

April 16, 2017

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



We are the Easter People
and Hallelujah is our Song!

~Saint John Paul II



Happy Easter Sunday

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Mass Schedule

Monday-Thursday
8:00 am at the Parish Center
Chapel

Saturday Evening
4:00 pm

Sunday Morning
8:00 am & 11:00 am

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



Saturday, April 15, Holy Saturday
 8:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

Sunday, April 16, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. 18th Anniv. Helen A. Yanuzzi by Family

Monday, April 17
 8:00 a.m. Joseph Zdunski by Don & Barb Brozovic

Tuesday, April 18
 8:00 a.m. Jim Kalivoda by Lucille Marsili & the Bible Babes

Wednesday, April 19
 8:00 a.m. Ann Lampe by Jim & Kathleen Brady

Thursday, April 20
NO MASS

Friday, April 21
NO MASS

Saturday, April 22, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Rose & Bob Riley by Florence Brown

Sunday, April 23, Second Sunday of Easter
 8:00 a. m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Dorothy Pagliarella by Jim & Rose O'Neil

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.

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.

Weekend's Offering (04-02-17)

Regular Envelopes.....\$8,118.00
 Loose Collection.....\$389.25
 Electronic Donation.....\$515.00
 Total Collection.....\$9,022.25

**Thank you to everyone for their donations.
 They are greatly appreciated!**

Faith Formation

No Faith Formation April 16 and April 23 ~ Easter Holiday

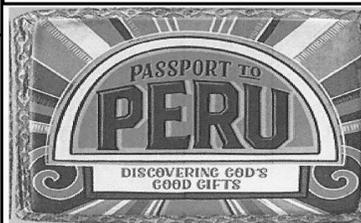
Please note the last Sunday of Faith Formation is April 30th. There will be a prayer service in the church at 10 AM. We will collect Rice Bowls at this time. Perhaps you could create a family event by counting up your donation to CRS Rice Bowl. Talk about the families we have helped and the skills they learned because of our donations to CRS. Please, return donations as a check payable to CRS Rice Bowls or with "paper" money for your child to place in the basket at the closing Prayer Service.

Looking Ahead:

First Eucharist will be celebrated on May 7th at the 11 AM Mass. The first 9 pews on both sides of the church will be reserved for the children receiving First Eucharist and their families. There will be Handicapped seating on the school side of the church only. Mass will take a bit longer than usual. Please plan accordingly.

Save the Date!

Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, June 18th at the 11 AM Mass. Information will be mailed to graduating seniors soon.



The Biggest VBS
 Adventure Yet!

SAVE THE DATE!

June 26-30, 2017 ~ 6:15-8:30 pm

Binghamton Church of the Nazarene
 1282 Chenango ST

Carnival Fundraiser

St. James School's 'Carnival Fundraiser' will be held April 22nd from 1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. in the Seton Catholic Central Gymnasium. The event will include food, games and raffles - with all proceeds going to the Munson family (a 4th grade teacher from St. James battling cancer). The public is welcome to attend. For more information or to make a donation, you can call Lauren Heslin at (607) 222-5488 or email at Laurenfn6@yahoo.com

Prayer:**One With The Suffering People Of Syria**

God of Mercy, hear the cries of your people. How long, O God, must our Syrian sisters and brothers suffer injustice? How long must they be casualties of hollow wars?

With heavy hearts, we watch the aftermath of the chemical attack in Khan Sheikhoun in northern Syria.

With numbing grief, we learn of scores of people, including children, who died after plumes of toxic gas fell upon them, like a “winter fog”— Many convulsing, choking, gasping for air, and foaming at the mouth.

They are not numbers, but names, members of a family, our human family. They are mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, and grandparents.

They are the face of your Son—crying out, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46)

Give comfort to the father who carried his lifeless little girl, her lips blue, her dark curls brushing closed eyes, wrapped in a blue sheet.

Give comfort to the mothers and fathers as they lay to rest their children in makeshift burial sites.

Give comfort to those who helplessly watched as family members and neighbors fell like leaves to the ground, gasping for air, struggling to breathe, pleading for help.

Give comfort to the doctors, nurses, and rescue workers as they provide care and treatment to those who survived the attack.

Give comfort to those who live in perpetual fear, to those who are internally displaced, and to those who have fled to neighboring countries as war refugees.

