

May 08, 2022

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

## Happy Mother's Day

“Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she smiles at the future.

She opens her mouth in wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is  
on her tongue.”

*Proverbs 31:25-26*

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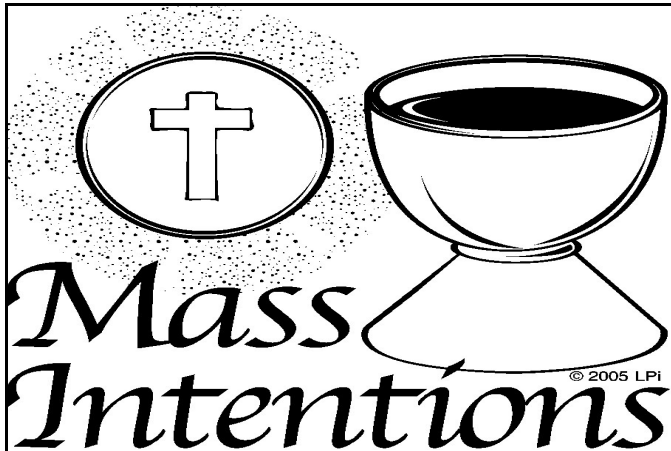
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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, May 7, Vigil of Sunday**  
4:00 p.m. Craig Totman by Mom & Dad

**Sunday, May 8, Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
10:30 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. Bernadette Keough by Children

**Monday, May 9**  
12:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

**Tuesday, May 10**  
8:00 a.m. Theresa Yajko by Judy Ruston & Colleen Ashman

**Wednesday, May 11**  
12:00 p.m. Arthur Griswold by Tim & Sandy Giblin

**Thursday, May 12**  
8:00 a.m. Pat O'Day by Brenda & John Artman

**Friday, May 13**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, May 14, Vigil of Sunday**  
4:00 p.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Martha Kostun by Mike & Jan Pandich

**Sunday, May 15, Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
10:30 a.m. 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv. Don & Barb Brozovic

**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 (05-01-22)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$3,951.98
Loose Collection.....	\$531.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,542.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,024.98

*Thank You for your generous contributions!*

**Faith Formation**

**No Faith Formation. Have a nice summer. See you in the Fall!**

**Check the bulletin for information on Vacation Bible School this summer.**

**Looking ahead:**

Confirmation 2022 Retreat will be held at Otsiningo Park, **May 15th, 10:30 AM. All candidates are required to attend.** Permission forms were distributed or you can find the form on our website under Faith Formation>> Confirmation>> Confirmation Documents Forms and Assignments.

**Facing Mother's Day After Losing Your Mom**

**Carry on those special traditions.**

It can be incredibly helpful and calming to engage in an activity that you and she used to do together, especially if a sentimental location is involved.

**Write her a card.**

You used to buy her a card on Mother's Day, and there's no reason why that beautiful tradition should stop. Many people find it therapeutic to write heartfelt messages to their deceased mothers on Mother's Day, or a Mother's Day Bible verse.

**Visit her grave.**

Cemeteries are generally quiet, serene places, and there's often no better environment in which to reflect on the memory of a loved one.

**Plan a celebration with siblings or other family members.**

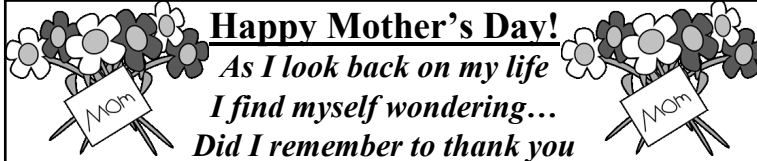
You may find it comforting to be with siblings during the holiday, or with anyone who had a close relationship with your mother.

**Ask for a sign.**

If it's still difficult to plan anything elaborate on the day, that's okay. Trying to recognize that your mother is still with you is what's most important. If you pay attention and are aware of them, you'll recognize those signs. In nature, in music, in food, in smells. Whether it's her favorite song on the radio, her signature scent floating by, or a rainbow appearing at just the right time outside your window, if you pay attention and are aware of them, you may come to realize that she is with you.

