

March 25, 2018

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



## Palm Sunday

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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



**Saturday, March 24, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Daniel Berry by Mary Catherine Grace

**Sunday, March 25, 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

**Monday, March 26**  
 8:00 a.m. Gertrude Thomas by Jack & Helen Lawrence

**Tuesday, March 27**  
 8:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

**Wednesday, March 28**  
 8:00 a.m. Mark Simonis by Family

**Thursday, March 29, Holy Thursday**  
 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday, March 30, Good Friday**  
 3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

**Saturday, March 31, Holy Saturday**  
 8:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

**Sunday, April 1, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People  
 11:00 a.m. Joe & Helen Yanuzzi by 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 (03-18-18)**

Regular Envelopes.....\$5,331.00  
 Loose Collection.....\$402.00  
 Electronic Collection.....\$553.00  
 Total Collection.....\$6,286.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Faith Formation**

**Faith Formation for grades K-9 will meet in the Church at 9:30AM for Opening Prayer and Rice Bowl Prayer Service.**

Please have your children return their Rice Bowls this week. You can change the coins into paper money or a check payable to CRS Rice Bowls.

**Looking Ahead:**

There will be NO Faith Formation on April 1st or April 8th--Happy Easter.

**Parish Book Club**

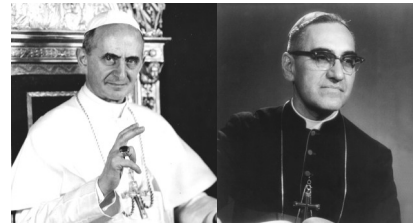
Book Club will resume Tuesday, April 3rd at 2:00PM and at 7:00PM. Please read Chapter 6 for this session.

**Two New Saints**

Last Wednesday, March 7th, Pope Francis officially announced the canonization of two new saints for the church, Pope Paul VI and Archbishop Oscar Romero. The dates of their canonization ceremonies have not yet been scheduled.

Paul VI is honored by his overseeing the completion of the second Vatican council.

March 24th marked the 38th anniversary of Archbishop Oscar Romero's assassination while celebrating Mass in a San Salvador hospital, ending a three-year ministry which won Romero global acclaim for his unstinting advocacy on behalf of El Salvador's downtrodden amid the rise of a military dictatorship.



**March For Our Lives**

**March 24th**

**Noon—3:00PM**

**From: Binghamton High School (31 Main St.)**

**To: Federal Court House (15 Henry St.)**

Let's bring an end to gun violence, especially in our schools.

Let's stand up, march, and say NO MORE!

Let's make a change for peace.

**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.

## Lenten and Holy Week Services

**Holy Thursday ~ March 29th at 7:00p.m.**

*Mass of the Lord's Supper  
followed by Benediction*

Celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and call to service. The foot washing is a strong symbol of our call to service of God's people

**Good Friday ~ March 30th at 3:00p.m.**

*Passion of the Lord*

The celebration of the Lord's Passion and death with the veneration of the cross and Holy Communion.

**Holy Saturday ~ March 31st at Noon**

*Blessing of the food and baskets  
in the Parish Center Chapel*

**Easter Vigil ~ March 31st at 8:00p.m.**

The Easter Vigil is the heart of our Liturgy of Lent and Easter time. We celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist to live our lives as Easter people

**Easter Sunday ~ April 1st at 8:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.**



## The Light is On For You

**Monday, March 26th 4:00—7:00PM in Parish Center Chapel**

**"The Light is On For You"** campaign was created by the Archdiocese of Washington and has since been implemented by dioceses throughout the United States. The Diocese of Syracuse is proud to join in this effort and generally offers extended hours for confession on one evening during Advent and Lent. 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. **God loves us just the way we are, but he loves us too much to leave us that way.** When we return to the Church for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Jesus rejoices like the father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son. It is never "too late" to return to Jesus and ask for forgiveness. Imagine how joyful you will feel upon confessing your sins, big or small!

## Holy Week Reflection

*The Cross stands before us in these days as an eloquent symbol of God's love for humanity. ...In his Passion, Death and Resurrection, we are shown that the last word in human existence is not death but God's victory over death. Divine love, manifested in its fullness in the paschal mystery, overcomes death and sin, which is its cause (cf. Rom 5: 12). —John Paul II*

