

February 26, 2017

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 25, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Joe Sardella by Lucille Marsili

Sunday, February 26, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Ethan Murphy by Diane Yajko & Pat McCoy from Birthright

Monday, February 27
 8:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Tuesday, February 28
 8:00 a.m. Mildred Grace by Family

Wednesday, March 1, Ash Wednesday (Liturgies will be held in Church)
 8:00 a.m. Vincent Cavanagh by Family
 12:00p.m. Mannino Vita by Daughter Fina & Family
 7:00p.m. Prayer Service at Ogden Methodist Church

Thursday, March 2
 8:00a.m. Robert McGarry by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Friday, March 3
NO MASS

Saturday, March 4, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Richard Clendening by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Sunday, March 5, First Sunday Of Lent
 8:00 a. m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. John Turna III 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.

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, especially Ruth Snyder, sister of Mary Ryder and James Kalivoda.

Weekend's Offering (02-19-17)

119 Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,584.40
Loose Collection.....	\$456.10
Electronic Donation.....	\$562.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,602.50

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

Faith Formation


Faith Formation classes for grades K-9 meet today in the school at 9:30 AM.

Our Rice Bowl Opening Prayer Service will be held on Sunday, February 26th in the Church at 10:00a.m. Classes will come to the Prayer Service and go back to the school for dismissal. Parents are encouraged to join us for this service to prepare for Lent.

Looking Ahead

Our LEAP event will take place on Sunday, March 5th. Parents are asked to attend this event with their children. This is not an optional event. All grades will meet in the Parish Hall by 9:30a.m. Grades K-4 will be dismissed for Lenten Activities in the school. Grades 5-9 will stay in the Parish Hall for guest speaker, Dave Gamache, from Character University. Dave was the keynote speaker at this year's Confirmation Retreat. He is a local person who gives talks around the country to teens and young adults about integrity, character and living a virtuous life. Both groups will come together in the Parish Hall for Closing Prayer. Classes will be over at the usual time. If you have kids in both age groups, you will probably want to attend the talk so that you can have more discussions about it at home

On March 19th our 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes will host a Winter Carnival during Faith Formation. Classes will be excused for a 20 minute period to play games and activities. Children are asked to bring quarters to play games. Money raised will go to the homeless. Parents and all parishioners are welcome to join the fun as well.



IGNITE 2017 Catholic Men's Conference

Attention men of the parish, the theme for the 9th Annual IGNITE Men's Conference is It's All Possible with God. Almost 8,000 men have attended the previous conferences and we are looking to make sure 2017 breaks the 9,000 mark! You can be part of it on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at the SRC Arena & Event Center for an amazing day that will have a tremendous impact on you. You can register for the IGNITE 2017 Catholic Men's Conference online at www.ignitecatholicmen.org. Any questions please contact Tom Kane at 768-4943. Limited seating available.

Lent 2017: A Season of Grace

No! You Have not missed Lent— Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1st!

I go to yoga, and every once in a while they offer a program entitled: 40 days to personal revolution. The program includes unlimited yoga, reading & journaling, meditation, and juice cleanse (a form of fasting). This program teaches the participant how to create a balance between mind, body, and soul, to let go of things that no longer serve you, and to embrace new healthy habits and a healthy lifestyle. Sounds like Lent doesn't it?

Lent is all about transformation through proper meditation, reading, and fasting. For us as Catholic Christians, Lent is a season of grace, a season to be further transformed into the mystery of Christ. How are you going to answer the invitation to transformation?

Days of Fasting & Abstinence

Days of both fasting and abstinence include Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. For all who have reached their fourteenth birthday, no meat may be consumed. For all who have reached their eighteenth birthday and not yet reached their sixtieth birthday, a limit of one full meatless meal may be consumed. Days of abstinence include all Fridays during Lent. For all who have reached their fourteenth birthday, no meat may be consumed on Fridays during Lent.

Operation Rice Bowl: Encounter Lent

Join our faith community— and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States— in a life-changing Lenten Journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. You received a CRS Rice Bowl with your bulletin. You can also download the CRS Rice Bowl app! May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.

