

March 17, 2019

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

Living the Eucharist

Called to Conversion— Through the Word

"Then they said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?'" (Luke 24:32).



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



Weekend's Offering (03-10-19)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,753.00
Loose Collection.....	\$284.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,847.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,884.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

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

Monday, March 18
8:00 a.m. William Hanagan by Mary Ellen Meskell

Tuesday, March 19
8:00 a.m. Rick Vavra by Jackie Lubniewski

Wednesday, March 20
8:00 a.m. Frank Chabin by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Thursday, March 21
8:00 a.m. Paul Kadlecik, Jr. by John & Laura Walker

Friday, March 22
NO MASS

Saturday, March 23, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

Sunday, March 24, Third Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Mark Solyan by Rita Michalovic & Family
11:00 a.m. Joe & Rita Brozovic by Don & Barbara Brozovic

Faith Formation

LEAP in the church Grades K-9, at 9:30 AM Opening Prayer will focus on St. Patrick. Grades 7-8-9 will be dismissed for Living the Eucharist after Opening. Grades K-6 will continue with the Stations of the Cross in the church. Parents with kids in grades K-6 are encouraged to attend. Dismissal will be from the Parish Hall.

Looking Ahead:

1st Eucharist Sharing Meal and Pew Banner project will take place on March 31st after class. The children and parents will make the pew banners then have lunch. Please attend 4 PM or 8 AM Mass this weekend.

Please note:

FF Calendar typo! The Rice Bowl Wrap-Up Prayer Service will be held on **April 14th NOT March 24th**. Rice Bowls can be turned in on or after April 14th.

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 23/24

4:00 PM Mass— Maria Kirk/Roberta Cushing
8:00 AM Mass— Ede Blabac/Bridget Vavra

March 30/31

4:00 PM Mass— Alison and Dan Brennan
8:00 AM Mass— Ede Blabac/Bridget Vavra

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.

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.

Irish Humor for the Holy Day

Fr. Doyle walks into a pub in Tipperary and asks the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

The man said, "I do Father!"

Fr. Doyle replied, "Then stand over there against the wall."

Next, Fr. Doyle asked a second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

"Certainly Father!", was the man's response.

"Then stand over there against the wall", said Fr. Doyle

Finally, Fr. Doyle walked up to Paddy and inquired, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

Paddy responded, "No, I don't Father."

Fr. Doyle reacted, "I don't believe this, a fine Catholic you are, and you mean to tell me when you die you don't want to go to heaven?"

Paddy countered, "Oh when I die, yes!!! I thought you were getting a group together to go on a trip right now!"

**Christ as a light,
Illumine and guide me!**

Christ as a shield, o'ershadow and cover me!

Christ be under me! Christ me over me!

**Christ be beside me, On the left hand
and right!**

Christ be before me, behind me, about me;

Christ this day be within and without me!



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.

Lent 2019: A Season of Growth

Operation Rice Bowl: Encounter Annet

In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit 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

This Lenten journey and our Christian life is both a juxtaposition and a symbiotic relationship between glory and sacrifice. We fast, we offer funds and volunteer hours, we commit to additional prayers. We feel the strain and pull at our normal life through the out-of-the-ordinary sacrifice. Yet through our gifts and self-denial, we brush something extraordinary. The spark in someone's eye as we greet them in the soup kitchen line. The peace of an open Bible on a quiet morning. The resolve in our child's face as their coins clink into the almsgiving jar. Little glories born as fruit of our sacrifices. Here and gone in moments, perhaps, but ready to emerge again should we persevere. This week, commit to your Lenten sacrifices with renewed resolve.



We Have Some Great Swimmers in the Parish

A number of our parish youth are on the Chenango Valley Swim Team, and they have had an incredible season in the water. They have achieved some great accomplishments, setting records and the relay team rank 19th in the state. So congratulations to Michael Schultz, Eli Lanfear, Peyton Broderick, James Bush, and Andrew Rice! Your hard work has resulted in a successful season for you!

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of March 17th — Nancy Oliver

Week of March 24th — Michelle Warne

Shelving (Mondays)

March 18th — J. & K. Brady

March 25th — Alex Hayes & Carol

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

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.

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 or on our church website.

Applications are due by noon, on **April 26th.**

Please be sure to attach 3 letters of recommendation.

Applicants **must** be registered members 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. This award is not just a one-year award but has the potential of multiple years if all requirements are met. Interested applicants should contact their school Guidance Counselor.

Submissions must be received by **May 1st.**

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

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.

St. Francis CYO Cheerleading

The CYO Cheerleading competition was held last Sunday March 10th at Jennie F. Snapp School. Coach Leah Chamberlain's Grammar school team was number 1 in their division. The girls finished 13 points ahead of the second place finishers.

A BIG CONGRATULTIONS to the coaches and all the cheerleaders. The winning team members were: Olivia DiRienzo, Olivia Blaise, Kaylee Guelzow, Braidynn Weiss, Lizzy Merwin, Natalie Dodson, Ka'mia Edwards, Ka'Leah Edwards, Emilee Greiner, Lily Young, Kristen Young, Arielle Mahugu, Alyssa Snell, and Lola Montemagno

FANTASTIC JOB!!!!

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 14th & Easter is the 21st.

Again, let us know about those special requests.

Call Lynda & Joe Carpenter @ 772-6732

or

email 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 available at the door.



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

March 23rd & 24th, 2019

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Catherine Shafer
EM Host	Debbie Carden
EM Host	Paulette Scales
EM Host	Ron Scales
EM Cup	Judy Murphy
EM Cup	Daniel Minch
EM Cup	Mary Frances Charsky
EM Cup	Peggy Munson
Altar Server	Vincent Williams
Altar Server	Tyler Norton
Altar Server	Madelyn Strnatka

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Ed White
EM Host	Debbie Davis
EM Host	Ede Blabac
EM Host	Joanne Horoschak
EM Cup	Marie Iobst
EM Cup	Kurt or Kelly Mohny
EM Cup	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Tim Vaverchak
Altar Server	James Bush
Altar Server	Mary Bush
Altar Server	Sarah Bush

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Joe Sardella
EM Host	Virginia Thompson
EM Host	Emily Ekstrom
EM Host	Betty Church
EM Cup	Sue Jones
EM Cup	Maria Lord
EM Cup	Steve Guth
EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	Nolan Sirgany
Altar Server	

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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