

March 14, 2021

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

**CHRIST WITH ME, CHRIST BEFORE ME,
CHRIST BEHIND ME, CHRIST WITHIN ME.
ST. PATRICK**

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

Staff

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Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday:

7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Friday: Closed

Parish Office Phone: 722-4388

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www.stfrancisbing.org

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Please go online to stfrancisbing.org to view our latest Sunday mass. We will be posting new videos of our weekend liturgies by 4:00PM on Saturdays **even after our reopening.**

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

You can still attend weekend mass virtually!



Saturday, March 13, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Lucille Marsili by St. Francis' Bible Babes

Sunday, March 14, Fourth Sunday of Lent
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Celia Worden by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Monday, March 15
 12:00 p.m. Benjamin Komorek by Bob Connelly

Tuesday, March 16
 8:00 a.m. Kathie Rzodski by Meredith Everett

Wednesday, March 17
 12:00 p.m. Bob Shields by Marge Mangan

Thursday, March 18
 8:00 a.m. Anna Breski by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Friday, March 19
NO MASS

Saturday, March 20, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Louise Evans by Family

Sunday, March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna 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 (03-07-21)
 Regular/Holy Day Envelopes.....\$5,906.00
 Loose Collection.....\$134.00
 Electronic Collection.....\$4,590.00
 Total Collection.....\$10,630.00
Thank You for your generous contributions!

FAITH FORMATION
 Faith Formation for grades K-Confirmation meets this weekend 9:30-10:45.

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 (4), \$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 parish website. **Applications are due by 4PM on Thursday, April 29th.** 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.

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 17, 2021.** Contact M. Rankin, Scholarship Chair, at 773-8959 for more information.

Instructions for Reception of Holy Communion:
 †Masks will be worn by ALL (including those who have been fully vaccinated)
 †Direction will be provided for those receiving
 †The Precious Blood will NOT be offered
 †Reception will involve: receiving the Body of Christ in the hand **ONLY**, stepping aside, lifting the mask, consuming the Eucharist, returning the mask..
 †Please maintain social distancing of 6 feet!

NEED HELP GETTING VACCINATED?
 Joe Carpenter will be available to help with setting up COVID vaccine appointments from 10:00am to 12-noon Monday through Thursday at the Parish Center. Call ahead to schedule 722-4388.

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.

Lenten Visual

People have remarked on how much they appreciate the beautiful Lenten visual in front of the altar, it is a very moving depiction of the Passion of Christ. It was the thoughtful creation of Nick Norton. Thank you, Nick, for your good work!

Sr. Karen Celebrates 60 Years!

Yes, Sr. Karen celebrates her 60th Anniversary as a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Sr. Karen ministered here at our parishes for 26 years, and she made a lasting impact upon all of us as she was so faithful to those in the hospitals, nursing homes, and homebound. She continues to stay in touch with us via phone to get caught up on activities and life here at St. Francis of Assisi. So, Congratulations, Sr. Karen!

May God, who began the good work within you, bring it to completion in Jesus Christ.

The address below is Sr. Karen’s address if you would like to send a card.

Sister Karen Gaube
St. Joseph’s Provincial House
385 Watervliet Shaker Road
Latham, NY 12110

We Have a New President!



Last summer we had the privilege of having Fr. Joe Marina, SJ with us as he covered the parish when I was away. A few weeks ago he was appointed as the new president of the University of Scranton, making him their 28th president. Father Marina will be leaving his present duties at LeMoyné at the end of March, and prepare to assume his new responsibilities in Scranton. So we

Congratulate Fr. Marina and pledge our prayerful support as he prepares for his new position. You may see him again this summer!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

As we journey through this Lenten Season, it is an opportunity to reflect on the state of affairs in our lives. It is a penitential season, an opportunity to examine our consciences, and embrace the gift of God’s Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I realize it has been difficult over the course of this year to take advantage of this sacrament because of our restrictions due to COVID-19. I am offering two options for you to receive this Sacrament: the first is that I will be available every Saturday at 3PM in the church; or second, you can call the Parish Center (722-4388) to arrange for another time that works best for you. I have received both shots of the vaccination so I feel good to offer this now. As we prepare to renew the vows of our baptism, and celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, take time to share in the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

—
Fr. Tim

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 Padraig), 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.”



