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St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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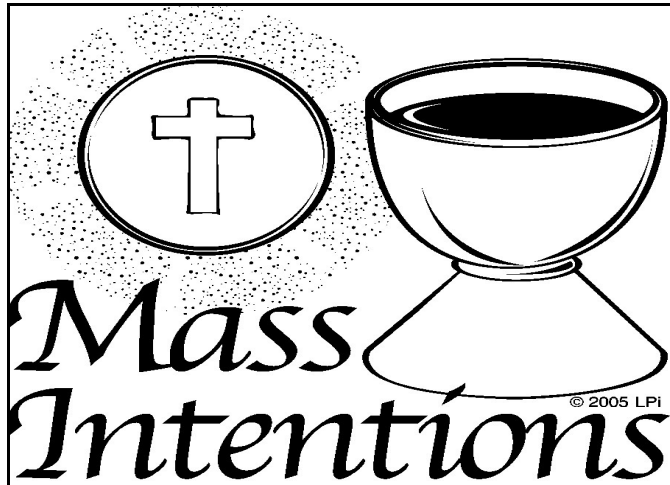
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Saturday, June 3, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Bernadette Keough by Children

Sunday, June 4, The Most Holy Trinity
10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People –
(BACCALAUREATE MASS)

Monday, June 5
12:00 p.m. Kenny Skinner by Carolyn

Tuesday, June 6
8:00 a.m. Norbert Vaughn by Family

Wednesday, June 7
12:00 p.m. Paul O'Donnell by Ronald &
Ronetta Decosse

Thursday, June 8
8:00 a.m. Clara Ernst by Marge Mangan

Friday, June 9
NO MASS

Saturday, June 10, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Ourania Brennan by Mommy,
Daddy, Calliope, Thalia, Linus & Clio
**Sunday, June 11, The Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ**

10:30 a.m. Michael Klepfer by Betsy
Shields & 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

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



ATTENTION: Lectors, EMs & Altar Servers

It is time again to submit your dates of unavailability for the months of July, August, and September. If there are weekends when you are not available to Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Serve, please let us know. Please call Ed and Cindy White at 607-648-2784 or by cell 607-206-3469 **BEFORE JUNE 12TH!** Thank You!

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.



COVID & Our Online Recorded Masses

When COVID-19 caused our parish to shut down in March 2020 we, like many of the churches in the area, adapted by recording our Sunday Liturgies and posting them online. We have continued to record and post these Liturgies and our Children's Liturgies every week for the last 3 years. However, with COVID case rates being very low and with everyday life returning to "normal", we have decided to make a change. We as a church would like to focus on the important Sacrament of the Eucharist. The participation in this Sacrament is central to our faith as Catholics, but is being missed when people are choosing to watch online rather than attend Mass in person. **As a result, we have decided to DISCONTINUE posting our weekly online Liturgy starting after June 11th.** Instead, we encourage everyone to come back to church and attend Mass in person to receive the Eucharist.

We would like to thank Sue Ekstrom who put her creative energy into recording, editing, and posting the Liturgies each week. Also, thank you to all the lectors who volunteered their time to read for the recordings. Thanks to Maria Kirk who jumped in to record readings & reflections. And thank you to Steve and Ede Blabac who recorded many Liturgies of the Word.

For all the parents who enjoy putting on the Children's Liturgies for their kids, not to worry, **we WILL CONTINUE to post Children's Liturgy each week.**

Our YouTube channel will remain active with the weekly Children's Liturgies and other video content. So, we want to welcome everyone back into church and are excited to see you there.

Most Holy Trinity: Justice Challenge

Today we celebrate a mystery—the mystery that is the Most Holy Trinity, three Persons yet one God. The Trinity exists in perfect communion and community as Father, Son and Spirit. God doesn't just give perfect love—God is Love, and that love reveals itself in the relationship of Father, Son and Spirit. Your challenge this week is to make the connection between love and justice. As Pope Benedict wrote in Caritas in Veritate, "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace. It is a force that has its origin in God, Eternal Love and Absolute Truth." Reflect this week on the following questions (as individuals and as families): "How does God's love compel us to take action to fight injustice? Who needs our love the most this week—in the family, in our community, and in our world? How can we share our love?" Select one way of living justice through the lens of love—and do it!

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).

Praise for the Blessed Trinity

I praise you, Father all-powerful.

I praise you, Divine Son, our Lord and Savior.

I praise you, Spirit of Love and Consolation.

One God, three Persons, Triune Unity, be near me in the temple of my soul.

Draw me to share in your life and love.

In your kindness grant to me and to my family the riches of your mercy, and a share in your blessing, that we may come to the glory of your Kingdom and rejoice in loving you for all eternity. Amen.

