

March 24, 2024

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



# Palm Sunday

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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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**Saturday, March 23, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Daniel Mc Garry by the Bucci Family

**Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
 10:30 a.m. Madeline Benke by Jules Furrer

**Monday, March 25**  
 12:00 p.m. Clara Ernst by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

**Tuesday, March 26**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Wednesday, March 27**  
 12:00 p.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

**Thursday, March 28, Holy Thursday**  
 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday, March 29, Good Friday**  
 3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

**Saturday, March 30, Holy Saturday**  
 8:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

**Sunday, March 31, Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People  
 10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Catherine's Cupboard**  
 CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD has been serving our community for the past 20+ years, it's **open the 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month from 5 till 7 (or until all are served)**. We serve anyone who comes, asking only for ID, if they have any. As members of SOUTHERN TIER FOOD BANK, we purchase at wholesale (or less), providing **basic dry or canned goods, fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy, and frozen meats**. We try to provide **5 days of meals** and include **personal care items** also. We operate on **100% donations or grants**. Our location at the parish center means we have most overhead costs covered. However, we serve over 1200 people, requiring a budget of close to \$50,000 a year. PLEASE tell anyone you know who is feeling food insecure to stop in. **If you would like to donate food items, they can be left at parish center or food barrel in church foyer. Monetary donations can be mailed to our parish office or via the online giving tab at [stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org)**

**Weekend's Offering (03-03-24)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,700.00
Loose Collection.....	\$300.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$2,455.00
Total Collection.....	\$9,455.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**FAITH FORMATION**  
 Faith Formation today for Grades K-9 at 9:00AM in the Parish Hall. We will begin with a Rice Bowl ending Prayer. Rice Bowls will be collected.

- Looking Ahead:**
- ✚ No Faith Formation March 31, Happy Easter!
  - ✚ First Eucharist Sharing Meal and Pew Banner Project Sunday, April 14th after Mass.
  - ✚ Area Grade 7-8-9 Gathering, April 21st 1-5 PM at Our Lady of Good Counsel, there will be no class that day for Grade 7-8-9 so that they can attend this event. The event ends with Mass at 4 PM. Pre-registration is required.

**ALL 7, 8, & 9TH GRADERS ARE INVITED TO**

**AREA WIDE TEEN GATHERING**


**EVENT LOCATION:**  
 OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL  
 701 W. MAIN ST.  
 ENDICOTT, NY

**JESUS SAID:**  
 "I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. A GOOD SHEPHERD LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP".  
 JOHN 10: 11

**SPEAKER  
 FOOD  
 FUN  
 FAITH ACTIVITIES  
 LIFETEEN MASS**


**APRIL 21, 2024  
 7 - 5 P.M.**

**REGISTER BY 4.15.2024**

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**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.





### Formation for Ministry Invitation

It has been well over 10 years that there has been anyone from our parish in Formation for Ministry. Our baptism calls us to serve others in the Church and the Formation for Ministry Program prepares candidates to hear, discern, and accept that call. The two-year Formation for Ministry program prepares adults of mature faith to assist pastors to serve the needs of the church. The Formation for Ministry program provides education, ministerial training, field experience, and spiritual preparation for adult Catholics leading to certification and commissioning by the diocesan bishop in a specialized area of ministry. The program prepares candidates to assist pastors to serve the needs of a parish or pastoral area. Formation for Ministry also offers learning opportunities for adult Catholics who seeks to learn more about their faith for their own personal enrichment. Formation for Ministry is open to both men and women. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you to see if you are being called to this opportunity. The need is great and it would be a wonderful way to serve the parish. If you would like to discuss this please call Fr. Tim (607)722-4388. There is an information session scheduled for **April 21st from 1:00PM—3:30PM at St. Vincent Blessed Sacrament in Vestal.**

### Prayer for Gaza

In the land so many have called Holy,  
Fresh blood is seeping into the ground in Gaza.  
Unarmed men, women, and children caught  
In the cycle of violence John Paul II lamented,  
Reminding us only peaceful means  
Can bring peace; violence is always a defeat.  
With new images of death, of so many wounded,  
We lament again that this conflict still continues,  
As it has for seven decades, turning neighbors  
Into enemies, taking land, burning ancient olive trees  
So the dispossessed have no homes to return to  
And live in unending, impoverished displacement.  
Christ, who walked where this bloodshed is happening,  
We cry out to you for the end to this violence:  
Grant that our voices are heard as we petition  
The international community, the Israelis, and the  
Palestinians  
To practice ways of peace in the land of the prophets.  
May the weeping end and may new life be possible  
From the ruins of old stones. Amen.

### Welcome our Newest Parish Family Members

St. Francis' RCIA Team requests that our Parish recognize our soon to be new Parish Family members by either bringing in a welcome card or signing your name to two cards in the back of Church, one for **Don Hayward** and one for **Holly Wheeler**. Your welcoming to our two new members will help to make them feel at home in our Parish. Thank you.

### Palm Sunday Penance Service March 24th at 4:00PM St. Francis of Assisi Church

### Holy Week & Easter Services

Holy Thursday ~ March 28th at 7:00PM  
Mass of the Lord's Supper  
followed by Adoration until 9:00PM

Good Friday ~ March 29th at 3:00PM  
Passion of the Lord

Taize Prayer Service ~ March 29th at 7:00PM at  
St. James Church

Holy Saturday ~ March 30th at Noon  
Blessing of the food and baskets  
in the Parish Center Chapel

Easter Vigil ~ March 30th at 8:00PM

Easter Sunday ~ March 31st  
at 8:00AM & 10:30AM



### Taize Prayer Service

On Good Friday, March 29th, 7:00PM at St. James Church, Johnson City, there will be a Taize Prayer Service. Taize (tay-zay) is a form of a Christian prayer originating from the ecumenical Christian community of Taize, France. One is invited to rest in God through the singing of psalm verses and other simple chants, alternating with periods of silent reflection. One song of Taize you may be familiar with is the chant, "Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom", which is sung repetitively.

