

May 26, 2024

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



MEMORIAL DAY

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Office Hours:

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

Monday, May 27, Memorial Day
NO MASS

Tuesday, May 28
 8:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Wednesday, May 29
 12:00 p.m. Gen & Martha Savo by Family

Thursday, May 30
 8:00 a.m. Marilyn Maume by Tricia & Dick Shannon

Friday, May 31
NO MASS

Saturday, June 1, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Antonio Versace Jr. by Marge Mangan

Sunday, June 2, The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
 10:30 a.m. Vita Mannino by Family

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**

Weekend’s Offering (05-19-24)

Regular Envelopes.....\$3,788.00
 Loose Collection.....\$258.00
 Electronic Collection.....\$1,655.00
 Total Collection.....\$5,701.00

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!

ATTENTION: Lectors, EMs & Altar Servers

It is time again to make the schedule for July, August, and September 2024. If there are weekends when you are **not** available to Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Serve, let us know. Call Ed and Cindy White at 607-648-2784 or by cell 607-206-3469 **BEFORE JUNE 17TH!**

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

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/)

Creation Care Team/Donations

In 2022, St. Francis of Assisi parish members formed a Creation Care committee in response to Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si. Since that time the committee has initiated many projects, large and small, that could engage parish members (as well as local community members) of all ages to understand and respond locally to the impact of global warming on our shared earth. To make a donation please go to this site: www.cathcap.org

select: Contribute —> **Support a Group**
select: St. Francis of Assisi - Binghamton, NY

This link helps you calculate your carbon impact by: Flight, Driving, Total Co2 or Cash Donations. CathCAP (Catholic Climate Action Projects) is a carbon offset platform that allows people to offset some of their carbon emissions from travel and pool their community's donations to fund a local or global ecological project. Please check it out!

For information or questions, please ask...
 Kay Corcoran: edwardcorcoran719@yahoo.com
 Or Anne Wolanski: annewolanski@gmail.com

Memorial Day Prayer for Peace

*On this Memorial Day weekend,
Grant peace to the souls*

Of all those soldiers who died in war.

*We remember the tears and grief of their families,
The pain of mothers, wives, husbands, and children*

Who lost precious loved ones.

To build a meaningful memorial to them,

We ask God to give us all the will

To work for peace around the world

*So no more sons, daughters, husbands,
wives, fathers, nor mothers*

Are slaughtered by the guns and weapons of war.

We ask Mary, who held the lifeless body of her son

And was pierced by the sorrow

of his suffering and death,

To grant us the compassion and wisdom to affirm life

And honor the dead through forgiveness

and peace making.

May God have mercy on the souls of the departed.

Grant them peace, O Lord.

May we have mercy on the living.

Grant us peace, O Lord.

In Your name we pray. Amen.

World Children's Day: May 25/26

In his letter for World Children's Day, Pope Francis told children that they are "a source of joy for your parents and your families, but also for our human family and for the Church, in which each of us is like a link in a great chain stretching from the past to the future and covering the whole earth."

Children also remind everyone of their need and desire "to grow and flourish," and that all people are someone's sons and daughters and are brothers and sisters, he said. "We would not be alive unless others brought us into this world, nor could we grow without having others to love and from whom to receive love."

"The fact that we are small reminds us that we are also frail and need one another as members of one body," the pope wrote.

Pope Francis explained to the children that he chose the Bible passage, "Behold, I make all things new," as the theme for World Children's Day because it is a reminder that to make the world a better place, people need to be united with Jesus and with others.

"With Jesus, we can dream of the renewal of our human family and work for a more fraternal society that cares for our common home," the pope wrote.

Sharing "a special secret" with the children, Pope Francis told them that if they really want to be happy, they need to pray every day "because prayer connects us directly to God" and "fills our hearts with light and warmth."

And even the youngest people can understand that they cannot be happy all alone "because our joy increases to the extent that we share it," he said. "Joy is born of gratitude for the gifts we have received and which we share in turn, and it grows in our relationships with others."

"When we keep the blessings we have received to ourselves, or throw tantrums to get this or that gift, we forget that the greatest gift that we possess is ourselves, one another: all of us, together, are God's gift," the letter said. "Other gifts are nice, but only if they help us to be together. If we don't use them for that purpose, we will always end up being unhappy; they will never be enough."

"Think of your friends and how great it is to spend time with them: at home, at school, in the parish and the playground, everywhere," Pope Francis wrote. "Playing, singing, discovering new things, having fun, everyone being together and excluding no one. Friendship is wonderful and it grows only in this way: through sharing and forgiving, with patience, courage, creativity and imagination, without fear and without prejudice."

Jesus, he said, "is calling us and he wants us to join actively with him, on this World Children's Day, to become builders of a new, more humane, just and peaceful world."

"Jesus, who offered himself on the Cross to gather all of us together in love, who conquered death and reconciled us with the Father, wants to continue his work in the Church through us," the pope wrote. "Think about this, especially those of you who are preparing to receive First Communion."

Holy Trinity Sunday: Creation Care Tip

"And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." –Matthew 28:20. Being conscious of climate change and environmental disasters can be frightening, depressing, and exhausting. Just before Jesus left his apostles for the last time, and they were frightened about what was in store for the future, he spoke these words of reassurance. Instead of dwelling on the bad news this week, take some time in nature to meditate on these last words of Jesus spoken in Matthew's Gospel.

Holy Trinity Sunday: Justice Challenge

This week we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity and remember one of our most beloved popes – Pope John XXIII, who died on June 3, 1963. The Trinity, our belief that God is a communion of Father, Son and Spirit, reminds us that we are called to live in communion with each other. Catholics are people who build unity in the world. Pope John XXIII nudged the Church to build communion not only inside the Church, but also with the rest of the world. He knew that people had to live their faith in the world and encouraged Catholics to do so. He called the second Vatican Council and had a dream... a vision... that the church would be a light of unity to all the world. While the Trinity is a mystery, it isn't a mystery at all as to HOW the Church is to be a light. Each of us has gifts and must use those gifts in the service of others to build unity. How are you a light to your friends, family, school, co-workers and even strangers or enemies? This week, explore the areas of division in your life and try to be a light to someone each day.

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

June 4th— D. Dobish, B. Grace, G. Thompson,
and G. Pendleton



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
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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 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!

Thank You From Birthright

Thank you Fr Tim, all the helpers, and all who supported Birthright's Mother's Day flower sale .
It is Birthright's major fundraiser, and once again your generosity has helped to make it a great success.

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!

Are You Hurting in Your Marriage?

Has your marriage become troubled, unloving/uncaring; has it grown cold and distant; are you thinking of or already separated or divorced but want to try again, then the Retrouvaille Program can help you. Call 1-800-470-2230 or visit HelpOurMarriage.com

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**
June 1st & 2nd, 2024

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Kylie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	McKenzie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Joe Carpenter
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Marge Mangan
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Steve Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Denise Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Mary Russik
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Carol Danoski
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Daniel Dundon
10:30 Mass	Lector	Bert Prohaska
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Nick Norton
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Patrick Doyle
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Mary DeNinis
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Suzanne Carr

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

ONLINE ONLY

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: Why do you think Catholics make "The Sign of the Cross" when we pray?

Question for Youth: How often do you think about God as Trinity? How do you relate to each member of the Trinity?

Question for Adults: As each of us is called and sent by Christ, how have you incorporated this into your own life, whether married, single, in religious life, or ordained?

END OF BULLETIN

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