

May 30, 2021

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace.

Embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We pray through Christ our Lord.

Amen



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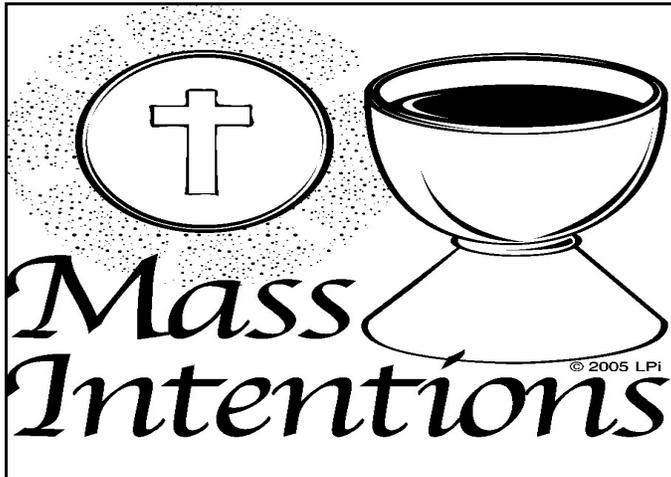
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You can still attend weekend mass virtually!



Saturday, May 29, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Michael Fontana, Jr. by Family
Sunday, May 30, The Most Holy Trinity
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadona by Family
Monday, May 31 MEMORIAL DAY
NO MASS
Tuesday, June 1
 8:00 a.m. Vita Mannino by Daughter, Fina & Family
Wednesday, June 2
 12:00 p.m. Antonio DeLuca by Family
Thursday, June 3
 8:00 a.m. Shirley Ann Casterlin by Sean Connelly
Friday, June 4
NO MASS
Saturday, June 5, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Patricia Croffut by the CV Transportation Dept.
Sunday, June 6, Corpus Christi
 8:00 a.m. Angie Ritter by Mary Frances Charsky
 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 (05-23-21)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,132.00
Loose Collection.....	\$642.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$2,174.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,948.00

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:

—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.



TOTUS TUUS

Parish Summer Mission Program
 OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

St. Patrick, Binghamton

Attend Totus Tuus for Summer 2021!

Totus Tuus is a summer Catholic youth program unlike any other! Totus Tuus is dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, discipleship, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship.

Who? 1st—6th Graders during the day program from 9:00am—3:00pm Mon.-Fri.

7th—12th Graders for the evening program 6:30pm—9:00pm, Sun.-Thurs.

When? Sunday, July 25th—Friday, July 30th

Where? St. Patrick's Church, Binghamton

Register today at:

syracusediocese.org/totus-tuus

DeBella Scholarship Winners! Congratulations!

Congratulations to Lauren White and Andrew Rice, the 2021 recipients of the DeBella Scholarship. We thank them for their service to their school, community, and our parish and wish them well as they embark on this next stage in their educational journey. They will receive the award at our Baccalaureate Mass, on June 6th at the 11 AM Mass.

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.

Parish Reopening and Sunday Liturgy

I felt a real sense of relief and joy from many people attending last weekend's liturgies, as many restrictions that we were following since March 2020 were lifted. What a perfect weekend to experience this, since it was Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the church. I am sharing with you a letter from Bishop Lucia below for the time ahead!

A year ago on Pentecost Sunday, the churches of the Diocese of Syracuse were re-opened for public worship with new protocols for our parish churches involving the wearing of masks and social distancing. Fast forwarding 365 days, the public has been informed that we are now at a new stage in our response to COVID-19 and that persons who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear masks in public or maintain social distance. Naturally, there is rejoicing that we have come this far in dealing with the coronavirus, but there is still apprehension, also. People worry about its recurrence, especially if we abandon protocols that have worked to decrease the virus' rate in our communities. We do ponder whether safety regulations are being abandoned too fast; and if our neighbors will continue to focus on the wellbeing of the public, in general? Respecting such concerns and after consulting with local officials, along with brother bishops and my diocesan staff, I am issuing today revised protocols for our parishes and diocesan institutions. They are meant to aid to a fuller return to Divine Worship on the Lord's Day by providing for a less restrictive, but still safe worship environment. These protocols go into effect immediately, but it may take our parishes until next weekend to implement them fully, so I ask for your patience and understanding. Where possible, we are seeking to provide for space in our churches for those who may wish to continue to observe safe distancing measures. We respect anyone's desire to wear a mask in Church; and will require our clergy and lay ministers of Holy Communion to wear a mask for the distribution of communion as a safety measure. With the lifting of restrictions, I will discontinue in the Diocese of Syracuse the dispensation from Sunday Mass beginning on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ on Sunday, June 6". From apostolic times, the Church has always held the obligation to attend Holy Mass on the Lord's Day as a most sacred responsibility. As of the first Sunday of June, the Catholic faithful are asked to resume their full and active participation in the Eucharistic liturgy through physical attendance at the Saturday Vigil Mass or Sunday Mass. It should be noted as well that anyone who is frail or at risk due to advanced age or medical conditions is always excused from this obligation. Caregivers, too, may have to use prudential judgment about attendance at Mass carefully considering the risk factors involved. I hope the accompanying protocols will provide both reassurance and the desire for renewed participation for our diocesan family in the Sacred Liturgy. Be assured of my continued prayers for all members of this Diocesan Church and your loved ones, and please pray for me.