Most Holy Trinity: Creation Care Tip

Pope Benedict said, "Purchasing is always a moral—and not simply economic—act." What things do you purchase that have a disproportionate environmental footprint? Bananas shipped from South America? Clothing manufactured in Asia? Tissues made from the wood of boreal forests in Canada? Choose one item you can do without and boycott the purchase of that item. Better yet, share with friends your decision.

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. Please consider 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)

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

Genegantslet Golf Club

SAVE THE DATE



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

Do you have a child or grandchild who has already received their First Eucharist? If so, they can be altar servers! **We are in desperate need of more altar servers** as we barely have enough to cover the masses alone week to week.

Why altar serve?

- 1.) It is a good way to get actively involved in the mechanics of mass. Some kids who find it hard to sit still may benefit from the activity that serving provides.
- 2.) It allows for kids to be a closer part of the church community and make connections.
- 3.) Direct religious education learning opportunity
- 4.) Gives kids a sense of purpose and pride in their church

Call the parish center (607)722-4388 or fill out a liturgical signup form (on table in the back of the church) and drop it in a collection basket.

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.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you, celebrating with us, whether you're a long-time resident or newly arrived in the Parish. Please check the appropriate box and place in the collection basket or return to the Parish Center.

We thank God that you're with us.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

☐ New Parishioner, send registration form

☐ Change of address or phone number

☐ Temporarily away. Stop envelopes

☐ Moving, please remove from Parish Roster

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
June 10th & 11th, 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	Kathleen Tait
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Marge Mangan
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Beatrice Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Robert Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Deb Carden
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Nancy Oliver
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	George Clark
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Anne Wolanski
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Donna Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Scott Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Jules Furrer

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

10:30 AM Mass

June 4th: Ede & Sarah Blabac

June 11th: 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: When people love each other, how do they treat each other?

Question for Youth: The Trinity is celebrated today. How would you describe your relationship with God the Father? With Jesus? With the Spirit?

Question for Adults: If you were to encourage the members of your own parish to live as a "community of love," which is how we define the Trinity, how would you advise them to live? Use St. Paul's list of exhortations as your starting point.

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One Minute Meditations

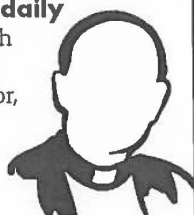
Pray for priests daily

The average parish priest is celebrant, teacher, counselor, minister, and financial manager. He works more than 60 hours per week, does everything from administering Sacraments to bringing comfort to troubled souls to taking out the trash, and he is paid just enough to get by. Yet, nearly nine out of ten priests report being happy in their ministry. Our support can help them stay strong in their faith and true to their calling.

Love at home

"God has created us so we do small things with great love. I believe in that great love that comes, or should come from our heart, should start at home: with my family, my neighbors across the street, those right next door. And this love should then reach everyone." Saint Teresa of Calcutta

"The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who begets a wise son will be glad in him" (Proverbs 23:24).



God so loves the world

In 1673, Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French nun, and revealed the intensity of His love in the image of the Sacred Heart, "Behold the Heart which has so loved [mankind] that it has spared nothing...in order to testify Its love."

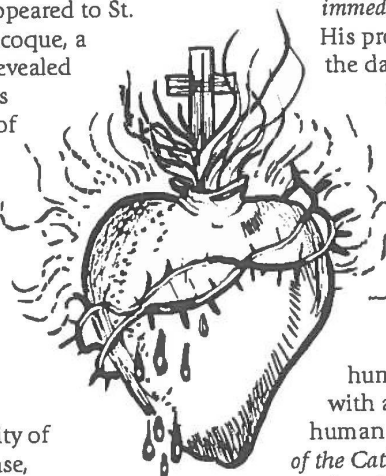
God's love is intense: The famous image illustrates the reality of a love that is intense, extravagant, passionate, and eternally faithful. Display the Sacred Heart image in your home or workplace to remind you that His extravagant love is for you.

His Heart is our safe place: Jesus advised St. Faustina: "Do not bargain with temptation but lock yourself

immediately in my Heart." Seek His protection often throughout the day, "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You."

God shares our nature: The Sacred Heart illustrates the mystery of the Incarnation – when the Son of God became (sinless) man. He "worked with human hands; he thought with a human mind ... with a human heart he loved" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #470). He shared and understands our human condition.

Our hearts can conform to His: When we put others needs before our own, find the good in others, and show patience, we love like Christ. We do this with His help, "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like Yours!"

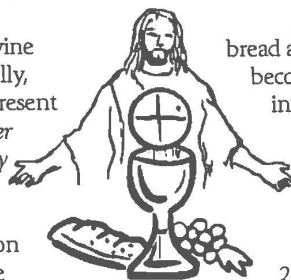


Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe the Eucharist is more than a symbol?

