

February 18, 2018

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



Majd Nasser Hassan 8 and brother Sam Nasser Hassan 6, attend a CRS sponsored school. The family fled ISIS from their home in Bahzani. It's estimated that 1.2 million displaced Iraqi children living outside official camps in northern Iraq remain unable to attain quality public basic education. Barriers to education include inadequate infrastructures; overcrowding; differences in curriculum; and personnel with limited training on psychosocial support.

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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 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

Monday, February 19
 8:00 a.m. Patricia Ellis by Norma K. Lombard

Tuesday, February 20
 8:00 a.m. Floyd & Dorothy LaClair by Darlene Rhodes

Wednesday, February 21 (Liturgy will be held in Church)
 7:00 p.m. Robert Garrett by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Thursday, February 22
 8:00 a.m. Paul Mitchell by J. Moffitt

Friday, February 23
NO MASS

Saturday, February 24, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Bill Quinn by Ruthie Cole

Sunday, February 25, Second Sunday of Lent
 8:00 a.m. Daniel Berry by the Lyons Family
 11:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

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 (02-11-18)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,198.00
Loose Collection.....	\$234.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,866.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,096.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Faith Formation

No Faith Formation this weekend (President's Day).

Looking Ahead:

Our Annual Winter Carnival will take place Sunday, February 25th during Faith Formation. All classes will participate in the Carnival. Games can be played 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.

LEAP Event will take place on March 18th in the church at 9:30 AM. The Spoon Man will be here to present a memorable mission about Lent --" There's More to Lent than Giving Up Candy" This event is for all Families, especially the families actively participating in Faith Formation--as well as any of our parishioners. Don't miss this fun and faith filled event!

Parish Book Club

Book Club begins this Tuesday, February 20th at 2:00PM and at 7:00PM. We will be reading "Perfectly Yourself"-- which was given out at Christmas. We will meet for the next 9 weeks. Please read Chapter 1 for our first session.

First Sunday of Lent: A Family Perspective

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This Lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things this person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors "bug" you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!

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.

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 Tom Fora

Lent 2018

Church Lenten Environment

The first Sunday of Lent always begins with the Gospel of Jesus temptation in the desert. As the Gospel relates, Jesus spent 40 days in the desert to pray and fast. Our church environment in a visual way attempts to convey this time as a desert experience for us as a reminder to fast and pray.

Our holy water fonts have been replaced with sand, again reminding us that Lent is a time of preparation, to prepare to renew our baptismal vows at Easter. Like the holy water you bless yourself with as you enter church, don't be afraid to touch the dry sand!

We begin our Lenten journey "into the desert". Lent calls us into the wilderness and deserts of our hearts to turn away from the attitudes and behaviors that mire our lives in selfishness, unhappiness, and disappointment, and turn toward the values of God we seek to embrace. As Jesus was led by the Spirit to the desert to confront the mission before him, that same Spirit calls us into the desert of our own hearts to confront what we are making of this time we have been given, what we want our lives to stand for what we want to leave those we love.

Lent & Family Life

During this season of Lent we are offering an opportunity for families to come together and pray at our **Liturgy at 7:00pm on Wednesdays**, beginning this week, February 21st! The focus this week will be "**The Spiritual Life of The Family**" presented by Tom & Molly Kane. They will be giving a 20 minute reflection during the mass on the importance of making faith central to family. They are parishioners of St. Patrick's, married 26 years, and parents of 7 children ranging in age from 25 to 12. They know the ups and downs of family life and how important it is to be a family of faith. All are invited!

First Sunday of Lent: Encounter Majd

In Iraq, we encounter Majd and his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet

Date Change

The Knights of Columbus will be having a Breakfast Buffet on **Sunday, March 4th** 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"**.

