

May 19, 2024

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



## PENTECOST

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

### **Staff**

Rev. Timothy Taugher, Pastor  
Deacon Stephen Blabac  
Delores A. Farwell  
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Organist  
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Housekeeper  
Brendan Kliment  
Sarah & Mary Bush  
Sacristans

### **Office Hours:**

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

### **Confession:**

2nd & 4th Saturday of every  
month at 3:00 pm in the Church

**Parish Office Phone:** 722-4388

### **Faith Formation Office**

#### **Phone:**

722-4177

#### **E-mail:**

stfrancisbing@syrдио.org

#### **Website:**

[www.stfrancisbing.org](http://www.stfrancisbing.org)

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**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 Suzanne & Don Carr

**Monday, May 20**  
 8:00 a.m. Patrick Fitzgerald by Betsy Shields & Family

**Tuesday, May 21**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Wednesday, May 22**  
 8:00 a.m. Joe & Rita Brozovic by Family

**Thursday, May 23**  
**NO MASS**

**Friday, May 24**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, May 25, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Paul Savo by The Danoski Family

**Sunday, May 26, The Most Holy Trinity**  
 10:30 a.m. Hayden Ferrance by Norman & Beverly Morse

**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!**

**Does the life of St. Francis of Assisi appeal to you?**

The Secular Franciscan Order, formerly known as the third Order of St. Francis, is an official religious Order within the Catholic church, that provides for lay Catholics to live a Gospel way of life as established by St. Francis of Assisi. Members live their everyday lives in the world and regularly come together in fraternity. We meet in the hall of this Church on the fourth Saturdays of the month at 10 AM. The next meeting is on Saturday, May 25. We welcome you! Call Mary Frances with questions 607-724-4528.

**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.

**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.

**So go out and give volunteering a try!**

**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, especially Juliet Glavin.



## Laudato Si Week and Pentecost Sunday

Today marks the beginning of Laudato Si Week, May 19-26. Celebrating Pentecost and Landato Si week let us pray and act to contemplate and nurture seeds of hope for our "suffering planet". Pray in the psalm, "Lord, send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth." There is a need for both personal and cultural transformation amidst our ecological and climate crisis. Let us be seeds of hope in our lives by our actions, rooted in faith and love.

### Prayer to the Holy Spirit:

*Holy Spirit,*

*You are God's presence in our hearts,  
bringing life, love and joy, like a caring Mother.  
You are in singing birds, hidden in vegetation,  
in the subtle fragrance of inconspicuous flowers...  
You are a Mystery, invisible,  
but powerfully influencing our life.  
We open our hearts to You.*

*Please inspire us and give us wisdom, courage, and hope.*

*Let us make use of our various talents and Your gifts.*

*Please teach us patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

*Guide us the right way and teach us to love You, others, and ourselves.*

*Please help us to work together in peace and respect every person, regardless of all the differences between us, but also to respect nature and everything else you have created for us.*

*Last but not least, let us always remember about our dignity of being Your children and about our freedom to serve others, like Jesus.*

*Amen.*

—Sylwia Ufnalska, Laudato si Animator, coordinator of Rogalin Ways of the Holy Spirit and of the project "Tree of Life" - Rogalin, Poland)

## Parish Synod Listening Sessions

We have 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*

## Pentecost Sunday: Justice Challenge

May 21st has been designated as World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development. It is very interesting to note that this day occurs in the week before we celebrate Pentecost, which is a story about unity in diversity. How appropriate! Cultural diversity is a buzz term today, but it also is something which we Catholics—by our very identity, since "catholic" means universal—embody. We are a diverse people in every way: age, gender, economic status, race, personality, location, and so much more. We are called to embrace and celebrate our differences, not try to make everyone else over in our image and likeness. Your challenge this week is to experience and celebrate something in another culture. It might be a particular prayer, or an ethnic dish, or a type of music. Whatever you choose, embrace the gift of the culture. And offer a prayer of thanks to God that while we are all created in God's image, we are also created in unique and different ways from each other.

## Upcoming Safe Environment Trainings

### Initial Safe Environment Training

† **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/))

## Pentecost Sunday: Creation Care Tip

On Pentecost we associate fire with the coming of the Holy Spirit. We know fire has always been essential to human civilization, and we are also aware of the destructive nature of fire, especially as the earth is experiencing more wildfires and extreme wildfires each year. Although burning wood in a fireplace, campfire, or outdoor fire pit can be a cozy ritual, the smoke from wood burning is a significant source of air pollution in some areas and climates. What activities or sources of warmth can you use as an alternative to burning wood?

**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!

# Annual

## MEN IN BLACK SOFTBALL GAME



### SUNDAY, JULY 28TH

5:30PM | MIRABITO STADIUM  
BINGHAMTON

vocations-syracuse.org



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### 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](http://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*

**Check it out!**

## 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](http://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. So, stay after mass to look around the church and take an informational pamphlet on the table in the back of the church. Take particular note of the pelican carving on the altar as well as our beautiful stained glass windows.

## Annual Knights of Columbus 11403 Tom Mangan Golf Tournament

Sunday, July 28th

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**  
**May 25th & 26th, 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	Kurt & Kelly Mohny
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Beatrice Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Robert Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Nancy Oliver
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Jan Pandich
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Mike Stricek

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sydney Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Quinn Tallant
10:30 Mass	Lector	Jim Clune
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Catherine Shafer
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Ann Clune
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Nick Norton
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Cherilyn Tallant
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	David Hanzes

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

**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 signup form (on table in the back of the church) and drop it in a collection basket.**

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** When have you heard your inner voice or conscience guiding you to do what is right?

**Question for Youth:** When have you felt the Holy Spirit in your life?

**Question for Adults:** Share about times when you felt the power of the Spirit, giving you the right words, giving you insight into a dilemma, or in other ways.

# END OF BULLETIN

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