

February 11, 2018

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

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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



Weekend's Offering (02-04-18)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,323.00
Loose Collection.....	\$327.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$941.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,591.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Monday, February 12
NO MASS

Tuesday, February 13
8:00 a.m. Therese Kennedy by Jim & Rose O'Neil

Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday (All Liturgies will be held in Church)
8:00 a.m. Ruth Snyder by Barbara Townsend
12:00 p.m. Mary Stone by Kathy & Glen Tait
7:00 p.m. Prayer Service

Thursday, February 15
8:00 a.m. Edwin Moll by Family

Friday, February 16
NO MASS

Saturday, February 17, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Ceil Bucher by Yvette Heath

Sunday, February 18, First Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
11:00 a.m. 20th Anniv. Thomas Mee by Sister, Joan

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.

Faith Formation

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

Looking Ahead:

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

Thank YOU! Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi for your generous contributions for the Souper Bowl of Caring! We collected over \$5650.00.

THANK YOU!
St. Francis of Assisi's 2018 Collection
raised: **\$5,650**

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING
superbowl.org

February 4, 2018

Clara B. Cooper
Clara Cooper
President and CEO
Souper Bowl of Caring

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.

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 smartphone, 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. What you spend for lunch may be what a family has for the entire day. Below is an example of what some families have to deal with. **NOT EVERYONE HAS A SAFETY NET OR SAVINGS ACCOUNT.**

Your name is Jeff Moore. You have been working at the QuickieMart for 2 years now. You live in Sunville. You have been diagnosed with bi-polar disorder, and there are times when you simply cannot get yourself to work. Your boss has been very good to you, but the job only pays \$9.70 an hour, and you are working 25 hours a week. This \$970 per month has just barely gotten you by so far. Your apartment is \$525 per month and your utilities are about \$185. You walk to work, but the nearest grocery store is 15 miles, and sometime you can’t make it on foot. You figure that you spend about \$85 per month on bus fare. You would like to buy a bike, but cannot right now, because the medicines that you need to help you get through each day cost about \$160 per month. You have no family in the area.

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 11th — Pat & George Clark

Week of February 18th — Karen Dotson

Shelving (Mondays)

February 12th — K. Mohny

February 19th — T. & M. Phalen

Distribution

February 20th—D. Kellett & Team #1

Thank you from Elizabeth Church Manor

Once again, what a wonderful job you did organizing the gift-giving project for Elizabeth Church Manor residents this year! I wish you could have seen the beautiful sight when the gifts were displayed under the trees in the dining rooms. It brought back memories of Christmas magic from the past. As each gift was opened, the residents were so amazed at how well Santa Claus knew just what everyone wanted or needed, right down to the right size and shape!

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/Foot 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.

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.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet

The Knights of Columbus will be having a Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, February 25th from 8:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. in the Church Hall. Please come and join us for a truly wonderful breakfast! **Proceeds to benefit Catherine's Cupboard February Fundraiser.**

Fenton Free Library

Doughnut Fundraiser

Funds Raised will be used for Children's Programming

PRE-ORDER Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

Orders due by Wednesday, Feb 21st

Pickup on Saturday, Feb 24th, 8 am to 4 pm

FIVE Choices to Pre-Order

ORDER FORM

Name _____

Phone # _____

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
Glazed (\$8/dozen)	_____	_____
Chocolate Iced (\$7/half doz)	_____	_____
Glazed/Lemon filled (\$7/half doz)	_____	_____
Glazed/Rasp. filled (\$7/half doz)	_____	_____
Glazed/Cream filled (\$7/half doz)	_____	_____

Additional Donation to Library \$ _____

Total Due \$ _____

Make checks payable to "Fenton Free Library"

Drop off or mail form to Library,

1062 Chenango St, Binghamton, NY 13901

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!

Knights of Columbus 11403

Hooley in Hillcrest

Save the Date:

03/10/18



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

February 17th & 18th, 2018

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector Sally Orband
EM Host Sue Lee
EM Host Brenda Artman
EM Host Terry Hanifin
EM Cup Larry Koch
EM Cup Peggy Munson
EM Cup Judy Murphy
EM Cup John Artman
Altar Server Delaney Wood
Altar Server Liam Wood
Altar Server Vincent Williams

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Dom Lomonaco
EM Host Kurt Mohny
EM Host Debbie Davis
EM Host Donna or Scott Iglor
EM Cup Kelly Mohny
EM Cup Ede Blabac
EM Cup Shirley McCray
EM Cup Mike Stricek
Altar Server Braeden Krisko
Altar Server Logan Kliment
Altar Server Brendan Kliment

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Anne Wolanski
EM Host Joseph Frissora
EM Host Lyndsey LoPiccolo
EM Host Karyn Church
EM Cup Rose O'Neil
EM Cup Steve Church
EM Cup Pat Church
EM Cup Steve Guth
Altar Server Katelyn Church
Altar Server Nolan Sirgany
Altar Server Jessica Wojnar

Question of the Week

Question for Children: What do you want to ask Jesus to do for you?

Question for Youth: How has Jesus touched your life? How are you changed because of that touch?

Question for Adults: Name a time when you experienced Jesus' healing touch.

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