

February 04, 2018

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



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

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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, February 3, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Kenneth Munney by Wife, Marge & Sons, Robb, Brian, & Ken Jr.

Sunday, February 4, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Robert Taugher by Family
 11:00 a.m. Mannino Vita by Daughter Fina & Family

Monday, February 5
 8:00 a.m. Edwin Moll by Family

Tuesday, February 6
 8:00 a.m. Antonio De Lusa by Daughter Fina & Family

Wednesday, February 7
 8:00 a.m. Floyd & Dorothy La Clair by Darlene Rhodes

Thursday, February 8
 8:00 a.m. Jim Kalivoda by the Broderick Family

Friday, February 9
NO MASS

Saturday, February 10, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. 30th Anniv. Frances Hazen by Family

Sunday, February 11, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Christopher Albee 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.

Weekend's Offering (01-28-18)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,152.00
Loose Collection.....	\$433.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$511.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,096.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Faith Formation

**Faith formation for Grades K-Confirmation.
 Opening Prayer in the Church at 9:30 AM.**

Looking Ahead:

1st Eucharist Mini-Retreat Saturday February 10th 8:30--11:30 AM in the Parish Hall. Parental Help welcome--each child will go home with a loaf of freshly baked bread!

Confirmation Service Retreat, Friday, February 16th. Candidates will meet at the Parish Center, 1031 Chenango Street, at 8:00AM for Mass. Candidates will return at Noon for lunch, a recap, and closing Prayer/Reconciliation Service. Parents can pick up Candidates after 2:00PM at the Parish Center.

Our Annual Winter Carnival will take place Sunday, February 25th during Faith Formation. All classes will participate in the Carnival. Games can be placed for 25 cents per game. Face Painting will be available. All money raised will go to the Homeless Coalition Collection Drive for the purchase of bus passes.

IGNITE 2018 Catholic Men's Conference

Attention men of the parish, the theme for the 10th Annual IGNITE Men's Conference is 10 Years of Building Your Faith. Again we have 3 tremendous speakers that will challenge all who attend. You can be part of it on **Saturday, March 24, 2018** at the SRC Arena & Event Center in Syracuse, NY for an amazing day that will have a tremendous impact on you. You can register for the IGNITE 2018 Catholic Men's Conference online at www.ignitecatholicmen.org or contact Delores at the Parish Center (607-722-4388). Sign up now. Limited seating is available.

Attention Middle Grade Readers

A St. Francis parishioner is seeking reviewers for her manuscript that, utilizing Catholic symbolism, is a story about an ancient book that chooses a fatherless, 12-year-old boy to journey for keys to ensure the continuation of his world. Anyone interested (all ages welcome), please contact Bridget Grenolds at Kingdomofthekeys@yahoo.com

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, especially Joseph Krzyznieski and Chad Houseknecht.

Lent 2018

Springtime for the Soul

The word Lent comes from Anglo Saxon times which means “spring”. When we think of spring, images emerge, such as, tulips, daffodils, warmer temperatures, and the days are getting longer! I know many can’t wait for these days of spring to arrive.

February 14th is not only Valentine’s Day, but it is also Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season. So on this day we have an interesting contrast of the heart and ashes, a day to celebrate love and to renew our love in Jesus Christ and with one another. Our schedule for Ash Wednesday is as follows:

8:00 A.M. Mass

12:00 A.M. Mass

5:30 P.M. Simple Soup Dinner

7:00 P.M. Prayer Service with members of Ogden Methodist

Year of the Family

In our diocese we are celebrating the year of the family, and so here in our parish we are going to focus on the family through the Lenten season. Marriage and family life today face enormous challenges. We recognize that these difficulties can bring great pain, but families too offer great hope and can nurture powerful love. Beginning on Wednesday, February 21st and every Wednesday up until March 21st, we will be having guest speakers haring on specific aspects of family life. We will be doing this in the context of liturgy in the church at 7:00P.M. We will celebrate family love and pray for family healing and reconciliation.