**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, Ron Kilmer.



## Happy Mother's Day!

*As I look back on my life*

*I find myself wondering...*

*Did I remember to thank you*

*For all that you have done for me?*

*For all of the times you were by my side*

*To help me celebrate my successes*

*And accept my defeats?*

*Or for teaching me the value of hard work,*

*Good judgment, courage, and honesty?*

*I wonder if I've ever thanked you for the simple things...*

*The laughter, smiles, and quiet times we shared...*

*If I've forgotten to express my gratitude*

*for any of these things,*

*I am thanking you now*

*and want to express my love for you!*

*And I'm hoping that you've known all along*

*How very much you are appreciated!*

### A Mother's Day Smile

A teacher had just presented a lesson on magnetic force. Then she quizzed her students. "My name starts with M, I have six letters and I pick up things. What am I? To her amazement, the children answered..."MOTHER!"

### How Do People Choose Their Church?

In a recent survey of church members, this question was asked: Why did you choose to join the church you attend?

- † 3% joined because of the pastor.
- † 9% chose their church because of its architectural beauty.
- † 14% joined because of denominational loyalty.
- † 18% because it was a convenient distance from their homes.
- † 22% joined because there were people who went to the church that they respected (family, friends, etc.).
- † 34% because of neighbors or friends invited them to the church.

The statistics speak for themselves. When it comes to evangelization, the members of our church make the biggest difference. Are you making that difference?

### Blessing of Seeds & Plants: May 14/15

As our weather improves, it brings the hope of finally attending to our home gardens to plant the seeds for flowers and vegetables. So all of you gardeners are invited to bring your seeds and plants to the Weekend Liturgies on May 14th & 15th for a blessing for a fruitful harvest or colorful garden. This is a reminder and a way for us to show care for our common home.

*"It is not far-fetched to say that our health, our very lives, depend on the sprouting of seeds. The planting of seeds and nurturing through harvest, we receive God's blessings."*

### 4th Sunday of Easter: Creation Care Tips

*"I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."* — Acts 13:47

Pope Francis reminds us that "All Christian communities have an important role to play in ecological education," and that it is appropriate for people of faith to call on political institutions and elected leaders to care for the environment and those who are most impacted by climate change, particularly the poor (Laudato Si' #214). This week, look up your elected officials (<https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>) and contact them to share your thoughts on how you hope they will vote on current environmental issues.

### 4th Sunday of Easter: Justice Challenge

Justice takes courage. Those who speak out for and act on behalf of those who are being mistreated often face persecution. In some parts of the world, they face torture and death. Jesus is the good shepherd and promises that no one will snatch his sheep out of his hand. We can face the greatest threats with courage when we stand up for what is right because we know that even if the worst possible thing happens to us, we will end up in the protection of our good shepherd. The challenge this week is to overcome your fear and speak up for or act on behalf of someone who is being mistreated... knowing that Jesus has your back.

### Thank You for Your Support Afghan Family, Ukraine, and Parish

Over the course of these last few months there have been a couple of unexpected and urgent emergencies.

One was for the Afghan family that resettled in our area this past January. They are settling and adjusting very well to this new life. Support was requested, and you responded so generously, with financial assistance, bicycles, and clothes.

Then came the unexpected war in Ukraine, and the impact on the lives of the Ukrainian people. The human need was, and still is, immense! However, you responded to our recent parish collections with a total over \$9,000.

We are looking at sharing this donation in a way that can be directly supportive to the need in Ukraine. Three in consideration include: The Ukrainian Pentecostal Church (located at the former St. Christopher's Church), World Central Kitchen (they make and serve meals in Ukraine and countries that have received people from Ukraine), and Caritas Ukraine (a Catholic agency that provides humanitarian assistance in the form of clothing, footwear, and other necessary items to people in need)

You have also been very generous in your overall financial support of our parish. So, thank you for all of this, and so much more!

