

May 09, 2021

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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**You can still attend  
weekend mass virtually!**



**Saturday, May 8, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Martha Kostun by Jan & Mike Pandich

**Sunday, May 9, Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
 8:00 a.m. Franklin Fleeger by CV Transportation Dept.  
 11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People - **FIRST EUCHARIST**

**Monday, May 10**  
 12:00 p.m. Joe & Rita Brozovic by Family

**Tuesday, May 11**  
 8:00 a.m. Christopher Shafer by Catherine Shafer

**Wednesday, May 12, Vigil of The Ascension of the Lord**  
 5:00 p.m. Gerald Russik by St. Francis' Choir

**Thursday, May 13, The Ascension of the Lord**  
 12:00 p.m. Ed & Mary Lyons by Linda & Jim Cerra

**Friday, May 14**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, May 15, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Bob Shields by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

**Sunday, May 16, Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
 8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Legos Family by Mary & Vince 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.

**Weekend's Offering (05-02-21)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$3,447.00
Loose Collection.....	\$182.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,522.00
Total Collection.....	\$5,151.00

*Thank You for your generous contributions!*

**FAITH FORMATION**  
 Have a good rest of the school year!  
 Hope to see you all at church!

**Looking Ahead:**  
 —Confirmation Retreat **Sunday, May 16th at Otsiningo Park, 11 AM.** Mass will be celebrated at 5 PM.

—Students who participated in remote Faith Formation this year can still turn in their weekly assignments. Thank you for your participation, and thank you as well to those students who attended Faith Formation Classes in person! Watch the bulletin for information on Vacation Bible School, coming soon!

—**Baccalaureate Mass will be held Sunday, June 6th at the 11 AM Mass.** All graduating Seniors from our parish are invited to attend. If you did not receive a mailing please call Maria Kirk.



**Pentecost Sunday**  
**Is**  
**May 23rd**

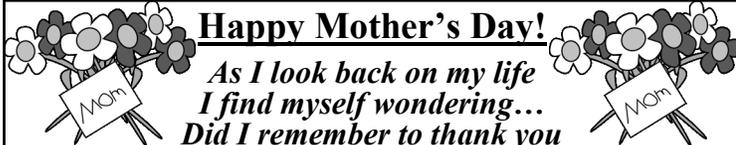
**Wear Red!**



**Laimons and Sylvia Drupa Scholarship**  
 The Binghamton Garden Club is offering this scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 to a graduating senior in a Broome County high school. The selected senior must major in a university undergraduate program in horticulture, environmental studies, botany, landscape architecture, biology (not pre-med) or other directly related fields. The award is not just a one-year award, but has the potential of multiple years if all the requirements are met. Interested applicants should contact their school guidance counselor. **Submissions must be received by May 17, 2021.** Contact M. Rankin at 773-8959 for more information.

**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 Edward White, Christopher Colvin, and Eleanore Yanuzzi.

**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 have forgotten to express my gratitude for any of  
these things,  
I thank 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!*

**Congratulations, First Eucharist Class!**

Congratulations to the children in our parish who received their First Eucharist this weekend. What a wonderful day to be given an amazing gift. We know they will always hold this day in a special way.

**6th Sunday of Easter: Justice Challenge**

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 pariahs who were 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. (Lepers at the time of Jesus faced a similar alienation. They were often forced to wear a bell around their necks so that people could run from them when they heard the bell.) 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.

**Samaritan House "Unique" Spring Sale 2021**

Samaritan House will be holding it's SPRING SALE on Saturday, May 15th from 9:00AM—3:00PM and Sunday, May 16th from 9:00AM—1:00PM, at St. Mary of the Assumption Recreation Center (152-156 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY)  
Come by and support Samaritan House's cause of supporting those in need in our area!

**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.

**Get Vaccinated!!**

In an interview this past January, Pope Francis stated that he believes that, "ethically, everyone [who can] has to get the [COVID-19] vaccine." He called vaccination, "the ethical choice because you are gambling with your health, with your life, but you are also gambling with the lives of others." Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI received their vaccinations in January. If you haven't already, schedule your appointment NOW! For information on how to sign up to get your COVID-19 vaccine here in Broome County go to [www.gobroomecounty.com/hd/coronavirus/vaccine](http://www.gobroomecounty.com/hd/coronavirus/vaccine) or call 211 to ask for help in making an appointment. The process is very simple and is organized very well at this point.

**SO GO GET VACCINATED!!!**

**Ascension Mass Schedule**

Vigil  
Wednesday, May 12th 5:00 p.m.

Ascension  
Thursday, May 13th 12:00 p.m.

**Liturgies will be held in Church**

## Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

### Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

### Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

### Distribution

May 18th— P. Peters, K. Dotson, G. Thompson

### 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.

**So, go out and give volunteering a try!**

### 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.*

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

Have you had enough of COVID? Plan a cruise to the Land of the Midnight Sun in July 2022.

