

March 21, 2021

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

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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

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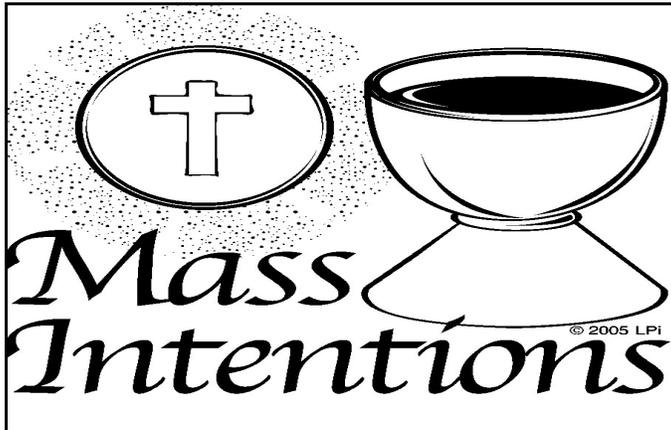
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Please go online to [stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org) to view our latest Sunday mass. We will be posting new videos of our weekend liturgies by 4:00PM on Saturdays **even after our reopening.**

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 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

**Monday, March 22**  
12:00 p.m. Virginia Hope by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

**Tuesday, March 23**  
8:00 a.m. Danielle Mc Intosh by Ann Clune

**Wednesday, March 24**  
12:00 p.m. Theresa Dromgoole by Diane & Bob Yajko

**Thursday, March 25**  
8:00 a.m. Mark Simonis by the Cavanagh Family

**Friday, March 26**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, March 27, Vigil of Sunday**  
4:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv. Gerald Davies by Wife, and Family

**Sunday, March 28, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People  
11:00 a.m. Madeline Benke by Jules Furrer

**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 (03-14-21)**

Regular/Holy Day Envelopes.....\$3,986.00  
Loose Collection.....\$120.00  
Electronic Collection.....\$1,772.00  
Total Collection.....\$5,878.00

*Thank You for your generous contributions!*

**FAITH FORMATION**

Faith Formation for **grades K—9** 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 Mon. through Thurs. at the Parish Center. Call 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, especially John Krinik.

### Lenten and Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday ~ March 27th at 4PM, March 28th at 8AM & 11AM

*For those who cannot attend you can pick up palms between 9:30AM—10:30AM*

Holy Thursday ~ April 1st at 7:00PM  
*Mass of the Lord's Supper*

Good Friday ~ April 2nd at 3:00PM  
*Passion of the Lord*

Holy Saturday ~ April 3rd at Noon  
*Blessing of the food and baskets at the Parish Center*

Easter Vigil ~ April 3rd at 8:00PM

Easter Sunday ~ April 4th at 8:00AM, 11:00AM

**IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED to call ahead for Mass Reservations!**

### Congratulations Jo-Ann Sexton!

Congratulations to our fellow parishioner, Jo-Ann Sexton! Jo-Ann has been unanimously appointed by the Board of Education to be Whitney Point School District's new Superintendent! Congratulations again Jo-Ann!



### 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 LeMoyne 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*

### 5th Sunday of Lent: Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: March 22nd is World Water Day. The foundation of all Catholic social teaching is respect for the life and dignity of every human person. Fundamental to both life itself and life lived with dignity is access to clean water. Around the world, millions of people—elderly people, children, and all ages in between—suffer because of a scarcity of water. Your challenge this week is two-fold. First, examine how your family use water. Do you conserve it as a precious and God-given resource which is not unlimited? Pay attention to how much water you waste (e.g. brushing your teeth). Then on Saturday, discuss how you can limit your use of water and commit to it—at least for the rest of the Lenten season. Secondly, decide on one way you can support people in areas of the world which do not have clean water. You might want to research particular programs of Catholic Relief Services which help people dig wells or purify contaminated water (Go to [crs.org](http://crs.org) for details). Then make a donation on behalf of those denied dignity by helping them receive life-giving water.

### CRS Collection

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) for more information on how to give.

## Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

### Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

### Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

### Distribution

April 6th— K. & T. Barnhart, N. Oliver

## 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](mailto: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").**

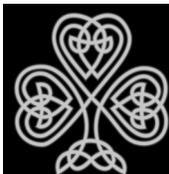
If you have a claim against the Diocese including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date with Stretto, the appointed Claims Agent.

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 27th & 28th, 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:** Name one thing you can do or stop doing that will help you have a better friendship with Jesus.

**Question for Youth:** Sometimes one thing needs to die in order for something new to be born. When have you experienced this in your own life? What do you need to let go of now for something new to grow?

**Question for Adults:** Name one area in your life that you need to let go of, to die to, in order to rise with new life.

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