

May 07, 2017

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



2017 First Eucharist Class

**Abigail Baker
Giavanna Bucci
John Fitzgerald
Derek Ingraham
Sydney Keough
Logan Kliment
Natalia McKown
Joseph O'Connor
Maggie O'Connor
Samuel Paske
Nathan Plourde
Caisy Raymond
Grayson Sirgany
Vincent Williams, V**



Saturday, May 6, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00p.m. Richard Clendening by Marge Mangan

Sunday, May 7, Fourth Sunday of Easter
 8:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family
 11:00a.m. Liturgy for the People- First Eucharist

Monday, May 8
 8:00 a.m. Rosemary Schnoeder by Kathleen & Jim Brady

Tuesday, May 9
 8:00 a.m. David Warne by Family

Wednesday, May 10
 8:00 a.m. Francis & Catherine Gaube by Family

Thursday, May 11
 8:00a.m. Ed Lyons by Steve & Joanne Horoschak

Friday, May 12
NO MASS

Saturday, May 13, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Vincent Grace by Family

Sunday, May 14, Fifth Sunday of Easter
 8:00 a. m. Deceased members of the Legos & DeNinis Families by Vince & Mary DeNinis
 11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

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.

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 especially, Jim Lee.

Weekend's Offering (04-30-17)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,576.00
Easter Envelopes.....	\$120.00
Loose Collection.....	\$659.34
Electronic Donation.....	\$440.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,795.34

**Thank you to everyone for their donations.
 They are greatly appreciated!**

Thank you to all who donated to the CRS Rice Bowl! As a parish we collected \$2,207!

Faith Formation

No Faith Formation. See you in September!

Looking Ahead:

Parents are invited to a "Listening" Session on Wednesday, May 17th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. This meeting is your opportunity to discuss how Faith Formation is presented at our parish. I am looking for honest feedback on how we can work together to provide you and your family a lasting encounter with Christ.

Save the Date!

Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, June 18th at the 11 AM Mass. Information has been mailed to graduating seniors. If you did not receive a letter, contact Maria Kirk at the Parish Center.

Protecting God's Children

The initial 3 hour Safe Environment Training Session will be held on Saturday, May 13th at 2 PM in the Faith Formation Office at the Parish Center, 1031 Chenango Street. If you need this initial training go to Syrdio.org to sign up. If you do not have a computer, call Maria Kirk to register at 722-4177.



The Biggest VBS
 Adventure Yet!
SAVE THE DATE!

June 26-30, 2017 ~ 6:15-8:30 pm
 Binghamton Church of the Nazarene
 1282 Chenango ST

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 _____

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

Gluten Free Hosts

A health concern today known as "Celiac Disease" affects as many as 1 out of every 133 people. Those suffering from this condition cannot ingest any gluten, a protein found in wheat. Thus it raises a concern for those wanting to receive the Eucharist because many hosts are made with wheat. If you are one with this health concern, bring it to my attention because we now have available the hosts for this special need.

Special Sunshine Committee Thanks!

Sincere thanks to all the volunteers who were so gracious as to deliver the African violets for Easter to our parishioners who are home-bound and those in nursing homes. Remembering them brightened their day!

Birthright Mother's Day Flower Sale

Volunteers will be selling carnations at the entrances of the church after each Mass Mother's Day weekend. The \$1 donation 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.



Shepherding for Justice

Good Shepherd, thanks for the shepherding.
 Thanks for shepherding us through the challenges of our life.
 Thanks for shepherding our world with your vision of new life and justice.
 Thanks for all those men and women who have joined in the shepherding.
 Thanks for those who have listened to the needs of the poor and oppressed.
 Thanks for those who have challenged us to listen.
 Thanks for those who have showed us the way of nonviolent active love.
 Thanks for those who have not forgotten your vision.
 Good Shepherd, help us to shepherd each other on the journey.
 Help us to be open and to listen to those in need.
 Help us to speak up with courage and wisdom.
 Help us to put our faith in action.
 Good Shepherd, shepherd our complex institutions and governments.
 May they be open to the needs of all.
 May they listen to those who suffer.
 May they welcome those who are left out.
 May they put an end to war and violence.
 May the poor and powerless know their power.
 May minorities and refugees experience welcome.
 May all women and children be honored with awesome respect.
 May we all learn from one another.

