

March 11, 2018

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



Joseph Andrise has been teaching at the same elementary school she graduated from for eleven years. But a lot has changed since she was a student. “We use poems, dances, songs—all sorts of activities to help them improve their literacy,” she says. Catholic Relief Services in partnership with the diocesan office of the Catholic Education Commission, are implementing the program Haiti Reads. Every student receives a new workbook to practice their reading and writing. This is a big change from before. Now, all the students are able to learn at the same time.

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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 10, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Daniel Berry by Marge Mangan

Sunday, March 11, Fourth Sunday of Lent
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Therese Kennedy by St. Francis' Bible Babes

Monday, March 12
 8:00 a.m. Gordon Coughlin by Don & Barb Brozovic

Tuesday, March 13
 8:00 a.m. Carolyn Bunce by Kathleen & Jim Brady

Wednesday, March 14
(Liturgy will be held in Church)
 7:00 p.m. 58th Anniv. Francis Patrick Mee by Sister, Joan Mee Deinhardt

Thursday, March 15
 8:00 a.m. Theresa Fox by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Friday, March 16
NO MASS

Saturday, March 17, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Tozia Stacey by Marge Munney & Sons

Sunday, March 18, Fifth Sunday of Lent
 8:00 a.m. Doreen Everett by Judy Adams
 11:00 a.m. Christopher Albee by Liz Semonco

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 (03-04-18)

Regular Envelopes.....\$5,478.00
 Loose Collection.....\$345.09
 Electronic Collection.....\$941.00
 Total Collection.....\$6,764.09

Thank you for your generosity!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation for grades K-9 meet at 9:30 AM this week. K-9 meet in the church for Opening Prayer.

Looking Ahead:

LEAP Event— March 18th— in the church at 9:30 AM. The Spoon Man will be here to present a memorable mission about Lent "There's More to Lent than Giving Up Candy". This event is for all Families, especially the families participating in Faith Formation, as well as any of our parishioners. Don't miss this fun and faith-filled event!

Parish Book Club

Book Club is this Tuesday, March 13th at 2:00PM and at 7:00PM. Please read Chapter 4 for this session.

Funeral Homes Position Change

Tonya A. Williams has made a position change at the Wm R Chase & Son and James V. DeMarco & Son Funeral Homes. She is currently in a new role as Preplanning Advisor. This position allows her to be available exclusively to meet with families to set up their prearrangements. She can do revocable or irrevocable contracts to assist with this process. Please call 607-760-4126 to set up a time to meet.

March For Our Lives

March 24th

Noon—3:00PM

From: Binghamton High School (31 Main St.)

To: Federal Court House (15 Henry St.)

Let's bring an end to gun violence, especially in our schools.

Stations Of The Cross

Stations of the cross will be held every Friday during Lent (except for Good Friday) at 3:00PM in the church. All are invited and encouraged to attend. For any questions call Delores at the parish center (722-4388).

Friday Fish Fry Fundraiser

Fridays from 4:00-6:30 PM there is a fish fry at St. Patrick's to benefit Showers of Hope.

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, Gregory Tatich and Ron Belensky



Lent 2018

Lent & Family Life

This week at our Wednesday, 7 PM Liturgy we will focus on **Family Life and the Struggle with Addiction**. Our guest is Caitlyn Garey. Caitlyn has already been faced with one of her life's greatest challenges. At a young age, she became addicted to pills. Soon after, she was hooked on the much cheaper drug, heroin. She says it took over her every thought. Now sober, she's thankful the community came together to support the fight. She is here to share her story about how addiction affected her life and the life of her family.

Mom's House Collection

There will be volunteers from Mom's House collecting at all Masses the weekend of **March 10th and 11th**. They will be having their Paloozathon (Rockerthon) on **March 17th**. Moms House is a non profit organization that supplies free child care to single parents. We appreciate the continued generosity of the St Francis parish community.

A Special Birthday

Mildred Brush, a longtime parishioner, will be celebrating her **100th Birthday** on Tuesday, March 13th. Over the last few years she has been a resident at **Willow Point Nursing Home**. If you wish to remember her special day with a card you may drop it off at the parish center or drop it into the collection. However, if you wish to send your birthday wishes personally, her address is:

3700 Vestal Road, Vestal NY 13850

Let us make it a special day for Mildred!

February Fundraiser, THANK YOU!

This year's fundraiser for the food pantry has been a tremendous success! We raised **\$7,945** as of February 28th. This is wonderful as the need is growing, with governments cuts in the various needs of those who need help the most. Your continued generosity is what makes this such a great parish. **THANK YOU AGAIN!**

Easter Flowers for Homebound & Nursing Homes

For all those pastoral visitors that deliver flowers before Easter, please note that the flower pick-up is Thursday, March 22nd from 9:00am—1:00pm. If you have any questions, please call Dave Bollinger at 239-0203.

First Sunday of Lent: Encounter Andrise

We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community—and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit **crsricebowl.org** for more.