Lenten Black Books

Lenten Black Books will be available for your personal prayer during Lent! Don't let this season of Lent go by and not be transformed by the discipline of prayer, fasting, and charity. Let us not just experience a personal transformation, but may we be transformed as a community of faith!

BEST LENT EVER!

Want to experience the Best Lent Ever?! Well you can by signing up at BestLentEver.com. We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different. Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a free email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times best-selling author, Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, you'll get short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and personal reflections from Dynamic Catholic team members that will help you identify what stands between you and happiness... and what to do about it. This can be something to do in your home with your family or join with friends and neighbors to share what you hear and learn. You can join this on your own by going directly to Dynamic Catholic or can find a link on our Parish website and Facebook page. Don't just give up chocolate for Lent but engage in what can make this your Best Lent Ever.

Ash Wednesday

Schedule of Events for March 1st

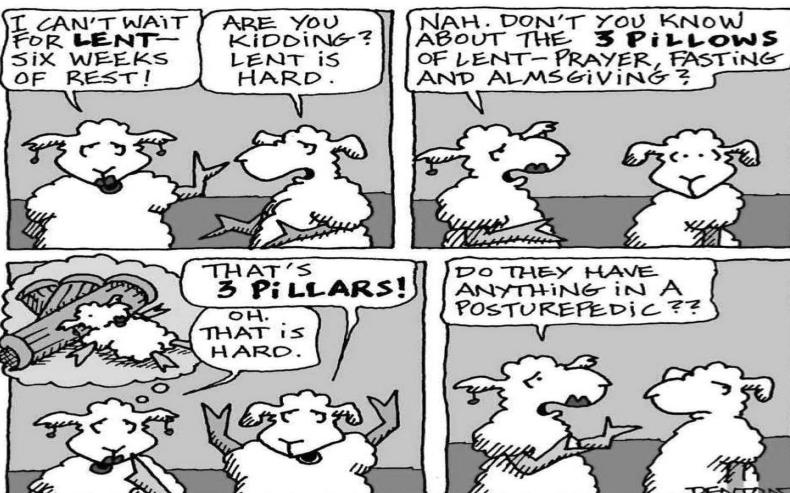
8:00 a.m. - Liturgy at St. Francis' Church

12:00 p.m. Liturgy at St. Francis' Church

*5:30 p.m. - Simple Soup Supper
in the Church Hall at St. Francis' Church*

*7:00 p.m. - Joint Prayer Service with Ashes at
St. Francis' Church with Ogden Methodist Church*

Stations of the cross begin March 3rd and continue every Friday at 3:00p.m. until April 7th.



Parish Lenten Bookclub

It's time to dust off the book you received for Christmas! Book Club for **A Friendship Like No Other** will begin March 7th at 2 PM or 7 PM in the Parish Center. Let's talk about experiencing God's amazing embrace over Lent.

Daily Mass— Lenten Reminder

This Lent, build into your schedule to attend **Mass in our chapel at 8:00a.m., Monday—Thursday**. Remember when daily Mass was a regular practice for young and old during Lent? Who not join us in our beautiful chapel as often as you can?!

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule Transportation

Week of February 26th — Michelle Warne
Week of March 5th — Marie Giordano

Shelving (Mondays)

February 27th — E. & K. Corcoran
March 6th — C. & B. Danoski

Distribution

March 7th — M Walsh, M Turna, M Quinn, J Wyatt, A & S Faughnan

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.

Volunteers Needed for Parish Transportation Committee

Our Parish Transportation Committee is in need of more volunteers to drive parishioners to doctor appointments, for groceries, to the bank, etc. during the week. This committee has provided services to our parishioners since 1996, and we do hope it can continue. For more information, please call the Parish Center at 722-4388, Marge Mangan at 723-4044, or George Clark at 648-3385.

Ethan Murphy Family Thank You!

