

June 18, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

Happy Father's Day!



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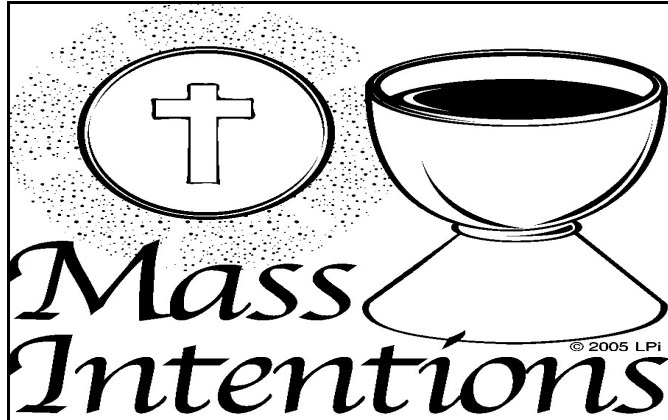
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**Saturday, June 17, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving by Mary Jane & John Paske

Sunday, June 18, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Joe Brozovic & Raymond Tyczkowski by Family

Monday, June 19

NO MASS

Tuesday, June 20

NO MASS

Wednesday, June 21

12:00 p.m. Ann Marie Evans by Betsy Ann Shields

Thursday, June 22

8:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna By Family

Friday, June 23

NO MASS

Saturday, June 24, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Cindy Foran by Kathy & Glen Tait

Sunday, June 25, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. 5th Anniv. John Mando 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.

Weekend's Offering (06-11-23)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$3,956.00
Loose Collection.....	\$248.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$2,455.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,659.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

**"Thank you", The Brennan Family**

We cannot thank you all enough for the generosity that was shown in celebration of our sweet Ourania's 10th Birthday. Whether you contributed an item to Birthright, said a special prayer, joined us for a cupcake, or showed your support in another way, we sincerely appreciate the many acts of kindness that were offered as we marked this bittersweet occasion. Birthright was especially grateful for the donations made to help women and children in our area. Although Ourania's time on this earth was brief, her impact continues to be felt through the good that is done in her memory.

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.



Liturgical Reflection

†Ezekiel in the first reading uses the beautiful image of God planting the cedar tree.

†The psalmist tells us that “the just one will flourish like a palm tree ... they shall bear fruit even in old age ...”

†Paul tells us that “we walk by faith, not by sight ... we are courageous...”

†Jesus talks about the seed that sprouts and grows and produces a harvest, even though we do not know how it happens.

†Jesus talks about the tiny mustard seed that somehow becomes a great bush that can even be a home for the birds of the sky.

The vision of God is bigger than all our limited visions. The call of God comes to us in the storm. We have faith through the vision and values of Jesus. We have faith that these values will help us as we struggle with the challenges of our time. We have hope that we can discern God’s call in the midst of all the questions. We pray to have love that will bring us together as a community and allow us to discover God in all things, in all people, and even in all questions. We are committed to get into action and do something for the common good and especially for those who are in need.

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Creation Care Tip

There is so much work to be done in this environmental crisis, and it may be easy for those working in the field to lose hope and burn out. This week, spend time praying for those working in any way to restore the environment. Pray that they will be infused with hope that with God, all things are possible. Also, pray that God will use you to labor for creation in the way you are most suited to do so.

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Justice Challenge

Father’s Day is a great celebration of the special men in our lives who have been a source of strength, encouragement, protection and guidance as well as providing, teaching and admonishing. Being a dad is complex. It isn’t something one can plan out and schedule... it evolves and grows as their children do. One cannot study all the right ways to be a great dad. There is something organic and ever-changing in the role of a dad. All people need someone in their life who will love them unconditionally, but many have not had that gift. Today there are children and teens in your community, parish and school that need guidance, love and security. Your challenge this week is to reflect on how you can be an advocate for these things where you live. Can you mentor after school or volunteer at a Boys and Girls Club? Could you offer to chaperone an event for youth or children at your parish? Could you pray each day for your eyes and heart to be open to the needs of children and youth where you live and work? You may not be a father or a dad... but you have the capacity to love and make a difference.

A Prayer for Father’s Day

*We give thanks for fathers all around the world.
Bless these men for their hard work, their caring,
For their generosity and their loyalty to their families.*

We pray especially for fathers

Who are struggling to care for their children

Because of economic situations:

Fathers who have been laid off,

Who are looking for work,

*Who are in despair about keeping a secure roof over
their families’ heads,*

In this country and in countries around the world,

Bless them all.

