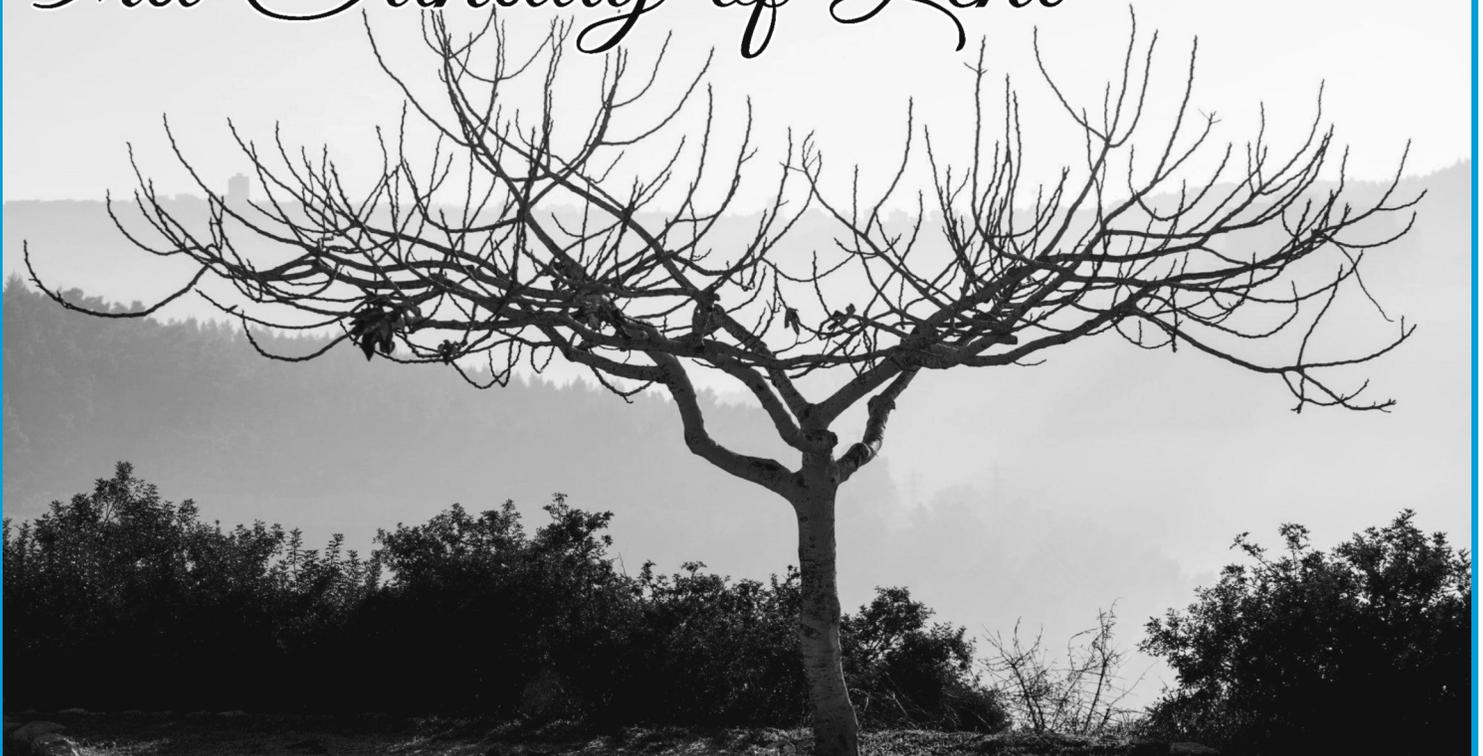


March 20, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

3rd Sunday of Lent



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

Staff

Rev. Timothy Taugher, Pastor
Deacon Stephen Blabac
Delores A. Farwell
Parish Administrative Assistant
Maria Kirk
Director of Faith Formation
Joseph Carpenter
Parish Business Administrator
Suzanne Ekstrom
Parish Media Manager
Edmund Savo
Organist
Fred Hazlett
Maintenance/Groundskeeper
Tina Silvestri
Housekeeper
Brendan Heaney
Tyler Norton
Sacristans

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

Parish Office Phone: 722-4388
Faith Formation Office Phone:
722-4177

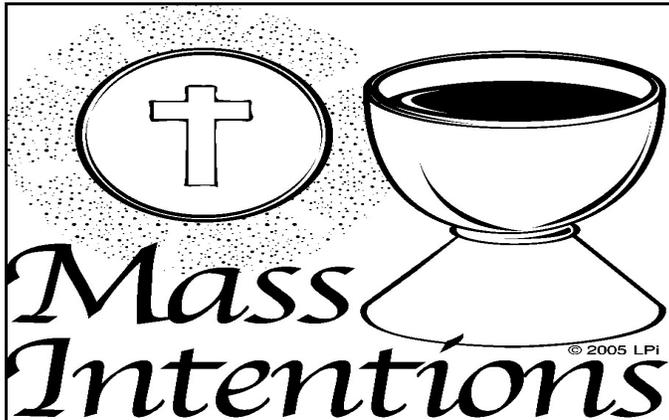
E-mail:
stfrancisbing@syrdio.org

Website:
www.stfrancisbing.org

Follow us on FB & Twitter:
[@stfrancisbing](https://www.facebook.com/stfrancisbing)

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
Binghamton)



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

Monday, March 21
 12:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

Tuesday, March 22
 8:00 a.m. Robert Seaman by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Wednesday, March 23
 12:00 p.m. Mary Steen by John & Brenda Artman

Thursday, March 24
 8:00 a.m. Bill Ryan by Chuck & Kathie Healy

Friday, March 25
NO MASS

Saturday, March 26, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Gerald Davies by Wife, Dottie

Sunday, March 27, Fourth Sunday of Lent
 10:30 a.m. Raymond & Helen Tyczkowski by Barb & Don Brozovic

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 (03-13-22)

Regular Envelopes.....\$3,989.00
 Loose Collection.....\$180.00
 Electronic Collection.....\$1,862.00
 Total Collection.....\$6,031.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation for Grades K—9 meet today.

