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St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



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2nd & 4th Saturday of every
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**Saturday, March 2, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Daniel R. Donoghue by Robert Beck

Sunday, March 3, Third Sunday of Lent

10:30 a.m. Betty Parasiliti by Family

Monday, March 4

12:00 p.m. Antonio De Luca by Family

Tuesday, March 5

8:00 a.m. Vita Mannino by Family

Wednesday, March 6

12:00 p.m. Carol Broderick by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Thursday, March 7

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Friday, March 8

NO MASS

Saturday, March 9, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Annie Connor by Dottie Davies

Sunday, March 10, Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:30 a.m. Patrick Fitzgerald by Aunt Sally & Uncle Dick

Catherine's Cupboard

CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD has been serving our community for the past 20+ years, it's **open the 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month from 5 till 7 (or until all are served)**. We serve anyone who comes, asking only for ID, if they have any. As members of SOUTHERN TIER FOOD BANK, we purchase at wholesale (or less), providing **basic dry or canned goods, fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy, and frozen meats**. We try to provide **5 days of meals** and include **personal care items** also. We operate on **100% donations or grants**. Our location at the parish center means we have most overhead costs covered. However, we serve over 1200 people, requiring a budget of close to \$50,000 a year. PLEASE tell anyone you know who is feeling food insecure to stop in. **If you would like to donate food items, they can be left at parish center or food barrel in church foyer. Monetary donations can be mailed to our parish office or via the online giving tab at stfrancisbing.org**

Weekend's Offering (02-25-24)

Regular Envelopes.....\$2,745.00
Loose Collection.....\$366.00
Electronic Collection.....\$1,690.00
Total Collection.....\$4,801.00

Thank you for your generosity!

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Lenten Event for Grades K-9 at 9:00AM today in the Church Hall.

***Please note* Confirmation Candidates DO NOT meet this weekend.**

Looking Ahead:

† Confirmation Candidates will meet on March 10th from 11:15AM—2PM in the Church Hall.

ATTENTION: Lectors, EMs & Altar Servers

It is time again to make the schedule for April, May, and June 2024. If there are weekends when you are **not** available to Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Serve, let us know. Call Ed and Cindy White at 607-648-2784 or by cell 607-206-3469 **BEFORE MARCH 11TH!**

URGENT

*Eucharistic Ministers
needed for all
10:30 AM Sunday
Masses
Please call the parish
center at 607-722-4388
to sign up!*

Penance Service

Palm Sunday, March 24th at 4:00PM

St. Francis of Assisi Church

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 Hayden Ferrance.



Lectionary Reflection: 3rd Sunday of Lent

The gospel story of Jesus' 'purification of the temple' paints Jesus as a reformer – as one who wants to renew the temple and human behavior. Our Christian life is a journey of constant renewal. In every age we are called to renew our personal life, the life of our church, and the life of our world. Our social teaching calls us to a renewal of the values and actions that bind us together as human beings. Jesus 'purifies' the temple, because things had gotten out hand. The problems of our world invite us to reflect on all of our values that we have relegated to the back of our minds. Now is a time to look at our world and think about what needs reformation:

- † A financial system that places profits before human needs
 - † The perpetuation of extreme inequalities between the wealthy and the poor
 - † A system of discrimination and injustice in many forms
 - † A global economy that has left many people in developing nations in abject poverty
 - † An economic system that keeps so many women and children without economic justice
 - † International relationships that are based on military might and that resort to war and the threat of war
 - † Unjust conditions that force millions of people to leave their homes and cultures seeking refuge
 - † Healthcare that does not extend to everyone
 - † A world torn by senseless acts of terrorism and violence
 - † A planet suffering from so many ecological sins
- The list could go on and on. What kind of reform would Jesus call us to today?



Growing Community Roots

Eight Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (CSJ) from St. Francis of Assisi Parish are working on an endeavor in Kenya! They're collaborating with the non-profit Growing Community Roots (GCR), established 10 years ago by CSJ Sisters and Associates. GCR helps Kenyan students in the Homa Bay area, fulfill their hopes and dreams! GCR supports children- by meeting the basic needs identified in the region's schools in 3 very important ways:

1. GCR installs water catchment systems that provide safe water for drinking and bathing.
2. GCR builds new latrines that offer privacy.
3. GCR also establishes community gardens ensuring students have nutritious meals at school and plant tree farms which help address the area's deforestation problem.

