

March 3, 2019

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, March 2, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Gregory Tatich by Margaret & Vincent

Sunday, March 3, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Robert Coyle by Suzanne & Don Carr
 11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Monday, March 4
 8:00 a.m. Antonio DeLuca by Family

Tuesday, March 5
 8:00 a.m. Vita Mannino by Daughter, Fina & Family

Wednesday, March 6, Ash Wednesday
All Liturgies in Church
 7:00 a.m. Jim Kalivoda by Jim & Rose O'Neil
 12:00 p.m. Martha Kostun by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee
 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service

Thursday, March 7
 8:00 a.m. Bill Lobacz by Marge Mangan

Friday, March 8
NO MASS

Saturday, March 9, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Connie Healy by Kathy & Chuck Healy

Sunday, March 10, 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.

Weekend's Offering (02-24-19)

Regular Envelopes.....\$5,335.00
 Loose Collection.....\$308.00
 Electronic Collection.....\$632.00
 Total Collection.....\$6,275.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation for grades K-Confirmation this weekend. K-9 begin in the church, dismissal from the school as usual.

Looking Ahead:

Saturday March 9th First Eucharist Mini-Retreat 9:30 AM--Noon in the Parish Hall

Kudos to Faith Formation!

Our Winter Carnival more than \$425 for the House that St. Francis built! And we had fun! Thank you to all!

Congratulations to...



Greg Santa Croce whose recital was held last Sunday evening at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame University. His recital was in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree Master of Sacred Music.

The four pieces of music that were in his program were the extraordinary works of past organ masters, and Greg's talent and passion certainly came through with his performance. It was a privilege for me to be there personally, along with his

family to take in this special occasion of Greg's pursuit for his degree. Being in the Basilica at Notre Dame was also an added feature that made the evening very memorable. Hats off to Greg for a wonderful performance!

Children's Liturgy

March 9/10

4:00 PM Mass— Maria Kirk/Sue Lee
8:00 AM Mass— Kelly Wood/Katie Ginalski

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 2019: A Season of Growth

No! You have not missed Lent— Lent begins this Ash Wednesday, March 6th. It was strange that this past month of February we were not celebrating the season of Lent, the calendar give 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

Ash Wednesday Schedule March 6th

7:00 A.M. Liturgy @ St. Francis

12:00 (Noon) Liturgy @ St. Francis

**6:00 P.M. Simple Soup Supper @
St. Francis Church Hall with Ogden
Methodist Church**

7:00 P.M. Joint Prayer Service

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.

Living the Eucharist

God is indeed blessing our parish's participation in *Living the Eucharist*. At this point we have over 70 parishioners signed up to participate in small groups or teen groups. We also have distributed 120 Family Activity Booklets for families who chose to participate in *Living the Eucharist* at home. And we have distributed 400 copies of the Lenten devotional booklet, *From Exodus to Easter: My Daily Journey Through Lent*. Thank you for your openness to being part of this parish Lenten renewal experience. And please keep all the *Living the Eucharist* activities in your prayers as the groups begin to meet this week. Let us pray that this experience will assist us to grow in our appreciation of the Eucharist during this season of Lent.

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 Guatemala, Uganda, Gaza, and other places around the world 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 chapel at 8:00a.m., Monday—Thursday**. Remember when daily Mass was a regular practice for young and old during Lent? Why not join us in our beautiful parish chapel as often as you can?! All are welcome. We hope to see you there!



Ash Wednesday Collection This Week

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 20 countries still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and outreach to alleviate poverty. Please be generous to the collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/cee

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of March 3rd — Ann Wilcox

Week of March 10th — George & Pat Clark

Shelving (Mondays)

March 4th — E. & K. Corcoran

March 11th — K. Mohney

Distribution

March 5th — D. Kellett & Team #2

2019 Lenten Retreat For Catholic Women

The 2019 Lenten Retreat for Catholic Women is sponsored by the Syracuse Diocese Catholic Women's Commission will be held **Saturday, March 9th**, at St. James Church (147 Main St, Johnson City). Rev. James Tormey will offer a reflection on "Seeking the Lord".