*We pray, too, for fathers who are ill, and need their
families to support them through their illnesses;*

*We pray for the millions of fathers who
are imprisoned, Who are immigrants,
refugees, or displaced persons,*

*Who have experienced violence and are
wounded in body and soul.*

*You who give life and give it abundantly,
Son of our heavenly Father,*

Be with all fathers this day,

And grant them your grace and your healing

So they may live out their vocation as fathers

With dignity, strength, and peace.

Amen.



A Prayer Against Christian Nationalism's Abuse of Faith

*Creator God, who has called us to be fishers of people
and to show your love to all the nations of this earth:*

*We thank you for founding your Son's church through
the rock of Peter, and for welcoming us into a cloud of
witnesses and communion of saints that stretches across
all time, space, and race.*

*You have charged us, as your church, to work for your
kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, creating a beloved
community where together we practice loving you and
loving our neighbors.*

*As a collective church, Lord, we ask your forgiveness for
those times when your name has been used not for this
mission of love, peace, and truth, but misused for hatred,
violence, misinformation, and power.*

*Guide use to be beacons of Christianity, not of Christian
nationalism.*

*Help us to raise a prophetic voice so that we may resist
the hijacking of your name, provide a counter-witness to
the abuse of faith, and do the work building a better
world for the oppressed and marginalized, while also
examining our own communities and taking the logs out
of our own eyes as we attempt to do this heavenly work
for you and for others.*

*This we pray through the Holy Spirit and in the loving
name of your risen Son Jesus Christ, Amen.*

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

June 20th— K. & T. Barnhart and M. Lyons

Catherine's Cupboard: WE NEED HELP!

We have been very busy over the past few months. Reality is hitting us with increase of families (65 families were served June 6th) due to higher cost of living/food prices, cuts in SNAP/food stamps etc. We are just able to get enough food in freezers (3) and refrigerators (2) to serve 1 day of service. Our shelves are emptied as fast as we fill them now. We are not sure what the solution is but in July we will be expanding our hours by 30 minutes in hopes that we can get more served in less time. This way, the wait in parking lot will be less than a hour. We sincerely want to thank everyone who supports the pantry including the Church of Nazarene and Ogden Methodist as every dollar donated is used to provide a better healthy life for others. Keep in mind this summer if you're having a party and have left over rolls, soda, etc. we will accept them. Personal care items are always necessary. Volunteers are always needed (if you're a student, get your service hours) Tuesday nights 5-8PM call (607)725-7645 for more information.



June 30th



St. Francis of Assisi

**Fundraiser to support
St. Francis of Assisi's
Creation Care Team**

Cost: \$15

**Please pay ahead
at the Parish Center**

Baccalaureate Mass (June 4th 2023)



DeBella Scholarship Recipients: (L-R Jonah Rice, Kathryn White, Logan Lomonaco, Fr Tim, Olivia Santa Croce, and Quinn Sirgany)



Graduating Seniors from St. Francis of Assisi who participated in the Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, June 4th (L-R Joshua Coddington, Liam Wood, Carter Klein, Tyler Norton, Tyler Ferrara, Jonah Rice, Logan Lomonaco, Fr. Tim, Olivia Santa Croce, Kathryn White, Quinn Sirgany, not pictured: Thomas Kapinus and Lauren Hart)

Congratulations Ginny Thompson

Congratulations to Ginny Thompson who made her first yearly Commitment as an Associate of woman and men who number about 100 in our area. As an Associate, Ginny will live the Community's Charism of unifying love in her daily life through prayer and continued service to the dear neighbor without distinction.

Project Concern (in need)

Project Concern clothing bank and food pantry located at 23 Kattelville Rd., Binghamton is open and accepting donations. Supply is running low, so they could really use help. They are open Monday to Thursday, 9:00AM—3:30PM and Saturday, 9:00AM—11:30AM. Please help!

Annual Knights of Columbus 11403 Tom Mangan Golf Tournament



Sunday, July 30th

Genegantslet Golf Club

SAVE THE DATE



**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
June 24th & 25th, 2023

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Mackenzie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Mike Stricek
4:00 Mass	EM Host	John Artman
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Brenda Artman
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Nancy Oliver
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Deb Carden
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Jonah Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Juliana Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Ildiko Mitchell
10:30 Mass	EM Host	David Hanzes
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Mary DeNinis
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Shirley McCray
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Anne Wolanski

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

10:30 AM Mass

June 18th: Ede & Sarah Blabac

June 25th: Cindy & Kathryn or Lauren White

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virtually!**

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Have you ever had to walk in the dark with no light? How is that like walking by faith and not by sight? What did you have to do to keep going in the dark?

Question for Youth: Do you pray and ask for faith? How do you work on building your faith?

Question for Adults: When do you find it hardest to have faith? Must you "see" answered prayer, or can you peacefully accept God's will?

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