Catholics have it on divine authority that Jesus is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life" (John 6:54). When the priest, acting in the person of Christ, consecrates the

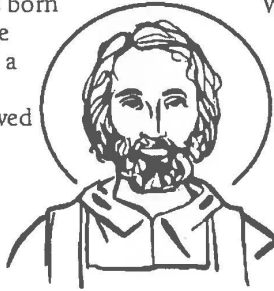
bread and wine, we believe that Jesus becomes truly present. Scientific investigations of the hundreds of Eucharistic miracles support this amazing mystery. In the Eucharist, Christ fulfills His promise to remain with us "to the end of time" (Matthew 28:20).



The best father on Earth

Scripture doesn't tell us that St. Joseph was born with special graces, yet he was chosen to raise God's Son. The Bible doesn't say that he had a gift of prophecy, yet Joseph never doubted God's word. He was an ordinary man who lived an extraordinary life.

Ever faithful. It would have been hard for any man to believe his fiancée was pregnant by the Holy Spirit. As a faithful Jew, though, Joseph knew what was written about the birth of the Savior. His devotion to God's



Word helped him recognize God's will.

Steady protector. At a moment's notice, Joseph left everything behind to whisk his family to safety (Matthew 2:13-15). Joseph's hard work and skill helped keep his family safe in a foreign land.

Good man. Scripture calls St. Joseph, a "righteous man," meaning he lived a virtuous life (Matthew 1:19). For example, he was compassionate by his treatment of Mary. Who better to raise the Son of God and care for his Mother than the best father on Earth?

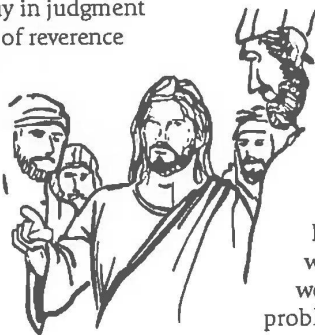
from Scripture

Matthew 10:26-33, "Be not afraid"

In this Gospel passage, Jesus teaches us that the only thing we should fear is God, who has the final say in judgment over us. This is the virtue of reverence (holy fear) – not fearing God as if He were a tyrant, but fearing to offend Him because He is good, holy, wise, and infinitely worthy of our honor and love.

If we faithfully follow Jesus Christ, we will encounter persecution. Even in the United States, we face efforts to undermine Catholic beliefs and values. These attacks don't hurt us physically, but can eat away at our faith,

our self-respect and respect for others, and ultimately, our happiness.



Jesus' advice to His followers 2,000 years ago applies to us today. Instead of being afraid, we can trust God, who watches over all the details of our lives and who wants us in Heaven even more than we want to be there. He won't make all our problems disappear but He will give us the strength and grace we need to get through them, especially through daily prayer and the Sacraments.

Q & A What can I do to promote respect for life?

All Catholics are called to protect the dignity of life from conception to natural death. While casting votes for candidates who pledge to protect life is important, there are many options outside the voting booth.

Assist pregnancy support centers.

Many centers offer counseling, material assistance, and even provide daycare. Find one in your area and volunteer your time, talents, or treasure in support.

Speak up. When you hear or read about a story in the news in which the value of life is demeaned, write a letter to the editor and to government leaders supporting life-affirming and non-violent solutions.

Consider becoming a foster parent.

Many local social service agencies are overwhelmed by the number of children whose families cannot care for them. Contact your local social services department to inquire about the necessary training and certifications you'll need to take in a child who needs a temporary shelter.

Visit local nursing homes and offer residents the gift of companionship. Many older people feel lost and forgotten and would welcome the attention.

Feasts & Celebrations

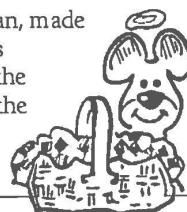
June 1 – St. Justin Martyr (c. 165). Justin was a Christian convert who searched for Truth. After his conversion, he held debates with pagans. When ordered by a pagan judge to renounce his faith or die, St. Justin responded, "Nobody in his senses would give up truth for falsehood." He was martyred for his faith.

June 4 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Today, we honor the central mystery of our Faith – that there is one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus revealed this mystery

after the Resurrection (Matthew 28:19).

June 9 – St. Ephrem the Deacon (373). Born at Nisibis in Mesopotamia, he became a deacon and taught catechism classes, opposed heresy, and wrote hymns, prayers, and commentaries on Scripture.

June 29 – SS. Peter and Paul (1st Century). Peter was the apostle chosen by Jesus to lead the Church – an ordinary fisherman, made extraordinary by God's grace. A persecutor of the Church, Paul became the Great Apostle, also transformed by grace.



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