Gospel Reflection and the Sacrament of Reconciliation

In his conversation with the Pharisee Nicodemus in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus presents a different picture of God- and of ourselves. Jesus reveals to Nicodemus a God of life and restoration, a God who seeks not our punishment or humiliation but our healing and reconciliation with him and with one another. The God Jesus reveals is not the God of condemnation and destruction but the God of forgiveness, mercy, and compassion. That should help us reimagine ourselves: that, created in God's love, we are more than the superficialities of appearance and assets, of wit and social graces. In the light of his Christ, we come to realize the good in ourselves that we often do not see; in that light, we find joy and reason to be grateful for the good that others bring to us. As Jesus explains to Nicodemus, God has created us as an extension of himself: from the moment of our creation, his life and love are part of our very being. In our embracing of his Spirit of justice and mercy, in our work to re-make our world in his dream of compassion and peace, the love of those we love and who love us into the very light and love of God. Jesus reveals to us, today, a God of life and restoration, a God who seeks not our punishment in humiliation but our healing and reconciliation with him and with one another. So make next week's Lenten Reconciliation a priority as you prepare for the feast of Easter

**Lenten Penance Service
March 18th @ 4:00 PM**

Irish Humor

An Irish Priest and a Rabbi get into an accident. They both get out of their cars and stumble over to the side of the road, the Rabbi says, "Oy vey! What a wreck!" the Priest asks him, "Are you alright Rabbi?" The Rabbi responds, "Just a little shaken." The Priest pulls a flask of whiskey from his coat and says, "Here, drink some of this it will calm your nerves." The Rabbi takes the flask and drinks it down and says, "Well, what are we going to tell the police?", "Well", the Priest says, "I don't know what YOU will be telling them, but I'll tell them I wasn't the one drinking."

An Irish Prayer

May God give you...

For every storm, a rainbow,

For every tear, a smile,

For every care, a promise,

And a blessing in each trial,

For every problem life sends,

A faithful friend to share,

For every sigh, a sweet song,

And an answer for each prayer

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule Transportation

Week of March 11th — Pat & George Clark

Week of March 18th — Marie Giordano

Shelving (Mondays)

March 12th — J. & K. Brady

March 19th — P. Turnbull & A. Short

Distribution

March 20th—M. Walsh, P. Peters, M. Turna, K. Dotson, M. Ryder & C. Woodruff

DeBella Scholarship Information

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 4 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 the website. Applications are due by noon, on **April 27th**. Applicants must be registered members of the parish.

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. Please see your school guidance counselor for an application. **Deadline is April 27, 2018.**

Alpha Youth

March 3, 10, 24 April 14, 21, 28 May 5, 12, 19, 26
Food, Talk & Discussion. It's a chance to ask anything that you want and say what you think about faith, life & Jesus.

To Register: Call: 607-222-7879 or
Email gmatt@syradio.org

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

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 2018. If you have any special requests, please let us know **before March 18th**. We will be completing and submitting the schedule on March 21st. Again, let us know about those special requests; including times when you may be away.

Call Lynda & Joe Carpenter @ 772-6732 or
email joseph.carpenter28@gmail.com.
Thanks, see you in church.!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL NO. 11403

ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Hoooley in Hillcrest

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018

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/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.**

Collection for Homeless Coalition

Faith Formation will be collecting items for the Homeless Coalition again **from now until April 15th**.
These are the needed items:

Bottles of Water or Gatorade
Insulated Socks
Thermal Underwear (L/XL)
Warm Gloves/Hats
Hand/Foot Warmers
Ponchos
Toothbrushes
Wipes
Fast Food Gift Cards
Clif Bars
Cracker Sandwiches
Raisins (or other dried fruit)
Ziploc Bags
Drawstring Bags
Bicycle Cable Locks

* All clothing must be new and must be men's sizes
There is a box just inside the front door of the school on Sundays during Faith Formation. Another box is be at the church and another at the Parish Center.

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

March 17th & 18th, 2018

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	John Artman
EM Host	Dc.Steve
EM Host	Catherine Shafer
EM Host	Betsy Shields
EM Cup	Marge Mangan
EM Cup	Bob Shields
EM Cup	Terry Hanifin
EM Cup	Dom Lomonaco
Altar Server	Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server	Logan Lomonaco
Altar Server	Sarah Shafer

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Joe Carpenter
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	Jules Furrer
EM Host	Dc.Steve
EM Host	Chris Gill
EM Host	Jim Lewis
EM Cup	Stephanie Stracuzzi
EM Cup	Rose O'Neil
EM Cup	David Gill
EM Cup	David Hanzas
Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
Altar Server	Jessica Wojnar

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Who is one person in your life who supports your faith and helps it to grow?

Question for Youth: The Gospel speaks of following God as coming toward the light. How can you move towards the light in your own life? What is the darkness that needs Jesus' healing in your life?

Question for Adults: When is it difficult for you to believe? What particular line in this reading helps your faith?

END OF BULLETIN

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