

March 05, 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, 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

Monday, March 6
 8:00 a.m. Veronica Reschke by Marge Mangan

Tuesday, March 7
 8:00 a.m. Bertha Rutkowski by Barb Cenova

Wednesday, March 8
 8:00 a.m. Christine Dancesia by John & Brenda Artman

Thursday, March 9
 8:00 a.m. Mary Marsili Lalley by Daughters, Lucille & Angela

Friday, March 10
NO MASS

Saturday, March 11, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Lloyd Woodruff by Martha Goskowski

Sunday, March 12, Second Sunday Of Lent
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Robert Quinn 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 James Kalivoda and Emily Yacaginsky.

Weekend's Offering (02-26-17)

Regular Envelopes.....\$7,445.00
 Loose Collection.....\$362.00
 Electronic Donation.....\$560.00
 Total Collection.....\$8,367.00

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

Faith Formation

Faith Formation for Grades K-Confirmation at 9:30a.m. today.

Grades K-9 meet in the Parish Hall for LEAP event instructions. Grades K-4 will pray the Stations of the Cross in the school, followed by a group activity in the Parish Hall. Grade 5-9 will hear Dave Gamache give a talk in the church. All grades will come together in the church at 10:30a.m. for Veneration of the Cross. Please note: LEAP event will end in the church at 10:40a.m. Parents meet your children in the church for dismissal. If you are late, we will be in the Hall. Confirmation Class meets in Room 103 as usual.

St. Francis of Assisi Winter Carnival and Planting for the Co-Garden ~ Sunday March 19, during faith formation in the Parish Hall

Faith Formation would like to help the Confirmation Class with their Collection for Homeless. Also we need to start seedlings for the Co-Garden, The Children's Home will be helping us by growing these in their greenhouse. Students in K-9th grades are encouraged to bring a needed item from The Collection for Homeless Drive or Monetary Donation like the following: Gift Cards to McDonald's or Burger King, crackers, Gatorade, Clif bars, small packages of raisins, or bottles of water, hand wipes like Wet Ones, Men's thermal socks. **All are welcome to attend: young, mature, and fun loving parish members!**

Looking Ahead

Our First Eucharist Sharing Meal will be held on Sunday, March 26th **after** regular Faith Formation Classes. The children will make the pew banner for First Eucharist, so please bring personal mementos for the banner. The Sharing Meal is meant for your family, grandparents and special people, too. Please try to attend the 4:00p.m. Mass on Saturday or at 8:00a.m. We will make our pew banners during 11:00a.m. Mass. Please give your head count to Maria Kirk by March 22.

Thank You! From Catherine's Cupboard

Thank you all for the tremendous support to Catherine's Pantry this month. Since February 1st, **\$8,271** has been collected. Besides the many individuals who donated, we would also like to acknowledge the Boy Scouts Troop from SFA, Nimmonsburg Methodist Women's Group and Dance Connection (Big Gifted Give) for their contributions. On average, a month's supply of food and needs costs \$3,000, so this fundraiser is greatly appreciated. **THANK YOU AGAIN!**



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.

2017 Lenten Retreat For Catholic Women

The 2017 Lenten Retreat for Catholic Women, sponsored by the Syracuse Diocese Catholic Women's Commission, will be held **Saturday, March 11**, at St. Joseph's Church, Endicott. Jennifer Hubbard, mother of an innocent Sandy Hook victim, will be the main speaker. She is a regular writer for the devotional, "Magnificat" and her diocesan newspaper. Cost is \$15. The retreat includes Mass, breakfast, confession and quiet prayer. Registration begins at 7:30a.m., Mass at 8:30a.m. Day concludes at 1 pm. Call 607.206.6205 or 754.9408. Walk-ins welcome, but registration preferred.

Operation Rice Bowl: Encounter Innovation

We encounter the Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others?

Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

Parish Lenten Book Club

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/Stations— 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? Join us as often as you can! **Stations of the cross continue every Friday at 3:00p.m. until April 7th.**

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!

Lent: A Time to Wrestle with Our Demons

Jesus went into the wilderness and struggled with the demons. Such is the metaphor of spiritual life presented to us in today's Gospel. In the course of our lives, we are all "led into the desert by the Spirit," and we must struggle with the demons.

We struggle with the demon of self-sufficiency. Ignoring our interdependence, we imagine that we can "go it alone," and end up dividing ourselves into isolated units of races, classes, and genders, living as though we do not need the other. We may even reach the point of living as though we do not need the other.

We struggle with the demon of power. We begin by setting ourselves above others, and often end with oppressing them, using power in a cruel or unjust manner to keep others down. We struggle with the demon of pride, imagining ourselves to be better than others, or the "top dog" in our little world, or number one in the world.

