

March 26, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

LENTEN VIDEO SERIES (#3)

March 28th

After Buffalo, After Uvalde, After Tulsa:

*Broken Hearts, Broken Nation,
Faithful Action*

June 8, 2022

Screenings
at 2:00PM
& 7:00PM

St. Francis of Assisi
Parish Hall
(1049 Chenango St.,
Binghamton)

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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2nd & 4th Saturday of every
month at 3:00 pm in the Church

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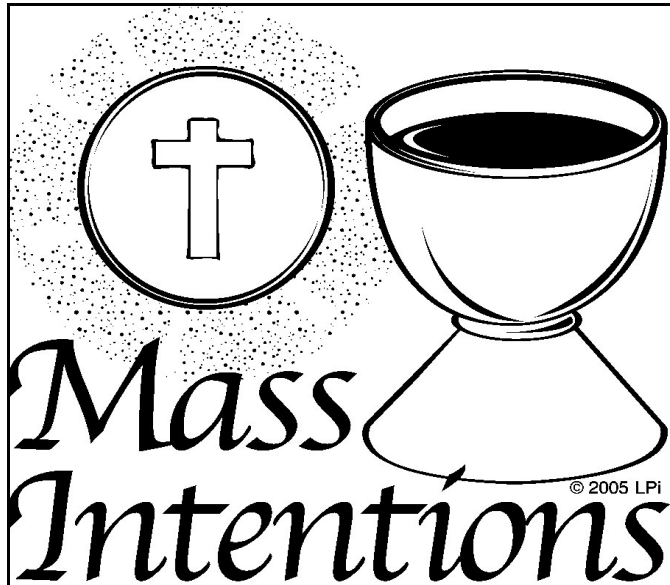
Website:

www.stfrancisbing.org

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")
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Saturday, March 25, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Gerald Davies by Wife, Dottie

Sunday, March 26, Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:30 a.m. Ray Paske by Bev Krinik & Family

Monday, March 27

12:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

Tuesday, March 28

8:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Wednesday, March 29

12:00 p.m. Paul Wojcik by Jim & Kathleen Brady

Thursday, March 30

8:00 a.m. Kevin Taugher by Family

Friday, March 31

NO MASS

Saturday, April 1, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday of the

Passion of the Lord

10:30 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 (03-19-23)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,359.00
Loose Collection.....	\$330.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,606.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,295.00

Faith Formation

Faith Formation for grades K-9 today will meet as usual.

Looking Ahead:

- † Please return all CRS Rice Bowls to Faith Formation on April 2nd, you can change coins into money or checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi earmarked Rice Bowl.
- † Confirmation Candidates Personal Beliefs statements are due April 2nd. They will be presented in class. Confirmation will meet at 9:15-10:30. Please attend Mass at 4PM or 10:30AM.
- † The diocesan mandated Confirmation Retreat at Chenango Valley State Park will take place Saturday May 13th. Information will be distributed on April 2nd.

Holy Week & Easter Services

Holy Thursday ~ April 6th at 7:00PM

*Mass of the Lord's Supper
followed by Adoration until 9:00PM*



Good Friday ~ April 7th at 3:00PM

Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday ~ April 8th at Noon

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



Easter Vigil ~ April 8th at 8:00PM

Easter Sunday ~ April 9th at 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Penance Service

Sunday, March 26th

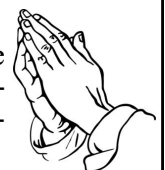
@ 4:00PM

in the church

**Stations of the Cross will take place every
Friday at 3:00PM throughout Lent**

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.



A Mercy and Peacebuilding Approach to Gun Violence

The news is filled with reports of violence, of news of mass shootings at home and raging wars abroad. Many studies conclude that mass shootings—when defined as four or more people shot in a single incident—have reached one or more per day in the United States. Overseas, wars in places such as Syria and Ukraine have claimed hundreds of thousands dead, and displaced millions of refugees. Other conflicts take innocent lives around the world. More than ever, the Church and all people of good will must work together to confront the pervasive culture of violence. The Church has been a consistent voice for the promotion of peace at home and around the world, and a strong advocate for the reasonable regulation of firearms. Christ's love and mercy must guide us. The Church recognizes that recourse to self-defense is legitimate for one's own safety. In today's world, however, weapons that are increasingly capable of inflicting great suffering in a short period of time are simply too accessible.

Remembering All Those Who Lost Their Lives to Gun Violence

*We pray in the spirit of the Psalms:
We are in distress, we are in anguish.
Our tears are bitter as again and again
The lives you have created are disrespected,
destroyed,
Because of fear, of hate, of refusal to see the others
As part of oneself,
Because weapons are more common than
compassion, than solidarity.
We pray for the dead,
For their families and friends in grief.
We pray for the living,
May the healing begin,
For the wounded,
For all those in the frantic crowd,
For the local communities,
For this nation,
In distress, in anguish.
We pray that we may begin
To see the violence end
And peace be with us all. Amen.*

5th Sunday of Lent: Justice Challenge

The Gospel Sunday recounts the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. It is eloquent to read that Jesus wept when he saw how devastated Lazarus' friends and relatives were about his friend's death. Jesus showed such compassion and human emotion. The word compassion is from the Latin words *com* (meaning with) and *pati* (to suffer). Compassion, then, is suffering with others who are hurting. Your challenge this week is to show compassion to someone who is suffering. You might donate money to CRS or another organization helping hurting people. Whatever you do, remember that compassion means entering into that person's human condition, not with condescension, but with a genuine sense of walking with them in their experience.

