

May 07, 2023

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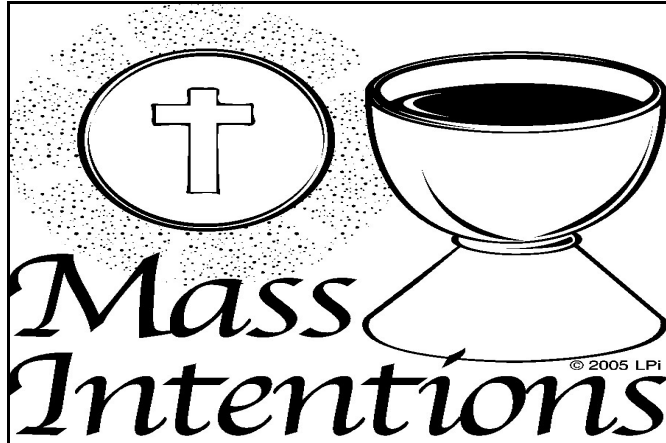
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**Saturday, May 6, Vigil of Sunday**

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

Sunday, May 7, Fifth Sunday of Easter10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People – **FIRST EUCHARIST****Monday, May 8**

12:00 p.m. Dick Murphy by Family

Tuesday, May 9

8:00 a.m. Venerina Mattia by Karen & Mike Dotson

Wednesday, May 10

12:00 p.m. Paul O'Donnell by Ronald & Ronetta DeCosse

Thursday, May 11

8:00 a.m. Mike Davis by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Friday, May 12**NO MASS****Saturday, May 13, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Martha Kostun by Jan & Mike Pandich

Sunday, May 14, Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. Rita Brozovic & Helen Tyczkowski 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.

Weekend's Offering (04-30-23)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$2,829.00
Loose Collection.....	\$292.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,566.00
Total Collection.....	\$4,687.00

*Thank you for your generosity!***Faith Formation**

Faith Formation for Grades K-9 will meet as usual today.

Looking Ahead:

† Confirmation Retreat at Chenango Valley State Park will be held Saturday, May 13th. Parents and candidates are asked to check your email for details.

Congratulations to our DeBella Scholarship Winners: Logan Lomonaco, Jonah Rice, Olivia Santa Croce, Quinn Sirgany, and Kathryn White. They will be presented with their awards at our Baccalaureate Mass, Sunday, June 4th at 10:30 AM.

SAVE THE DATE: BACCALAUREATE MASS!

Our Baccalaureate Mass will take place on

Sunday, June 4th at 10:30AM.

Please join us in celebrating our graduating High School Seniors!



one year later

Buffalo + Conklin

PRAYER HOPE SOLIDARITY

**Saturday May 13th****1:00pm****Schnurbusch Park****1171 Conklin Rd. Conklin, NY**

Our community joining in prayer
with Buffalo one year after the
deadly shooting at Tops Market.

Sponsored by Children of Abraham of the Southern Tier

Bans of Marriage

Congratulations and best wishes to **Emily McNierney** and **Nicholas Lidell** who will be married soon. May God bless them and their marriage.

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 Daniel McGarry.



Celebrating Ourania Brennan

As many of you remember, on June 17th, 2013, we were blessed with the birth of our daughter, Ourania Brennan. She lived just shy of 6 days even though we were told that she would not likely survive the birth itself. Though her time here was short, we are proud of the many things that she was able to accomplish in her limited time. Ourania's achievements include receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, visiting the Chapel at Lourdes Hospital, and feeling the warm sun on her face. Ourania provided for the needs of others through numerous tissue and organ donations, including her donations to the Lions Eye Bank of Albany and the International Institute for the Advancement of Medicine. She was also honored during the 2017 Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California with a stunning Floragraph that appeared on the Donate Life Float. The Ourania Brennan Memorial Scholarship at SUNY Broome Community College offers another example of the positive impact Ourania's brief life has had and will continue to have on this community for years to come. So, as we prepare to mark ten years since her birth, we request your help in supporting Birthright, a volunteer organization dedicated to pregnant women and children. We hope that you have noticed the "Birthright Items Needed" request in recent bulletins and that you will consider supporting them by donating the following most needed items in memory of Ourania:

Receiving blankets
Stretch suits size NB—6mo
Blanket sleepers size NB—6mo
Onesies size 0—3mo or 3—6mo
Diapers
Baby bottles
Infant board books

In addition to this donation drive to support Birthright, we invite you to **join us after the 4:00PM Mass on Saturday, June 10th to celebrate Ourania's 10th birthday with cake in the Church Hall.** We will present Diane Yajko of Birthright with the collection of donations, as well as a monetary gift in honor of our beautiful Ourania at that time.

Thank you for celebrating her short but amazing life with us.