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.

Rosary Donations

The Sisters of St. Joseph are helping the immigrants and homeless in NYC and Africa 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!

Penance Service

**Sunday, April 3rd @ 4:00PM
 at the church**

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.

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

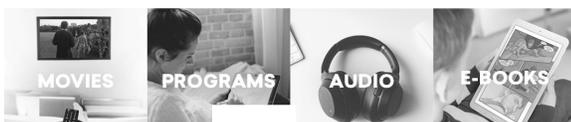
Join our parish in this year's engaging Lenten video study on Formed.org called PRESENCE: THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST. With beautiful filmmaking and powerful teaching, the PRESENCE series will move your heart and give you plenty to discuss with your study group over 3 weeks in March. We will meet **Tuesday (March 22, & 29) at 2 PM or 7 PM or Wednesday (March 23 & 30) at 10:30 AM** via zoom, and in-person on Sunday morning (March 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! 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
- 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@syrdio.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.

FORMED



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: OVERCOMING DISASTER

In Bangladesh, cyclones and other natural disasters are increasing—destroying farms, homes and more—making it difficult for people like Noornobi to earn a living and support their families. But Noornobi has learned new techniques to protect his land and income, enabling his niece and nephew to go to school. How can you care for creation to help the planet and our global family? Visit csrricebowl.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

Next week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. 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 consider how you can support the collection. www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

PRAY WITH UKRAINE

**Wednesday, March 23rd
@ 7:00PM
St. James Church
(147 Main St. Johnson City, NY)**

Let us come together to show our support for Ukraine

We will be taking a special Ukrainian relief collection on Sunday, April 3rd and 10th. More details will follow in next week's bulletin.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

April 5th— J. Wyatt, K. Dotson, K. & T. Barnhart

Moving Forward: Renovations

Yes, we are moving forward with our church hall renovations. On Monday, March 14th, work began downstairs. The first phase is on demolition of the bathrooms, constructing the new rooms to be handicap accessible, and certainly a very new look. We have chosen our contractors for the project. Bryant Heating, Panko Electric, and Evan's Plumbing and Heating. We have had the great assistance of Ed King who is affiliated with the Diocese and gives oversight to parishes doing major work. Please keep this project in your prayers, and we will keep you updates as we progress. This initiative would not be possible if it wasn't for enthusiastic support. So, THANK YOU!

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 are available 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, office is closed on Friday).** In order to be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must be a REGISTERED member of the parish. Email mkirk@syrdio.org if you have any questions.

3rd Sunday of Lent: Creation Care Tips

During Lent the readings are full of desert imagery, especially the Old Testament readings which tell the story of the Israelites wandering in the desert for 40 long years, sometimes on the brink of death from lack of food and water. As Pope Benedict preached, "The external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast." Pope Francis' proposed solution for this is an interior conversion whereby our faith in Jesus is demonstrated by our relationship with the natural world. This week consider whether others can recognize in you a faith that moves you to action on behalf of the environment.

3rd Sunday of Lent: Justice Challenge

As we enter more deeply into Lent, we recall Jesus washing the feet of his apostles. This action contains two essential challenges for those who seek justice in the world: the challenge to serve and the challenge to be served. Jesus sets the example to serve in ways that may seem to be beneath us and calls Peter to accept service. Many great leaders, even in the corporate world, spend some of their time doing the work of the lowest paid person in the organization as an important reminder that all work is valuable. This act is also a beautiful sign that the service of these all-too-often forgotten people is well-received by the leader. Step out of your comfort zone this week and do a task that may seem to be beneath you. Experience the dignity in your simple service.

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

Our Lady of Good Counsel

701 W. Main St.

Endicott, NY

March 26

10:00AM—1:00PM

St. Ambrose Church

203 Washington Ave.

Endicott, NY

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 23rd— Rev. Jennifer Piatt, Nimmonsburg UMC

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

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

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
March 26th & 27th, 2022

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Kathryn White
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Brendan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Lector	Sally Oraband
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Steve Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Denise Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Marge Mangan

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Jessica Wojnar
10:30 Mass	Lector	Mike Stricek
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Lyndsey Lopiccolo

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

March 27th
Dan & Alison Brennan

Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org
to view our latest Sunday mass and
Children's Liturgy.

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: God wants
your faith to result in good living.
What steps can you take during Lent to
make sure that happens?

Question for Youth: What needs
changing in your life right now? How
will you invite God into that change?

Question for Adults: What steps are
you taking this Lent to make sure that
your faith bears fruit in good works?

END OF BULLETIN

CHURCH NAME: St. Francis of Assisi
CITY, STATE: Binghamton, NY
FILE NAME: 06-168
PHONE: **607-722-4388**
Contact: Delores A. Farwell or Sue Ekstrom

Comments:
Bulletin copy for **March 13th, 2022**

Deliver 250 copies to St. Francis of Assisi.