**Berkshire Travel Agency Presents**

**A 14-Day Best of Norway Aboard the Rotterdam**

July 9 — 24, 2022

Hosted by Fathers:

John Yonkovig, Don Henry, Tom Ryan, and Tim Taugher

### Cruise Itinerary

Valid U.S Passports Required

Day	Port	Arrive	Depart
Sat	Overnight flight to Amsterdam, Netherlands		
Sun	Depart Amsterdam		5:00PM
Mon	Sea Day		
Tue	Scenic cruising Oslofjord		
Tue	Oslo, Norway	8:00AM	4:00PM
Wed	Kristiansand, Norway	8:00AM	5:00PM
Thu	Stavanger, Norway	8:00AM	3:00PM
Fri	Scenic cruising Sognefjord		
Fri	Flam, Norway	7:00AM	7:00PM
Sat	Sea Day		
Sun	Amsterdam, Netherlands		
Mon	Sea Day		
Tue	Eidfjord, Norway	7:00AM	3:00PM
Tue	Scenic cruising Hardangerfjord		
Wed	Alesund, Norway	8:00AM	5:00PM
Thu	Geiranger, Norway	7:00AM	5:00PM
Thu	Cruising Geirangerfjord		
Fri	Bergen, Norway	8:00AM	5:00PM
Sat	Sea Day		
Sun	Debark Amsterdam	7:00AM	

### Berkshire Travel Group Rates

(Per person/double Occupancy)

Category	Stateroom Description	Berkshire Rate
J	Inside Stateroom	\$2,855.00
E	Outside Stateroom	\$3,454.00
VD	Verandah Stateroom	\$3,805.00

**Rate includes:** Cruise accommodations as desired, port taxes and government fees, meals and entertainment on board ship, cocktail party for group

**Not included:** personal items, gratuities on board ship, airfare and transfers

Cancellation insurance is available and recommended

**Deposit:** \$600 per person is required to secure a room.

Contact Kathy Coll (610)372-4652 for more information!

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**  
May 15th & 16th, 2021

**4:00 P.M. Mass**

Designation ONLY

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

Designation ONLY

**11:00 A.M. Mass**

Designation ONLY

Please go online to  
**stfrancisbing.org**  
to view our latest Sunday mass.

We will continue to post new videos of our weekend liturgies by 4:00PM on Saturdays, for those who wish to stay home for health and safety concerns.

Also find the videos on our  
Facebook (search “@stfrancisbing”)  
Twitter (search “@stfrancisbing”)  
YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)

**You can still attend weekend mass  
virtually!**

**Children’s Liturgy of The Word will be  
posted by Noon on Saturdays!**

**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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# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith.

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## One Minute Meditations

### God is our strength

Life can be exhausting and we can become overwhelmed by what it takes to be good. It is important to remember that we don't struggle alone. "If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him?" (Romans 8:31-32).

### A new approach

St. Paul said the whole law is summed up in love. While he was talking about Mosaic law, laws are given to preserve order. Jesus presented a new fresh approach. Out of love, He came not to abolish the Law, but to bring it to perfection. The relationship between heaven and earth is love.

"Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name, I will do it" (John 14:13-14).



## Who do you say that Jesus is?

Jesus said to his Apostles, "But who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15). In *Mere Christianity*, C.S.

Lewis wrote that there are three ways to answer this question. Perhaps Jesus was a liar, deliberately misleading others by claiming to be God. Or, was He insane, deluded into thinking He was God? Finally, perhaps He is what He said He is – God.

**Liar:** If Jesus deliberately misled others, He would have been evil. Yet, his friends wrote that He did incredible acts of good, was honest, kind, and compassionate. No one experienced Jesus as a bad man.

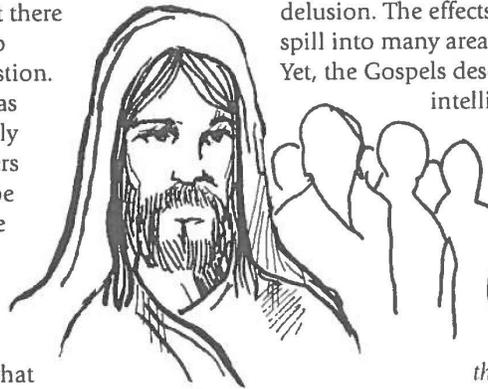
**Lunatic:** What if Jesus were insane

and deluded when believing He was God? Being out of touch with reality wouldn't have been confined to one delusion. The effects of mental illness spill into many areas of a person's life. Yet, the Gospels describe Jesus' wisdom, intelligence, and practical good sense. He had an ability to attract people who respected His authority.

Lord: When Jesus asked, "But who do YOU say that I am?", Peter

responded, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." It's the only answer that makes sense.