—The Brennan Family (Daniel, Alison, Calliope, Thalia, and Clio)

5th Sunday of Easter: Creation Care Tip

As we continue to celebrate the Easter season, focus on seeing beauty and new life in the natural world. Commit to some small act to beautify your small corner of the world; pick up trash in your neighborhood, sweep a neighbor's walkway, or give a gift of seeds or plants to a lonely friend or family member. Help a mother duck cross the road safely with her ducklings, seek out wild-life rescues for those injured on the side of the street, remove invasive vines from native trees. Be the solution and the one willing to ACT instead of lamenting the degradation of the environment. Go out and do something about it!

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Have you, someone in your family, or a good friend ever expressed interest in joining our Parish Family as a full member of the Church? If so, then please join the RCIA team on Sunday May 14th or May 21st at the Parish Center, 2nd floor office for an informal discussion of the process. We will meet at 9:15AM for an hour. We look forward to meeting you.

Spring Book Club

Our parish book club will begin on **Tuesday, May 9th, at both 2:00PM or 7:00PM in the Parish Hall.** The book is, *Living with Real Presence: Eucharist as an Approach to Life* by James Meyer. As we are in this time of National Eucharistic Revival, this book can be a rich source of prayer and reflection on the Eucharist during this Easter Season.

In this transformative new book, best-selling author, S. James Meyer introduces us to a whole-life encounter with the living Christ, awakening a fresh awareness that the Eucharist is about life, love, and relationships. *Living with Real Presence* reminds us that our lives, Christ's life, and all lives are united in a sacred communion with our Creator and creation. A spiritual journey for personal reflection or small group discussion, Meyer's "Eucharistic living" is a timely call for Catholics to engage in the National Eucharistic Revival.

Please call Delores at the Parish Center (607-722-4388) to order a book and the time you hope to attend the book club discussions (2:00PM or 7:00PM)

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised money to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States. If you forgot, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

5th Sunday of Easter: Justice Challenge

St. Damien of Molokai is honored on May 10. Damien was canonized a saint because of his dedication and service to the lepers on the island of Molokai in Hawaii. Lepers were considered a threat to healthy people because of their contagious illness. Many of them were torn from their families when they were diagnosed with leprosy. They were taken to Molokai and never saw their loved ones again. Damien ministered to the physical and emotional needs of the lepers on Molokai. He followed Jesus' example of reaching out to these rejected human beings, offering them the human contact—the simple touch—which they were denied. Your challenge this week is to look for a leper in your life, but not necessarily in the literal sense of a person with a skin disease. Rather, look for someone who craves human contact and human touch but is denied it. It might be someone who is lonely or angry, smelly or dirty, mentally ill or imprisoned in some way. Whatever the person's reality, reach out in love and compassion. Offer the human touch which every person on earth needs to survive and thrive.

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

May 16th— A. & S. Faughnan, G. Thompson, and G. Pendleton

Clean-Up Day

Town of Fenton Residents Only

When is it? **Saturday, May 20th - ONE DAY ONLY**
7 AM to 5 PM

What can be taken to Clean-Up Day?

General Unwanted Debris

Construction Materials - Wood, Metal, Plasterboard (**NO BIG LOADS**)

White Goods - Washers, Dryers, Stoves, Refrigerators, AC Units, etc.
(**must** be drained of freon)

Tires - (Limit 4 per household, off rims/wheels)

Electronics - TVs, Monitors, PCs, Keyboards, VCRs, etc.

Electronics will be accepted at the Highway Garage 7 AM to 5 PM

What cannot be taken to Clean-Up Day?

Paint

Household Garbage

Brush or Yard Waste

Roofing or Asbestos Shingles

Where is it? Two locations:

Hillcrest: Carrier Services Group (former DLA) at the end of Hoyt

Port Crane: Fenton Highway Garage on Palmer Hill Road

Who can answer questions about Clean-Up Day?

Highway Department at 607-648-5080

KOC 206 Mother's Day Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus 206 will be having a Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday May 14th from 8:00—Noon in the church hall of Sts. John and Andrew. Breakfast costs \$12 for Adults and \$5 for kids under 10. Proceeds benefit Loafs and Fishes Food Pantry.

Thank You For Your Generosity

Thank you to the parishioners for your very generous donation of \$3,100 to lend support for the earthquake victims in Turkey & Syria.

Birthright's Mother's Day Carnation Sale

Carnations will be available outside the church after each mass on Mother's Day weekend. The \$1 donation per flower will benefit women with unexpected pregnancies throughout the region. Your donation will help Birthright purchase baby clothes, maternity clothes, pregnancy tests, and other essential items for mothers and their babies.