Procedures for our Weekend Liturgies

- †Parishes are no longer required to pre-register for Mass.
- †Parishioners who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a face mask at Mass.
- †All who prefer to continue wearing facial covering and social distancing are free to do so.
- †Those who are not fully vaccinated should observe social distancing of six feet from individuals not in their household. They are to wear a face mask at Mass. Even if fully vaccinated, social distancing from those who are wearing a mask is requested.
- †If possible, it is highly recommended to create "a physical distance section" within the church for those who are required to wear masks and engage in social distancing and/or for those who may be fully vaccinated but wish to continue to follow distancing practices.
- †Deacons, lectors, servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, and sacristans must continue to follow prescribed handwashing and sanitizing practices.
- †The Offertory procession with the gifts of bread and wine may resume. Offertory collections with baskets may resume by ushers. They should not make physical contact with parishioners.
- †The Sign of Peace is optional and there still should be no physical contact.
- †The distribution of Holy Communion using hand sanitizer, masks, distancing, etc. is to continue.
 - †Ciboria are to continue to be covered or placed to the side of the altar during the Eucharistic Prayer.
 - †The Precious Blood is still not to be offered.
 - †While in the Communion line, communicants should maintain social distancing from those not in their household.
- †Congregational singing continues to be permitted. Choirs comprised of vaccinated members may resume normal activities. For any unvaccinated member, social distancing must be maintained, and a mask must be worn.

Solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity: Justice Challenge

The Feast of the Visitation is celebrated on May 31st. This feast reminds us of what an incredibly good role model Mary was and is. There she was, newly-pregnant with the Savior of the world, and what did she do? She went off to help her old cousin Elizabeth, who also happened to be pregnant. Mary's response to God's call to be the mother of his son was to live in service to others. Then, when she greeted Elizabeth, she proclaimed the Magnificat. She revealed her understanding of God's preferential care for the poor and vulnerable of our world. Your challenge this week is to emulate Mary. Who needs you to serve? Is it the elderly neighbor who needs conversation, or a room dusted and vacuumed, or grocery shopping? Is it a member of the family who needs a hug? Is it the local soup kitchen which needs volunteers, food items, or other donations? What can you do this week to practice the Visitation in your life?

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

June 1st— J. Wyatt, P. Covey, N. Oliver

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 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!!!**



Annual Knights of Columbus 11403 Tom Mangan Golf Tournament



Sunday July 25th

Genegantslet Golf Club

1:00 pm shotgun start

Captain & Crew format

All are welcome.

More details in the coming weeks.



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 can choose where the money goes. Check it out!

CO-GARDEN SEEKS VOLUNTEERS!

We are getting ready for another growing season and need your help! Last year the garden was such a great success because of you. Now we need volunteers to help water, last year the rotation worked out well and this year we have another Scout project putting in a pump so the hose will come right from our water collection unit. So if you need a Confirmation project, Honor Society volunteer hours, or love to help mother Nature please contact Charlotte Heaney 765-8392 or cheaney@frontiernet.net

A New Look...

As you can see, the front of the church has a new look and what a welcoming sight. The façade of the church has to be addressed because of water damage to the back of the stone, something we didn't expect when wanting to fix the chips that were peeling off the face of the stone.

Problem solved! With the help of Fahs Construction, Tony Rogers and Rich Greco, they presented a plan to address the damage, and to construct a new front that has lasting durability. Nothing from what was featured on the front could be retained.

Clark construction was hired to do the work of reconstructing the new front, with insulation board, durable water-resistant base coat, and an attractive, durable finish coat.

The new lettering of our parish name, and the statue of St. Francis of Assisi makes the whole front very attractive and welcoming.

We are very grateful to Fahs Construction, Clark Construction, and Joe Carpenter for all of their great work to bring this phase of our remodeling to a conclusion, lamps are yet to be added to the front, and with those placed at all of our entrances we will have a completed new look.

Thank you!

Before



After



Clark Construction

Many have inquired about the front of the church and the workers that were seen each day. Well, they are Clark Construction, a local company. Trustworthy, hardworking, and very helpful in the overall project. We highly recommend them. They do both residential and commercial remodeling and construction... kitchens, bathrooms, additions, decks, etc. commercial buildout and renovation both interior and exterior. They are committed to honesty, integrity, and quality workmanship. To schedule a free estimate call 607-422-9385.

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

June 5th & 6th, 2021

4:00 P.M. Mass

Designation ONLY

8:00 A.M. Mass

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11:00 A.M. Mass

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

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Why do you think Catholics make “The Sign of the Cross” when we pray?

Question for Youth: How often do you think about God as Trinity? How do you relate to each member of the Trinity?

Question for Adults: As each of us is called and sent by Christ, how have you incorporated this into your own life, whether married, single, in religious life, or ordained?

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