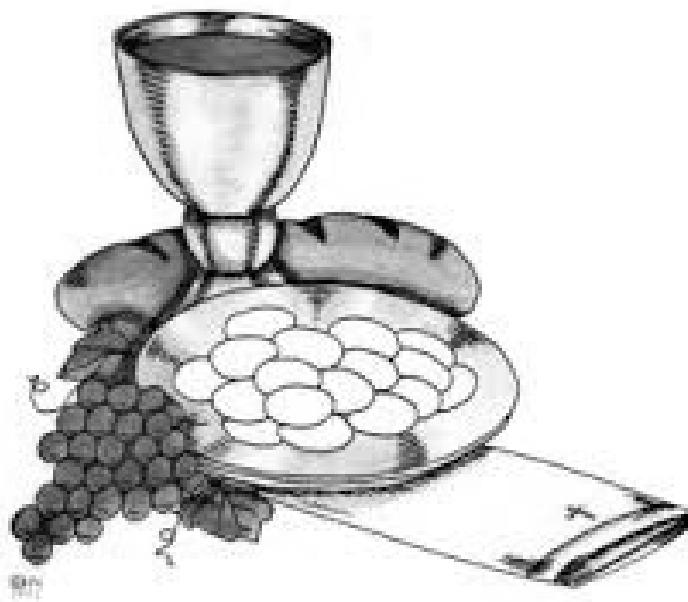


May 05, 2019

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

St. Francis of Assisi First Eucharist Class 2019



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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, May 4, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Craig Totman by Family

Sunday, May 5, Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. 3rd Anniv. Linus Brennan by

Mommy & Daddy

11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People - **First Eucharist****Monday, May 6**

8:00 a.m. Antonio DeLuca by Family

Tuesday, May 7

8:00 a.m. Carl James Lee by Wife, Sue

Wednesday, May 8

8:00 a.m. Mike Lynch by Carol & Bob Danoski

Thursday, May 9

8:00 a.m. Arthur Kehoe by Kristin & Chris Ingraham

Friday, May 10**NO MASS****Saturday, May 11, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Horace Julian by The Kenneth Munney Family

Sunday, May 12, Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Eva & Joseph Vertefeuille by Family

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.

<u>Weekend's Offering (04-28-19)</u>	
Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,906.08
Easter Collection.....	\$155.00
Loose Collection.....	\$368.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$582.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,011.08

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation

NO Faith Formation. Have a safe summer, see you at Mass.

Looking Ahead:

Save the date: Baccalaureate Mass is **Sunday, June 23rd at 11 AM.** Information will be mailed to graduating senior soon.

**Save the Date**

Vacation Bible School

July 8-12, 6-8 PM

Binghamton First Church of the Nazarene
1282 Chenango Street

Sponsored by: Binghamton Nazarene, Community Baptist of Port Dickinson, Nimmonsburg Methodist, and Ogden-Hillcrest Methodist, St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Children's Liturgy**May 4/5**

4:00 PM Mass— Roberta Cushing/Catherine Shafer
8:00 AM Mass— Kelly Wood/Katie Ginalske

May 11/12

4:00 PM Mass— Roberta Cushing/Catherine Shafer
8:00 AM Mass— Shirley McCray/ Marie Iobst

May 18/19

4:00 PM Mass— Maria Kirk/Sue Lee
8:00 AM Mass— Ed & Kay Corcoran

May 25/26

4:00 PM Mass— Roberta Cushing/Catherine Shafer
8:00 AM Mass— Ede Blabac/Bridget Vavra

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 Betty Smith.



Living the Eucharist Closing Retreat

Saturday, May 11th, 10:00 AM

St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall

Ending with the celebration of Eucharist at 4 PM Mass
Presenter: Rita Ferrone award-winning writer and speaker in the areas of liturgy, catechesis and renewal in the Catholic Church will lead us in discussion and reflection on Eucharist—God's loving embrace and Eucharist—Invitation of mercy for the world.

RSVP by May 8th to Delores 607-722-4388

Lunch and snacks provided. Join us in celebrating the closure of our Journey in Living the Eucharist. Treat yourself to a day with Christ as we bond together, pray and celebrate our Risen Lord.



Annual HOPE Appeal

The 2019 HOPE Appeal Commitment weekend will begin on Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, 2019. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year; education of our children, college and seminary students, evangelization, Catholic Charities services, and more. Please respond generously when you are asked to make your pledge. Each year, the HOPE Appeal gives us the opportunity to support valuable ministries, programs, and services that benefit many across the Diocese of Syracuse and beyond, including members of our own parish. This year's theme is **Gratitude**.

We will speak about HOPE Appeal during Masses the weekend of May 18-19. You should have received information about the HOPE Appeal in the mail as well as a request from the Diocese of Syracuse for all parishioners to make a pledge to the 2019 effort. Please review the HOPE Appeal brochure and prayerfully consider the most generous gift possible as a steward of Christ.

Birthright Mother's Day Carnation Sale

Volunteers will be selling carnations at the entrances of the church after each mass Mothers Day weekend. The \$1 donation will benefit women with unexpected pregnancies throughout the region.

Birthright of Binghamton is a pro-life non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to helping pregnant women and their babies.

Catholic Social Doctrine: Stewardship of Creation

"Scientific evidence for warming of the climate system is unequivocal."

- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

Climate as a Common Good

The climate belongs to everyone and is a complex system linked to what is needed to sustain human life. A "solid scientific consensus" has emerged that human activity has contributed significantly to the general warming of the planet. Other factors also play into this, such as volcanic activity and the solar cycle, but it is now undeniable that our dependence on fossil fuels triggers a large increase in greenhouse gases. Fossil fuels are at the center of the worldwide energy system. Climate change affects the carbon cycle, essential to all life. Potable water supplies decrease; agricultural output is reduced; water levels rise on our coasts; polar ice caps melt, producing increased methane gas. —Pope Francis on Care for Our Common Home

The evidence for rapid climate change is compelling:

Global Temperature Rise

The planet's average surface temperature has risen about 1.62 degrees Fahrenheit (0.9 degrees Celsius) since the late 19th century, a change driven largely by increased carbon dioxide and other human-made emissions into the atmosphere.⁴ Most of the warming occurred in the past 35 years, with the five warmest years on record taking place since 2010. Not only was 2016 the warmest year on record, but eight of the 12 months that make up the year — from January through September, with the exception of June — were the warmest on record for those respective months.

Rite of Candidacy

Candidacy is a liturgical rite of admission requested by a seminarian of his Bishop, which formally acknowledges and enrolls him as a candidate for Sacred Orders.

Brendan Foley, Dennis Walker, and John Leo Oduor will make this step on May 6, 2019 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Meet the candidates at vocations-syracuse.org and please pray for them as they continue their journey to the priesthood! Highlights from Rite of Candidacy will be available in the Catholic Sun and on social media @vocationssyracuse on Instagram and Facebook.



Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of May 5th — Marie Giordano

Week of May 12th — Pat & George Clark

Shelving (Mondays)

May 6th — C. Woodruff & M. Ryder

May 13th — K. Mohney

Distribution

May 7th — K. Dotson, M. Walsh, R. Rounds, AM. & S. Faughnan, J. Wyatt

Catherine's Cupboard Co-op Community Garden Enhancement

Andrew and Elizabeth Rice are enhancing the Co-Op Garden that supplies fresh vegetables to Catherine's Cupboard, for their Eagle Scout and Gold Award projects. They are building raised beds, adding fencing and adding a rainwater collection system. They are looking for donations of the following items:

**-2x12x8ft -2x6x8ft -4x4x8ft
-4 ft chain link fence -gutters & downspout
 -topsoil -monetary donations**

If you have any of these items you would like to donate, or have questions please call or text.
(607)648-7486 home (607)766-1041 cell/text

PARISH REGISTRATION

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, 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 are with us.*

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

- New Parishioner, send registration form
- Change of address or phone number
- Temporarily away. Stop envelopes
- Moving, please remove from Parish Roster

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Reflections From The Parish

10 Year Anniversary

"When we first merged with St. Catherine's there were a lot of hurt feelings from people who had gone to St. Chris since they were children and thought we should include St. Catherine's congregation in St. Christopher's building. I heard many grumbles about the parking and money left to the parish. But mostly it was having to leave the church building they had gone to all their lives. That wasn't my situation so I was less concerned. Unfortunately when the merge happened we lost many of our regularly attending members who went to other churches rather than come to St. Catherine's. Faith formation was taken over by the directors from St. Christopher's so those of us from that program were mostly happy. But it was a big change for the St. Catherine's families; the director they knew and liked was gone and the program changed under new leadership. I remember meetings where parents verbally attacked Jeanne and Father had to step in to protect her. So the initial feeling of the merger was hostility on all sides. The choir was the opposite. Ed Savo remained as organist/choir director and those of us from St. Chris felt the loss of Nancy McNamara, who was the best director we'd ever had at St. Christopher's. Ed, of course, selected hymns and music with which St. Catherine's was very familiar and those of us from St. Christopher's/ St. Rita's had to catch up; luckily most of us were good at sight reading! But we missed some of our old favorites too. Both sides were hurting which didn't lead to a harmonious parish community. We could all feel the tension and see that it was taking a toll on others, especially Father Tim. Then there was a decision to rename/rebrand the church as St. Francis of Assisi and that was the beginning of the turn around to making us a cohesive parish community. Jeanne and Gretchen decided to leave and we got a new faith formation director who was new to everyone so no one resented the changes; and Maria asked and listened before changing. Ed started incorporating some St. Christopher's favorites into his selections so we felt included; although that meant more of his time spent learning the pieces himself. And he started recognizing some St. Christopher's people's talent instead of always relying on the folks he'd depended on previously. And then one day Sister Karen gave her reflection and talked about moving in from the end of the pew to make others feel welcome to sit with you, or sitting in different locations each week to meet more people. Between the new name and the reminder to be welcoming we all started to lose the hostility and welcome each other as members of the same community. I suspect someone who joined St. Francis today would never guess how much turmoil there was at first; we are truly united as one holy, happy parish community!"

— Marylou Ekstrom

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

May 11th & 12th, 2019

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Barb Brozovic
EM Host	Carol Danoski
EM Host	Peggy Munson
EM Host	Ron Scales
EM Cup	Paulette Scales
EM Cup	Terry Hanifin
EM Cup	Debby Carden
EM Cup	Dom Lomonaco
Altar Server	Tyler Norton
Altar Server	Mikey Schultz
Altar Server	Calliope Brennan

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Michael Stricek
EM Host	Suzanne Carr
EM Host	Ede Blabac
EM Host	Ed White
EM Cup	Steve Baxter
EM Cup	Marie Iobst
EM Cup	Donna & Scott Igler
EM Cup	Kurt or Kelly Mohney
Altar Server	Kathryn White
Altar Server	Lauren White
Altar Server	Sydney Keough

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Jim Lewis
EM Host	Kerry Hamilton
EM Host	Steve Guth
EM Host	Virginia Thompson
EM Cup	Emily Ekstrom
EM Cup	Rose O'Neil
EM Cup	Jules Furrer
EM Cup	Sue Jones
Altar Server	Nolan Sirgany
Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
Altar Server	Alexander Watkins

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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