This would be a wonderful way to reflect on the solemnity of Good Friday. Service begins at 7PM and ends at 8PM.

### The Light Is On For You

By participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, whether our first time in days, weeks, months or years, we are experiencing God's individual and unwavering love for us and one of the true graces made available to us by our Catholic faith. This is a great opportunity to share in the Sacrament before Easter. All parishes in the area will be offering this same time slot. Visit St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center Chapel on **Monday, March 25th, from 4:00PM—6:00PM** to make your confession in our Chapel, located inside the Parish Center 1031 Chenango Street. The light is on for you! Please stop in to make your confession!



## Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

**April 2nd:** B. Grace, M. & P. Peters, and K. Dotson

### 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 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 church website, [www.stfrancisbing.org](http://www.stfrancisbing.org). Applications are due by 4:00PM on Thursday, May 9th. (Please note, the parish office is closed on Fridays) In order to be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must be a REGISTERED member of the parish.



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DEBELLA SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION AND  
INFORMATION

### Ladies of Charity Scholarships

The Ladies of Charity will award three \$1,000 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 17, 2024.**

### "Unique" Spring Sale

Samaritan House will be having the "UNIQUE" Spring Sale on **Friday April 5, 2024 from 9 AM to 2PM and Saturday April 6, 2024 from 9 AM to 2 PM.** The sale will be held at **St. Mary of the Assumption Recreation Center** located at 152 Hawley Street Binghamton. We thank you all for your support in efforts to assist those in our community that are less fortunate.

### Chenango Bridge Firehouse Fundraiser

**Monday, March 25th—Saturday, March 30th**  
**11:00AM—7:00PM**

**Firehouse Sub Truck Fundraiser for Chenango Bridge Fire Company Station 1 (13 Kattelville Rd)**

**Non-meat options available for Lent!**  
**Please stop by to support this fundraiser!**

PLEASE TELL US THE NAMES & ADDRESSES OF SHUT-INS, WE WOULD LOVE TO REACH OUT! CALL DELORES AT THE PARISH CENTER (607)722-4388 TO LET US KNOW! THANK YOU!

## CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD

### PANTRY UPDATE:

In April, we celebrate another year of feeding others. The pantry was started by members of our parish over 20 years ago and has grown to serve thousands of people over time. Currently, we are helping 70+ families every time we are open, coming from all over our county and also from various countries around the world. Some are homeless (living along the riverbanks or local motels as shelters) others come between work hours to stretch a pay check and a third are retired living on their Social Security check. None of this would be possible if not for YOU, our parishioners and the local community. THANK YOU for supporting this parish program, we are independent and not connected with CHOW or Catholic Charities, thus are able to feed those in need when they need help without questions. Our motto is simple "IF THEY ASK, WE GIVE"

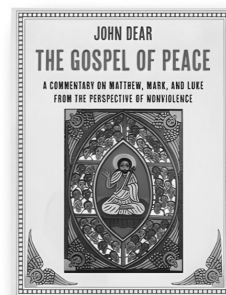
### SPRING CLEAN OUT:

We will be collecting working small household appliances to give away on April 16th. They can be dropped off on or after April 3rd to the pantry area (Parish Center) only.

## An Evening with JOHN DEAR

on his new book:

### "THE GOSPEL OF PEACE"



Peacemaker, author, and Nobel Peace Prize Nominee, Father John Dear, will be with us to talk about and sign copies of his new book, his life's work: *The Gospel of Peace: A Commentary on Matthew, Mark, and Luke from the Perspective of Nonviolence*. It is the first ever commentary on the Synoptic Gospels from the perspective of active nonviolence in the tradition of Gandhi and Dr. King. In this original work, Fr. John walks us through every line of the three synoptic Gospels pointing out Jesus' practice and teachings on nonviolence, peace, and universal love and invites us to follow him. Join us!

DATE/TIME: THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH @ 7:00PM

LOCATION: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI—BINGHAMTON

CONTACT: FR. TIM TAUGHER 607-722-4388

For further information, visit [www.johndear.org](http://www.johndear.org) and [www.beatitudescenter.org](http://www.beatitudescenter.org) where he is the executive director and offers online programs.

### Thanks from Growing Community Roots

The Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet wish to thank St. Francis of Assisi for their support for Growing Community Roots in their collection of \$530. If you would like more information on the project visit [www.growingcommunityroots.org](http://www.growingcommunityroots.org). Thanks and Blessings

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**  
March 30th & 31st, 2024

SIGN-UP SHEET

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**Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule**

**March 24**– Ede and Sarah Blabac

**March 31**– ONLINE ONLY

**\*ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!\***

Do you have a child or grandchild who has already received their First Eucharist? If so, they can be altar servers! **We are in desperate need of more altar servers** as we barely have enough to cover the masses alone week to week.

**Why altar serve?**

- 1.) It is a good way to get actively involved in the mechanics of mass. Some kids who find it hard to sit still may benefit from the activity that it provides.
- 2.) It allows for kids to be a closer part of the church community and make connections.
- 3.) Direct religious education learning opportunity
- 4.) Gives kids a sense of purpose and pride Church

**Call the parish center (607)722-4388 or fill out a liturgical signup form (on table in the back of the church) and drop it in a collection basket.**

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Name one thing that you will do each day this week to remind you that Jesus died and rose to new life for you.

**Question for Youth:** We hear the story of Jesus' death each year. What did you hear differently this year? How has your faith changed in the past year?

**Question for Adults:** Identify and share one way that you personally "die in Christ."

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