

February 27, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



Ash Wednesday March 2nd

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

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Please go online to stfrancisbing.org to view our latest weekend reflection. We will be posting new videos by 4:00PM on Saturdays.

Also find the videos on our Facebook (search “@stfrancisbing”) Twitter (search “@stfrancisbing”) YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)



Saturday, February 26, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Nancy Wright by the Sisters of St. Joseph Associates from Binghamton

Sunday, February 27, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Carol Ann Koch by Marge Mangan

Monday, February 28

12:00 p.m. Alice Cavanagh by John & Joan Storer

Tuesday, March 1

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Wednesday, March 2, Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Mary Kenrick by Carol & Bob Danoski

12:00 p.m. Paul Carroll by Bonnie Mando

7:00 p.m. Joint Prayer Service with Ogden Methodist Church

Thursday, March 3

8:00 a.m. Bertie Sullivan by Karen & Mike Dotson

Friday, March 4

NO MASS

Saturday, March 5, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Mary Foran by St. Francis Bible Babes

Sunday, March 6, First Sunday of Lent

10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People

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 (02-20-22)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$3,190.00
Loose Collection.....	\$204.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,571.00
Total Collection.....	\$4,965.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation

This weekend, February 27th, Faith formation will meet for grades K-9. There is no winter carnival this year due to COVID concerns

Faith Formation Classes (Grades 7 & 8) and the Laudato Si

Committee is having a Bottle Drive

THIS Sunday, February 27th from 8:30-

9:30 AM to promote recycling and the use

of bicycles. The money raised from the FF

Bottle drive will help purchase a bike

rack for the parish and help us reduce our

carbon footprint and increase good health!



Looking Ahead:

First Eucharist Mini-Retreat will be held Saturday March 5th in the Parish Hall 9:30 AM--Noon.

The First Eucharist Rite of Belonging will be held at the

10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, March 6th. The children

preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist will do the

readings. The front pews on the Sacristy side of the church

will be reserved for the children in the First Eucharist class.

Save the Date

Sunday March 27th--students in Grades 7-8-9 will partici-

pate in the Southern Region Middle School Retreat held at St.

Patrick's Noon-5:30 PM. (This includes Mass.) This retreat

will replace their Sunday Morning class. All students will

receive a hard copy of the content information as well as reg-

istration materials next weekend. This information will also

be emailed to parents next week.

****Attention: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers****

It is time once again to submit your dates of unavailability for

the months of April, May, and June. If there are dates when

you would be unavailable to Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or

Altar Serve, please call Ed and Cindy White at 607-648-2784

or by cell 607-206-3469 **BEFORE MARCH 7TH!**

Rosary Donations

The Sisters of St. Joseph are helping the immigrants by giv-

ing them rosaries. If anyone would like to donate your old or

extra rosaries, it would be greatly appreciated. There will be

a basket on the back table of the church for those who wish to

give. Thank you!

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.

Lent 2022: A Season of Growth

No! You have not missed Lent— Lent begins this Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. It was strange that this past month of February we were not celebrating the season of Lent, the calendar gave us more time to prepare. Lent is a time for growth— to grow personally as well as a church community. Lent lies at the very heart of our Catholic/Christian faith. These next 6 weeks can be approached as a time of retreat— a time for deepening our relationship with Christ and to deepen our baptismal commitment to live the Gospel in our day to day living. Central to our baptismal life in Christ is be in union and to live the mystery of Christ’s Death and Resurrection. Hopefully, what we are offering in this parish this Lenten season will assist you to further your growth in Christ. We begin with the distribution of ashes

After you have registered for formed you can download the free app for your apple or android devices just go to the app store and download the Formed app. To sign up for the zoom session please contact Maria Kirk at Mkirk@syrdio.org or call the parish center at 607-722-4388. Your study guides (\$5 each) can be picked up from Delores at the Parish Center. Monday -- Thursday 8 AM--4 PM.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the cross will take place every Friday of Lent in the Church at 3:00PM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Operation Rice Bowl

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 is to encounter ourselves, our neighbors, and our God!

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily with 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.

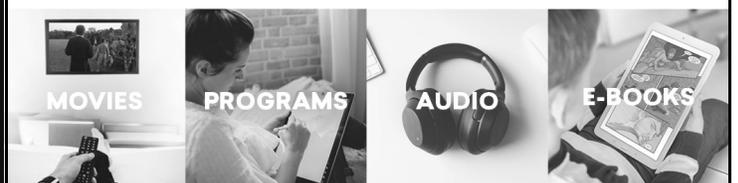
During the next 40 days, we will encounter the stories of people in Bangladesh, Rwanda, and Guatemala where CRS is at work. We’ll be invited to eat simple, meatless meals each Friday from these countries. And, through the stories, we’ll learn about the principles of Catholic social teaching— and ways we can put them into action during Lent and beyond.

We will reflect of how an encounter with resurrection can be transformative. We will see how our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving can give hope to those worldwide who are most in need, especially those forces to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities.

Daily Mass— Lenten Reminder

This Lent, build into your schedule to attend **Mass in our church at 12Noon, Mondays & Wednesdays or in our chapel (in the parish center) at 8AM on Tuesdays & Thursdays.** Remember when daily Mass was a regular practice for young and old during Lent? Why not join us in our beautiful church and chapel as often as you can?! All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

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Ash Wednesday Schedule March 2nd

8AM: Liturgy & Ashes

12Noon: Liturgy & Ashes

7PM: Prayer Service with Ogden Hillcrest UMC & Ashes

Days of Fasting & Abstinence

Days of 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.

