

March 10, 2019

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

## *Living the Eucharist*

### *God's Word, Our Delight*

Scripture's first home is the liturgy. From the earliest days of Christian history, before it had even been decided which books would be included in the Bible as we know it, believers met in their homes to celebrate the Eucharist.



***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 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

**Monday, March 11**  
 8:00 a.m. James Cook by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

**Tuesday, March 12**  
 8:00 a.m. Richard Quinlivan by Marge Blazey

**Wednesday, March 13**  
 8:00 a.m. Lindsay Dutcher by Cathy Feheley

**Thursday, March 14**  
 8:00 a.m. Robert Lewis by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

**Friday, March 15**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, March 16, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Patricia Conrad by Selma Vinci & Family

**Sunday, March 17, Second Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People  
 11:00 a.m. Ray & Helen Tyczkowski 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 (03-03-19)**

Regular Envelopes.....\$6,591.00  
 Loose Collection.....\$421.00  
 Electronic Collection.....\$1,047.00  
 Total Collection.....\$8,059.00

*Thank You for your generous contributions!*

**Faith Formation**

**Faith Formation today for grades K-9 beginning at 9:30 AM in the church. Dismissal from school as usual.**

**Looking Ahead:**

Next week LEAP event focusing on St. Patrick in the church Grades K-9. Grades 7-8-9 will be dismissed for Living the Eucharist after Opening Prayer. Grades K-6 will continue with the Stations of the Cross in the church. Parents are encouraged to attend. Dismissal will be from the Parish Hall.

**Congratulations...**

Congrats to the Chenango Valley High School Theatre Guild with their presentation last weekend of The Addams Family. Stage and crew did a fantastic job with its production and staging. A few of our talented youth from the parish were on stage or behind the scene including; Dominic Lomonaco, Mary Katherine Doyle, Elizabeth Rice, and Jim Hart. Hats off to all of you for your great work!

**Wheelchair Accessibility**

Among some of our topics in pastoral council has been how we can be more welcoming, especially for those in wheelchairs. Limitations are obvious because of our narrow aisles. So in the next few weeks, half of the last two pews in the back of church are going to be removed. The floor in that area will be resurfaced for easier accessibility for those coming to church with wheelchairs. This area was chosen because those needing assistance can easily reach this space from the lift in the cry room.

**Children's Liturgy**

**March 16/17**

**4:00 PM Mass**— Roberta Cushing/Catherine Shafer  
**8:00 AM Mass**— Ed & Kay Corcoran

**March 23/24**

**4:00 PM Mass**— Maria Kirk/Sue Lee (Need Sub for Sue)  
**8:00 AM Mass**— Ede Blabac/Bridget Vavra

**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 especially, Sandy Sardella.

## Lent 2019: A Season of Growth

### Living the Eucharist

We have included in our bulletin today the first of six inserts that are part of our parish *Living the Eucharist* program. The title of this week's insert is *God's Word/Our Delight*. Reading these inserts will help all of us grow in our faith during Lent.

### Operation Rice Bowl: Encounter Norma

In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

### 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!

### 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!

### Lenten Reflection

Our Church and our world are going through painful times. For our Church, the ongoing revelations of the sex abuse crisis are disturbing, discouraging, and sad. Feelings of betrayal and anger are commonly expressed, and many are disillusioned, lacking joy and without a concrete sense of hope. For our world, there are still great conflicts and so much discord and unhappiness. People are struggling: to have food, make a decent living, live in safety, and find a home. Wars and divisions go on, and tensions are escalating. There is a lack of trust deepening both in the Church and in world leadership. What is truth? Pilate asked Jesus that very question.

In the midst of these unsettling times, our faith calls us to focus more acutely on our relationship with God and how we may have wandered from that relationship. With all that is going on around us, especially in the Church that once had our complete unwavering allegiance, it is easy to just walk away and look elsewhere for "truth" if it can be found in any other place. Human weakness and sinfulness has a way of turning us away from where we really want and need to be. This is true not only for each of us personally, but communally as well. There is a real temptation to simply throw our hands up in the air and focus our attention on something more immediate and fulfilling that seemingly makes more sense.

Jesus faced that same question in the desert when he was tempted with relief from the human hungers for food, power, and ultimate authority. Our past experiences quickly reveal that it is very easy to give into temptation. Is that not part of the reason we find ourselves in our current mess? We cannot fear or hide from the truth, whether that is the personal truths about ourselves or ultimate "truth." We may not realize it, but we need to be brought back home, healed, and reconciled. Lent is a perfect time to take a deep breath, acknowledge where we have been and where we are, and refocus and reflect on where we can be.

