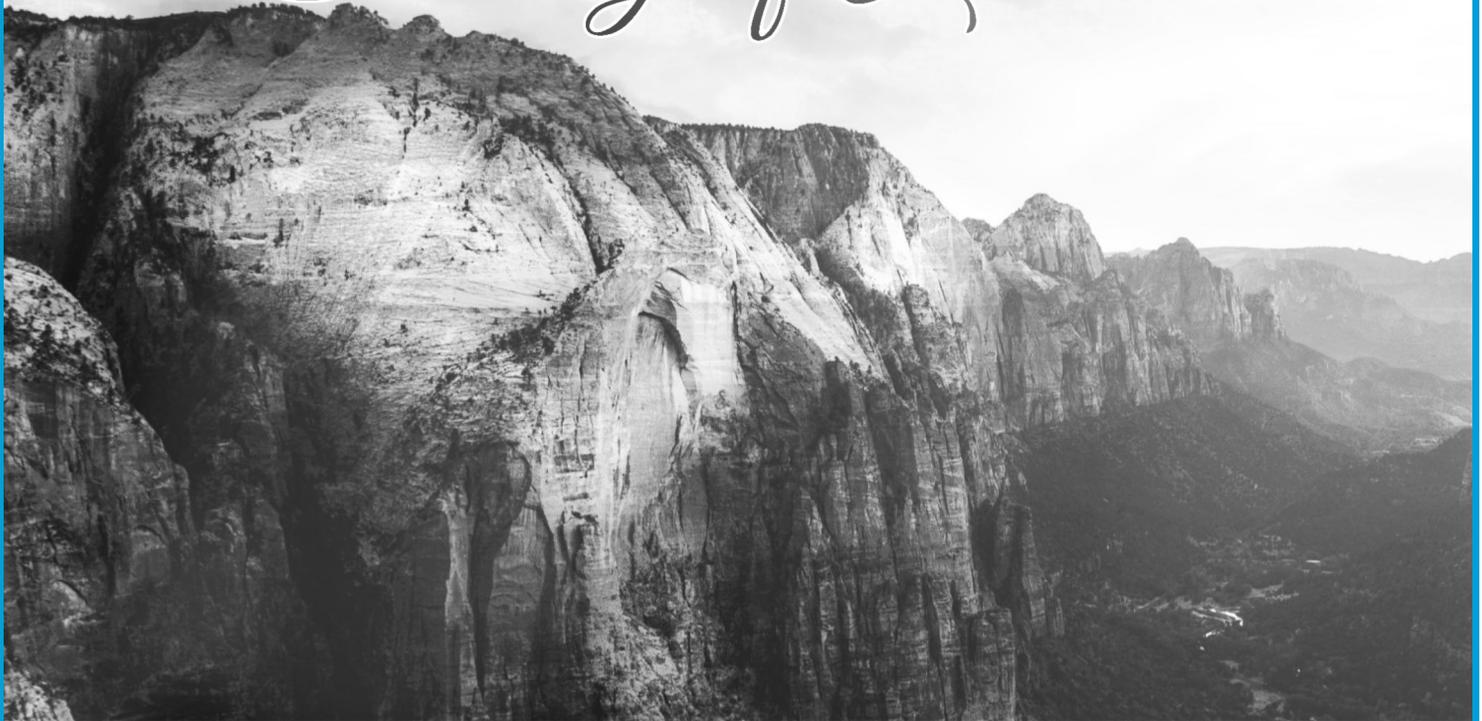


March 13, 2022

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

## *2nd Sunday of Lent*



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

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Please go online to [stfrancisbing.org](http://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 Facebook (search “@stfrancisbing”) Twitter (search “@stfrancisbing”) YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)



**Saturday, March 12, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Martha Savo by Mary Russik & Bernie O'Neil

**Sunday, March 13, Second Sunday of Lent**  
 10:30 a.m. John Krinik by Mary Jane & John Paske

**Monday, March 14**  
 12:00 p.m. Birthday Remembrance by Diane Dobish

**Tuesday, March 15**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Wednesday, March 16**  
 12:00 p.m. Loretta & Martin Collins by Daughter, Patti & the Bartolillo Family

**Thursday, March 17**  
 8:00 a.m. Sr. Lois Barton by Marge Mangan

**Friday, March 18**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, March 19, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Bob Shields by Alice Cavanagh

**Sunday, March 20, Third Sunday of Lent**  
 10:30 a.m. Martha Savo by Kathy & Glen Tait

**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 (03-06-22)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,270.00
Loose Collection.....	\$1,125.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$3,087.00
Total Collection.....	\$8,482.00

*Thank You for your generous contributions!*

**Faith Formation**

**Faith Formation for Grades K—9 meet today.**

**Save the Date: Sunday, March 20th**

First Eucharist Sharing Meal and Pew Banner project after class. Children will have class as usual, then meet with you in the Parish Hall to make their pew banner for First Eucharist Sunday. Please bring personal mementos to put on the banners. Banners and general craft items will be supplied. A ziti lunch will follow. Please RSVP the number in your group by March 15th. This project will take place during 10:30 Mass, please attend mass on Saturday evening.