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 live on a budget. Do you stock up on food? Have you ever gone without? Below is an example of what some families have to deal with. **NOT EVERYONE HAS A SAFETY NET OR SAVINGS ACCOUNT.**

Your name is Terry Mathers. You live in Sunville with your wife and baby. You were laid off 4 months ago, and decided to go back to school to get your GED (equivalent to a high school diploma). Your wife works full time and makes \$9.70 an hour. She brings home \$1552 per month. You thought that you would be able to stay home and take care of your baby while your wife worked, but her schedule was switched on her, and now you are in class while she is working, and you have to pay for your neighbor to watch your child. This is costing you about \$280 a month. The rent was just increased to \$530 per month, but since you don't have a lease there is little that you can do until you can find somewhere else to live. You wouldn't mind moving anyway, since the apartment is always cold, and last month it cost almost \$350 in utilities. You have a car payment of \$200 a month. The baby has needed medicine, but you don't have health insurance, so you had to pay almost \$200 for prescriptions last month. You are considering dropping out of the GED program, but you know that there isn't any work for you anyway.

Disclaimer: This is an example and does not depict a specific family living in Broome County, but rather provides a representation for many living under similar conditions.

Lenten Journey to Easter

We walk this Lenten journey with immigrants and refugees, lost, unsure of their journey's end, still longing for a home. We walk with those in poverty, unable to live lives of dignity, besieged by hunger and fear, trying to hold on day by day. We walk with those mourning what is happening to God's creation calling us all to better care and stewardship of the earth, its creatures, and all growing things. We walk with women who are trafficked, who are abused, who are harassed, who still live in the silences, and who want to flee the darkness. We walk with the peacemakers, walking a very rocky road toward peace when so much conflict rages and so many fan the flames of violence. We walk with all those carrying burdens, yet we walk in faith and hope despite the suffering of the Cross, we walk toward an Easter dawning. We move toward the seemingly impossible resurrection, a time of justice and peace. We walk, called forward through the darkness by the Risen Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule
Transportation

Week of February 18th — Karen Dotson
 Week of February 25th — Michelle Warne

Shelving (Mondays)

February 19th — T. & M. Phalen
 February 26th — N. Minch & N.J. Mirabito

Distribution

February 20th—D. Kellett & Team #1

DeBella Scholarship Information

St. Francis of Assisi Finance Committee, in conjunction with the DeBella Oversight Committee has set aside a sum of money to establish the John M. DeBella College Scholarships. Four, \$500 scholarships will be awarded to four seniors from the parish who plan to attend college in the fall. Applications for these scholarships are available on the tables at the rear of the church. The application is also available on the website. Applications are due by noon, on Friday April 27th. In order to be eligible, applicants must be REGISTERED members of the parish.

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 be 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.

Nocturnal Adoration Society

Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet at St. Patrick's Chapel on February 17th from 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.
All Members

**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 24th & 25th, 2018

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Marge Mangan
EM Host	Betsy Shields
EM Host	Bob Shields
EM Host	Mary Frances Charsky
EM Cup	Barb Brozovic
EM Cup	John Pierce
EM Cup	Teresa Creeden
EM Cup	Sue lee
Altar Server	Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server	Mikey Schultz
Altar Server	Logan Lomonaco

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Tom Phalen
EM Host	Katie Ginalski
EM Host	Marie Iobst
EM Host	Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Lou Angelo
EM Cup	Joanne Horoschak
EM Cup	Debbie Davis
Altar Server	Sydney Keough
Altar Server	Brigid Birtch
Altar Server	Mikayla Bucci

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Tom Giblin
EM Host	Chris Gill
EM Host	David Gill
EM Host	Kerri Hamilton
EM Cup	Maria Lord
EM Cup	David Hanzas
EM Cup	Dave Bollinger
EM Cup	Sue Jones
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	Jessica Wojnar
Altar Server	John Michael Frissora

Question of the Week

Question for Children: What will you do this Lent to become more like Jesus

Question for Youth: Lent gives us a chance to do things differently – to "go to the desert." How can you make Lent a time for growing in faith?

Question for Adults: What is the one area of your life which you most want to "reform" as you get ready to embrace the Gospel, what is it?

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