

March 12, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

LENTEN VIDEO SERIES (#2)

March 14th

Screenings
at 2:00PM
& 7:00PM

St. Francis of Assisi
Parish Hall
(1049 Chenango St.,
Binghamton)



St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Eucharistic faith community committed to living and sharing the Gospel life.

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Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday:
7:30 am to 4:30 pm
Friday: Closed

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2nd & 4th Saturday of every
month at 3:00 pm in the Church

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Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org to view
our latest weekend reflection.
We will be posting new
videos by 4:00PM on
Saturdays.

Also find the videos on our
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Saturday, March 11, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. 2nd Anniv. John Krinik by Mary Jane & John Paske

Sunday, March 12, Third Sunday of Lent

10:30 a.m. John Bertussi by Ginny Thompson

Monday, March 13

12:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

Tuesday, March 14

8:00 a.m. Paul Wojcik by Jim & Kathleen Brady

Wednesday, March 15

12:00 p.m. Marrah Campbell by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Thursday, March 16

8:00 a.m. Rick Callahan by Patty & Kevin Burns

Friday, March 17

NO MASS

Saturday, March 18, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Betty Parasiliti by Maureen & Tim Roberts

Sunday, March 19, Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People

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 (02-19-23)

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| Regular Envelopes..... | \$3,098.00 |
| Loose Collection..... | \$202.00 |
| Electronic Collection..... | \$1,711.00 |
| Total Collection..... | \$5,011.00 |

Thank you for your generosity!

Faith Formation

Lenten Faith Formation Program for grades K-9 today.
Parents are invited to attend.

Looking Ahead:

† Sunday, March 19th after 10:30 Mass, First Eucharist Sharing Meal and Pew Banner project. Please be sure to bring personal mementos for the pew banner that will serve as your family pew marker at First Eucharist. Sharing lunch will be after pew banners are completed.

† Sunday, March 19th NO Faith Formation at St Francis for grades 7-8-9. There will be a mini-retreat at St. Patrick's for everyone in these grades from 1PM--5PM, which includes mass at 4PM. Please refer to the flyer that was sent home and emailed for registration information.

Penance Service
Sunday, March 26th
@ 4:00PM
in the church

Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday at 3:00PM throughout Lent

ATTENTION: Lectors, EMs & Altar Servers

It is time again to submit your dates of unavailability for the months of April, May, and June. If there are weekends when you are not available to Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Serve, please let us know. Please call Ed and Cindy White at 607-648-2784 or by cell 607-206-3469 **BEFORE MARCH 13TH!** Thank You!

Rosary and Religious Item Donations

The Sisters of St. Joseph are helping the immigrants, homeless, and those who need a Christian reminder by giving them rosaries and religious items. If anyone would like to donate rosaries or other religious items, there is a basket on the back table of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

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 Fran Meddleton.



Lent 2023

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 Lenten Season focuses on the three spiritual pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This period of grace is a time for sacrifice and spiritual reflection preparing us for the 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 **Black Books** that have a reflection for each day of Lent. These books will be 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 of Lent with activities, reflections, recipes, and stories from communities and 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. Lent is a time to look outward and inward. It is a journey in mercy.

Our **parish Lenten focus** will be on the reality of social sin. The real danger of social sin or structural sin is that our blindness prevents us from recognizing it. How can we recognize structural/social sin?

These sins would be any "action or omission against God, against others, the community, and the environment. It is a sin against future generations and is manifested in the acts and habits of pollution and destruction of the harmony of the environment." (Pope Francis)

This year during Lent instead of a book club or Bible study, our parish invites you to examine social sin in our world via our video series. We have already examined our first documentary, "*The Letter*", on February 28th.

The next 3 video screenings will take place soon!

- ***Going Home Like a Shooting Star*** follows the life of Sr. Thea Bowman, who lovingly showed the church and the world the ways that racism is entrenched in our social systems.

- ***After Buffalo, After Uvalde, After Tulsa***, this conversation on gun violence responds to the question: What does Catholic Social teaching require to change racist attitudes and structures in our country.

- ***"Who is my Neighbor?"*** addressing the encyclical Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis' personal call to encounter, friendship and solidarity to all in our lives, community, and world.