**Save the Date: Sunday March 27th**

Students in Grades 7-8-9 will participate in the Southern Region Middle School Rally held at St. Patrick's Noon-5:30 PM. (This includes Mass for participants and their family.) All students will receive a hard copy of the content information as well as registration materials this weekend. Parents please check your email for details and registration forms. The Rally is not optional and replaces Faith Formation for this weekend.

**Pre-Cana: Marriage Prep Session**

For all engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony; an "in-person" Pre-Cana Day will be held on **Saturday, April 2, at St. Paul's Church (282 Chenango St.)**. The fee for the day is \$50, and registration is required. Due to Covid restrictions, there are limited spots, so please make your reservations EARLY by calling St. Paul/Mary Parish Office (607-723-5383) or (607-722-6492). We look forward to seeing you in April!

**"Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry"**

**St. Padre Pio**

This is the theme of the Diocese of Syracuse Women's Lenten Retreat to be held on Saturday, April 2, 7:45AM—12:30PM at St. James Church (147 Main St., Johnson City). Sr. Beth Ann Dillon will speak, and there will be Adoration, Benediction, Confession, Mass, Rosary, and food provided. To register, mail \$25 check payable to Diocese of Syracuse. On the check, note "Binghamton." Include the following information: your name, address, email, and parish. Or email to swc@syrdio.org and pay \$25 at the door. Limited walk-in registration is also available at the door.

**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, Fred Kephart.

## Lent 2022: A Season of Growth

Lent is a time for growth—to grow personally as well as a church community. Lent lies at the very heart of our Catholic/Christian faith. These next weeks can be approached as a time of retreat—a time for deepening our relationship with Christ and to deepen our baptismal commitment to live the Gospel in our day to day living. Central to our baptismal life in Christ is be in union and to live the mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection. Hopefully, what we are offering in this parish this Lenten season will assist you to further your growth in Christ. We begin with the distribution of ashes

### Days of Fasting & Abstinence

For all who have reached their eighteenth birthday and not yet reached their sixtieth birthday, a limit of one full meatless meal may be consumed. Days of abstinence include all Fridays during Lent. For all who have reached their fourteenth birthday, no meat may be consumed on Fridays during Lent.

### Presence: Lenten Program

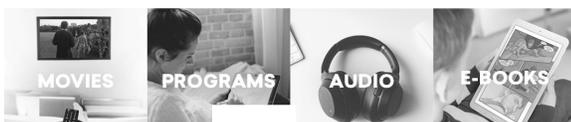
Join our parish in this year's engaging Lenten video study on Formed.org called PRESENCE: THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST. With beautiful filmmaking and powerful teaching, the PRESENCE series will move your heart and give you plenty to discuss with your study group over 3 weeks in March. We will meet **Tuesday (March 15, 22, & 29) at 2 PM or 7 PM or Wednesday (March 16, 23 & 30) at 10:30 AM via zoom, and in-person on Sunday morning (March 13, 20 & 27) during Faith Formation.** The Sunday session is directed to parents who would like to engage in a Lenten Study at a time that hopefully is more convenient to participate. This engaging video as well as many others can be found on [formed.org](https://www.formed.org)! Our parish has been given a 3 month free subscription through April to Formed for parishioners.

- 1.) To sign up either scan the QR code=> Or go directly to [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org)
- 2.) Enter our parish zip code (13901) or St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton
- 3.) Type in your email, and you are all set!



After you have registered for Formed you can download the free app for your apple or android devices just go to the app store and download the Formed app. **Zoom sessions and in-person sessions begin this week** please contact Maria Kirk at [Mkirk@syrдио.org](mailto:Mkirk@syrдио.org) or call the parish center at 607-722-4388 to sign up. Your study guides (\$5 each) can be picked up from Delores at the Parish Center. Monday --Thursday 8 AM--4 PM.

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## 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!

### Operation Rice Bowl:

#### PERSEVERANCE TO SUCCEED

Raúl and Lilian have faced many challenges while trying to provide for their family and pursue their dreams in Guatemala. With support from Catholic Relief Services, they have been able to overcome these obstacles and grow their business while helping their community along the way. In what ways are you being challenged to serve others this Lent? Visit [crsricebowl.org](https://www.crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

### Daily Mass—Lenten Reminder

This Lent, build into your schedule to attend **Mass in our church at 12Noon, Mondays & Wednesdays or in our chapel (in the parish center) at 8AM on Tuesdays & Thursdays.** Remember when daily Mass was a regular practice for young and old during Lent? Why not join us in our beautiful church and chapel as often as you can?! All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

## Catholic Relief Services Collection

Our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection on March 26/27. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's Love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](https://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

*O Prince of Peace,  
Once more we hear the guns of war,  
Once more we see the faces  
Of frightened children.  
We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
That they may be granted peace;  
We pray for the people of Russia,  
That they may demand peace;  
We pray for our country,  
That we may be a positive part  
Of peacemaking in this world.  
O Prince of Peace, lead us from this dark time  
To a deeper understanding  
Of the global human family,  
So all may break bread together  
In the secure embrace of peace.  
Amen.*

## Rosary Donations

The Sisters of St. Joseph are helping the immigrants by giving them rosaries. If anyone would like to donate your old or extra rosaries, it would be greatly appreciated. There will be a basket on the back table of the church for those who wish to give. Thank you!

