

May 29, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

PRAYERS FOR UVALDE



*"These things I have spoken to you
so that in Me you may have peace.
In the world you have tribulation, but take courage;
I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)*

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

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Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org to view
our latest weekend reflection.
We will be posting new
videos by 4:00PM on
Saturdays.

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



Saturday, May 28, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Sr. Maureen Rainone, CSJ by
 The Sisters of St. Joseph from Binghamton
**Sunday, May 29, Seventh Sunday of
 Easter**

10:30 a.m. 1st Anniv. Janet Gorman by
 Family

Monday, May 30, Memorial Day
NO MASS

Tuesday, May 31
 8:00 a.m. Sally Dailey by Husband, Mi-
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Wednesday, June 1
 12:00 p.m. Sandra Gobany by St. Francis
 Special Sunshine Committee

Thursday, June 2
 8:00 a.m. Sadie Weckel by Ann & Ralph
 Barnhart

Friday, June 3
NO MASS

Saturday, June 4, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Michael Fontana, Jr. by Mom &
 Family

Sunday, June 5, Pentecost Sunday
 10:30 a.m. Lewis Angelo by Mary & Vince
 De Ninis

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 (05-22-22)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$3,368.00
Loose Collection.....	\$220.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,509.00
Total Collection.....	\$5,097.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation

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



Letters have been mailed to all graduating seniors from our parish inviting you to participate in our Baccalaureate Mass, **Sunday, June 19th at the 10:30 AM Mass.** If you have not received a letter please contact Maria Kirk

this week. We hope you will be able to join in this celebration. Please remember to **RSVP by June 13th**, you can mail, drop off or place your response card in the collection. You can also call the parish office at (607-722-4177) or email Maria Kirk at Mkirk@syrdio.org.

DeBella Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to...

Sarah Bush and Brendan Heaney

Our DeBella Scholarship Recipients. They have shown themselves to be outstanding examples of young Catholics who demonstrate leadership, scholarship and respect for the dignity of those around them. Good luck to Sarah and Brendan as they continue their education and journey into the world. May God's blessing surround them!

****Attention: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers****

It is time once again to submit your dates of unavailability for the months of July, August, and September. If there are dates when you would be unavailable to Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Serve, please call Ed and Cindy White at 607-648-2784 or by cell 607-206-3469 **BEFORE JUNE 12TH!**
Thank You!

Pentecost Sunday
 is
 June 5th
WEAR RED!



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.

Catholic Social Doctrine and Gun Violence

Again, we as a nation confront the horrific reality of gun violence in this week's tragedy in Uvalde, Texas. Nineteen children and Two Teachers. This violence was unleashed before all the victims in the Buffalo shooting could even be buried.

Thoughts and prayers have to change to action. The fifth commandment, "Thou shall not kill", is rooted in the essential dignity and sanctity of every human life— life that is tragically assaulted by every bullet that tears through human flesh, like the little children in Newton, CT, and Uvalde, TX. One practical and compelling step in reducing gun violence is gun control, as the Catholic Conference has stated;

"We support measures that control the sale and use of firearms and make them safer (especially efforts that prevent unsupervised use by children or anyone other than the owner), and we reiterate our call for sensible regulations of handguns."

In recent statements, the bishop's conference enumerated in support for

"implementing reasonable regulations on firearms such as; universal background checks for all gun purchases, limiting access to high-capacity and ammunition magazines, making gun trafficking a federal crime, improving access to mental health and addiction treatment for those who may be prone to violence, and supporting reentry programs to help people avoid re-offending."

A Mercy and Peacebuilding Approach To Gun Violence

Choosing the Path of Peace: Remembering Those Who Lost Their Lives to Gun Violence

We pray in the spirit of the Psalms:

We are in distress, we are in anguish.

Our tears are bitter as once again

The lives you have created are disrespected, destroyed,

Because of fear, of hate, of refusal

To see the others as part of oneself,

Because weapons are more common

Than compassion, than solidarity.

We pray for the dead,

For their families and friends in grief.

We pray for the living,

May the healing begin for the wounded,

For all those in the frantic crowd,

For the local communities, For this nation,

In distress, in anguish.