Give strength to those who are making a desperate attempt to reach Europe by land or sea, with many dying tragically along the way.

God, as shocking as this unacceptable massacre is, it is but one episode in the long nightmare of Syria’s civil conflict. It is time that the international community stands up and says, “Enough.”

We join with Pope Francis and “appeal to the conscience of those who have political responsibilities, locally, and internationally, to put an end to this tragedy and to bring relief to that dear population which for too long has been overwhelmed by war.” Amen.



HAPPY EASTER
FROM



Fr. Tim and St. Francis of Assisi Parish Staff

**Easter: A Celebration of a New Earth
& New Heaven**

Easter began last night with the most important Liturgy of the Church —The Easter Vigil. The Easter Vigil, our most solemn celebration, retains many ancient elements that point to a time when the divide between the “natural” and the “supernatural” was less pronounced. It is a celebration that incorporates many elements of nature and encompasses the whole sweep of the cosmos. We began the Liturgy in darkness around a blazing fire. The darkness broken by the light of the Easter fire with the Easter Candle. Water is blessed and sprinkled on the assembly celebrating the renewal of our baptisms. Easter is the celebration of New Life.

The themes of life, starting anew and doing God’s will dovetail readily with the message of hope with which Pope Francis concludes *Laudato Si’*. In his encyclical on creation, the Pope recalls the Earth Charter of 2002, which calls us to a new reverence for life. He invites us to promote the common task of protecting all our sister and brother, along with all creation. Everything has been gifted us by an all-loving God. Pope Francis reminds us that all Sundays are celebrations of the Resurrection, and Sunday is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with self, with others and with creation.

Sunday, like the Jewish Sabbath, is meant to be a day which heals our relationship with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world. Sunday is the day of the Resurrection, the “first day” of the new creation, whose first fruits are the Lord’s risen humanity, the pledge of the final transfiguration of all created reality.

Recently, efforts in our nation’s policy is directed at weakening numerous environmental protections, with the recent Executive Order the leadership of our nation risks damage to our air, our waters and most importantly our people, particularly the poor and vulnerable. This Easter week, we celebrate Earth Day, Saturday April 22nd. On this Easter let us be a people who celebrate not only a New Heaven but also a New Earth.

Operation Rice Bowl: Encounter Risen Christ

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters whom we have walked with in India, Zambia, El Salvador, Mexico, Ethiopia and Hawaii. And we commit to bring Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives. Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at church on April 30th.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of April 16th — **EASTER**

Week of April 23rd — Michelle Warne

Shelving (Mondays)

April 17th — T. & M. Phalen

April 24th — C. & B. Danoski

Distribution

April 18th — D. Kellett & Team #1

May 2nd — A. & S. Faughnan, J. Wyatt, M.

Quinn, R. & P. Scales

Co-Garden Volunteer Sign-up

As we get back into the business of growing our garden for Catherine's Cupboard, we need your help! The spring and summer will be a busy time, and many hands help our Co-Garden grow. Here are some opportunities for students, adults, and families of the church to get involved.

Please mark any activity you are interested in.

- Planting the Garden
- Watering and harvesting the Garden; this may be a family opportunity that can be rotated
- Putting up the fence
- Selling plants at the vegetable plant sale in May

Name: _____

Contact info: _____

Phone or email- _____

Please return in offering basket
or to
Maria Kirk

Thank You!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for last Sunday's breakfast buffet and having the Easter Bunny... also to the pew cleaners that did the spring cleaning between the Liturgies! All of your work is very much appreciated!

Pocono Downs Bus Trip (Mohegan Sun)

Sponsor: St Joseph's Church

When: Tuesday, April 25th

Cost: \$35 (includes \$25 Free Play, \$5 Food)

