

March 19, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

LENTEN VIDEO SERIES (#2)

March 21st



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

Confession:

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

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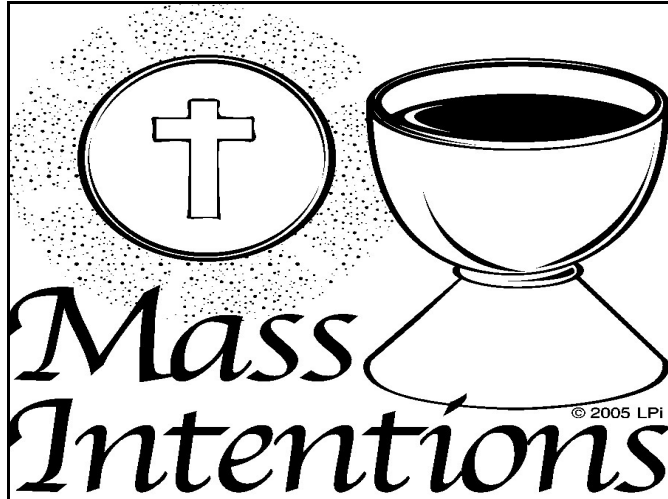
Website:

www.stfrancisbing.org

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

Monday, March 20

12:00 p.m. Marianne Watters Rodriguez by Kathie & Chuck Healy

Tuesday, March 21

8:00 a.m. Colleen Jones by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Wednesday, March 22

12:00 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving

Thursday, March 23

8:00 a.m. Charles Rettig by Family

Friday, March 24

NO MASS

Saturday, March 25, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Gerald Davies by Wife, Dottie

Sunday, March 26, Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:30 a.m. Ray Paske by Bev Krinik & 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 (03-12-23)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$3,443.00
Loose Collection.....	\$289.06
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,852.00
Total Collection.....	\$5,584.06

Thank you for your generosity!

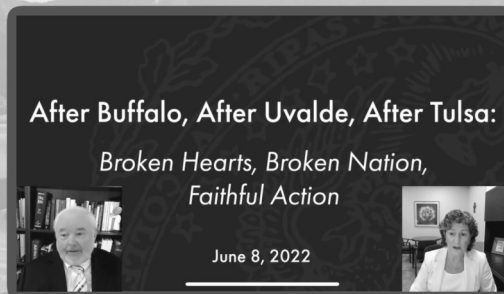
Faith Formation

Faith Formation for grades K-6 today.

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.

LENTEN VIDEO SERIES (#3)

March 28th



**Screenings
at 2:00PM
& 7:00PM**

**St. Francis of Assisi
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Penance Service

Sunday, March 26th

@ 4:00PM

in the church

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

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 Hallie Canale.



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 21st, March 28th, and April 4th** at 2 and 7 pm and will be followed by group discussion. stfrancisbing.org for more.

Funeral Luncheons

This past week 8 parishes met to re-establish our funeral luncheons as we did in the past. With the new look of the parish hall the environment creates a welcoming spirit. Funeral luncheons convey a good spirit of hospitality to these families grieving during a difficult time. It would be ideal to have 3 teams of 5 or 6 people, which would make it possible to offer this without a small group assuming all the responsibility. We generally have around 25-30 funerals per year. So, over the course of the year each team would do 5-6 funerals. Not too much to ask! If you are interested please call the parish center (607-722-4388). Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Funeral Luncheon Desserts

We are looking for volunteer bakers to provide desserts for funeral luncheons. If you bake, your goodies can be prepared ahead of time and dropped off at the parish center. If you are interested please call the parish center and leave your name (607-722-4388). THANK YOU!

4th Sunday of Lent: Creation Care Tip

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.” —Psalm 23:1-3

Sometimes as people who are fighting to save the environment we can get so caught up in our efforts that we forget that God calls us to take a weekly Sabbath to rest, be still, and be rejuvenated. Sabbath time is essential to remind ourselves that we are not the Creator. It is not up to us to keep creation ticking. The fate of the world does not rest in our hands. In fact, God wants us, invites us, and even commands us, to take time to rest and be renewed. This week, build in some time to relax in nature and relish its beauty, power, and peacefulness. Take a nap under a tree, get out some binoculars to watch birds at the shore, go for a walk, and simply appreciate the beauty in your neighborhood, even if it’s just a dandelion growing out of a crack in the sidewalk. Do something that’s your version of lying down in green pastures and resting beside still waters.

4th Sunday of Lent: Justice Challenge

The Gospel this Sunday addresses the story of the man born blind. The Jews blamed his parents and their sins for his condition, but Jesus taught a different message—that God doesn’t punish people for things which aren’t their fault. Your challenge this week is to look at how you judge others and yourself. Do you look at people’s actions through the lens of a loving God? Do you give others the benefit of the doubt? And are you gentle with yourself? Do you forgive yourself when you mess up, trusting in a God who forgives infinitely? God is the arbiter of justice, and we are called to trust in God’s judgment, which ultimately is so much more merciful than human judgment. Place the world in God’s hands this week, and stop yourself from judging.

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 or at the door 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!!!

Why Return to the Church? Reflection

1. Can you think of any time in your life that you returned to something you had given up? How did you feel? What made it easy? What made it hard?
2. Many people find that the church supports a lot of the basic human values they treasure, e.g., family, inner peace, personal dignity, integrity, and hope. What values do you think the church can best support in your life?
3. If you were to name the most important thing you received from your Catholic heritage, what would you say that it was? How do you see that continuing in your present and future life?

Friday, April 7, 2023



**Good Friday
Soup Supper**

**4:30pm – 7pm
Take-out
\$8**

Take-out only: soups (Manhattan Clam Chowder, Mushroom Soup and Potato Leek Soup) with bread and dessert for \$8.

**AOH Hall, 148 Main Street
Binghamton, NY 13905**

**Sign up at the AOH Hall or call 607.772.0280 or 607.727.2262,
deadline for reservations is March 31st**

Sponsored by Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 2

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

March 25th & 26th, 2023

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Michaela Wood
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Mackenzie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Catherine Shafer
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Kurt Mohny
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Kelly Mohny
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Peggy Munson
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Jonah Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Juliana Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Mary Bush
10:30 Mass	Lector	Ildiko Mitchell
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Marie Iobst
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Shirley McCray
10:30 Mass	EM Host	David Hanzes

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

10:30 AM Mass

March 19: Maria Kirk & Amy Drake

March 26: Ede & Sarah Blabac

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: What are the things
that Jesus wants you to do as his friend?

Question for Youth: Jesus helped a blind
man see—and he helps each of us see the
world differently. How do you see different-
ly because you believe?

Question for Adults: Share how you, as a
child of the light, in the power of Christ,
produce goodness, justice, and truth for the
world. What specific actions do you take to
do this?

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