If you would like to donate further to the Afghan Resettlement or our parish, please visit our website [stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org).

**Thank You!**

**Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule**  
Transportation  
 NO TRANSPORTATION  
Shelving (Mondays)  
 NO SHELIVING  
Distribution  
 May 17th— R. O'Neil, G. Thompson, B. Grace

**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.


**Why Return to the Church? Reflection**  
 1. Can you think of any time in your life that you returned to something you had given up? How did you feel? What made it easy? What made it hard?  
 2. Many people find that the church supports a lot of the basic human values they treasure, e.g., family, inner peace, personal dignity, integrity, and hope. What values do you think the church can best support in your life?  
 3. If you were to name the most important thing you received from your Catholic heritage, what would you say that it was? How do you see that continuing in your present and future life?

**For Potential Godparents and Sponsors for Baptisms or Confirmation**  
 Anyone looking to be a Godparent or Sponsor to a Confirmation Candidate MUST be a registered member of St. Francis of Assisi to be able to get a letter of certification. This is the only way that the Church can verify you are a practicing Catholic. Please call Delores at the Parish Center (722-4388) for questions.

**Online Giving**  
 Would you like to save paper and time when giving monetary donations to us? We have the option of online giving for your convenience. Visit our website [stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org) and click "online giving" in the menu. It's easy to set up using your checking account, credit, or debit card for automatic or one-time donation options and you choose where the money goes. The following are the accounts we have available for donation:  
**Ordinary Contribution, Repair, Maint. & Utilities, Catholic School Support, Catherine's Cupboard, Special Sunshine, Capital Campaign, and the Southern Tier Afghan Resettlement Fund**  
**Check it out!**

**Bans of Marriage**  
 Congratulations and best wishes to **Jennifer Kipp and Brent Jones** who will be married soon. May God bless them and their marriage!

**Southern Tier Afghan Resettlement Fund**  
 • Use your camera on your smartphone to scan this QR code =====>>>  
 • Learn more about our Southern Tier Afghan Resettlement Fund  
 • Donate to help an Afghan family in need right here in the Southern Tier



*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

**Volunteer Opportunity!**  
**Broome County Council of Churches**  
 The Broome County Council of Churches is an organization that collaborates with many facets of the community to serve people with needs. Through our growing and diverse programs, the Council provides services to the hungry; elderly and lonely; disabled; sick; imprisoned; homeless and poor; and youth of Broome County. They advocate for change and reconciliation, promoting peace, justice, and genuine community across racial, ethnic, gender, socio-economic, and religious lines.  
 There are many volunteer options available, so go online and sign up to become a volunteer:  
<https://broomecouncil.net/volunteer-get-involved/>

**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.*

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 Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**  
**May 14th & 15th, 2022**

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Brendan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Lector	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Kurt Mohny
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Kelly Mohny
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Barb Brozovic
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Jonah Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Juliana Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
10:30 Mass	Lector	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Catherine Shafer
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Scott Iglar
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Donna Iglar

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**Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule**

**May 15th**  
**Dan & Alison Brennan**

**May 22nd**  
**Ede Blabac & CeCe Barry**

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Please go online to  
**[stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org)**  
to view our latest Sunday mass and  
Children's Liturgy.

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!**

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**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Jesus promises to guard us like a shepherd does the sheep. How do you experience his loving care in your life?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus said "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." How does Jesus speak to you? What new path is he asking of you?

**Question for Adults:** What is your experience of being a follower of Christ, of being cared for and guarded with him as shepherd?

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# Growing in FAITH™

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Rev. Timothy J. Taugher, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### Your turn

No parish can do the work of the Church without support from parishioners. For example, parishioners may bring Communion to the sick or infirm, clean the church, staff parish ministries, teach faith formation and give money to keep church facilities operating. It is this vital participation that brings the heart of Jesus to His people. Ask your pastor what your parish needs from you.