Information: Call Grace 761-2357

Ladies of Charity Scholarships

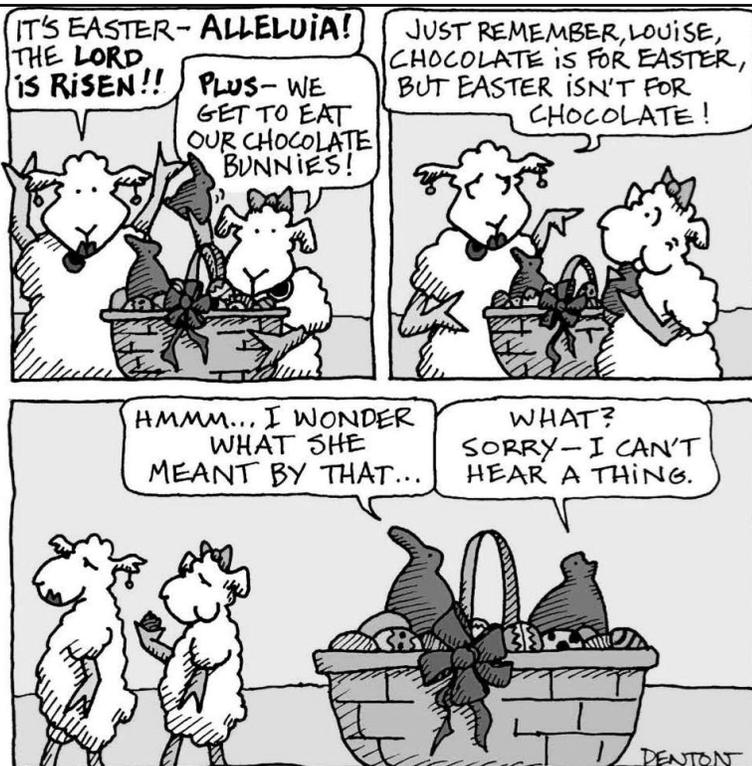
The Ladies of Charity will award three \$500 scholarships to high school seniors who plan to pursue a service-oriented career which specifically makes a difference in someone's life. The scholarship is based on academic achievement, financial need, and service to school, Church and community. Please see your school guidance counselor for an application. **Deadline is May 5, 2017.**

DeBella College Scholarship

Each year the DeBella College Scholarship Committee awards \$500 scholarships to 4 seniors from our parish who plan to attend college in the fall. Applications for these scholarships are available on the tables in back of the church or on the parish Website. Applications are due by **noon, on Friday, April 28th**. To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must be a registered member of the parish.

Last Call

100th Anniversary Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima 10 Day Pilgrimage to Portugal offered over three dates in October 2017. We can be departing your airport and at the all land inclusive cost of \$2,149.00 in twin accommodations, with single accommodations also available. Call for the special air price from your city. We will be visiting Lisbon, Fatima, Santarem (Portugal), Lourdes (France) and Barcelona (Spain). For further information please call James Adair at 1-855-564-1008 or simply email jimadair@thecatholictour.com



Samaritan House Unique Spring Sale

St. Thomas Aquinas Gym (Highland Ave, Binghamton)

April 22nd 9 am - 4 pm & April 23rd 9 am - 2 pm

Antiques, Furniture, Jewelry, Linens Collectibles, etc.

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

April 22nd & 23rd, 2017

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Barb Brozovic
EM Host	Dom Lomonaco
EM Host	Larry Koch
EM Host	Bob Grace
EM Cup	Bea Grace
EM Cup	Jan Pandich
EM Cup	Judy Murphy
EM Cup	Peggy Munson
Altar Server	Mikey Schultz
Altar Server	Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server	Logan Lomonaco

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Shirley McCray
EM Host	Lou Angelo
EM Host	Scott Iglar
EM Host	Marie Iobst
EM Cup	Donna Iglar
EM Cup	Denise Baxter
EM Cup	Steve Baxter
EM Cup	Suzanne Tierno
Altar Server	Andrew Rice
Altar Server	Jonah Rice
Altar Server	Juliana Rice

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Barb Novitsky
EM Host	Sue Jones
EM Host	Maria Lord
EM Host	Karyn Church
EM Cup	Steve Church
EM Cup	Pat Clark
EM Cup	David Hanzas
EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
Altar Server	Jessica Wojnar
Altar Server	John Michael Frissora
Altar Server	Katelyn Church

Question of the Week

Question for Children: When have you seen someone do a good deed for someone else?

Question for Youth: Jesus' closest friends had trouble believing that the tomb was empty. Resurrection is surprising. What does Jesus' resurrection mean in your life?

Question for Adults: Name one way or time when you experience the presence of the Risen Christ? Is it at meals? With those whom you love? At other times?

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