The whole passion story reminds us that the type of authority of Jesus is different than that of a worldly power. Christ "emptied himself and became the servant of all." We need this spirit if we are to be we are be "one people healed of all division" and bring an end to the war, violence, selfishness and injustice which divide us. We can treat the "passion of Jesus" in a sentimental sort of way and force a certain sense of grief upon ourselves, blaming our personal sin for Jesus' death. However, more importantly, we are called to connect Jesus' experience to our own experience today – an experience that includes life and death, injustice and courage, violence and peace. We cannot contemplate Jesus' suffering without contemplating the suffering of our world and its people. Why is the crowd in the Palm Sunday story so excited? Jesus has no military, economic, or political power. He is a simple human being with no significant material assets. Why is there a sense of excitement as we begin to enter the Holy Week experience? Shouldn't we be ready to give up? After all Jesus is about to be killed. Shouldn't we be discouraged by the human situation today – by war, violence of all sorts, selfishness, failure, injustice, discrimination, poverty, inequality, etc.? Do we really want to or need to remember the pain and the sorrow that we see in the passion of Christ? There was an excitement in Jerusalem at the time of Jesus and there is an excitement as we process with palms. Why? Is it a sense of excitement because God is among us and part of our human situation? Is it a sense that God is with us in the midst of all the suffering and injustice? Is it a sense that God is present in the midst of our deepest longings and dreams? Is it a sense that God is present in the midst of our deepest struggle for what is right? Is it a sense that God is here in the midst of the great story of liberation and freedom? Is it a sense that God is calling us to work for liberation and justice? Is it a sense that apparent defeat is not the final word?

## Palm Sunday: Encounter Our Neighbors

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit [csrcicebowl.org](http://csrcicebowl.org) for more.

**Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule**  
**Transportation**

Week of March 25th — Anne Wilcox  
Week of April 1st — EASTER

**Shelving (Mondays)**

March 26th — C. Woodruff & M. Ryder  
April 2nd — A. Short & D. Talbut

**Distribution**

April 3rd—M. Peters, A. Smilnak, C. Danoski, R. Rounds, M. Quinn, M. Hayes

**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. The application is also available on the website. Applications are due by noon, on **April 27th**. Applicants must be registered members of the parish.

**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. Please see your school guidance counselor for an application. **Deadline is April 27, 2018.**

**St. Cyril's Church "Ethnic Dinner"**

St. Cyril's Church is sponsoring an "Ethnic Dinner".  
All are invited!

Date: **Sunday, April 15th**

Time: **11:30—Until food is gone**

Menu: Halupki, Pierogi, Kieblasas, Hlauski,  
and homemade desserts

Price: Adults \$12.00 and Children \$4.00

Where: St. Cyril's Center at 148 Clinton St.

**Takeout Available**

**Thank You Knights of Columbus (Hooley)**

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for a lively and enjoyable Hooley! Much work went into the planning and setting up and cleaning up, as well as publicity. Your hard work didn't go unnoticed and for those who attended, it was a great start to St. Patrick's Day!

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet**

The Knights of Columbus' "Breakfast with Bunny" Buffet is scheduled for Sunday, March 25th from 8:30 -11:00a.m. in the Church Hall. Please join us for a great breakfast!

**DOUG'S FISH FRY**

**Good Friday, March 30th**  
**Recreation (Rec.) Park**  
**11: 00a.m.—6:00p.m.**

Orders may be called in @ 423-5996  
Sponsored by St. Thomas Parish Life Committee

**Collection for Homeless Coalition**

Faith Formation will be collecting items for the Homeless Coalition again **from now until April 15th**.  
These are the needed items:

- Bottles of Water or Gatorade**
- Insulated Socks**
- Thermal Underwear (L/XL)**
- Warm Gloves/Hats**
- Hand/Foot Warmers**
- Ponchos**
- Toothbrushes**
- Wipes**
- Fast Food Gift Cards**
- Clif Bars**
- Cracker Sandwiches**
- Raisins (or other dried fruit)**
- Ziploc Bags**
- Drawstring Bags**
- Bicycle Cable Locks**

\* All clothing must be new and must be men's sizes, as women can wear them also.

There is a box just inside the front door of the school on Sundays during Faith Formation. Another box is at the church and another at the Parish Center.

Thank you for all your generous donations!

**Homeless Coalition Palm Sunday Collection**

Thank you to all who have been donating to the Homeless Coalition collection! We have provided many necessary items and a check to the Homeless already!

We are continuing to collect items from the list until April 15. This weekend **March 24/25, we will have our final collection for cash donations**. We will be collecting at the front entrance of the church after each mass. If you would rather write a check, make it out to St. Francis of Assisi Church and include a notation that it's for the Homeless Coalition collection.

Thanks again for all your support!

**Annual Samaritan House Spring Sale**

**Saturday, April 7th**  
**9:00AM—4:00PM**

**&**

**Sunday, April 8th**  
**9:00AM—2:00PM**

St. Thomas Aquinas School Gym (Highland Ave.)  
All are invited!

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

**March 31st & April 1st, 2018**

**8:00 P.M. Mass**

LECTORS,  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS  
& ALTAR SERVERS  
PLEASE SIGN UP  
ON THE EASTER  
SIGN UP SHEETS

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

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**11:00 A.M. Mass**

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**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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