We pray that we may begin to see the violence end

And peace be with us all. Amen.

7th Sunday of Easter: Creation Care Tips

A few decades ago, droughts and water shortages seemed like things that happened far away, on other continents. Now droughts are becoming more common, longer, and more severe in many parts of the world. Here are some tips for using water more responsibly, from taking shorter showers, diligently fixing any leaks, sweeping your patio rather than hosing it off, turning off the water while brushing teeth, etc.: <https://bit.ly/ca-water-conservation>.

Prayer for Memorial Day

On this Memorial Day,

Grant peace to the souls of all those 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.

This Memorial Day We Are Peacemakers

From *The Harvest of Justice Is Sown in Peace*,
US Catholic Bishop 1993:

The goal of peace, so desired by everyone, will certainly be achieved through the putting into effect of social and international justice, but also through the practice of the virtues which favor togetherness and which teach us to live in unity. Peace does not consist merely in the absence of war, but rather in sharing the goodness of life together. In keeping with Pope John Paul's teaching, the Church's positive vision of a peaceful world includes the primacy of the global common good for political life, the role of social and economic development in securing the conditions for a just and lasting peace, and the moral imperative solidarity between affluent, industrial nations and poor, developing ones.



7th Sunday of Easter: Justice Challenge

As the Easter season moves to its end, we are reminded once again that Jesus offered final words to the young Church and then left the work in their hands, and through them, in our hands. Social justice calls us to both pray and act. Some Christians make the mistake of missing the Ascension. They pray and expect Jesus to act without their active cooperation. Jesus ascended and promised to send the Holy Spirit to act in and through us, not just for us. The challenge this week is to formulate a prayer on behalf of someone or some group suffering injustice. Then act on your prayer to release the power of the Holy Spirit in some real way.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

June 7th— K. & T. Barnhart, A. & S. Faughnan

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 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!

Thanks from Birthright

Birthright sends sincere thanks to Fr Tim, St. Francis Church, and all the generous parishioners, for another very successful Mother's Day carnations sale. The money raised will be able to help many moms and babies.

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."

The Binghamton Downtown Singers and Orchestra Present

Remember and Rejoice

Saturday, June 4th @ 7:30PM

Gabriel Fauré's Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine
Conducted by: Artistic Director Marisa Crabb

Also

*Shenandoah, Seal Lullaby,
Prayer of St. Francis, Hosanna, Hosanna*
with Guest Conductor Peter Sicilian

Soloists: Eva Mihalik and Dr. B. Hougham

**Sarah Jane Johnson Memorial United
Methodist Church (308 Main St, JC)**

Tickets are \$15 at www.downtownsingers.org/tickets
or call 607-875-4371

Annual Knights of Columbus 11403 Tom Mangan Golf Tournament

Sunday, July 31st

Genegantslet Golf Club

1:00 pm shotgun start

Captain & Crew format.
All are welcome.

Cost: \$80/player, \$320/team
Dinner Only: \$30/person

All the list of your team as well as checks payable to
"KofC 11403" and may be mailed or delivered to:

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center
1031 Chenango Street,
Binghamton, NY 13901

Any questions please contact:
Larry Koch @ 607-237-1300 or
Marge Mangan @ 607-725-2368



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

June 4th & 5th, 2022

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Brendan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Lector	Kurt and Kelly Mohney
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Peggy Munson
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Steve Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Denise Baxter
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sydney Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Mary Bush
10:30 Mass	Lector	Scott Iglar
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Edith (Ede) Blabac
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Jules Furrer
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Mike Stricek

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume in the fall. You can continue to watch Children's Liturgy on our website and Facebook page throughout the summer.

Please go online to
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!**

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Jesus tells us He is always with us. Name a time this past week when you knew that God was with you in a special way.

Question for Youth: Jesus prayed for his disciples, that others might believe in him through their words. How are you spreading your belief in Jesus through your words and actions? Do others know who Jesus is by knowing you?

Question for Adults: Jesus invites us to be one with God. Name a moment when you were one with God this past week

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