Ultimately, we each have to answer the question of who Jesus is for ourselves. We can pray for the faith of Peter to declare Jesus our Lord and our God.



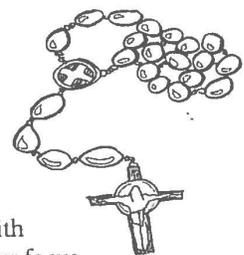
## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics pray the Rosary?

Popes, saints, and Catholics over the centuries have turned to the Rosary for miraculous help in seemingly impossible situations. The mysteries of the Rosary describe the events of Jesus' life, death and Resurrection. As we pray the Rosary, we revisit these events.

The Rosary is deeply ingrained in our Catholic identity. The rhythm of

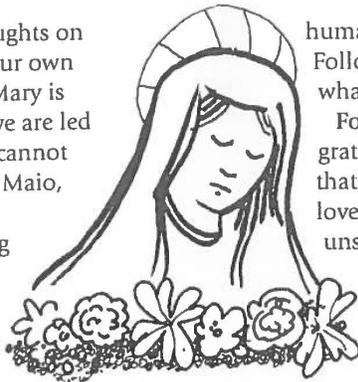
the Rosary is meant to still our minds and direct our hearts to communion with God, placing our focus on God and not on the world.



## Mary brings us to the heart of her Son

Jesus so loved his mother that his last thoughts on the Cross were of her. He gave her to us as our own mother, and wants us to honor her. "Since Mary is rightly to be regarded as the way by which we are led to Christ, the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Christ likewise" (Mense Maio, Blessed Pope Paul VI).

For her "yes." Without fully understanding what God intended, she unhesitatingly agreed to become his mother. Her "yes" made it possible for God to become



human and be crucified for our salvation. Following her example means saying "yes" to whatever God asks.

For her sacrifice. Wouldn't you be forever grateful to someone who gave up her child so that you and your loved ones might live? Mary loved her amazing child and she experienced unspeakable heartache as he was sacrificed for us. Praying the Rosary regularly reminds us of the life of Jesus and the desire of his Mother to bring us close to his heart.

### from **S**cripture

#### Matthew 28:16-20, The Holy Trinity

Jesus appeared to the Apostles on the mountain top in Galilee, so they could receive their final instructions. They were to go forth, baptize, make disciples, and to teach what they had been taught.

These are our instructions, too. Once we meet Jesus and experience his love for us, we can't keep him to ourselves. We must share him.

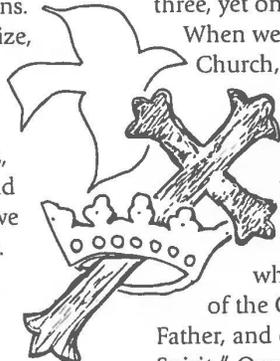
Jesus also revealed to the Apostles, and to the crowd gathered with them, that God is a Trinity —Father, Son, and

Holy Spirit – three Divine Persons united in love. The belief that God is three, yet one, is distinct to Christianity.

When we became members of the Church, we were baptized in the name of the Trinity.

The Trinity is a mystery we may not fully understand, but we can still live in its love and power.

We proclaim our faith in it whenever we make the Sign of the Cross: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Our ultimate goal is to follow Christ into the eternal life of the Trinity.



### **Q** & **A** Why are Catholics urged to pray?

St. Therese of Lisieux said, "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." Practically speaking, prayer is how we connect with God.

Prayer helps us to hear God's voice. By praying, we learn about Him, come to understand what He wants for us, and how we reap the blessings He wants to give us. The more we pray, the closer to Him we become. "Christian prayer is a covenant relationship between God and man in Christ" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2564).

Through our Baptism, we are united with Jesus. When we pray often and regularly, we create the habit of being in His presence and in communion with Him. And, we tap into our Baptismal connection. Through a healthy prayer life, we enjoy a personal and living relationship with God.

God seeks to draw us each to Himself. Prayer is our answer to Him.



### Feasts & Celebrations

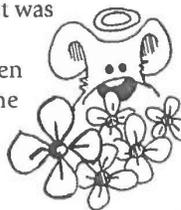
**May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker.** Entrusted with the care of the Blessed Mother and Jesus, Joseph was a carpenter dedicated to his family and obedient to God.

**May 13 – 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 18 – St. Felix of Cantalice**

(1587). Born to poor, pious parents in Italy, St. Felix was called "Brother Deogratias" because he was always thanking God. As a young man, he joined the Capuchins, who sent him to Rome to be the friary's official beggar. He was also friends with Saints Philip Neri and Charles Borromeo.

**May 23 – Pentecost (1st century).** After the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, the Holy Spirit was given to the Church at the first Pentecost. When the apostles received the Holy Spirit, the "new age" of the Church was born.



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