

May 06, 2018

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



2018 First Eucharist

Calliope Brennan

Connor Ferrara

Ian Ginalski

Jordan Grenolds

Fiona Hamilton

Ella Hart

Camden Ingerson

Keaton Lasicki

Aubrey McMullen

Gavin Michalko

Isabelle Panella

John Paske

Marley Podhayski

Makenna Robertson

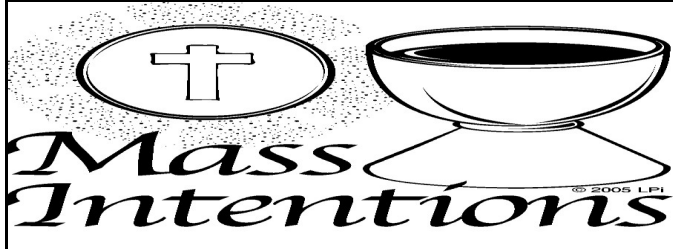
Aidan Robinson

Madeline Vesci

Adrianna Walker

Katherine Yahner

Mitchell Zeccola



Weekend's Offering (04-29-18)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,713.00
Easter Collection.....	\$220.00
Loose Collection.....	\$416.30
Electronic Collection.....	\$761.00
Total Collection.....	\$8,110.30

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

Monday, May 7
8:00 a.m. Vincent Mastronardi by the Buckland Family

Tuesday, May 8
8:00 a.m. Francis Stewart by Ed & Romayne Dougherty

Wednesday, May 9, Vigil of The Ascension Of The Lord (Liturgy in Church)
7:00 p.m. Jennie Wells by Dolores Hull

Thursday, May 10, The Ascension Of The Lord (Liturgy in Church)
12:00 p.m. Vincent Grace by Family

Friday, May 11
NO MASS

Saturday, May 12, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Daniel Berry by the Broderick Family

Sunday, May 13, Seventh Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m. Henry & Mary Legos by Mary & Vincent DeNinis
11:00 a.m. Ron Belensky by the St. Francis' Ushers

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.

Faith Formation
Faith Formation is over for the 2017—2018 school year. See you at Vacation Bible School in July!

Looking Ahead
• 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.

Save The Date!
Neighborhood Vacation Bible School
sponsored by: Binghamton Church of the Nazarene, Community Baptist of Port Dickinson, Nimmonsburg Methodist, Ogden Methodist, and St. Francis of Assisi Churches

Join the fun and be rescued by Jesus
July 9-13 from 6:15-8:30 pm
Binghamton Church of the Nazarene
1282 Chenango Street

Pre-Register @ www.Bingnaz.com and receive a prize!
For kids preschool through entering 6th Grade
Older kids can help too! Sign up at your church as crew helpers.



Parish Book Club
Next Book Club Selection will begin May 8th at **2:00 PM only**. We will meet May 8th, 15th and 25th. 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)

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.

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

Gospel Call to Love

In today's gospel, Jesus presents the commandment to love one another—a love that is like God's love. "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love." We are called to be like God—the God who has a passion for love and justice, the God who is concerned for all of creation, the God who has a special concern for the poor.

Catholic Social Teaching reminds us that Christian love is a love that goes beyond an affection for family and friends—a love that goes beyond love or sexual passion—a love that is more than a nice sentiment—a love that is concerned in a very concrete way with people—a love that involves respect for and learning from other people who might be different than ourselves—a love that is concerned with justice and peace for all God's people—a love that longs to create a world community of justice for all.

In the first reading Peter comes to see that the Spirit is found in all people. "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." The love that Jesus "commands" leads us to an openness to find God in all people and all situations. The love that comes from God is not limited to any one group or class of people. Racism, xenophobia, and all kinds of discrimination can have no part in the vision of Jesus. Any economic system that leaves out people is not part of the vision of Jesus. Any economic system that fails to keep people first is not worthy of our Christian spirit.

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. 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 be true peacemakers in our world today.

Pentecost Sunday

Is

May 20th

Wear Red!



Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule
Transportation

Week of May 6th — Nancy Oliver
Week of May 13th — George & Pat Clark

Shelving (Mondays)

May 7th — E. & K. Corcoran
May 14th — K. Mohney

Distribution

May 15th — P. & M. Peters, A. Smilnak, A. Short, M. Hayes, J. Wyatt

"The House that St. Francis Built"
(Pasta Dinner Fundraiser)

June 2nd from 5:30—7:30PM

St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall

Adults: \$10.00

Children 5-10: \$5.00 Children under 5: Free

Join us for a delicious pasta dinner!

The proceeds will go to Food for the Poor in order to build and furnish a house for the poor in the Caribbean Islands or Central America. This is a year-long project with the goal being to raise \$4,000. Join us and help build this house!

Safe Environment Training Schedule

Safe Environment Training is required for EVERYONE 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 9th at 1:00 PM

Catholic Charities, Binghamton
(limited seating available)

Monday, June 4th at 6:00 PM

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott

Recertification Training (EPDR)

Monday, May 14th at 6:00 PM

St Mary of the Assumption, Binghamton

Monday, June 4th at 6:00 PM

St. Mary of the Assumption, Binghamton

Monday, June 11th at 6:00 PM

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott

Garage Sale Fundraiser
(For Catherine's Cupboard)

June 2nd from 9:00AM—1:00PM

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center (Parking Lot)
1031 Chenango Street

Cost: \$10.00 for a space to sell in the lot
\$15.00 for a space to sell with a table

Or

Donate items to Catherine's Cupboard Booth
(NO CLOTHING! You may drop off items from May 25th until June 1st only at the parish center, double doors

Space is limited so call 723-2350 and leave a message to reserve your spot

Although this is an outdoor event, indoor restrooms and coffee will be made available

Clean out your closets, garages, etc. and join us!

ALL PROCEEDS will go to Catherine's Cupboard

Benefit For Damon Goga & Family

May 19th from 5:30—8:30PM

St. Francis of Assisi Church
1049 Chenango Street

\$10.00 Admission

Includes BBQ Picnic Dinner

Ballpark Snacks, Games for Kids, Basket Raffles, Entertainment, Face-painting

Damon Goga is an 11 year old boy whose family is a part of the Chenango Valley community.

Damon was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma in November 2017. He has a tumor on his tibia and is undergoing treatment at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital.

Let us unite as a community to support Damon and the Goga Family to help "Strike Out Cancer"!

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.

2018 HOPE Appeal

The Annual HOPE Appeal will kick off next weekend in our parish. The programs, services, and ministries supported by the Annual HOPE Appeal help meet the needs of people in our parish and diocese. The HOPE Appeal serves all of us in different ways. Your financial support is needed to further the good works of the Appeal.

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

May 12th & 13th, 2018

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector Rick Allabaugh
EM Host Judy Murphy
EM Host Peggy Munson
EM Host Carol Danoski
EM Cup Terry Hanifin
EM Cup Mary Frances Charsky
EM Cup Dom Lomonaco
EM Cup Teresa Creeden
Altar Server Tyler Norton
Altar Server Mikey Schultz
Altar Server Sarah Shafer

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Michael Stricek
EM Host Shirley McCray
EM Host Mary DeNinis
EM Host Ed White
EM Cup Steve Baxter
EM Cup Denise Baxter
EM Cup Marie Iobst
EM Cup Katie Ginalski
Altar Server Kathryn White
Altar Server Lauren White
Altar Server Braeden Krisko

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Jim Lewis
EM Host Rose O'Neil
EM Host David Hanzes
EM Host Sue Jones
EM Cup Maria Lord
EM Cup Joseph Frissora
EM Cup Lyndsey LoPiccolo
EM Cup Stephanie Stracuzzi
Altar Server Nolan Sirgany
Altar Server Abraham Watkins
Altar Server Alexander Watkins

Question of the Week

Question for Children: In what ways do you experience God's love, offered to you through family, friends, and teachers?

Question for Youth: Jesus commanded us to love one another. Who is most in need of your love and kindness right now? How can you be more loving to those most in need this week?

Question for Adults: Concretely, how do you show love to others?

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