Annual Knights of Columbus 11403 Tom Mangan Golf Tournament



Sunday, July 30th
Genegantslet Golf Club

SAVE THE DATE



Reintroduction of the Distribution of the Precious Blood (Cup)

Given the easing of restrictions associated with COVID-19 public health emergency, the distribution of the Precious Blood is going to be offered **this weekend**. The option of receiving from the cup gives a fuller expression of Jesus' command to "take and eat... and take and drink." Receiving from the cup is an option if you so wish to do as you come to communion (if you are not feeling well please forgo the cup). The procedure will be the same as before; come to the Eucharistic Minister, respond "Amen" to the words of that Eucharistic Minister, take the cup in your hands, and with devotion sip from the cup. As always the same procedure will be followed after the communicant leaves. The Eucharistic Minister will wipe the lip of the cup with a cloth, and turn it for the next communicant.

NO INTINCTION (dipping of host into the cup)

The reintroduction of this practice in our parish serves as an opportunity to reflect on the great gift of the Eucharist, the Real Presence of Christ Himself, to the people of God. Especially in this time of National Eucharistic Revival, a renewed appreciation of, and devotion to Jesus, who makes Himself available to us in Holy Communion at every Mass, is a reminder to all of the love of Christ and his desire to remain with his people always.

Need space this summer?

Neighborhood VBS

Binghamton Nazarene ~ 1282 Chenango St

July 10-13 (Monday - Thursday)

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Entering Kindergarten - 5th Grade



**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
May 13th & 14th, 2023

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Mackenzie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Anne Smilnak
4:00 Mass	EM Host	John Artman
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Brenda Artman
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Mary Russik
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Carol Danoski
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Cadhla Hamilton
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Mary Bush
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Anne Wolanski
10:30 Mass	EM Host	David Hanzes
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Scott Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Donna Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Jules Furrer
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Pat Clark

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

10:30 AM Mass

May 14th: Ede & Sarah Blabac

May 21st: Amy Drake & Maria Kirk

VIRTUAL LITURGIES

Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org
to watch our latest Sunday Mass or Liturgy
of the Word as well as Children's Liturgy
videos.

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: What are some ways that you can act like Jesus would if he were in your situation?

Question for Youth: Jesus is "the way, the truth, the life" and he asks us to do as he does. How do you try to follow Jesus' way?

Question for Adults: How are the promises of this Gospel passage made real in your own life? How do you experience yourself doing greater works than even Jesus did?

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One Minute Meditations

Act in confidence

Jesus does not want us to be troubled by worldly concerns.

"My peace I give you" (John 14:27). When you feel

yourself starting to worry or stew about a difficult situation (or person), act out your belief that your prayer for resolution will be answered. Substitute positive, cheerful thoughts for negative ones. God is in control.

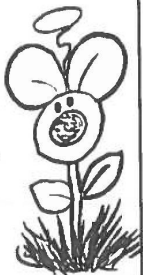
Your Lenten change

Lent is a time when we make changes that bring us closer to God. During Lent, many of us fast from our favorite food or drink, and approach Easter a little lighter in spirit and in body. Don't forget that a Lenten change can continue beyond Easter. Consider continuing your Lenten fast on Fridays throughout the year, or for a week each month, for example. Find ways to make your Lenten change permanent.

Rest and relax

God expects us to be sure to rest.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).



Welcome all God's children

God loves each of us uniquely and fiercely no matter where we come from or how we look. Those of us who follow Him know that it's not just important to love each other. It's God's law.

Celebrate diversity. Invite foreigners or people who are different from you to your home or church. Jesus was once a foreigner in a strange land and was grateful for the hospitality He received. There is great diversity in the Communion of Saints.

Practice patience. It can be tough to listen to someone with a speech impediment or a heavy accent. Imagine, though, how grateful that

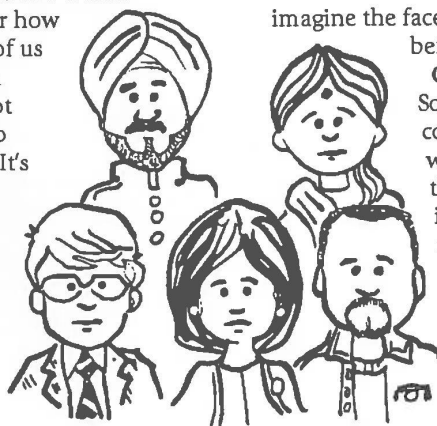
person will be when you offer your attention. Perhaps it would help to imagine the face of Christ in the face before you.

Counsel the ignorant. Someone from another country, background, or with different abilities than yours might behave in what looks like an inconsiderate way out of ignorance or limitations. He might appreciate being informed.

Speak up. Don't stay quiet when you witness prejudice,

and be positive about diversity if friends or relatives start criticizing others' faith, cultures or abilities.

