

May 12, 2024

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



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## **Office Hours:**

Monday — Thursday:  
7:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Friday: Closed

## **Confession:**

2nd & 4th Saturday of every  
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**Saturday, May 11, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Martha Kostun by Jan & Mike Pandich

**Sunday, May 12, Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
 10:30 a.m. Paul Savo by Delores & Chuck Farwell

**Monday, May 13**  
 12:00 p.m. Peter & Mary Savo by Family

**Tuesday, May 14**  
 8:00 a.m. Tim Reardon by Michelle & the pantry volunteers

**Wednesday, May 15**  
 12:00 p.m. Anna Altadonna & Vito Carciappono

**Thursday, May 16**  
 8:00 a.m. Floyd La Clair Jr. by Vail La Clair & Darlene Rhodes & Family

**Friday, May 17**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, May 18, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Lucille Lovaglia by Mary Ann, Pat & Joey Dorner

**Sunday, May 19, Pentecost Sunday**  
 10:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Legos Family by Don & Suzanne Carr

**Catherine's Cupboard**

CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD has been serving our community for the past 20+ years, it's **open the 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month from 5 till 7 (or until all are served)**. We serve anyone who comes, asking only for ID, if they have any. As members of SOUTHERN TIER FOOD BANK, we purchase at wholesale (or less), providing **basic dry or canned goods, fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy, and frozen meats**. We try to provide **5 days of meals** and include **personal care items** also. We operate on **100% donations or grants**. Our location at the parish center means we have most overhead costs covered. However, we serve over 1200 people, requiring a budget of close to \$50,000 a year. PLEASE tell anyone you know who is feeling food insecure to stop in. **If you would like to donate food items, they can be left at parish center or food barrel in church foyer. Monetary donations can be mailed to our parish office or via the online giving tab at [stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org)**

**Weekend's Offering (05-05-24)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,567.00
Loose Collection.....	\$523.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,920.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,010.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**FAITH FORMATION**

**No Faith Formation.**

**Have a happy and healthy summer!**

**Hope to see you at Vacation Bible School this Summer (stay tuned)**

**See you at church!**

**Congratulations to our Faith Formation students who received the Sacrament of First Eucharist last Sunday. What a wonderful crew of faithful youngsters!**



**Prayers . . .**

Please remember all of our parishioners who are in hospitals and nursing homes and our home-bound. Also, please pray for our deceased parishioners and loved ones.



**To The Moms Who Are**

*To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy.*

*To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.*

*To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fierce.*

*To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.*

*To those who knew they never wanted kids, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world.*

*To those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighborhood kids, and anyone who needed it.*

*To those remembering Moms no longer with us.*

*To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.*

*Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.*

—Hannah Kardon, Pastor at Elston Avenue United Methodist Church

**Liturgy of Sorrow and Lamentation,**  
**Liturgy of Penance and Peace**

Come let us pray for the people of the Middle East and Ukraine

**Wednesday, May 15th 7:00PM**

**St. Francis of Assisi Church**

*O God, you are the source of life and peace.  
Praised be your name forever.*

*We know it is you who turn our minds to thoughts of peace.*

*Hear our prayer in this time of conflict.  
Your power changes hearts.*

*Muslims, Christians, and Jews remember, and profoundly affirm, that they are followers of the one God, children of Abraham, brothers and sisters; enemies begin to speak to one another; those who were estranged join hands in friendship; nations seek the way of peace together.*

*Strengthen our resolve to give witness to these truths by the way we live.*

*Give to us:*

**UNDERSTANDING that puts an end to strife;**

**MERCY that quenches hatred; and**

**FORGIVENESS that overcomes vengeance.**

***Empower all people to live in your law of love. Amen.***

-Prayer from Pax Christi USA and the Fellowship of Reconciliation



**Parish Synod Listening Sessions**

This past Monday we held our last of five listening sessions. I want to thank all of those who took the time to attend, your presence and participation was valuable. The feedback I received has been very positive, and the spirit of each session was lively. People enjoyed meeting each other and getting to know one another in a more social context. The input you contributed will be reviewed and collated into common themes that were raised. I will be keeping you updated and informed through the bulletin. There may be another opportunity for one or two more sessions, especially to reach our young adults and families.

I want to give a big THANK YOU to Deacon Steve Blabac, Joe Carpenter, Maria Kirk, Marge Mangan, and Pat Doyle for their assistance in planning, facilitating, and putting together the various refreshments these past five sessions. I continue to encourage all of us to continue to envision how we are to be as a parish for the future.