This year, we need the purification of Lent more so than ever. The pain of the past can lead us to more hopeful futures, even though it is difficult to confront and acknowledge it. God gives us three powerful virtues, each of which is a manifestation and extension of His very presence: faith, hope, and love. We are never without these. No matter how sinful and crazy life can become, these virtues can always be found. There are always opportunities to fall into faith, walk with joy and hope, and live more abundantly in love. What beauty is to be found in the One who is without time and without end! Perhaps if we truly experience a holy Lent, God will be able to show us what true freedom and life are all about.

## Lent is a Time to Fast and Feast

- Fast** from judging others.
- Feast** on the Christ within them.
- Fast** from emphasis on differences.
- Feast** on the unity of all life.
- Fast** from apparent darkness.
- Feast** on the reality of light.
- Fast** from thoughts of illness.
- Feast** on the healing power of God.
- Fast** from words that pollute.
- Feast** on phrases that purify.
- Fast** from discontent.
- Feast** on gratitude.
- Fast** from anger.
- Feast** on patience.
- Fast** from pessimism.
- Feast** on optimism.
- Fast** from worry.
- Feast** on divine order.
- Fast** from lethargy.
- Feast** on enthusiasm.

## Pastoral Council Meeting

The next pastoral council meeting will take place this coming Monday, March 11th at 7:00PM in the parish center. BethAnn will be our leader. We hope all our members can make it. See you there!

## **Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule**

### **Transportation**

Week of March 10th — George & Pat Clark

Week of March 17th — Nancy Oliver

### **Shelving (Mondays)**

March 11th — K. Mohney

March 18th — J. & K. Brady

### **Distribution**

March 19th — M. Walsh, C. Danoski, K. Dotson,  
P. Peters, R. O'Neil

## **St. Cyril's ETHNIC DINNER**

**Where:** St. Cyril's Center, 148 Clinton St.

**When:** Sunday, March 24th

**Menu:** Halupki, Pierogi, Kielbassa, Haluski  
and Dessert (Hotdogs for Kids)

**Price:** Adults \$13.00; Children (5-12) \$4.00

**Tickets:** Available at door, takeout available

## **Lenten 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 8 – April 12 from 4:00 – 6:30 pm at St. Patrick's Church Hall, corner of Leroy and Oak St, Binghamton. Cost: Adults – \$9.00 – 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.



## **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.

## **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](http://LifeChoicesCenter.org)

## **\*Attention Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers\***

As we enter into the Lenten season, it's time to begin work on the next quarter's schedule for the Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers & Lectors. This schedule covers April, May & June of 2019. If you have any special requests please let us know **before March 18th**. Palm Sunday is April 14<sup>th</sup> & Easter is the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Again, let us know about those special requests.

Call Lynda & Joe Carpenter @ 772-6732

or

email [joseph.carpenter28@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.carpenter28@gmail.com).

Thanks... see you in church.

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

The Annual Mass in Honor of St. Patrick will be held Sunday, March 17th, at 12:00 Noon at St. Patrick's Church, 9 Leroy St., Binghamton. An Irish party from 1:00-5:00p.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.



## **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.**

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

**March 16th & 17th, 2019**

**4:00 P.M. Mass**

Lector	Carole Parga
EM Host	Sue Lee
EM Host	Catherine Shafer
EM Host	Betsy Shields
EM Cup	Jan Pandich
EM Cup	Bob Shields
EM Cup	Ethan Glenn
EM Cup	Marge Mangan
Altar Server	Delaney Wood
Altar Server	Liam Wood
Altar Server	Mikey Schultz

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

Lector	Debbie Davis
EM Host	Dc.Steve
EM Host	Denise Baxter
EM Host	Steve Baxter
EM Cup	Ed White
EM Cup	Donna or Scott Iglar
EM Cup	Mike Stricek
EM Cup	Shirley McCray
Altar Server	Lauren White
Altar Server	Brigid Birtch
Altar Server	Kathryn White

**11:00 A.M. Mass**

Lector	Virginia Thompson
EM Host	Dc.Steve
EM Host	Chris Gill
EM Host	David Gill
EM Cup	Stephanie Stracuzzi
EM Cup	Rose O'Neil
EM Cup	Jules Furrer
EM Cup	Betty Church
Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
Altar Server	Jessica Wojnar

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** When you feel tempted to do wrong, how do you remain strong in your faith?

**Question for Youth:** What is one thing you will do during Lent to become more open to God in your life?

**Question for Adults:** As you come to understand the temptation of Jesus in the desert, which one of the devil's offerings is hardest for you to resist?

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