In 2024, GCR plans on addressing issues at 2 additional schools (14 thus far!) and asks for your help. There will be a special collection for Growing Community Roots, at the weekend Masses on March 9 & 10, 2024. During this Lenten season we grow closer to God by helping the poor and caring for our common home-supporting the planting of trees and gardens.

GCR website: www.growingcommunityroots.org

Lent 2024

Lent is a season for personal and social conversion to live our lives with greater authenticity, depth, and meaning. A time to change from old ways of living to New Life in and with the Risen Christ. The 40 day Lenten Season is a period of grace and a time for sacrifice and spiritual reflection preparing us for the joyful celebration of Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Prayer in the Lenten Season can be taking time more regularly for personal prayer. An aid in this attempt can be using the **Journey Together Through Lent**. This reflection book for Lent weaved in the Eucharistic Revival and the Synod on Synodality. Ann Naffziger's reflections for Lent remind us that faith is not something we do alone. We worship together, learn from each other, and serve those in need. Together we are the Body of Christ. Together, we are the church. Books are available in the church.

One simple way to enhance your Lenten experience is to participate in the CRS Rice Bowl Program. During Lent, families across the United States use a Rice Bowl— a small cardboard box— to collect alms/donations. Each Rice Bowl also comes with a calendar that guides you through the 40 days with activities, reflections, recipes, and stories from people around the world.

As Catholics, the spiritual pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving guide us in daily reflection on our own lives as we strive to deepen our relationship with God and neighbor— no matter where in the world our neighbor may live. Lent is a time of personal and spiritual growth, a time to look outward and inward.

Our parish focus this Lent will be on the Eucharist. Our Lenten Book Club selection is a **Pastoral Guide to Pope Francis's Desiderio Desideravi** written by Rita Ferrone. The text is divided into 6 sections to read, reflect, and discuss each week. Books are available at the Parish Center for \$10 each. Book Club meets on Tuesdays at 2:00PM and 7:00PM in the church hall.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will take place **every Friday of Lent**. Stations will **start at 12:00 NOON** in the church and **followed by a Communion Service**.

Join us! All are welcome!

CRS Rice Bowl:

3rd Sunday in Lent

Raising Chickens to Support Her Family

Nowadays, in Morazan, El Salvador, it is very difficult to know when the rainy or dry seasons will be. The unpredictable weather puts the livelihood of Sandra's family in jeopardy. Despite the challenges, Sandra and her husband, Santos, remain dedicated to ensuring their children grow healthy and succeed in school. Learn how their strong family dynamic enabled Sandra to participate in a Catholic Relief Services' project on raising chickens and how her determination has helped her family and community. To learn more and read this week's Story of Hope visit **crsricebowl.org**

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

March 5th: R. Rounds, G. Donahue, and K. & T. Barnhart

Catherine's Cupboard Will Take Your Gift Cards!

Do you have a few dollars left over on some of your gift cards? Catherine's Cupboard can use them! If you have gift card dollars left over from a store that sells pantry items, we'll take it! Lighten your wallet and do something good with that card that you keep forgetting to use or still have a few bucks on. We'll put it toward adding items to our food pantry to serve those in need in the community. (Drop them off at Parish Center 1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton NY)



Ladies of Charity Scholarships

The Ladies of Charity will award three \$1,000 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 17, 2024.**

Creation Care Team/Donations

In 2022, St. Francis of Assisi parish members formed a Creation Care committee in response to Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si. Since that time the committee has initiated many projects, large and small, that could engage parish members (as well as local community members) of all ages to understand and respond locally to the impact of global warming on our shared earth. To make a donation please go to this site: www.cathcap.org

select: Contribute —> Support a Group

select: St. Francis of Assisi - Binghamton, NY

This link helps you calculate your carbon impact by: Flight, Driving, Total Co2 or Cash Donations.

