

May 28, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

Pentecost



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Monday — Thursday:
7:30 am to 4:30 pm
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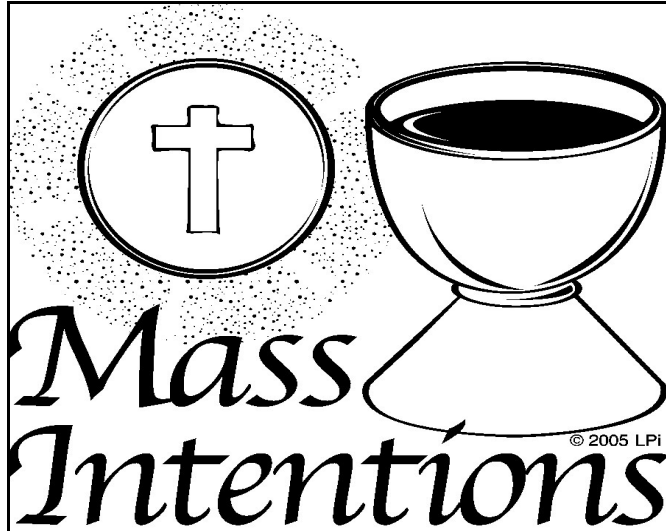
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Saturday, May 27, Vigil of Sunday

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

Sunday, May 28, Pentecost Sunday

10:30 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Monday, May 29, Memorial Day

NO MASS

Tuesday, May 30

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Wednesday, May 31

7:00 p.m. Victims of Gun Violence

(Liturgy in Church)

Thursday, June 1

8:00 a.m. Thomas Macko by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Friday, June 2

NO MASS

Saturday, June 3, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Bernadette Keough by Children

Sunday, June 4, The Most Holy Trinity

10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the people -
(BACCALAUREATE MASS)

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

As we end our scheduled FF classes for the summer we would like to thank our catechists, Sarah and Ede Blabac, Dan Brennan, Nora Bush, Debbie Davis, Melissa Kliment, Shirley McCray, Roy Santa Croce and Mike Strick for the continued dedication to the catechetical ministry. We are blessed in our parish to have such strong and faithful catechists. Thank you as well to you parents who choose to make Faith Formation a priority for your children. We look forward to having you join us for STELLAR VBS at Bing Naz. Have a safe and happy summer! See you in the fall!

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.



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: Creation Care Tip

Sadly, the Pentecost story of tongues of fire might call to mind the increasing frequency and ferocity of wild-fires worldwide. Recent years have set successive records for land area burned and homes destroyed as droughts intensify and global temperatures rise. This week, take the small step of using the sun's warmth to dry your clothes outside rather than use a gas or electric dryer. Consider hanging a clothesline or buying a drying rack and dedicate a space for this household task. You may also seriously consider solar energy for your home. There are numerous benefits including; lower electric bills, lower carbon footprints, and a potentially higher home value.

Pentecost: Justice Challenge

Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Church. It is a celebration of the day the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and believers in the upper room after the Resurrection. Each person was given gifts to use to share the good news of Jesus with the world. One of the first challenges the early Church faced was finding the time to distribute food to the hungry. The apostles saw this action as a priority, but their preaching and teaching were taking time from helping the poor. So they appointed special deacons whose task was specifically to serve the poor. Your challenge this week is to look around and see someone need in your parish. How can you serve someone in distress—physically, emotionally or spiritually? How can you help?

Prayer for Memorial Day



*On this Memorial Day,
Grant peace to the souls
Of all those soldiers
who died in war.*

*We remember the tears and
grief of their families,
The pain of mothers, wives,
husbands, and children*

Who lost precious loved ones.

To build a meaningful memorial to them,

We ask God to give us all the will

To work for peace around the world

*So no more sons, daughters, husbands,
wives, fathers, nor mothers*

Are slaughtered by the guns and weapons of war.

We ask Mary, who held the lifeless body of her son

And was pierced by the sorrow

of his suffering and death,

To grant us the compassion and wisdom to affirm life

*And honor the dead through forgiveness
and peace making.*

May God have mercy on the souls of the departed.

Grant them peace, O Lord.

May we have mercy on the living.

Grant us peace, O Lord.

In Your name we pray. Amen.

Prayer for Pentecost

Beloved God, we give you thanks for your guidance and inspiration and the promise of Hope in our time. You call us to love in a time of indifference, to nonviolence in a time of injustice, and to life in death. You teach us to live, but also how to die; and transform not only the world but our own broken hearts, as well.

Your Incarnation transcends our dreams for a better world and declares your reign here and now, at this very moment in human history.

In Jesus, we meet you, our beloved God. We see your true face. From now on we know that you are not a God of despair but of hope;

Not a God of wrath but of mercy;

Not a God of condemnation but of compassion;

Not a God of imperial power but of suffering;

Not a God of domination but of loving service;

Not a God of oppression but of liberation;

Not a God who blesses injustice but the God of justice;

Not a God of war but of peace;

Not a God of violence but of nonviolence;

Not a God of death but of Life.

From now on we know that we all have been created to share in the fullness of life, in your love and unending mercy. We step forward into the future, supporting each other, building community, making peace, practicing nonviolence, creating justice, and reconciling with our enemies, come what may.

We have met Jesus the Rebel. He is alive and goes before us, summoning us to carry on the mission of justice and peace. We have been changed forever. O Lord, you have begun the transformation within us. Amen.

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)

Thank You from Birthright

Dear Fr Tim and St Francis parishioners, Birthright thanks you for once again showing your generosity to with our Mothers Day Carnation sale. It is because of churches like yours that we can offer such good help to the moms who come to us. Thank you.

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.

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

June 3rd & 4th, 2023

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Thalia Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Kurt and Kelly Mohney
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Mike Stricek
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Steve Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Beatrice Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Jan Pandich
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Marge Mangan
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Jonah Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Juliana Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Roy Santa Croce Jr.
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Host	David Hanzes
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Jules Furrer
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Donna Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Scott Igler

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

10:30 AM Mass

May 28th: Cindy & Kathryn or Lauren White

June 4th: Ede & Sarah Blabac

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: When have you heard your
inner voice or conscience guiding you to do what is
right?

Question for Youth: On Pentecost, the apostles were
able to speak in a language that everyone could under-
stand. As a young person, you have your own way of
communicating Jesus' importance in your life. How
will you make Jesus more known to others in your
own way this week?

Question for Adults: Share about times when you felt
the power of the Spirit, giving you the right words,
giving you insight into a dilemma, or in other ways.

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