

June 14, 2020

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



Welcome Back!

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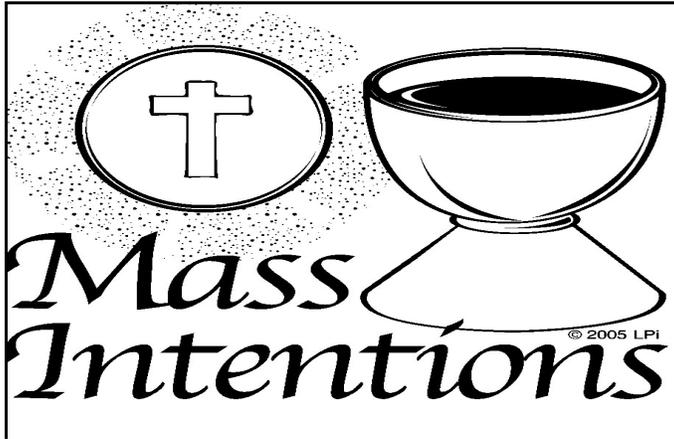
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We will be posting new
videos of our weekend
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Saturdays **even after our
reopening.**

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**You can still attend
weekend mass virtually!**



Weekend's Offering (06-07-20)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,682.00
Loose Collection.....	\$260.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$3,652.00
Total Collection.....	\$8,594.00

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.

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!



Saturday, June 13, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Helen Tarreto by Marge Mangan

Sunday, June 14, Corpus Christi

8:00 a.m. Margaret Feheley by Daughter, Christine

11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

(Week-day Masses will be held in Church)

Monday, June 15

8:00 a.m. Denise Kosan by Bob Connelly

Tuesday, June 16

8:00 a.m. Joseph Kelleher by Ann Hart

Wednesday, June 17

NO MASS

Thursday, June 18

NO MASS

Friday, June 19

NO MASS

Saturday, June 20, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. John & Mary Jane Paske by Family

Sunday, June 21, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

11:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by 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.

Instructions for Celebration of the Sacraments as 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

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.



Welcome Back!

The doors of our churches are open again for public worship! Well, they are open in a way that people can come to liturgy without being completely at risk. So it does feel good that we are open, but feel bad that for many it can be very restrictive because of age or health issues that makes their physical presence compromising. Our weekend liturgies will continue to be taped and can be viewed on our website (www.stfrancisbing.org) and posted to our social media (Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube).

It seems very ironic that our first weekend of liturgies begins on this beautiful feast of Corpus Christi, The Feast of The Body and Blood of Christ. After this long fast we are pretty hungry:

Hungry for human contact: to re-connect with family and friends beyond the four walls we've been confined behind.

Hungry for peace of mind: to satisfy our fear and anxiety, to know that we and our families are and will be safe, to getting back to “normal”— whatever “normal” will be.

Hungry for the little things that bring joy and laughter to our days: eating hot dogs at the ballpark, sitting on the beach with a great book, walking in the woods, meeting friends for drinks at a downtown café, getting a haircut or our hair done.

Hungry for a sense of purpose to our days: to go back to work doing something constructive and purposeful, to bring home a paycheck again, to be able to contribute something meaningful to our communities, to care for those who are struggling.

Some of us have experienced a hunger for bread itself, struggling to eat food on the table each evening, having to do without many of the simple, basic things we depend on.

But what we're all starving for is something which “bread” alone cannot satisfy.

This Sunday's Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord is especially poignant this spring. We've come to realize a “hunger” in our lives that food and drink cannot come close to satisfying: a hunger to belong, a hunger to matter, a hunger to be at peace, a hunger to love and be loved. If nothing else, these weeks have given us a new appreciation and understanding of the words of Jesus: that the “bread” that truly nourishes is generosity and compassion that mirrors that of God, that the “treasures” of lasting value are the good we can do for those we love, that the Spirit of God lives and moves among us in selfless generosity and sacrificial service.

So, let us celebrate on this Feast of The Body and Blood of Christ as the Body of Christ.