CathCAP (Catholic Climate Action Projects) is a carbon offset platform that allows people to offset some of their carbon emissions from travel and pool their community's donations to fund a local or global ecological project. Please check it out!

For information or questions, please ask...

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Or Anne Wolanski: annewolanski@gmail.com

3rd Sunday in Lent: Creation Care Tip

Pope Francis has spoken about humanity's new idols: money and profit. "It is no longer man who commands but money; money, cash commands... men and women are sacrificed to the idols of profit and consumption: it is the 'culture of waste.'" (St. Peter's Square, 2013). This week, confront the culture of waste in your life and home. Reduce single-use items (paper plates, plastic cups, etc) and don't buy anything new that is not essential. Donate money and hardly-used items and clothes to local organizations supporting the homeless and those in need.

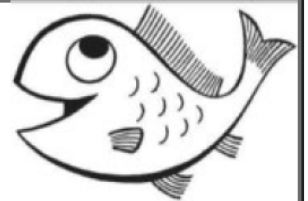
3rd Sunday in Lent: Justice Challenge

In the First Reading (Exodus 20:1-17) for this Sunday, we hear the story of God giving the Ten Commandments to the Israelites. Did you know that many, if not most, of the justice teachings in the Catechism of the Catholic Church are found in the section on the commandments, particularly Commandment Seven—You Shall Not Steal? This is because the Seventh Commandment reminds us of how important it is to be other-centered and to respect their rights and property. Jesus' whole life was a witness to living for others. As disciples, we are called to follow Jesus' example. Your challenge this week is to choose one thing you can do each day which is totally other-centered, something which has no direct benefits for you. Do it, not because it makes you feel good or makes you proud, but simply because it's what God is calling you to do.

Are You Hurting in Your Marriage?

Has your marriage become troubled or stressed, unloving, or uncaring; has it grown cold and distant; are you thinking of or already separated or divorced but want to try again, then the Retrouvaille Program can help you. Call 1-800-470-2230 or visit HelpOurMarriage.com

Lenten Fish Dinners at St. Patrick's



**Fridays of Lent: Feb 23rd &
Mar 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd**

Dinner includes: breaded or plain baked haddock fish, coleslaw, mac & cheese, dessert. **Order ahead at 607.723.3239.** Cost is \$15.00 This year's proceeds will go toward a memorial statue on honor of Barbara Donnelly. **Thank you for your support!**

For Potential Godparents and Sponsors for Baptisms or Confirmation

Anyone looking to be a Godparent or Sponsor to a Confirmation Candidate MUST be a registered member of St. Francis of Assisi to be able to get a letter of certification. This is the only way that the Church can verify you are a practicing Catholic. Please call Delores at the Parish Center (722-4388) for questions.

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

March 9th & 10th, 2024

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Kylie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	McKenzie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Frederick Allabaugh
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Larry Koch
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Jan Pandich
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Steve Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Denise Baxter

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sydney Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Roy Santa Croce Jr.
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Host	
10:30 Mass	EM Host	
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Donna Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Scott Igler

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

March 10– Amy Drake and Maria Kirk

March 17– Patti Klepfer and Toni Robinson

March 24– Ede and Sarah Blabac

March 31– ONLINE ONLY

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

Do you have a child or grandchild who has already received their First Eucharist? If so, they can be altar servers! **We are in desperate need of more altar servers** as we barely have enough to cover the masses alone week to week.

Why altar serve?

1.) It is a good way to get actively involved in the mechanics of mass. Some kids who find it hard to sit still may benefit from the activity that it provides.
2.) It allows for kids to be a closer part of the church community and make connections.

3.) Direct religious education learning opportunity

4.) Gives kids a sense of purpose and pride Church

Call the parish center (607)722-4388 or fill out a liturgical signup form (on table in the back of the church) and drop it in a collection basket.

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Share one way in which you “honor your father and mother.”

Question for Youth: Jesus was angry – as we all get at times. When is your anger a good thing? When is it not?

Question for Adults: As you hear the Commandments proclaimed today, which one of them really strikes you?

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