— Fr. Tim

**NEXT WEEK IS PENTECOST**  
**WEAR RED TO CHURCH**

**Ascension of the Lord: Justice Challenge**

When Jesus ascended into heaven, his glorified physical body was no longer with us. But he commissioned the apostles (and us through them) to be his body on earth until he came again. We are called to be the hands and feet, the heart, the mouth, the shoulders of Jesus to those in need. Your challenge this week is to ask which part of the Body of Christ you are called to be right now. Does someone need you to be his ears, listening to their story? Or might you be called to be his prophetic voice, challenging someone or a group of persons to live more justly? Be the Body of Christ this week. (And don't forget that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will make this task possible.)

**Ascension of the Lord: Creation Care Tip**

As we hear the story of the Ascension this week, we think of Jesus going skyward. What do humans send skyward that are harmful to the environment? Balloons, for one. Every balloon released into the air deflates and comes down eventually, and then is often mistaken for food by fish, birds, farm animals, and even pets, leading to harm or even death. Vow to say "no" to releasing balloons and consider choosing more environmentally friendly gifts (such as a virtual greeting/gift card) or party decorations (flowers or biodegradable options)

PLEASE TELL US THE NAMES & ADDRESSES OF SHUT-INS, WE WOULD LOVE TO REACH OUT!  
CALL DELORES AT THE PARISH CENTER  
(607)722-4388 TO LET US KNOW! THANK YOU!

## Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

**May 20th**— K. & T. Barnhart, M. Lyons, and  
G. Donahue



### **DONATION PAMPHLET**

Please feel free to take a Catherine's Cupboard donation pamphlet in the back of the church or at the parish center. This pamphlet has some great information about our food pantry as well as

CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD many easy ways to contribute to the pantry. There are numerous ways YOU can help those in need right here in our community. The pantry relies on people like you to do your part! Take one or request one to be sent to you!

### **Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate**

Two seminarians for the Diocese of Syracuse, **John Brusa III and Joseph Ryan**, will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacon by Bishop Douglas Lucia as they enter their final year of seminary.

The Ordination Mass will take place on **Saturday, May 18th at 10AM in Saint Patrick's Church in Binghamton.**

John Brusa III is a seminarian from Holy Family Parish in Fairmount and studies at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Joseph Ryan is a seminarian from St. Patrick's Parish in Binghamton and studies at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland.

Please join the Diocese of Syracuse as we joyfully celebrate the ordination of these two men on the path to priesthood.

### **Fr. Lord's 60th Anniversary Celebration!**

There will be a 60th anniversary celebration in honor of Father Laurence Lord **Thursday, May 16th at St. James Church.** Fr. Lord will celebrate his anniversary Mass at 4:00pm. Mass will be followed by a reception in St. James Hall until 7:00pm

### **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 accounts are available for donations:

***Ordinary Contribution,  
Repair, Maintenance, & Utilities,  
Catholic School Support, Catherine's Cupboard,  
Special Sunshine, Capital Campaign, STAR Fund,  
and Creation Care Team***

## *Sacred Sites Open House Sunday*

May 19, 2024

Welcoming Our Neighbors



### **The Doors are Open**

Tour 23 Houses of Worship in Binghamton, Johnson City, Port Dickinson, Hillcrest & Endicott

***Free and Open to the Public***

Sponsored by PAST and the NY Landmarks Conservancy

Visit **pastny.org** for a List of Sites



Preservation Association of the Southern Tier

**St. Francis of Assisi is one of the featured Sacred Sites for this tour and will be included in an article this coming week in the Press & Sun Bulletin.**

### **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.

### **Upcoming Safe Environment Trainings**

#### **Initial Safe Environment Training**

- † **Thursday, May 16:** 6:00PM at Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal
- † **Wednesday, June 12:** 6:30PM at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott
- † **Thursday, June 13:** 10:00AM at Catholic Charities of Broome County, Binghamton

#### **Recertification Training**

- † **Thursday, May 23:** 6:00 pm at Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal

**Pre-registration is required** for all sessions. Walk-ins and late arrivals **will not be permitted.** Registration for training sessions will close one (1) business day prior to the training session.

**Register:** ([www.syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/](http://www.syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/))

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

**May 18th & 19th, 2024**

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Thalia Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Anne Smilnak
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Betsy A Shields
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Deb Carden
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	John Artman
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Brenda Artman

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Michaela Wood
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Abby Harlowe
10:30 Mass	Lector	Brian Sirgany
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Ede Blabac
10:30 Mass	EM Host	David Hanzes
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Donna Iglar
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Scott Iglar

**Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule**

**May 12**— Patti Klepfer and Toni Robinson

**May 19**— Ede and Sarah Blabac

**\*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 it 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 Church

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

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Whom do you love? Who loves you? How do you show your love?

**Question for Youth:** How would you describe the kind of love that Jesus modeled?

**Question for Adults:** Share about one person in your life with whom the command to love has become a reality, a parent, spouse, friend, or colleague – or even a stranger.

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