### Sunday reminder

The Church requires that Catholics participate in Mass on Sunday and other holy days of obligation. It's the best way we regularly encounter Christ. We are also to abstain from work on Sunday that could interfere with the attention and worship due to God. God wants us to rest on Sunday to gather strength for the week ahead.

*"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor"*  
(Romans 12:9-10).



## Virtues are the antidotes to sin

Virtues are good moral habits that shape our hearts to be like God's. They help us habitually do what is good. As the building blocks for Christian moral living, virtues help to counter sin. For example:

**Humility:** This virtue is the antidote to pride. Humility helps us to recognize that God is worthy of our worship and obedience. Rather than focusing on ourselves, humility helps us to be willing to focus on God, live according to His ways. Ideas for practicing this virtue include always taking the less important position, drawing attention to others rather than ourselves, learning to love simple things.

**Forgiveness:** The sin of anger is

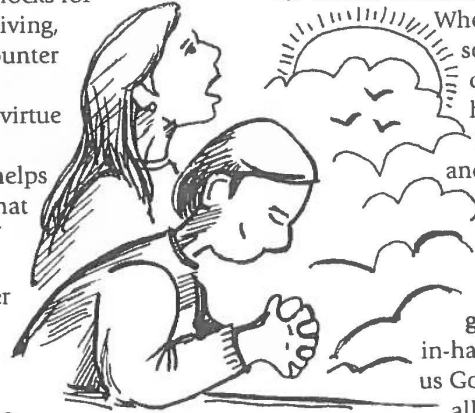
defined as an uncontrolled feeling of hatred and wrath. Indulging in anger causes us to hold onto hateful feelings for others. The antidote is forgiveness.

When offended by someone, forgive quickly and work to heal the relationship.

Refrain from gossip and avoid criticizing unless you can offer reasonable and useful solutions.

**Gratitude and generosity** go hand-in-hand. They remind us God is the source of

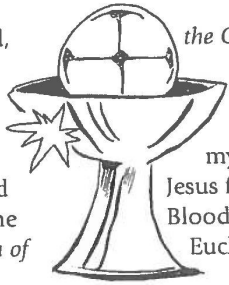
all good, and that everything good we have is a gift to be enjoyed and shared. Stop the "compare-despair" cycle of envy and greed. Limit your time on social media and impulse shopping. Name something you appreciate daily, or find a way to show kindness each day.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics call the Eucharist the "Real Presence?"

At the Last Supper, Jesus said, "This is my body...this is the cup of my blood" (Matthew 26:26-28) over the bread and wine, and so it was. He commanded His Apostles, and the priests after them, to do the same at every Mass (*Catechism of*

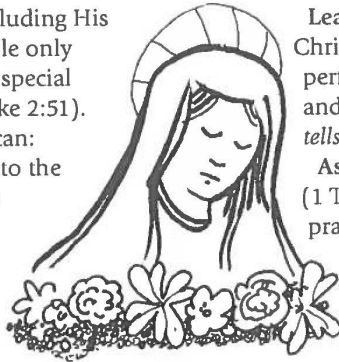


*the Catholic Church*, #1375). When we receive Communion, we're literally heart-to-Heart with Jesus. The details are a mystery, but that doesn't stop Jesus from coming to us, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist.

## “Behold your mother” (John 19:27)

On the Cross, Jesus gave us everything, including His mother to be our mother (John 19:27). While only God is worthy of worship, Mary is accorded special honor in imitation of Jesus’ love for her (Luke 2:51). To demonstrate honor and love for her, we can:

Call her “Mom.” When we are baptized into the Church, Mary becomes our mother by grace (CCC #967), and we can address her with confidence and affection as her children. Mary wants the best for us. She always leads us to her Son by the quickest and safest route.