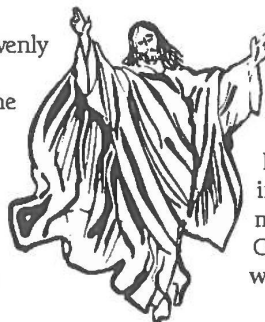
Act with love. The God of love gave of Himself so we could be reunited with Him. We share that love when we assume the best of others and look for the good in all God's children.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics celebrate the Ascension?

Jesus' Ascension into heavenly glory is good news. Sacred Scripture explains that in the Ascension, Jesus, the High Priest, entered the heavenly temple to pray for us with the Father (Hebrews 9:24). Secondly, from his throne in heaven,

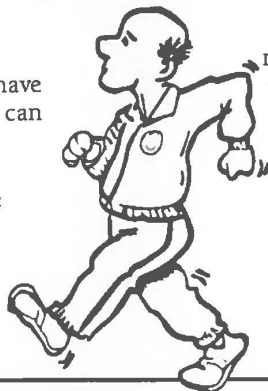


Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit, who keeps us connected to Him, especially in the Eucharist. Lastly, since Christ entered into eternal glory, we as the members of His Body, the Church, may hope to follow if we remain faithful to Him.

Take good care of yourself. You belong to God.

Taking care of ourselves can become a low priority in the midst of other obligations. Yet caring for our bodies and minds is a duty we have to God. He needs us strong and healthy so we can help build up His kingdom.

Body: What you put into your body is even more important than what you put on it. Take steps to make your diet healthier and more nourishing. Avoid drugs or excessive alcohol. Doctors urge daily exercise and eight hours of sleep each night.



Mind: Become picky about what you feed your mind, too. What you watch, read, and listen to influences the way you look at the world. Evidence shows that it's hard to regularly watch violent shows or movies and still be a calm and happy person. Programs or movies that portray infidelity or promiscuity as acceptable behaviors eventually dull our sense of sin. Feed your mind positive, Gospel-centered images that will build you up and inspire you. Surround yourself with people who do the same.

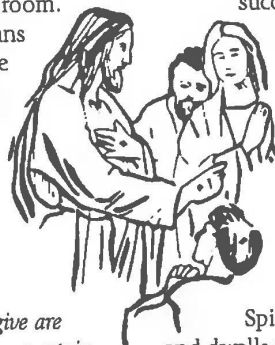
from Scripture

John 20:19-23, "Receive the Holy Spirit"

This Gospel passage gives us a glimpse of how the apostles spent their first Easter Sunday – hiding in a locked room.

They were terrified the Romans would find them and execute them. To their surprise and great relief, Jesus appeared to them in glory and spoke words of peace. He showed them His glorious wounds as "living proof" of His Resurrection.

Then Jesus gave them a mission: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" establishing the Sacrament of Penance (John 20:23). He gave them the Holy Spirit, anticipating the feast of



Pentecost. Now, having authority to forgive sins, the apostles and their successors could continue

Jesus' work after He returned to heaven.

Jesus' appearance to His apostles reveals the fullness of God's mercy. He also sent the Holy Spirit to them. He descended powerfully on Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. That same

Spirit is gifted to us in Baptism and dwells in our souls. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's love to you and help you become more like Christ each day.

Q & A

What is the meaning of the Miraculous Medal?

The Miraculous Medal, given to St. Catherine Labouré in 1830, was designed by the Blessed Mother to teach us three things:

Mary prays for us: The medal's front reads: *O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.* We don't

pray to her; she prays for us! Of course, we can go directly to Jesus anytime. In fact, Mary's role is to bring us to Jesus as swiftly and safely as possible.



Evil can be defeated: Mary is shown crushing Satan's head, recalling the prophecy of his defeat (Genesis 3:15). Mary's humble "yes" to God paved the way for Christ's victory over death, sin, and evil. When we give God our "yes," then Christ's victory bears fruit in our lives.

Grace is always available: St. Catherine asked why only some of the gemstones in Mary's rings radiated light. Her answer? The dim gems symbolize "the graces for which souls forget to ask." God's grace is always available to us. All we have to do is ask.

Feasts & Celebrations

May 3 – Sts. Philip and James (1st Century). St. Philip was born in Bethsaida and followed John the Baptist before he followed Christ. After the Ascension, St. Philip preached in Asia Minor, where he was martyred. St. James, son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve Apostles.

May 10 - St. John of Ávila (1569). Born to wealthy, pious parents, St. John left a budding career as a lawyer to become a priest. At the request of his bishop, he worked and preached to renew the faith of Catholics in Andalusia.

May 18 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (1st Century). This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and His triumphant entry into heaven. *Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.*

May 25 – St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi (1607). Born to a distinguished Florentine family, Catherine de' Pazzi became a Carmelite nun. Upon making vows, she experienced ecstasies, and became a mystic and a healer.



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