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St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



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

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MASS in person will begin again on June 13/14

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

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

You can still attend weekend mass virtually!

Congratulations to our DeBella Scholarship Winners!

- Brigid Birtch**
- Ethan Glenn**
- Dominick Lomonaco**
- Elizabeth Rice**
- Michael Schultz**

Weekend’s Offering (05-24-20)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$3,630.00
Loose Collection.....	\$260.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,717.00
Total Collection.....	\$5,607.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation

Although we are no longer having face to face classes check your email for links to helpful sites.

Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors!

- Lauren Ashman*
- Brigid Birtch*
- Alexander Buckland*
- Cameron Drumm*
- Ethan Glenn*
- James Hart*
- Dominick Lomonaco*
- Ben Martin*
- Hunter Micha*
- Matt Paske*
- Elizabeth Rice*
- Ben Saunders*
- Mickey Schultz*
- Lindsey Szalach*
- Vincent Tatich*
- Elizabeth Wrighter*
- Sam Zarrelli*

VBS will be online! Watch for EarthKeepers VBS focusing on Ladato Si and creation. Like every year we will have Bible Stories and Skits, snacks and crafts! But this year we will also have things you can do in your home and backyard! So grab your family and friends and watch and participate in EarthKeepers VBS anytime in July and August! Parents you will be emailed a list of ordinary items to have around for snacks and crafts!



Instructions for Celebration of the Sacraments When Gatherings Resume

In order to permit the celebration of Mass and the sacraments in a dignified, safe, and healthy manner, each parishioner must do the following:

- Seek information from his/her parish regarding registration for Mass, and policies/ procedures.
- Remain home if sick, symptomatic, or at risk
- Wear a face mask in church (required) and, if possible, bring personal hand sanitizer
- Observe the commands on the posted signage and follow the directives of ushers

Be aware that during this period, there will be:

- No holy water in fonts
- No offertory procession
- No passing of the collection basket; baskets will be made available for offerings
- No hymnals or missalettes (unless your own)
- No congregating closely in or around the church

Prepare for the reception of Holy Communion:

- Masks will be worn by ALL
- Direction will be provided for those receiving
- The Precious Blood will NOT be offered
- Reception will involve: receiving the Body of Christ in the hand ONLY, stepping aside, lifting the mask, consuming the Eucharist, returning the mask

We regret that we were not able to acknowledge you in a public Mass. We hope you are able to celebrate your Baccalaureate Mass with us this weekend through our taped Mass on our Website. Go into your future with the confidence that the Holy Spirit is always with you!

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.

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.



Update Regarding Sunday Liturgies

This past week the clergy in our area had a zoom meeting with Bishop Lucia regarding diocesan and parish procedure to begin liturgies in our parish churches. This weekend is the celebration of the wonderful feast of Pentecost, that celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit as well as the gift of the church. The Bishop plans to celebrate Mass this weekend at the cathedral with a very, very small group of 10 people. Permission is granted for any parish to begin on this weekend if they are prepared.

After much deliberation and consultation, I am looking at **the weekend of June 13/14 to open our doors to celebrate liturgy.** Choosing this weekend gives us as a staff more time to prepare ourselves in regards to logistics, and ready the church for public gathering. It so happens that this weekend in June is **the Feast of Corpus Christi.** The Body and Blood of Jesus, the feast of the Eucharist. This weekend seems so appropriate to gather for the Eucharist after three months of not celebrating liturgy in person or receiving the Eucharist. As weekend liturgies begin on June 13/14, **daily liturgies** will follow as well, on **Monday, June 15th, at 8:00AM in the church.** The Bishop has dispensed everyone from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass until further notice. If you wish not to attend a weekend liturgy, you are welcome and encouraged to attend one of the weekday liturgies. The Eucharist is the central prayer of the church, so I encourage you to make an effort and attend liturgy during the week. However, if in any way you are sick or have a temperature, please stay home. Our senior parishioners or anyone with compromised health issues are **NOT** encouraged to attend. **Sunday Liturgy will continue to be filmed** and offered on our parish website (www.stfrancisbing.org), on our Facebook page (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton), on Twitter (@stfrancisbing), and on our YouTube Channel (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton). For those concerned about or unable to attend Sunday Liturgy these filmed Liturgies are well worth your time and continue to be a great option for anyone.

It has become part of our new lifestyle to practice social distancing. As you have been in the pharmacy or grocery store, this practice is to keep a safe space between one another. Following this requirement will mean that only about 95-100 people could attend a particular liturgy. This requires making a reservations to what liturgy you and your family are planning to attend. One option we have provided for creating a reservation is submitting online for those capable of using their computer, smartphone, or tablet. Just click the "Reopening" tab on the website, go to the reservation section, and submit your information. The other option is to call the parish center (607-722-4388) to make your reservation.

A household can sit together, but you have to be sensitive to others around you. There will be the 6ft spacing in the pews to give everyone space. You will be seated front to back, so unfortunately you may not get to sit in your favorite pew. Seating will be also be staggered and spaced out. The pew ahead of you and behind you will be empty, there will be tape blocking this particular pew. Also, there will be arrows on the floor to follow, please observe them. When you come to your pew you will find that all liturgical and hymnal books have been removed, boxed and stored for the time ahead. You may bring your own missal/prayer books, which is fine to do, but take them home with you.