Video presentations will take place in our parish hall on Tuesday's **March 14th, March 28th, and April 4th** at 2 and 7 pm and will be followed by group discussion. stfrancisbing.org for more.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Patrick's Breastplate has the famous Celtic prayer, focused on union with Christ: "Christ be with me, Christ surround me, Christ be in my speaking, Christ be in my thinking, Christ be in my sleeping, Christ be in my waking,... Christ be in my ever living soul, Christ be my eternity." As Patrick prayed for the Irish people on the mountain in Mayo which bears his name (Cruach Pa-draig), let's pray for each other on his feast day:

"May you recognize in your life the presence, the power and the light of Christ. May you realize that you are never alone, for He is always with you; that your living soul connects you with the rhythm of the universe. And may the road rise up to meet you and the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rain fall soft upon your fields. And, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand."



3rd Sunday of Lent: Creation Care Tip

"But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?'" —Exodus 17:3

As the climate continues to change, millions suffer from a lack of clean water for drinking, washing, and irrigating. Even if your community isn't suffering from drought or reduced supply, do something big or small to reduce your usage. If you have the means, the next time you buy a dishwasher or washing machine, purchase one that uses less water. Learn about capturing the gray water from your washing machine to use in your garden. Often the conversion is simple and inexpensive. Consider replacing your thirsty lawn with a drought tolerant landscape. On a smaller scale, cut back your shower time a few minutes.

3rd Sunday of Lent: Justice Challenge

March 16th is the anniversary of the day in 1998 when Saint John Paul expressed to the Jewish people his regret that Christians didn't do enough to help prevent the Holocaust. Six million Jews ended up being murdered by the Nazi regime. John Paul's apology was a powerful and healing moment in Jewish-Catholic relationships. Your challenge this week is to look for an opportunity to stand up for a person or a group of people being persecuted in some way. It might be Syrian refugees, or undocumented people in your community, or the kid in school who is bullied a lot.

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

March 21st— M. Hayes, C. Botting, and D. Dobish

DeBella Scholarship: Due April 27th

DeBella Scholarship Applications are available on the website. Graduating Seniors are encouraged to fill out and return an application for a grant. **Applications are due 4 PM, Thursday, April 27th.** Applications are available on our website, stfrancisbing.org/scholarship-forms-and-contests

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 April 19, 2023.**

Laimons and Sylvia Drupa Scholarship

The Binghamton Garden Club is offering this scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 to a graduating senior in a Broome County high school. The selected senior must major in a university undergraduate program in horticulture, environmental studies, botany, landscape architecture, biology (not pre-med) or other directly related fields. The award is not just a one-year award, but has the potential of multiple years if all the requirements are met. Interested applicants should contact their school guidance counselor. Contact M. Rankin, Scholarship Chair, at 607-773-8959 for more information.

Hospital Visitation

Please remember, if you or another parishioner gets admitted to either Binghamton General Hospital or UHS Wilson Medical Center and you wish to be visited by Fr. Tim you need to tell someone. You should indicate that you are Catholic and belong to St. Francis of Assisi parish and that you wish to be visited by Fr. Tim or another Clergy member if you wish.

Chenango Valley Post Prom Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

**Saturday, April 22
5:00—7:00PM
St. Francis Church Hall
Eat In or Take-Out
\$10.00 each**

Tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting Christine Lomonaco 607-725-2883 or Venmo @Christine-Lomonaco-1 (Don't forget to include your name) – tickets will be held at door

THANK YOU FROM CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD FOOD PANTRY

Catherine's Cupboard would like to acknowledge and give thanks for all who donated during the "Souper bowl of Caring". Also, a huge thank you to Chenango Valley's 5th & 6th grade basketball teams who recently has a food drive. Finally, thank you to those who continue to donate throughout the year; it really helps us feed our neighbors. Without YOUR HELP we could not do what we do. **SO THANK YOU!!!**

Earthquake Relief Collection

An earthquake relief collection was taken this weekend. The death toll has reached over 46,000 people in Turkey and Syria since earthquakes shattered these countries nearly 2 weeks ago. The recovery efforts have been slow and the devastation is overwhelming. The generous people of our diocese have been asking, how can we help? Catholic Relief Services will support emergency relief efforts led by local partners in both Syria and Turkey with Caritas Internationalis, Caritas Syria in Aleppo and Lattakia—where extensive damage has been reported—and other local partners. Checks should be made out to St. Francis of Assisi with Earthquake Relief-CRS in the memo.