The cost of the event is \$20/person. The retreat includes Mass, breakfast, adoration of the blessed sacrament, confession, the rosary, and private prayer. Registration begins at 7:45AM, Mass at 8:30AM. The day will conclude at around 12:30PM. You may RSVP by email at swc@syracusediocese.org. Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is preferred.

February Food Pantry Fundraising

FEBRUARY Fundraising for the Catherine's Cupboard food pantry was a huge success! Over the last 4 weeks \$7,400 was donated to purchase food for the pantry (every \$1 donated buys \$3 worth of food). 980 Lbs of food was donated thanks to CYO-CV 5th grade basketball team, Port Dick students, Ogden-Hillcrest Methodist and you who give on a weekly-monthly schedule. THANK YOU to all who support our food pantry in monetarily, with time and effort, or with food, we cannot do this without you.

How to Become a Catholic

The RCIA Committee invites anyone considering joining our Catholic Faith Community here at St. Francis to consider joining us any Sunday at 9 am in the Emmaus Room (room 103 in the School basement) to learn about the process and ask any questions you may have. Call Deacon Steve at 648-2155 for any questions.

Ladies of Charity Scholarships

The Ladies of Charity will award two \$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. See your guidance counselor for an application.

Deadline is April 26th.

Change for Life

"In my senior year of high school, I found out I was pregnant. My mentoring experience was extremely helpful in educating me in my new situation. Their advice was irreplaceable. I was able to learn how to care for a newborn baby & take care of myself during my pregnancy." This is a quote from a client at Life Choices Center. An easy way that we as a church can help others find what they need at Life Choices Center is to simply pick up a baby bottle the weekend of March 9-10, fill it with cash, check, or coins and return it in the collection basket by April 6-7. Life Choices Center is looking to raise \$70,000 during this year's Change for Life campaign - all to help women and men in our community before, during, and after unplanned pregnancies. Let's join them in making this campaign a huge success! To learn more about Life Choices Center, visit: LifeChoicesCenter.org

Are you being called to serve in ministry? The Formation for Ministry program prepares adult Catholics to serve as lay ecclesial ministers in their parishes. The program includes coursework, training, field work, and spiritual formation. Our next five-week session begins the week of March 4th. If you feel God is calling you to serve, please contact the Diocesan Office of Formation for Ministry at 315-470-1491 or formation@syrdio.org for more information about our program. Courses can also be taken for adult faith formation. *A Hope Appeal Ministry.*

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ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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*** in Hillcrest ***

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019

7 PM - 11 PM

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH GYM

1051 CHENANGO ST. HILLCREST

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*** Old Friends ***

Requested Donation • \$15/Person (in Advance) • \$18/Person (at the Door)

Includes beverages and light food
(Regulations prohibit alcoholic beverages to be carried in, must be at least 21!)

Tickets 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**

March 9th & 10th, 2019

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector Barb Brozovic
EM Host Dc.Steve
EM Host Peggy Munson
EM Host Ron Scales
EM Cup Paulette Scales
EM Cup Terry Hanifin
EM Cup Debby Carden
EM Cup Dom Lomonaco
Altar Server Tyler Norton
Altar Server Mikey Schultz
Altar Server Calliope Brennan

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Michael Stricek
EM Host Dc.Steve
EM Host Ede Blabac
EM Host Ed White
EM Cup Steve Baxter
EM Cup Denise Baxter
EM Cup Donna & Scott Iglar
EM Cup Kurt or Kelly Mohney
Altar Server Kathryn White
Altar Server Lauren White
Altar Server Brigid Birtch

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector George Clark
EM Host Dc.Steve
EM Host Pat Clark
EM Host Sue Jones
EM Cup Steve Church
EM Cup Karyn Church
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: 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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