When preparing to come to Mass be sure to wear and have with you our new fashion statement, **FACEMASKS!** You will be **obligated** to wear them (or some other face covering) upon entering the church, during liturgy, except for the brief moment of receiving Holy Communion. So don't leave home without your facemask.

Before coming to the parish I urge you to take care of your personal needs— would like to minimize the use of the restroom as best as possible. Of course it is available for an emergency or a child/baby need.

The doors to the church will not be open until 20 minutes before the scheduled liturgy, and when exiting I encourage you and your family to go immediately to your cars. It is not recommended for extended socializing after Mass. Dismissal from church will be done in a more organized manner than we are familiar with from the past. Everyone will **NOT** leave at the same time, but you will be directed by someone when to leave. All in an effort to practice social distancing and respecting everyone's health.

I am looking forward to seeing you on **June 13th/14th** at church in the very near future. In the mean time let us keep one another in prayer.

Are you curious about Formation for Ministry or permanent diaconate?

Join Eileen Ziobrowski, Associate Director, Formation for Ministry, and Deacon Tom Cuskey, Director of Deacon Formation, for a virtual information session where your questions will be answered!

Online Information Sessions

Tuesday, June 9th & Wednesday, Aug. 5th

6:30PM—7:30PM

Register at: <http://bit.ly/2020InfoSessions>
or call (315)470-1491

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of June 7th — Anne Wilcox

Week of June 14th — George & Pat Clark

Shelving (Mondays)

June 8th — K. Mohney

June 15th — C. Woodruff & M. Ryder

Distribution

June 16th — M. Walsh, C. Danoski, K. Dotson, P. Peters, R. O'Neil, M. DeNinis

Statement of U.S. Bishops' President on George Floyd and Protests in America

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has issued a statement on George Floyd and the protests in American cities that have taken place over the last several days.

The killing of George Floyd was senseless and brutal, a sin that cries out to heaven for justice. How is it possible that in America, a black man's life can be taken from him while calls for help are not answered, and his killing is recorded as it happens?

I am praying for George Floyd and his loved ones, and on behalf of my brother bishops, I share the outrage of the black community and those who stand with them in Minneapolis, Los Angeles, and across the country. The cruelty and violence he suffered does not reflect on the majority of good men and women in law enforcement, who carry out their duties with honor. We know that. And we trust that civil authorities will investigate his killing carefully and make sure those responsible are held accountable.

We should all understand that the protests we are seeing in our cities reflect the justified frustration and anger of millions of our brothers and sisters who even today experience humiliation, indignity, and unequal opportunity only because of their race or the color of their skin. It should not be this way in America. Racism has been tolerated for too long in our way of life.

It is true what Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, that riots are the language of the unheard. We should be doing a lot of listening right now. This time, we should not fail to hear what people are saying through their pain. We need to finally root out the racial injustice that still infects too many areas of American society.

But the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost. Let us keep our eyes on the prize of true and lasting change.

Legitimate protests should not be exploited by persons who have different values and agendas. Burning and looting communities, ruining the livelihoods of our neighbors, does not advance the cause of racial equality and human dignity.

We should not let it be said that George Floyd died for no reason. We should honor the sacrifice of his life by removing racism and hate from our hearts and renewing our commitment to fulfill our nation's sacred promise — to be a beloved community of life, liberty, and equality for all.

DELIVER US from THE EVIL of RACISM

We hear words of prejudice, fear, and anger in our communities.

We see acts of discrimination and bloodshed in our streets.

We cry out to you, O Lord, to deliver us from the evils of racism

That cause great pain and anguish, dividing our nation.

Deliver us from the evil of active racism,

The outspoken language of hate,

The visible acts of violence,

The clear calls to divide and destroy.

Deliver us from the evils of racism, O Lord.

Deliver us from the evil of passive racism,

The attitudes and actions that allow racism

To continue to exist because too many people

Say nothing and do nothing to stop active racism.

Deliver us from the evils of racism, O Lord.

Deliver us from the evil of systematic racism,

The biases that have long been a part of so many systems,

In education, housing, healthcare, jobs, and in our court and penal structures,

Creating disadvantages that remain for generations.

Deliver us from the evils of racism, O Lord.

Deliver us from the evil of cultural racism,

From the attitudes of superiority and privilege,

From stereotyping and devaluing a culture

even as we appropriate cultural expressions

Of those different from some of us without sensitivity or concern.

Deliver us from the evils of racism, O Lord.

In your memory, O Lord, deliver us from the evils of racism

So that our communities can be renewed

By the rejection of all prejudice, all violence,

With a new awareness of those who may be different from us

And with deep respect for every human person,

So the healing bonds of solidarity may grow

And the common good may flourish in this land. Amen.

Enjoy the Convenience of Online Giving!

St. Francis of Assisi Parish offers an easy way to make donations online.

Ordinary Contribution

Repair & Maintenance

Catholic School Support

Catherine's Cupboard

Special Sunshine

Capital Campaign

Have donations taken weekly, monthly or yearly.

To set up an online giving account, visit our website stfrancisbing.org. Click the "Online Giving" tab listed at the top of the site's home screen or if you're using a mobile device, by clicking the drop-down menu in the top right corner. You must have an e-mail address to register online. Here you can create an account and authorize to have your donations electronically transferred directly from your checking account, your debit card or your credit card to the parish.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Center at 722-4388 and we will guide you through the process.

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

June 13th & 14th, 2020

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: 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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