February 21—The Spiritual Life of the Family (Tom and Molly Kane)

February 28— Reconciliation in Family Relationships (Kathy Colligan)

March 7— Family Life and the Pain of Separation and Divorce (Andy and Kathleen O’Connor)

March 14— Family Life and the Struggle with Addiction (Caitlyn Garey)

March 21— Family Life and Economic Challenges (Hope Matthews)

Lent is a time to put our faith-in-action

In order to put faith-in-action, we will engage in the Catholic Relief Service (CRS) Rice Bowl. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily in the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. And, it’s an opportunity for us as a parish to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live out our Gospel call to go out and encounter those most in need. Please take home a CRS Rice Bowl, located in the back of the church, home with you.

Lent is a time to engage in prayer

Why not build into your schedule to attend Mass in our Chapel at 8AM? A great way to start your day! In our social media culture today there are numerous sites that we can use for our personal prayer and meditation. Let me suggest two for you to use.

1.) Best Lent Ever is a free email program that will guide you on an incredible 40 day journey to become the “best version of yourself”, making this a truly life-changing Lent. How does it work? Just sign-up at BestLentEver.com/ParishSignUp. Starting Ash Wednesday, you will receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips to incorporate into your everyday lives, and encouraging stories from Dynamic Catholic team members.

2.) Sacred Space is a website (sacredspace.ie) that provides daily prayers. It might seem strange to pray at your computer, in front of a screen or using your smart-phone, especially if there are other people around you, or distracting noises. But God is everywhere, all around us, constantly reaching out to us, even in the most unlikely situations. When we know this, and with a bit of practice, we can pray anywhere!

So, let us “spring” into action this Lenten season to experience a newer, deeper, and fuller life in Christ!

February: Fundraising for our food pantry

Why do we have a pantry? Many families are living on the edge and a drop in food stamps (SNAP), high heating bills, loss of a job or illness can push families over the edge, thereby creating a need for assistance. Our pantry and the other 30+ pantries in our county catch them and relieve some of their stress. Do you know how much you spend for food in a day? Below is a sample of what some families have to deal with. NOT EVERYONE HAS A SAFETY NET OR SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

Your name is Jean Golden. You and your husband live on the outskirts of Townsville. You have four children - ages 16, 10, 4 and 6 months. You had been staying home with the kids, but you weren’t able to meet the \$500 mortgage payment plus \$100 in utilities, so you went back to work. Now though, because you live so far from town, you are having trouble finding daycare. You are paying your husband’s friend \$300 a month to watch the two younger children. You have taken a part-time job at a local supermarket which brings in about \$450/month. Your husband goes into Sunville to work part-time and makes \$640/month. Because the drive is long, he figures that he spends about \$100 each month in gas for his truck. You have just received a notice from the school that your two older children must participate in a class event where they are required to provide snacks, but you have nothing to give them.

Disclaimer: This is a sample and does not reflect a specific family living in Broome County.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of February 4th — Anne Wilcox

Week of February 11th — Pat & George Clark

Shelving (Mondays)

February 5th — P. Turnbull & D. Talbut

February 12th — K. Mohny

Distribution

February 6th — M. Peters, K. Dotson, A. Smilnak, A. Short, S. Orband, S. Lee

Collection for Homeless Coalition

Faith Formation will be collecting items for the Homeless Coalition again **from now until April 15th**.

These are the needed items:

Bottles of Water or Gatorade

Insulated Socks

Thermal Underwear (L/XL)

Warm Gloves/Hats

Hand/Feet Warmers

Ponchos

Toothbrushes

Wipes

Fast Food Gift Cards

Clif Bars

Cracker Sandwiches

Raisins (or other dried fruit)

Ziploc Bags

Drawstring Bags

Bicycle Cable Locks

* All clothing must be new and must be men's sizes

There is a box just inside the front door of the school on Sundays during Faith Formation. Another box is at the church and another at the Parish Center.