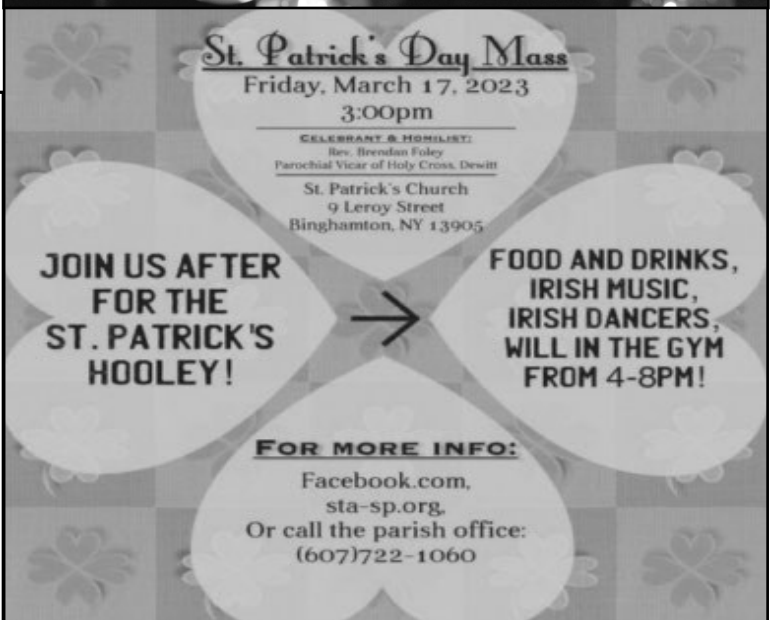
THRIVE
The Saving Power of Faith
- Luke 8:42-48

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 15, 2023
6:30PM - 8:30PM
AT OLCG, ENDICOTT**

Make your Lent more meaningful by joining us for an evening of Live Music by Jeremy Bobak & The Thrive Band, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity to experience the healing power of Confession.

Food and fellowship to follow... of course. See you there!!

For questions or to volunteer with set up or bake for the occasion, contact Tori at treynolds@syrdio.org.



St. Patrick's Day Mass
Friday, March 17, 2023
3:00pm

CELEBRANT & HOMILIST:
Rev. Brendan Foley
Parochial Vicar of Holy Cross, Dewitt

St. Patrick's Church
9 Leroy Street
Binghamton, NY 13905

**JOIN US AFTER
FOR THE
ST. PATRICK'S
HOOLEY!**

**FOOD AND DRINKS,
IRISH MUSIC,
IRISH DANCERS,
WILL IN THE GYM
FROM 4-8PM!**

FOR MORE INFO:
Facebook.com,
sta-sp.org
Or call the parish office:
(607)722-1060

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
March 18th & 19th, 2023

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| 4:00 Mass | Altar Server | Logan Kliment |
| 4:00 Mass | Altar Server | Kathryn White |
| 4:00 Mass | Altar Server | TBD |
| 4:00 Mass | Lector | Kurt and Kelly Mohnney |
| 4:00 Mass | EM Host | Marge Mangan |
| 4:00 Mass | EM Host | Beatrice Grace |
| 4:00 Mass | EM Host | Robert Grace |
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| 10:30 Mass | Altar Server | Abraham Watkins |
| 10:30 Mass | Altar Server | Alexander Watkins |
| 10:30 Mass | Altar Server | TBD |
| 10:30 Mass | Lector | Pat Clark |
| 10:30 Mass | EM Host | Anne Wolanski |
| 10:30 Mass | EM Host | Donna Igler |
| 10:30 Mass | EM Host | Scott Igler |

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

10:30 AM Mass

March 12: Cindy & Kathryn or Lauren White

March 19: Maria Kirk & Amy Drake

VIRTUAL LITURGIES

Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org
to watch our latest Sunday Mass or Liturgy
of the Word as well as Children's Liturgy
videos.

We will continue to post new videos for
reflection by 4:00PM on Saturdays.

Also find the videos on our
Facebook (search "@stfrancisbing")
YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)

**You can still view children's liturgy
virtually!**

Question of the Week

Question for Children: How do you experience
Jesus helping and loving you?

Question for Youth: Jesus revealed himself to
an outcast of society. How can you be "living
water" to the outcasts of your school? Society?
The world?

Question for Adults: When you are tempted to
try to satisfy your "thirst for meaning" through
some other means, what keeps you coming back
to the living water of intimacy with Christ?
Through what means do you experience Christ's
power in your life: Sacraments? Scripture? Prayer?
Others?

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