Presence

Join our parish in this year's engaging Lenten video study on Formed.org called PRESENCE: THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST. With beautiful film-making and powerful teaching, the PRESENCE series will move your heart and give you plenty to discuss with your study group over 3 weeks in March. We will meet Tuesday (March 15, 22, & 29) at 2 PM or 7 PM or Wednesday (March 16, 23 & 30) at 10:30 AM via zoom, and in-person on Sunday morning (March 13, 20 & 27) during Faith Formation. The Sunday session is directed to parents who would like to engage in a Lenten Study at a time that hopefully is more convenient to participate. This engaging video as well as many others can be found on formed.org! Our parish has been given a 3 month free subscription through April to Formed for parishioners.

1.) To sign up either scan the QR code=> Or go directly to signup.formed.org

2.) Enter our parish zip code (13901) or St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton

3.) Type in your email, and you are all set!



Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

March 1st— M. Hayes, M. Walsh, R. O'Neil

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

A journey from grief to healing

For those who are living through the loss of a loved one, our highly successful support group provides a safe space to share ideas, thoughts and experiences that can lead to healing. This is one of life's most difficult journeys and there is no need to travel it alone. New knowledge, skills and perceptions can ease your way to move on without your loved one. The new date for this 9 week program will begin on Monday, March 7th from 6pm to 7:30 at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center. For more information and to register, please call Ginny Thompson at 607-222-1621.

First Friday & First Saturday Devotions

St. Thomas Aquinas parish has been offering the Devotion to the Sacred Heart on first Friday's of the month for some time now, and were asked to also offer the Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the first Saturday's.

The next First Friday Devotion is on March 4th immediately following the 10AM daily Mass.

First Saturday Devotion will begin Saturday, March 5th.

Devotion will include: Sacrament of Confession starting at 8:30AM, Mass at 9:00AM followed by Rosary and Consecration Prayers with the Mount Saint Francis Hermitage Friars.

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 April 22, 2022.

John M. DeBella Scholarships

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 our church's website. **Applications are due by 4 PM on Thursday, April 28th. (Please note, the parish office is closed on Friday).** In order to be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must be a REGISTERED member of the parish. Email mkirk@syrdio.org if you have questions

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Creation Care Tips

Here is an ecological proof: we know a tree by its fruits. But we must acknowledge the fact that many of this generation would not be able to tell a pear tree from a cherry tree, peach tree, or plum tree, not to mention bushes like the raspberry, blueberry, and blackberry.

Consider planting a fruit tree or bush in your yard to provide an unforgettable learning experience for children, as well as a harvest to feed the family. Think about the pies you will be able to enjoy. Think about making jam to preserve the harvest. You will be living in a delectable garden! Check with a local nursery, a neighbor who is a gardener, or the Master Gardeners at your local extension agency for suggestions on the best varieties to grow in your area.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Justice Challenge

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. We enter into the holy season of Lent, beginning our journey to the Cross and beyond that to Resurrection. The three Lenten practices are fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. Your challenge this week is to choose something from which you will fast for the next six weeks to stand in solidarity with those who cannot have it; to give generously to a cause which fights injustice and helps those in need; and to pray during Lent for those across the world who suffer from oppression, intolerance, prejudice, or any other form of injustice.

Southern Tier Afghan Resettlement Fund

- Use your camera on your smartphone to scan this QR code =====>>
- Learn more about our Southern Tier Afghan Resettlement Fund
- Donate to help an Afghan family in need right here in the Southern Tier



"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Online Giving

Would you like to save paper and time when giving monetary donations to us? We have the option of online giving for your convenience. Visit our website stfrancisbing.org and click "**online giving**" in the menu. It's easy to set up using your checking account, credit, or debit card for automatic or one-time donation options and you can choose where the money goes.

***Ordinary Contribution, Repair, Maint. & Utilities,
Catholic School Support, Catherine's Cupboard,
Special Sunshine, and Capital Campaign***

Check it out!

St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Chain

Our Parish Prayer Chain welcomes requests for prayers for those who are ill or experiencing other important needs. If you have a prayer request or would like to become a part of the Prayer Chain, please call Delores at the Parish Center (607-722-4388).

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

March 5th & 6th, 2022

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Brendan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Lector	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Peggy Munson
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Betsy A Shields
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Carol E. Danoski
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10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sydney Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Mary Bush
10:30 Mass	Lector	Faith Formation Readers
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Ede Blabac
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Jules Furrer
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Mike Stricek

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

March 6th

Sarah Blabac & Bridget Vavra

Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org
to view our latest Sunday mass and
Children's Liturgy.

We will continue to post new videos for
reflection by 4:00PM on Saturdays.

Also find the videos on our
Facebook (search "@stfrancisbing")
YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)

**You can still view children's liturgy
virtually!**

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Jesus teaches us to do good. What did you do this past week that was really good, kind or loving?

Question for Youth: Jesus says that our words reveal what is in our hearts. How do your words and actions reveal what is truly in your heart?

Question for Adults: We humans are vulnerable to sin. But we see the sins of others more easily than we recognize our own sins. Why does Jesus warn us not to judge others?

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