

June 05, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



PENTECOST SUNDAY

*"Receive the Holy Spirit.
Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain are retained."*

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committed to living and sharing the Gospel life.

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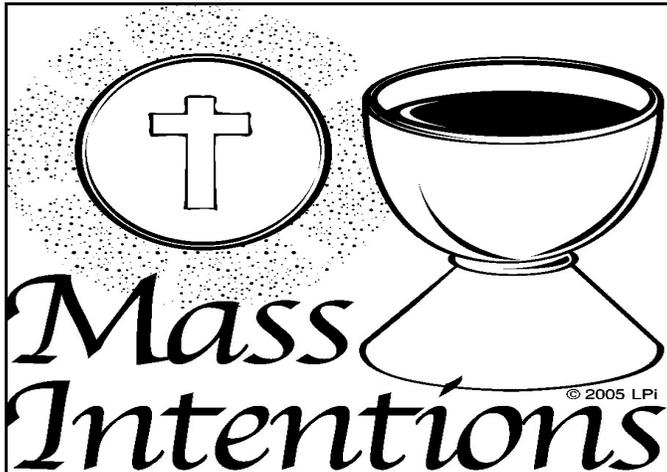
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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, June 6
12:00 p.m. Rev. Abe Esper by Doris Talbut

Tuesday, June 7
8:00 a.m. Marty Johnson by John & Brenda Artman

Wednesday, June 8
12:00 p.m. Ruth Jump by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Thursday, June 9
8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Friday, June 10
NO MASS

Saturday, June 11, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Gloria Buonocore by Family

Sunday, June 12, The Most Holy Trinity
10:30 a.m. James Iglar by Brother, Scott

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 (05-29-22)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$2,787.00
Loose Collection.....	\$345.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,862.00
Total Collection.....	\$4,994.00

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@syrдио.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!

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.

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 a time of death.*

*You teach us not only how to live, but how to die;
how to transform, not only the world
but our own broken hearts, as well.*

*Your Incarnation transcends all 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.

Beloved God,

you have begun the transformation within us.

Amen.

Pentecost Sunday: Creation Care Tip

*“When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.” —Psalms
104:30*

Take some deep breaths of fresh air on this day of Pentecost. This simple gesture has a great significance in our Christian tradition. Indeed, rhythmic breathing leads to deeper meditation, the grace of feeling God’s presence. Sadly, one child in five suffers from asthma which can be caused or exacerbated by poor air quality in our cities, heavy pesticide use in agricultural areas, coal burning plants, and wildfires. Elderly people are also more at risk for lung trouble when the air quality is poor too. Be thoughtful when the forecast calls for smog: avoid using your car if possible to reduce emissions especially on those days when the air quality is poor.

Pentecost Sunday: Justice Challenge

The spirit of Pentecost celebrates the power of forgiveness. The Scriptures say that Jesus breathed on the apostles and gave them the power to forgive and to bind. God wants no one to be bound by sin, and extends forgiveness to all who are sorry and seek God’s forgiveness. But forgiving others is really hard when we are the victim of injustice. The challenge this week is to forgive so that you and your enemy will not be bound by sin. Forgiveness is a power of the Spirit, not a human power. If you find it hard to forgive, go deeper by doing what Jesus taught: pray goodness upon your enemy and do good for him/her.

**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.

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?

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

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."

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!

Annual Knights of Columbus 11403 Tom Mangan Golf Tournament

Sunday, July 31st

Genegantslet Golf Club

1:00 pm shotgun start

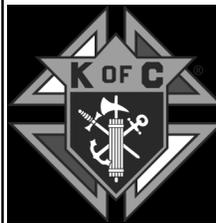
Captain & Crew format.
All are welcome.

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 11th & 12th, 2022

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Kathryn White
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Brendan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Lector	Betsy A Shields
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Marge Mangan
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Beatrice Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Robert Grace
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Mary Bush
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sarah Bush
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
10:30 Mass	Lector	Ildiko Mitchell
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Anne Wolanski
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Mary DeNinis
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Suzanne Carr

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 that we need to forgive to have peace. Name one way that you can forgive a friend or classmate.

Question for Youth: St. Paul tells us that we all have unique gifts for the good of others. What is special about you? How can you use those gifts to help others – friends, family, strangers?

Question for Adults: Even as working disciples of Christ, we are given the gift of peace. How do you experience this gift, and how do you share it with others?

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Rev. Timothy J. Taugher, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Take your rightful place

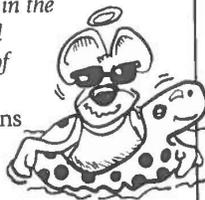
As a baptized Catholic, your parish is your home by right. As such, you have the right to a seat at your parish table. You take it when you attend weekend Mass, and seek peace from sacraments such as the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Holy Matrimony.



Times change; God doesn't

The Bible tells of countless times when God gave his people victory in otherwise hopeless circumstances, provided for them when they had no resources, and guided them in their decisions. God is ready to work as powerfully for you.

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord"
(Ephesians 6:1-4).



God waits for our "Yes"

God loves us and wants us to be happy with Him in Heaven forever, but He won't force Himself on us. Out of respect for our free will, God asks that we cooperate with His grace to save us, but leaves it up to us to say, "Yes!"

Cultivate your faith. The better we know our Catholic Faith the easier it is to know how to live it. The Catechism of the Catholic Church summarizes all major teachings of the Catholic Church. Read an article in it each day and learn a new term from the glossary weekly. Then, there will be no guessing about what Catholics believe.