Lent is a time to struggle with the demons, "to rid ourselves of the hidden corruption of evil."

"Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."

As the kernel and center of his good news, Christ proclaims salvation, this great gift of God which is liberation from everything that oppresses man but which is above all liberation from sin and the evil one, in the joy of knowing God and being known by him, of seeing him, and of being given over to him.

—Pope Paul VI, *Evangeliu Nuntiandi*, 1975:9.

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. Don't just give up chocolate for Lent but engage in what can make this your Best Lent Ever.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule Transportation

Week of March 5th — Marie Giordano
Week of March 12th — George & Pat Clark

Shelving (Mondays)

March 6th — C. & B. Danoski
March 13th — P. Turnbull & A. Hanley

Distribution

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

Hillcrest St. Patrick's Day Parade

To benefit US for Kids on Saturday, March 11th
12:00p.m.- Line-up, 1:00p.m.- Kick-off Parade begins at Hillcrest Post 1194 American Legion down Chenango Street and ends at My Uncle's Place.

Fish Dinners

To support the Outreach Ministry of the Southern Tier (Mobile Van offering soup, hot chocolate, as well as socks, hats and gloves – Mobile Showers for the Homeless and those in need - in late spring) - to be held on the Fridays of Lent – March 3 – April 7 from 4:00 – 6:30 pm at St. Patrick's Church Hall, corner of Leroy and Oak St, Binghamton. Cost: Adults – \$8.00 – Children - \$5.00 (includes fish, cole slaw, macaroni and cheese, dessert, drink). (Pirogi's available – add \$1.00 each; Clam Chowder available - \$2.00 cup). Take outs available. Call in advance to help us plan for this event – 607 – 723-3239. Volunteers are needed and your assistance will be of great value. You could do 1 or as many Fridays you wish." Call Mary Giblin at 723-9208.

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.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration at St. Patrick's

The Annual Mass in Honor of St. Patrick will be held Friday, March 17th, at 3:00p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, 9 Leroy St., Binghamton. An Irish party from 4:00-8:00p.m. will be held in St. Patrick's Gym following Mass. Cost of the party is: Adults \$3.00 and includes admission, entertainment and soda; Under 18-\$1.00; Children under 5-free. Food will be available at a nominal cost. A Ham and Cabbage Dinner will also be available at a cost of \$6.00. Tickets are available at the door.

Bach Birthday Bash

Sunday March 19 at 7:00 PM some thirty-five musicians will team up to perform some of J. S. Bach's greatest music. Three solos on the church's Casavant pipe organ will be performed by guest organist **Gregory Santa Croce** (one of St. Francis' young parishioners). The concert is free and open to the public; a free-will offering will be collected. The church is wheelchair accessible. Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church is located at 44 Main Street, across from Binghamton High School.

Faith & Family Night with the B-Senators

Friday March 10th at 7:05 P.M.

Albany Devils vs. Binghamton Senators

Special \$13 ticket includes free B-Sens puck and free post-game slap shot activity on ice after the game.

Call 607-722-7367 to order

All persons 2 years old and older require their own ticket. All sales are final.

DeBella College Scholarship

Each year the DeBella College Scholarship Committee awards \$500 scholarships to four seniors from our parish who plan to attend college in the fall. Applications for these scholarships are available on the tables in back of the church, or on the parish Website. Applications are due by **noon**, on **Friday, April 28th**. To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must be a registered member of the parish.

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.**

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**

March 11th & 12th, 2017

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	William Bennett
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Judy Murphy
EM Host	Teresa Creeden
EM Cup	Mary Cooney
EM Cup	Mary Frances Charsky
EM Cup	John Artman
EM Cup	Brenda Artman
Altar Server	Mikey Schultz
Altar Server	Tyler Norton
Altar Server	Elizabeth Wrighter

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Roy Santa Croce
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Denise Baxter
EM Host	Steve Baxter
EM Cup	Ede Blabac
EM Cup	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup	Lou Angelo
Altar Server	Peyton Broderick
Altar Server	Natalie Broderick
Altar Server	Braedan Krisko

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Tom Giblin
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Jim Lewis
EM Host	Stephanie Stracuzzi
EM Cup	Rose O'Neil
EM Cup	David Gill
EM Cup	Chris Gill
EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	John Michael Frissora
Altar Server	Zachary Carr

Question of the Week

Question for Children: What do you plan to do during Lent this year as a way of showing you want to grow closer to Jesus?

Question for Youth: Jesus was tempted by the devil. How are you tempted? What helps you resist these temptations?

Question for Adults: When you yourself pause to be alone with God, what distracts and prevents you from dwelling in that? Busyness? The demands of life? TV? The internet?

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