The entire family of Ethan Murphy is grateful beyond adequate words for the love and support shown to us at Ethan's memorial service and throughout our journey with Ethan as he bravely battled his fight with Osteosarcoma. To Father Tim for his prayers for Ethan and the strength he gave and continues to give to us – Thank you. To Ed Savo and the entire choir for the music that made the memorial service uplifting – Thank you. To Marge Mangan for her guidance and patience throughout the planning of the service - thank you. To Deacon Steve, Dom, Peyton and Michael for generously adding your presence and service to this memorial – Thank you. To the Bereavement Luncheon Committee for giving us a means to greet our friends and provide nourishment to them – Thank you. To the members of the parish who prayed with us and continued to follow Ethan's treatments – Thank you. Our journey to find peace continues. We know that we will always find support from all of you at St. Francis of Assisi.

6th Annual Hillcrest Community St. Patrick's Day Parade



To Benefit US for Kids
Saturday, March 11th
12:00p.m. — Line-up
1:00p.m. — Kick-off



Parade begins at the Hillcrest Post 1194 American Legion down Chenango Street and ends at My Uncle's Place (120 East Arterial Highway)

Confirmation Class Collection for Homeless

The Confirmation Class is collecting items for Binghamton Homeless Coalition kits between now and April 2nd.

These are the needed items:

Bottles of Water or Gatorade, Insulated Socks, Thermal Underwear (L/XL), Warm Gloves, Warm Hats, Hand/Foot Warmers, Ponchos, Toothbrushes, Wipes, Bus Passes, Fast Food Gift Cards, Clif Bars, Cracker Sandwiches, Oranges, Ziploc Bags. All clothing must be men's sizes, since women can wear them, too, and must be new.

Cash donations are also gratefully accepted.

We have a box just inside the front door of the school on Sundays during Faith Formation. There is also a box at the church and another at the Parish Center. THANK YOU to all the parishioners who have been contributing items and cash to our collection! We greatly appreciate your generosity! We were able to provide 7 complete kits and 17 partial kits to the Homeless Coalition on January 20. They told us they could fill in the partial kits with the supplies remaining from what we donated in December. And, our timing was good since they were doing the point-in-time surveys, when they go out to where homeless people are located to identify them, bring them kits, and encourage them to come to shelters where other resources are available. This parish is amazing! Thank you!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL NO. 11403
ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Hoooley
*** in Hillcrest ***

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017

7 PM - 11 PM

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH GYM
1051 CHENANGO ST. HILLCREST

FEATURING MUSIC BY

Old Friends

AND SPECIAL APPEARANCES BY

*** Donal O'Shaughnessy ***

*** Irish Dancers ***

Requested Donation ~ \$15/Person (in advance) ~ \$18 (at the door)

Includes beverages and light food

(must be 21, no alcoholic drinks to be carried inside)

Tickets are available in advance from any K of C member or call the Rectory at 722-4388

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

February 4th & 5th, 2017

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Kathleen Tait
EM Host	Carol Danoski
EM Host	Bob Shields
EM Host	Betsy Shields
EM Cup	Debby Carden
EM Cup	Jan Pandich
EM Cup	Catherine Shafer
EM Cup	Mary Lou Ekstrom
Altar Server	Mary Katherine Doyle
Altar Server	Bryan Heller
Altar Server	Sarah Shafer

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Ed White
EM Host	Scott Iglar
EM Host	Donna Iglar
EM Host	Joanne Horoschak
EM Cup	Marie Iobst
EM Cup	K or K Mohny
EM Cup	Shirley McCray
EM Cup	Mike Stricek
Altar Server	Kathryn White
Altar Server	Lauren White
Altar Server	Brendan Kliment

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Jules Furrer
EM Host	Dave Bollinger
EM Host	Maria Lord
EM Host	Karyn Church
EM Cup	Steve Church
EM Cup	Pat Clark
EM Cup	Steve Guth
EM Cup	David Hanzes
Altar Server	Nolan Sirgany
Altar Server	Quinn Sirgany
Altar Server	Katelyn Church

Question of the Week

Question for Children: What do you worry about? What can you do to stop worrying and rely on God?

Question for Youth: Do you serve two masters? If so, what can you do to stop and serve only God?

Question for Adults: Who really is the master of your life?

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