

May 21, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



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

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Monday — Thursday:
7:30 am to 4:30 pm
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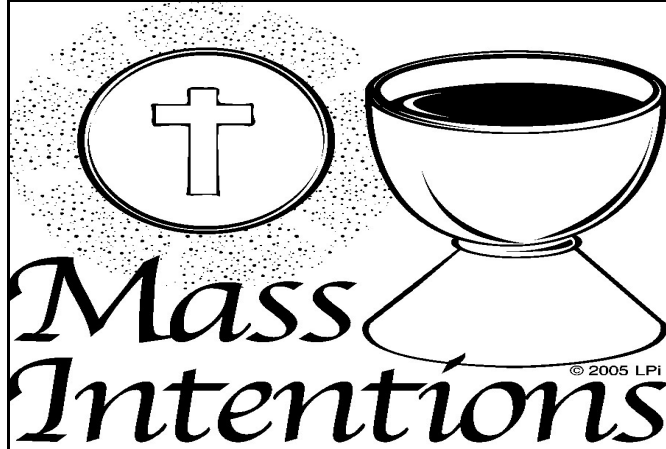
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**Saturday, May 20, Vigil of Sunday**

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

Monday, May 22

12:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

Tuesday, May 23

8:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Wednesday, May 24

12:00 p.m. Ronald Antonyak by Carolyn
Scoville

Thursday, May 25

8:00 a.m. Richard Kabanek by Robert
Connelly

Friday, May 26**NO MASS****Saturday, May 27, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Michael Fontana by Mom &
Family

Sunday, May 28, Pentecost Sunday

10:30 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna 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 (05-14-23)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$7,280.00
Loose Collection.....	\$291.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,680.00
Total Collection.....	\$9,251.00

Faith Formation**Looking Ahead:**

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!

CLASS OF 2023


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 especially,
Richard Millf



Liturgy To Pray for An End to The Epidemic of Gun Violence

There have been 225 Mass Shootings so far this year, according to the Gun Violence Archive. Sadly, this can increase by the time you read this notice. The number of mass shootings this year surpasses the number of days in our 2023 calendar. Many social scientists have said this is an epidemic in our country. As we prayed for an end to the COVID-19 epidemic, we need to pray to end this ongoing epidemic.

Twenty-Four years ago, the U.S. Catholic Bishops wrote: "Our families are torn by violence. Our communities are destroyed by violence. Our faith is tested by violence." As a people of faith, we cannot allow this to become the norm in our way of life. We cannot be complacent to the carnage these acts of violence are causing to the social fabric of our society. Each death is an offense to God's love.

On Wednesday, May 31st, at 7:00PM, there will be a liturgy at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 1049 Chenango Street, Binghamton. We will be praying for the victims of gun violence this year, for the wounded; for families and communities in pain. Also, we will pray that action will be taken by leaders in government to act in bringing forth common sense legislation for moral and just gun laws. All are welcome! Let us raise our hearts in prayer! Let us act for justice!

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!



7th Sunday of Easter: Justice Challenge

This week we have a really special feast—the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. The Ascension reminds us that we are now the physical body of Christ on earth. Jesus could physically leave because he trusted us to be his hands and feet, his ears and voice, his heart, his very being for those who need an encounter with him. We are the Body of Christ on earth. Your challenge this week is to enter into the Sunday Eucharist more deeply, remembering that when you consume the host, Christ is dwelling in you in a very intimate way. Then when you leave Mass, find someone who needs an encounter with Christ, someone who needs to know they are loved unconditionally. Reach out and give a hug or a listening ear or a helping hand. Be Christ in the world!

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.

Laudato Si Week: May 21st--28th

Fresh on my mind as we approach Laudato Si Week, May 21-28, are Pope Francis' words that we hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. It is a suffering cry rather than Psalm 66 refrain's joyous one. Our earth is under much duress and already many of the poor are being impacted severely by floods and fires. "What is Laudato Si?" you might ask.

Laudato Si is Latin for "Praise Be" and is taken from a famous prayer by St. Francis where he makes all the natural world, our relatives. "Laudato Si : On Care for Our Common Home" is also the title of Pope Francis 2015 encyclical (teaching document) where he implores everyone in the world to have an eco-conversion to care for the earth, the poor, and biodiversity. Pope Francis wants us to join the Laudato Si Action Platform as individuals, families, and/or parishes, and make permanent lifestyle changes. He proposes seven goals and I have added some actions that you can do for each:

- † **Hear the cry of the poor** — join a ministry that encounters the poor; help local food banks
 - † **Hear the cry of the earth** — reduce, reuse, recycle, refuse to buy more than you need
 - † **Adopt simple lifestyles** — stop using Styrofoam & avoid single-use plastic; save water; compost; eat less meat
 - † **Practice ecological economics (consumer savvy)** — buy products from climate conscious companies; go solar
 - † **Pray (ecological spirituality)** — pray for a change of hearts and for lawmakers to pass legislation friendly to the environment
 - † **Study (ecological education)** — have study groups on Pope Francis' encyclical; learn about an issue you care about
 - † **Participate in community action (advocate)** — join with others in the common cause of earth care; in our diocese, join our parish Creation Care Team
- What joy will you bring to our one great common home?

7th Sunday of Easter: Creation Care Tip

Community gardens are in full swing this time of the year. Do you know if you have one in your area? These gardens are usually a piece of land rented very inexpensively so people without yards can grow food to feed their families. It is a good and holy thing to work with the earth, plant seeds, and tend them. Jesus used stories of farmers in Scripture—he spoke of seeds scattered and seeds that take root. He spoke of a tiny mustard seed that grows into a mighty plant. Your challenge this week is to seek out a garden in your community. Volunteer to help weed or water and support those who are caring for God's creation or feeding those most in need.

St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Chain

Our Parish Prayer Chain welcomes requests for prayers for those who are ill or experiencing other important needs. If you have a prayer request or would like to become a part of the Prayer Chain, please call Delores at the Parish Center (607-722-4388).

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

June 6th— K. Dotson, C. Danoski, and A. Smilnak

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!

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 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, Maintenance, & Utilities,
Catholic School Support,
Catherine's Cupboard,
Special Sunshine,
Capital Campaign,
STAR Fund,
and Creation Care Team*
Check it out!

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)

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?

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

May 27th & 28th, 2023

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Michaela Wood
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Mackenzie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Maria Kirk
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Mary Russik
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Jan Pandich
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Deb Carden
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	John Artman
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Brenda Artman
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Catherine Shafer
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Anne Wolanski
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Marie Iobst
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Shirley McCray

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

10:30 AM Mass

May 21st: Amy Drake & Maria Kirk

May 28th: Cindy & Kathryn or Lauren White

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 helps us be strong in our faith. When do you need to be really strong in faith?

Question for Youth: Prayer is essential to being a disciple, because it is the way we build our relationship with God—through talking and listening. What is one way you can take more time this week to listen to God in prayer?

Question for Adults: In these heartfelt instructions from a leader of the church, what are the ways in modern life that we sometimes suffer for our faith? Or are there no such ways?

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