

May 14, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



HAPPY
Mother's
Day

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Eucharistic faith community committed to living and sharing the Gospel life.

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Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday:
7:30 am to 4:30 pm
Friday: Closed

Confession:

2nd & 4th Saturday of every
month at 3:00 pm in the Church

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Please go online to
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our latest weekend reflection.
We will be posting new
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**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

Monday, May 15

12:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

Tuesday, May 16

8:00 a.m. Mary Zulko by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Wednesday, May 17

NO MASS

Thursday, May 18, The Ascension of the Lord—(Liturgy in Church)

12:00 p.m. Michael Klepfer by Larry & Dolores Koch

Friday, May 19

NO MASS

Saturday, May 20, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Betty Parasiliti by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Sunday, May 21, Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Legos Family by Mary & Vince DeNinis

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 (05-07-23)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,086.00
Loose Collection.....	\$431.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$2,985.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,502.00

Faith Formation**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.

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 Seniors!

**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

**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.





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 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!

Birthright's Mother's Day Carnation Sale

Carnations will be available outside the church after each mass on this 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.

Pentecost: May 27/28

WEAR RED!

Red is the liturgical color for Pentecost. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church, wear something red to church as a sign we are on fire with the Spirit!



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.

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.

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.

Prayer for Mental Health Concerns

May is the month of Mary and also Mental Health Awareness Month.

*In this time when the earth is offering renewal,
When the wounds of winter are being healed,
We come to Mary, Mother of Mercy,
And ask her blessing on all who are wounded,
Who are in pain, who struggle,
Because of mental health issues.
Bring healing to your children, O Mary,
To all those who suffer, and
To their families and friends,
As they seek a way out of the darkness.
Bring transformation to our medical system
So that mental health services are widely available
For our youth and young adults, for parents,
for those on the margins—for all in distress.
O Mary, Mother of Mercy,
Bring awareness and compassion to us all
So we may be part of the healing,
Part of the transformation needed
To recognize the needs and the dignity
Of all who struggle with mental health concerns
And those who love and support them.
Amen.*

6th Sunday of Easter: Creation Care Tip

"All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name." —Psalm 66:4

Sometimes being intentional about helping the environment can feel heavy and depressing, and most of the news seems bad, yet our faith calls us to continue to have hope and praise God. This week, make time to join creation in praising God. Go for a hike and breathe in the fresh scents of the forest; sit on a beach and glory in the expanse of water; sit under a tree, close your eyes and listen to the birds chirping above you. Do whatever it is that will help you join your spirit to that of creation.

6th Sunday of Easter: Justice Challenge

On May 15 in 1891, Pope Leo XIII shared his landmark encyclical *Rerum Novarum* with Catholics across the world. In this letter, which is considered the beginning of modern Catholic social teaching, Pope Leo defended the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Your challenge this week is to do something special for someone whose job you may be taking for granted or whose job isn't valued the way it should be. How can you honor this person and his/her work? How can you show your gratitude for the service which this person does in your life? Perhaps a thank you note, a plate of home-made cookies, or a simple "thank you" will let the person know his/her work matters.

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.

Rosary and Religious Item Donations

The Sisters of St. Joseph are helping the immigrants, homeless, and those who need a Christian reminder by giving them rosaries and religious items. If anyone would like to donate rosaries or other religious items, there is a basket on the back table of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Annual Knights of Columbus 11403 Tom Mangan Golf Tournament

Sunday, July 30th

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SAVE THE DATE



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, amazing life with us. —The Brennan Family (Daniel, Alison, Calliope, Thalia, and Clio)

PAST: Sacred Sites Open House

Sunday May 21st

Tour 21 Houses of Worship in Broome County

Free and open to the public

Visit pastny.org for complete list of sites

Sponsored by PAST and the NY Landmarks Conservancy

Southern Tier Catholic Men of Christ Fellowship Breakfast

May 20th

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish
701 West Main Street, Endicott NY

Mass at 9AM

Free hot breakfast with Fellowship from 9:30—11:30AM

Reservation needed by Wednesday, May 17th @ 3PM

Please contact the parish secretary Patti Dalton at 607-748-7417 (ext. 1) or email pdalton@syrdio.org

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

May 20th & 21st, 2023

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Thalia Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	John Artman
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Betsy A Shields
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Anne Smilnak
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Carol Danoski
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Peggy Munson
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Nancy Oliver
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sydney Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Mike Gaetani
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Kerri Hamilton
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Mary DeNinis
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Suzanne Carr
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Virginia Thompson

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: Jesus promises to
be our friend forever. How do friends treat
each other?

Question for Youth: Jesus promised us
that the Holy Spirit (the Advocate) would
remain with us always. When have you ex-
perienced the Spirit?

Question for Adults: Which one of the
promises in today's Gospel gives you the
most hope?

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