THANK YOU to all who have been donating items! The Homeless Coalition went out last week to get a "point-in-time" snapshot of the homeless situation in surrounding Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, and Otsego counties.

They took kits of supplies with them to provide to the homeless. The items you supplied were included in some of these kits. In addition, items are provided individually to those who come to the local shelters. So, the items you are providing are greatly appreciated!

Notice there is a new item on the list (cable lock). A big problem for the homeless is theft of their meager possessions when they go to an appointment or to a shelter for a night. Having a cable lock would allow them to secure some of their items to a stationary object, making it harder for them to be stolen. What we are looking for are called bicycle cable locks.

Cold and Flu Season Guidelines

The following are some guidelines when attending Mass:

The Sign Of Peace: Please don't be offended if someone chooses not to shake hands with you during the Sign of Peace. An appropriate gesture for those who are concerned about spreading the flu virus might be to bow gently or nod to those around you, and with a smile say "Peace be with you," or "Peace of Christ."

Receiving Holy Communion: Roman Catholics believe that both the Body and the Blood of Christ are contained in the Holy Eucharist under the form of the consecrated host. But the Church encourages reception of the cup at Mass as a fuller expression of the Last Supper and Christ's precious blood poured out for us in sacrifice. If you are feeling sick, please receive Holy Communion in the hand, rather than on the tongue, and refrain from receiving communion from the cup. Thank You!

Catholic Football

Quarterback Sneak — Church members quietly leaving before mass has ended.

Draw Play — What many children do with the bulletin during worship.

Fumble — Inability to find the correct page in the Missalette.

Half-time — The Offertory

Bench Warmer — Those who do not sing, pray, work, or apparently do anything but sit.

Backfield-in-motion — Making a trip to the restroom during mass.

Staying in the pocket — What happens to a lot of money that should be given to the parish.

Two-minute-warning — The point at which you realize the homily is almost over.

Instant Replay — The homilist loses his notes and falls back on last week's illustrations.

Sudden Death — What happens to the attention span of the parishioners if the preacher for "overtime".

End Run — Getting out of church quickly, without speaking to the clergy, any guest, or fellow member.

Flex Defense — The ability to allow absolutely nothing said during the mass to affect your life.

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Hooley in Hillcrest

Save the Date:

03/10/18



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

February 10th & 11th, 2018

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Rick Allabaugh
EM Host	Dc.Steve
EM Host	Peggy Munson
EM Host	Carol Danoski
EM Cup	Terry Hanifin
EM Cup	Debby Carden
EM Cup	Dom Lomonaco
EM Cup	Teresa Creeden
Altar Server	Tyler Norton
Altar Server	Mikey Schultz
Altar Server	Sarah Shafer

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Michael Stricek
EM Host	Dc.Steve
EM Host	Tom Phalen
EM Host	Ed White
EM Cup	Steve Baxter
EM Cup	Denise Baxter
EM Cup	Marie Iobst
EM Cup	Katie Ginalski
Altar Server	Kathryn White
Altar Server	Lauren White
Altar Server	Braeden Krisko

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Jim Lewis
EM Host	Dc.Steve
EM Host	David Hanzes
EM Host	Sue Jones
EM Cup	Maria Lord
EM Cup	Joseph Frissora
EM Cup	Lyndsey LoPiccolo
EM Cup	Stephanie Stracuzzi
Altar Server	Nolan Sirgany
Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
Altar Server	Alexander Watkins

Question of the Week

Question for Children: What can you do to help your friends and classmates know more about Jesus?

Question for Youth: Jesus knew that his mission was for everyone, not just one village or group of people. How can you reach out to others (outside of friends and family) and offer them hope and Good News?

Question for Adults: If you were going to pray for healing for any reason, what would it be? What needs to be healed in our world and society?

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