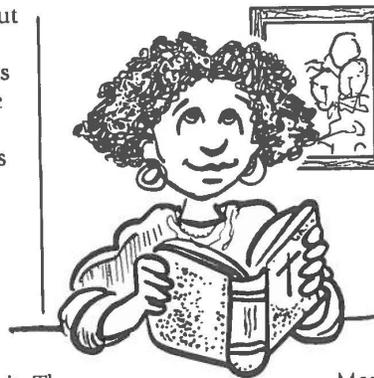
Keep your conscience in shape.

A well-formed conscience signals us when a choice is virtuous (good) or sinful (bad). Review what the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes require. Meditate on the examples of Jesus and Mary in the Gospels and how your behavior compares.

Stay close to the Sacraments. Through the Sacraments we directly encounter Christ. Attend Confession monthly and

Mass at least weekly. This is the best way to stay close to God and His Heart.

Perform Works of Mercy. God uses these opportunities to conform us more fully to Christ. Find ways to serve your parish in time, resources, or gifts. It is Jesus who ultimately receives our gift (Matthew 25:40).



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics use the different titles when we address the clergy?

After Jesus ascended, the Church grew so quickly that the spiritual needs of the Christian community demanded a global hierarchy of clergy to minister to them while maintaining the unity of the Faith. In response, the Apostles ordained deacons to assist so they could

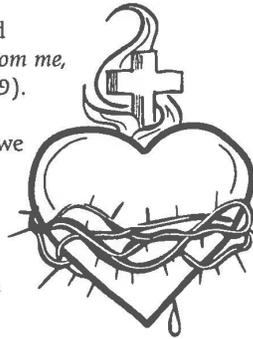


focus on liturgy (Acts 6:2-4). Today, there are different titles for different roles and levels of authority. For example, we are most likely to encounter priests ("Father"), deacons, and bishops ("Your Excellency," or "Your Grace").

Three invaluable lessons from the Sacred Heart devotion

Attaining holiness can seem overwhelming and complicated, but Jesus makes it simple: *“Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart”* (Matthew 11:29). Follow the lessons of His Sacred Heart.

Focus on Jesus. We often get in trouble when we lose sight of who Jesus is (God) and how much He loves us. Actually, God is always close and loves us with an infinite, intense, burning love. Keep an image of the Sacred Heart nearby for when you feel discouraged or disconnected from Him.



Give Him your “Yes.” Instead of relying on your own strength and strategy, consecrate yourself to Jesus’ Sacred Heart and let Him form and direct you. He is patient, gentle, and knows what we can handle. Say “Yes” to whatever He asks.

“Love is not loved!” Jesus wants our love but is often rejected by our sins. Love Jesus for those who won’t. Spend time with Him and thank Him for what He’s done for you. Offer Him your sufferings for a soul in need.

from Scripture

Luke 9:51-62, the cost of discipleship

Jesus’ listeners often got swept up by his charismatic manner and professed eagerness to follow him. But they weren’t always prepared for what it took to be a true disciple.

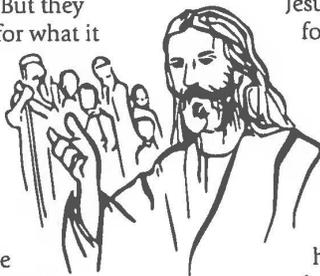
In this Gospel passage, a young man asked to follow Jesus but was deflated when Jesus pointed out that He had no home and none of the things considered necessary for a happy life. Jesus warned that it wouldn’t always be comfortable to follow him.

The timing wasn’t right for the second man. He promised to follow Jesus but

said he needed to fulfill his duty to his dying father first. In truth, Jesus sets the priorities we follow. Our duty is to obey.

Finally, Jesus used the example of plowing a field to make His point. If you look back while plowing it can ruin the job. He used that example to help the third man

understand that we need to have a singleness of purpose to be His disciple. We will have to make sacrifices to follow Jesus. But He promises us that the rewards will be worth much more.



Q & A Why are there different lists of Apostles?

Ever wonder why there seem to be different Apostles in different Gospels? For instance, there’s a “Judas, not the Iscariot” at the Last Supper (John 14:22) who isn’t mentioned anywhere else.



Likewise, Nathanael, who asked *“Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”* (John 1:46), is absent in the other Gospels.

Usually, the difference is because some of the Apostles had two names. For example, St. Matthew the tax collector, before joining Jesus, is “Levi” (Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27). The “other” Judas is called Thaddaeus. Nathanael is in the other Gospels, too, but under his Jewish surname, Bartholomew (Bar-Tolomai, “son of Tolomai”).

Considering that half of the Twelve Apostles would have shared a name with another Apostle, some may have changed names to avoid confusion, e.g. Judas-not-the-Iscariot changing his name to Thaddaeus. All these differences show that the Apostles, who came from diverse backgrounds, were called for one mission of building up the Kingdom. Likewise, God calls us to build up the Kingdom, and gives each an important role in it.

Feasts & Celebrations

June 4 – St. Francis Caracciolo (1608). St. Francis was born in the Abruzzo region in Italy. He went on to found the Minor Clerks Regular with St. John Adorno. The Order was approved in 1588, and St. Francis became its superior for life.

June 6 – Mary, Mother of the Church (2018). On the Cross, Jesus gave us His mother to be our mother (John 19:27). Even in Heaven, she prays and cares for us as our spiritual mother.

June 19 – Corpus Christi Sunday.

On this solemnity, we celebrate the transformation of the bread and wine into Jesus’ Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. This solemnity was established by Pope Urban IV in 1264 in response to the need for a Eucharistic feast day.

June 23 – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist (1st century). Before St. John was born, his father, Zechariah received a message from the angel Gabriel foretelling his birth. His doubt was punished by his being struck speechless until John’s birth.



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