The Sin of Racism

These last few weeks have been a painful time in our country as we witness the social unrest in our streets and throughout our nation. We are as a country and as a church at a critical crossroad; it is a transformational moment.

Transformation is painful and long, but it can move us to a whole new vision and way of life.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote a fitting book in 1967, and its title is a perfect question for us today; Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community? The following is a quote from the book;

“Many of the young people proclaiming Black Power today were but yesterday the devotees of black-white cooperation and nonviolent direct action. With great sacrifice and dedication and a radiant faith in the future they labored courageously in the rural areas of the South; with idealism they accepted blows without retaliating; with dignity they allowed themselves to be plunged into filthy, stinking jail cells; with a majestic scorn for risk and danger they nonviolently confronted the Jim Clarks and the Bull Connors of the South, and exposed the disease of racism in the body politic. If they are America's angry children today, this anger is not congenital. It is a response to the feeling that a real solution is hopelessly distant because of the inconsistencies, resistance and faintheartedness of those in power. If Stokely Carmichael now says that nonviolence is irrelevant, it is because he, as a dedicated veteran of many battles, has seen with his own eyes the most brutal white violence against Negroes and white civil rights workers, and he has seen it go unpunished.”

There is much rage and anger in the way things are today, and have been for far too long. Hopefully, all of us can channel our rage and anger in a constructive, nonviolent endeavor to bring forth a beloved community.

Take to prayer this week those whose lives have been cut short because of racism:

Sandra Bland

Tamir Rice

Trayvon Martin

Rekia Boyd

Eric Garner

Alton Sterling

Philando Castile

Freddie Gray

Michael Brown

Breonna Taylor

Ahmaud Arbery

George Floyd

David McAtee

We also acknowledge all others whose names do not appear above.

Lord, forgive us for the sins of racism and indifference. Guide us in how to speak and act for justice. Show us how to change systems that hurt and even kill your beloved children. Teach us how to pick up the cross and follow you. We pray these things in Your name. Amen.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of June 14th — George & Pat Clark

Week of June 21st — Karen Dotson

Shelving (Mondays)

June 15th — C. Woodruff & M. Ryder

June 22nd — A. Short

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.

Lectionary Reflection

Each scripture today refers to a meal that is shared and to the effects of that meal. The manna reminded the people of the Exodus that they were not alone on their journey. They needed God. They needed the community. They were on a journey of liberation that was bigger than their personal selves. The Eucharist was to remind the Corinthians that they shared one bread and thus were one people. The meal called them to unity and solidarity. The meal called them to move beyond their divisions.

In the gospel, the dialogue with Jesus reminds all of us that we are nourished for the "life of the world." The Eucharist sends us forth for a mission of liberation and life in the world. Our Eucharist celebrates and challenges our sharing and our relationship with each other.

We can ask questions on the level of our sacramental celebration: Does our celebration of the Eucharist reflect the excitement and joy of being one in community? Does our celebration reflect a spirit of deep "solidarity?" Are we celebrating our solidarity as the living Mystical Body of Christ? Do we recognize Christ in the breaking of the bread? Is everyone welcome? Is there diversity in our community? Does the Eucharist empower us for action — for life?

We can ask questions on the level of our life as a community: How are we in solidarity with the poor in our city or town and in the world? Do we offer direct service to those in need? Does our solidarity move from the works of charity toward the works of justice? Do we work for that "social change" that will heal the structures and systems that keep us apart — that prevent us from being one body? How does our solidarity with God help us to bring an end to war and violence? How are we the living Body of Christ in the world? The Eucharist is about sharing food and sharing in God's life.

Are you curious about Formation for Ministry or Permanent Diaconate?

Online Information Session

Wednesday, August 5th

6:30PM—7:30PM

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

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

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

Question of the Week

Question for Children: How does receiving Holy Communion change how you treat those around you?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that through the Eucharist we will remain in him and he is us. How does the Eucharist keep you in relationship with Jesus?

Question for Adults: Share one way that the Eucharist connects us as “one body” – how does it change the way we relate to each other?

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