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

#### **Transportation**

NO TRANSPORTATION

#### **Shelving (Mondays)**

NO SHELIVING

#### **Distribution**

March 15th— P. Peters, A. & S. Faughnan

### **Wednesday Lenten Speaker Series** **At Ogden Hillcrest UMC**

Our neighbors are having a Lenten speaker series that will be held Wednesdays, 7:00PM at Ogden Hillcrest UMC. All are invited!

**March 16th**— Fr. Tim Taugher, St. Francis of Assisi

**March 23rd**— Rev. Jennifer Piatt, Nimmonsburg UMC

**March 30th**— Rev. Nancy Adams, Binghamton District Superintendent

**April 6th**— Rev. Joyce Allen, Ogden Hillcrest UMC

### **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. **Submissions must be received by May 1, 2022.**

Contact M. Rankin, Scholarship Chair, at 607-773-8959 for more information.

### **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 22, 2022.**

### **John M. DeBella Scholarships**

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 four 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 our church's website. **Applications are due by 4 PM on Thursday, April 28th. (Please note, the parish office is closed on Friday).** In order to be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must be a REGISTERED member of the parish. Email [mkirk@syrдио.org](mailto:mkirk@syrдио.org) if you have any questions.

### **2nd Sunday of Lent:** **Creation Care Tips**

Besides perhaps fasting from sweets, caffeine, or alcohol during Lent and being more conscious of those who are hungry some or most days, this is the perfect time to be more intentional about cutting food waste. Almost 30-50% of food produced globally is wasted. With food waste comes the waste of water, energy, and land. Are you served too much food at a restaurant? Be sure to bring it home and enjoy it again the next day. Only buy large quantities of an item if you know you can finish it before it goes bad. If you have too many leftovers for yourself or your family, bring some to a neighbor who might welcome the gift. If you have extra produce from your garden or fruit trees, donate it to a local food bank or look for a gleaning group that will pick the excess and donate it for you.

### **2nd Sunday of Lent:** **Justice Challenge**

On March 15th we celebrate the feast day of Saint Louise De Marillac. She was known to have "an open heart for the poor." Your challenge this week is to explore your own heart and ask yourself if you have an open heart for the poor. Then take specific action to help someone who is poor. Volunteer at a homeless shelter, donate money to a helping agency, or invite someone in need into your home for a meal.

### **Southern Tier Afghan Resettlement Fund**

- Use your camera on your smartphone to scan this QR code =====>>
- Learn more about our Southern Tier Afghan Resettlement Fund
- Donate to help an Afghan family in need right here in the Southern Tier



*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

### **From Ashes to Glory** **A Lenten Reflection:**

#### **With famous composer and singer Dan Shutte**

**March 25**  
**7:00PM**

**March 26**

**10:00AM—1:00PM**

**Our Lady of Good Counsel**  
701 W. Main St.  
Endicott, NY

**St. Ambrose Church**  
203 Washington Ave.  
Endicott, NY

### **Online Giving**

Would you like to save paper and time when giving monetary donations to us? We have the option of online giving for your convenience. Visit our website [stfrancising.org](http://stfrancising.org) and click "**online giving**" in the menu. It's easy to set up using your checking account, credit, or debit card for automatic or one-time donation options and you can choose where the money goes.

***Ordinary Contribution, Repair, Maint. & Utilities,  
Catholic School Support, Catherine's Cupboard,  
Special Sunshine, and Capital Campaign***

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**  
**March 19th & 20th, 2022**

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Kathryn White
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Liam Wood
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Michaela Wood
4:00 Mass	Lector	Kathleen Tait
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Brenda Artman
4:00 Mass	EM Host	John Artman
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Maria Kirk

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Jonah Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Juliana Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sydney Keough
10:30 Mass	Lector	Logan Blakeslee
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Marie Iobst
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Shirley McCray
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Jules Furrer

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**Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule**

**March 20th**  
**Cindy & Lauren White**

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Please go online to  
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Children's Liturgy.

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reflection by 4:00PM on Saturdays.

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Facebook (search "@stfrancisbing")  
YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)

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

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**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Jesus invites you to be close to him, to see him with clear eyes. What is Jesus like as a friend?

**Question for Youth:** What do you most want God to help you with?

**Question for Adults:** Sometimes we can see Christ with clear eyes, as the disciples did on that mountain. Share about such a time in your own life.

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