

March 24, 2019

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

Living the Eucharist

Belief and Belonging

A few years ago, a popular department store launched an advertising campaign at the holiday season centered on a logo made up of the word "Believe!" This cheerful exclamation emblazoned on shopping bags and the like might suggest believing in Santa Claus, or yourself, or, really, anything.



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

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Office Hours:
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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 (03-17-19)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,890.00
Loose Collection.....	\$515.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$509.00
Total Collection.....	\$5,914.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

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

Monday, March 25
8:00 a.m. Mary Stone by Glenn & Rosemary Reich

Tuesday, March 26
8:00 a.m. Mark Simonis by the Cavanagh Family

Wednesday, March 27
8:00 a.m. Brian Petraske by Family

Thursday, March 28
8:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Friday, March 29
NO MASS

Saturday, March 30, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Rob Loftus by Wife, Sheila

Sunday, March 31, Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Gertrude Thomas by Helen & Jack Lawrence
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.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation today for Grades K-9 begins with Opening Prayer in the Church, dismissal from the school as usual.

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.

The Living Stations of the Cross will be performed at St. James Church on Friday, April 5th at 7 PM.

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

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, Father Alfred Bebel.

IGNITE 2019 Catholic Men's Conference

Attention men of the parish, the theme for the 11th Annual IGNITE Men's Conference is Exalt: O God be Merciful to me a Sinner. As usual there are 3 tremendous speakers that will challenge all who attend. You can be part of it on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the SRC Arena & Event Center for an amazing day that will have a tremendous impact on you. You can register for the IGNITE 2019 Catholic Men's Conference, online at www.ignitecatholicmen.org. Limited seating available. **We have TWO TICKETS available on a first come first serve basis, call Delores at 722-4388.**

There will be a group leaving St. Mary's parking lot (on side of the rectory). Please arrive no later than 6:30AM. We will have a number of vehicles driving up. If you plan to join us, email smamensgroup@gmail.com so we know you are coming.

Information Seminar About the Permanent Diaconate

St. Mary's Church (59 N. Main Street, Cortland, NY)
 Sunday, April 14th, 2:00PM—4:30PM

A Permanent Deacon is ordained as a Sacramental Sign of the Church, as servant in active love and justice in society, in heralding the Word of God and in celebrating the Sacraments. If you have an interest in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Syracuse or about the Deacon Formation Program, this information seminar will assist you in your discernment.

Eligibility Requirements:

Men wishing to apply to enter the deacon formation program (next class beginning September 2020), **must** attend an Information Seminar together with their spouse. The next following seminar will be June 2nd which will meet at St. Mary's in Hamilton, NY.

Male applicants (who have discerned a call to service and who have parish or agency sponsorship) must have completed the Diocesan Formation for Ministry Program or its equivalent and completed the Safe Environment Training Program.

For further information, contact:

Fr. Louis F. Aiello, Diocesan Director (315)470-1479

Formation for Ministry

Formation for Ministry is a two year program for lay adult Catholics who wish to grow in faith and service in response to their Baptismal call to share the Gospel. The program leads to certification in a specialized area of ministry and Commissioning by the diocesan Bishop. Formation for Ministry is a pre-requisite for applying to the Deacon formation program. Come to St. Mary's Church (59 N. Main, Cortland) on April 14th from 1:00PM—2:00PM to learn more.

Register at formationforministrysyrdio.org

Lent 2019: A Season of Growth

Operation Rice Bowl: Encounter Dhathcroos Family

The Dhathcroos family returned home after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community to rebuild their lives? 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

Jesus is concerned with liberation and freedom for all men and women. Jesus is looking for "fruit" or "results". Don't focus on judgment and condemnation. Get focused on action, liberation, and mercy. That is what God is about. That is what the Christian community is about. We are called to be concerned with justice and the plight of those who are oppressed. God wants us to focus on environmental justice, economic justice, just international relations, and a commitment to peace.

Lenten Penance Service



**April, 7th 2019
 4:00PM**



Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of March 24th — Michelle Warne

Week of March 31st— Nancy Oliver

Shelving (Mondays)

March 25th — Alex Hayes & Carol

April 1st — C. & B. Danoski

Distribution

April 2nd— B. Grace, R. & P. Scales, M. Peters, M. Lyons, M. Quinn

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.

Youth and Family Rally

When: April 10th, 2019

6:00PM — 8:30PM

Featuring: Jackie Francois Angel, full-time speaker/singer-songwriter/ worship leader

For Who: Grades 7—12 and Parents

What: Talk, Prayer, Adoration, Confession, and Music

Where: St. Vincent Blessed Sacrament, Vestal NY

To Register Your Family:

<https://goo.gl/forms/TSL0gpudjUloeQZS2>

For more information contact Maria Kirk at 722-4177

Celebrate 10 years of St. Francis of Assisi



Join us for coffee and cake in the church hall on **Saturday, April 13th after 4:00PM Mass or on Sunday, April 14th after 8:00AM or 11:00AM Mass.**

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS INDOOR GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY APRIL 6TH

9-1

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS GYM

MULTIPLE FAMILIES

GREAT VARIETY OF ITEMS TO CHOOSE FROM

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet

The Knights of Columbus' "Breakfast with Bunny" Buffet is scheduled for Sunday, April 14th from 8:30 - 11:00a.m. in the Church Hall. Please join us for a great breakfast!



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

March 30th & 31st, 2019

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Joe Carpenter
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Carole Parga
EM Host	Bob Grace
EM Cup	Bea Grace
EM Cup	Ethan Glenn
EM Cup	Rosemary Rounds
EM Cup	Suzanne Carr
Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
Altar Server	Mikey Schultz
Altar Server	Logan Lomonaco

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Ed & Kay Corcoran
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Katie Ginalski
EM Host	Scott Klein
EM Cup	Melissa Kliment
EM Cup	Maureen Mizzoni
EM Cup	Steve Baxter
EM Cup	Denise Baxter
Altar Server	Ian Ginalski
Altar Server	Brendan Kliment
Altar Server	Logan Kliment

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	George Clark
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Lyndsey LoPiccolo
EM Host	Pat Clark
EM Cup	Karyn Church
EM Cup	Steve Church
EM Cup	David Hanzes
EM Cup	Jules Furrer
Altar Server	Jessica Wojnar
Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
Altar Server	Alexander Watkins

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?

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