Sr. Karen's Farewell Reception

Our parish is planning to have a farewell reception for Sr. Karen after all the Masses the weekend of June 3rd & 4th. This is your opportunity to take a moment to visit with Sr. Karen and wish her well as she moves on to the Provincial House in Latham. If anyone would like to help with the receptions or bake cookies, please call the Parish Center so your name can be given to the committee that is planning the receptions.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of May 7th — Ann Wilcox

Week of May 14th — George & Pat Clark

Shelving (Mondays)

May 8th — J. & K. Brady

May 15th — P. Turnbull, A. Hanley

Distribution

May 16th — M. Walsh, P. Peters, M. Turna,
K. Dotson, M. Ryder & C. Woodruff

Co-Garden Volunteer Sign-up

As we get back into the business of growing our garden for Catherine's Cupboard, we need your help! The spring and summer will be a busy time, and many hands help our Co-Garden grow. Here are some opportunities for students, adults, and families of the church to get involved.

Please mark any activity you are interested in.

- Planting the Garden**
- Watering and harvesting the Garden; this may be a family opportunity that can be rotated**
- Putting up the fence**
- Selling plants at the vegetable plant sale in May**

Name: _____

Contact info: _____

Phone or email- _____

Please return in offering basket
or to
Maria Kirk

Last Call

100th Anniversary Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima 10 Day Pilgrimage to Portugal offered over three dates in October 2017. We can be departing your airport and at the all land inclusive cost of \$2,149.00 in twin accommodations, with single accommodations also available. Call for the special air price from your city. We will be visiting Lisbon, Fatima, Santarem (Portugal), Lourdes (France) and Barcelona (Spain). For information please call James Adair at 1-855-564-1008 or email jimadair@thecatholictour.com

Congratulations to Nick Norton!

This past Sunday, April 30th, Nick Norton received his Eagle Scout Award. In a ceremony with his fellow scouts, family, and friends, Nick was honored and was given this distinguished award of achievement.



We have followed his progress as well as being recipients of his work in constructing and placing the new hymnal holders in our church pews.

Nick did fantastic work! Also, we have to recognize the support he received from his family and fellow scouts.

The eagle is a large bird with sharp vision and powerful wings, noted for its strength, size, and grace. In scouting, the eagle is a symbol of what a young man has done, as well as what he will do, and will be, when he grows to manhood. Nick, you are deserving of this award, and you represent all that it means to be an Eagle Scout! Congratulations on this milestone in your life!

Enjoy Convenience of Electronic Giving!

St. Francis of Assisi Parish offers electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. It's environmentally friendly and convenient. Currently, the following accounts are set up;

- Weekly Donation***
- Repair & Maintenance***
- Catholic School Support***
- Catherine's Cupboard***
- Special Sunshine***

You may have your donations taken weekly, monthly or yearly. To set up, visit our church website at stfrancisbing.org. Here, you can authorize to have your donations electronically transferred directly from your checking account, your debit card or your credit card to the parish. Click on the "electronic giving" link listed under "more" on the website's Home page to get started. You must have an e-mail address to register online. If you don't have a computer or an e-mail address, call the Parish Center at 722-4388, and we will mail you an authorization form that you can fill out and return to us at your convenience. We appreciate any and all donations. Thank you!

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

May 13th & 14th, 2017

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Sr. Maureen Rainone
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Bob Shields
EM Host	Betsy Shields
EM Cup	Dom Lomonaco
EM Cup	Jan Pandich
EM Cup	Brenda Artman
EM Cup	John Artman
Altar Server	Bryan Heller
Altar Server	Tyler Norton
Altar Server	Brendan Kliment

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Shirley McCray
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Scott Iglar
EM Host	Joanne Horoschak
EM Cup	Sr. Karen Gaube
EM Cup	Marie Iobst
EM Cup	Mary DeNinis
EM Cup	Suzanne Tierno
Altar Server	Natalie Broderick
Altar Server	Peyton Broderick
Altar Server	Mikayla Bucci

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Anne Wolanski
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Dave Bollinger
EM Host	Lyndsey Church
EM Cup	Stephanie Stracuzzi
EM Cup	Pat Clark
EM Cup	Karyn Church
EM Cup	Steve Church
Altar Server	Nolan Sirgany
Altar Server	Quinn Sirgany
Altar Server	Katelyn Church

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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