Learn from her. Want to know how to follow Christ faithfully – daily? Mary was the first – and the perfect – Christian. She continually trusted God and followed His will, and tells us, “Do whatever he tells you” (John 2:5).

Ask her for prayers. Christ is the one Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5). However, she also receives our prayers for others. Because she is His mother and the Queen of Heaven, Mary’s prayers are powerful. She will keep praying for us until we are in Heaven.

### from **S**cripture

#### Luke 24:46-53, Our mission from God

This passage is Luke’s version of the Ascension when Jesus ascends to His Father in Heaven. Jesus gave his disciples a mission before entering Heaven. First, He reminded them that His suffering, death, and Resurrection were part of God’s plan. These events, called the Paschal Mystery, are so important we recall them at every Mass.

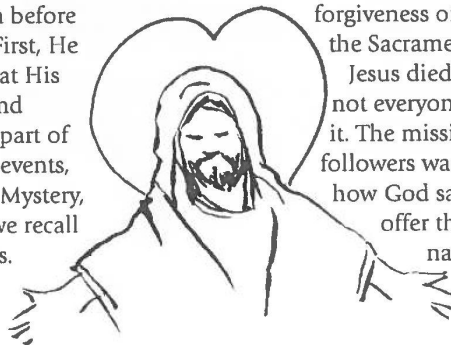
Then, Jesus sent His disciples out to call others to repentance and discipleship. Having heard about Christ’s suffering, death and Resurrection for their salvation, the next logical step would be to repent

– literally, to “go beyond their usual way of thinking.” People were and are invited to reconcile with God by the forgiveness of their sins through the Sacraments.

Jesus died for everyone, but not everyone knew about it. The mission of His first followers was to tell everyone how God saved them and to offer them, in Christ’s

name, a way forward: repentance and forgiveness. If we know Christ, His

sacrifice, His love, and the eternal life He offers us, we are commanded to tell others, whether by word, deed, or living example.



### Feasts & Celebrations

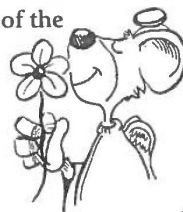
**May 12 – St. Pancras (c. 304).** Orphaned at an early age, he was brought by an uncle to Rome and, inspired by Christians, they converted. Both were beheaded for refusing to sacrifice to idols during the reign of Emperor Diocletian. St. Pancras was only fourteen years old.

**May 14 - St. Matthias (1st century).** When the apostles met to choose Judas’ successor, Peter said that the new Apostle must have followed Jesus from his baptism to his Ascension and

witnessed his Resurrection. St. Matthias was chosen by lots to fill Judas’ place.

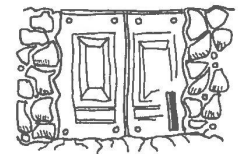
**May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia (1457).** Unwillingly married off to a cruel husband at the age of twelve, St. Rita spent eighteen unhappy years before being widowed. After her sons died of illness, she became an Augustinian nun. She was known for her devotion to prayer and charity.

**May 29 - Ascension of the Lord.** This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus’ mission of salvation and His triumphant entry into Heaven.



### Q What is the feast of & our Lady of Loreto? A

In 2019, Pope Francis set aside a day specially devoted to Our



Lady of Loreto. Loreto, Italy, is believed to be where the house in which Mary grew up is located. According to tradition, angels carried the house from Israel to Italy in the thirteenth century when the Holy Land was under attack.

Whether angels really transported the house, or a devout, wealthy family paid to have it moved, scientific findings have verified that the house itself is not from thirteenth-century Italy. The architectural style, construction, and the pollen granules found in the mortar are not characteristic of thirteen-century Italy, but of first-century Palestine.

We are not required to believe in the miraculous transportation of the House of Loreto, but the significance of this devotion still applies. We are reminded of her universal motherhood (John 19:27). We’re encouraged to ask her intercession for families today, and to remember the importance of the family in God’s saving plan.

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