Les Miserable: The Gift of Love

God is a God of love. We see the foremost in Jesus Christ. God has extended love to us by redeeming us and rescuing us from the power of sin and death. As recipients of God’s love, we are given the opportunity to share God’s love with others. Together, let’s give witness to the love of God. Through our witness, may others also “taste and see that the Lord is good” (Psalm 34:8).

4th Sunday of Lent: Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: The Gospel reading teaches us that God loved us so much that he sent his only Son into the world. The Son brought light into the darkness of sin in our lives. Jesus told us that we also are the light of the world. Your challenge this week is to look at where in our worlds sin has brought darkness—through greed or hate or violence or prejudice. Then reflect on how you can bring light into this ugly situation. How can you be a light in the world for those who live in darkness?

CRS Collection

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

March 16th— R Rounds, B Grace, M Lyons

RCIA Announcement

The Pandemic is almost a year old and we are still masking and distancing (Good on those two things!) And some of us have been lucky enough to get both shots (but that doesn't make us invulnerable!) However, we must keep going and RCIA is one of those things we need to do. So, if anyone has heard from anyone that they have decided to explore the Catholic Faith, please don't keep it hidden! Let Deacon Steve, or Father Tim, or Mrs. Kirk or Delores in the office know. Any of us would be most happy to talk about the Faith and answer questions. Deacon Steve, 607-648-2155 or steveblabac@yahoo.com Thank you.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York
Case No. 20-30663

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on June 19, 2020, The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

The Bankruptcy Court has established April 15, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date").

If you have a claim against the Diocese including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date with Stretto, the appointed Claims Agent.

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/dioceseforsyracuse> or call (855) 329-4244 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY FUTURE DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

HOOLEY 2022

By the Grace of God and
a little Luck of the IRISH
we will see you
with your dancing shoes
and a smile on your face!
Thanks to all of our friends
Stay safe!
See you MARCH 2022



Have you had enough of COVID? Plan a cruise to the Land of the Midnight Sun in July 2022.

Berkshire Travel Agency Presents

A 14-Day Best of Norway Aboard the Rotterdam

July 9 — 24, 2022

Hosted by Fathers:

John Yonkovig, Don Henry, Tom Ryan, and Tim Taugher

Cruise Itinerary

Valid U.S Passports Required

Day	Port	Arrive	Depart
Sat	Overnight flight to Amsterdam, Netherlands		
Sun	Depart Amsterdam		5:00PM
Mon	Sea Day		
Tue	Scenic cruising Oslofjord		
Tue	Oslo, Norway	8:00AM	4:00PM
Wed	Kristiansand, Norway	8:00AM	5:00PM
Thu	Stavanger, Norway	8:00AM	3:00PM
Fri	Scenic cruising Sognefjord		
Fri	Flam, Norway	7:00AM	7:00PM
Sat	Sea Day		
Sun	Amsterdam, Netherlands		
Mon	Sea Day		
Tue	Eidfjord, Norway	7:00AM	3:00PM
Tue	Scenic cruising Hardangerfjord		
Wed	Alesund, Norway	8:00AM	5:00PM
Thu	Geiranger, Norway	7:00AM	5:00PM
Thu	Cruising Geirangerfjord		
Fri	Bergen, Norway	8:00AM	5:00PM
Sat	Sea Day		
Sun	Debark Amsterdam	7:00AM	

Berkshire Travel Group Rates

(Per person/double Occupancy)

Category	Stateroom Description	Berkshire Rate
J	Inside Stateroom	\$2,855.00
E	Outside Stateroom	\$3,454.00
VD	Verandah Stateroom	\$3,805.00

Rate includes: Cruise accommodations as desired, port taxes and government fees, meals and entertainment on board ship, cocktail party for group

Not included: personal items, gratuities on board ship, airfare and transfers

Cancellation insurance is available and recommended

Deposit: \$600 per person is required to secure a room.

Contact Kathy Coll (610)372-4652 for more information!

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
March 20th & 21st, 2021

4:00 P.M. Mass

Designation ONLY

8:00 A.M. Mass

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11:00 A.M. Mass

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**Children’s Liturgy of The Word will be
posted by Noon on Saturdays!**

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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