Lenten Focus 2023

Our parish Lenten focus is the reality of social sin. The real danger of social sin or structural sin is that our blindness prevents us from recognizing it. How can we recognize structural/social sin? These sins would be any action or omission against God, against others, the community, and the environment. It is a sin against future generations and is manifested in the acts and habits of pollution and destruction of the harmony of the environment. We invite you to examine social sin in our world via our video series.

The last 2 videos will be shown in our parish hall on Tuesday's March 28th, and April 4th at 2 and 7 pm and will be followed by group discussion.

- *After Buffalo, After Uvalde, After Tulsa*, this conversation on gun violence responds to the question: What does Catholic Social teaching require to change racist attitudes and structures in our country.
- *"Who is my Neighbor?"* addressing the encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis' personal call to encounter, friendship and solidarity to all in our lives, community, and world.



The first week of April of 2023 is a special moment among the three Abrahamic faith traditions—Judaism, Christianity and Islam—as major annual observances will overlap this year. Muslims began their month-long observance of Ramadan on March 22nd, during which they purify their intentions, words and actions. On April 2nd, Christians will celebrate Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week leading up to redemption on Easter Sunday with the resurrection of Jesus. On April 5th, Jews will celebrate their liberation from bondage during the feast of Passover. May this holy season for all of our faith traditions be a time of rich renewal to faster healing, reconciliation, peace, and compassion in our struggling world.

5th Sunday of Lent: Creation Care Tip

As we near the end of Lent, the readings remind us that although something may appear dead, God can bring new life to it. We may be fearful about the direction things are going when we hear about species extinction, polluted waterways, or wildfires ravaging forests. This week, keep your eyes and ears open for stories and examples of the regenerative power of nature. Look for reminders of new life coming from what seems like death: a seed planted that will sprout, a cocoon that will bring forth a butterfly, or an egg that will crack for a bird to be hatched.

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

April 4th— M. & P. Peters and J. Wyatt

DeBella Scholarship: Due April 27th

DeBella Scholarship Applications are available on the website. Graduating Seniors are encouraged to fill out and return an application for a grant. **Applications are due 4 PM, Thursday, April 27th.** Applications are available on our website, stfrancisbing.org/scholarship-forms-and-contests

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 19, 2023.**

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. Contact M. Rankin, Scholarship Chair, at 607-773-8959 for more information.

Hospital Visitation

Please remember, if you or another parishioner gets admitted to either Binghamton General Hospital or UHS Wilson Medical Center and you wish to be visited by Fr. Tim you need to tell someone. You should indicate that you are Catholic and belong to St. Francis of Assisi parish and that you wish to be visited by Fr. Tim or another Clergy member if you wish.

Chenango Valley Post Prom Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

**Saturday, April 22
5:00—7:00PM
St. Francis Church Hall
Eat In or Take-Out
\$10.00 each**

Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door by contacting Christine Lomonaco 607-725-2883 or Venmo @Christine-Lomonaco-1 (Don't forget to include your name) – tickets will be held at door

Taize Prayer Service

On Good Friday, April 7th, 7:00PM at St. James Church, Johnson City, there will be a Taize Prayers 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.

Funeral Luncheons

This past week 8 parishes met to re-establish our funeral luncheons as we did in the past. With the new look of the parish hall the environment creates a welcoming spirit. Funeral luncheons convey a good spirit of hospitality to these families grieving during a difficult time. It would be ideal to have 3 teams of 5 or 6 people, which would make it possible to offer this without a small group assuming all the responsibility. We generally have around 25-30 funerals per year. So, over the course of the year each team would do 5-6 funerals. Not too much to ask! If you are interested please call the parish center (607-722-4388). Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Funeral Luncheon Desserts

We are looking for volunteer bakers to provide desserts for funeral luncheons. If you bake, your goodies can be prepared ahead of time and dropped off at the parish center. If you are interested please call the parish center and leave your name (607-722-4388). THANK YOU!

Friday, April 7, 2023



**Good Friday
Soup Supper**

**4:30pm – 7pm
Take-out
\$8**

Take-out only: soups (Manhattan Clam Chowder, Mushroom Soup and Potato Leek Soup) with bread and dessert for \$8.

**AOH Hall, 148 Main Street
Binghamton, NY 13905**

**Sign up at the AOH Hall or call 607.772.0280 or 607.727.2262,
deadline for reservations is March 31st**

Sponsored by Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 2

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

April 1st & 2nd, 2023

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Michaela Wood
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Kathryn White
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Kelly Robertson
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Carol Danoski
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Peggy Munson
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Larry Koch
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Cadhla Hamilton
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Mary Bush
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Scott Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Marie Iobst
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Shirley McCray

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

10:30 AM Mass

March 26: Ede & Sarah Blabac

April 2nd: Maria Kirk & Amy Drake

April 9th: No in-person Children's Liturgy

VIRTUAL LITURGIES

Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org
to watch our latest Sunday Mass or Liturgy
of the Word as well as Children's Liturgy
videos.

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: How do your actions
show that you put your faith and trust in Jesus?

Question for Youth: Lazarus received a sec-
ond chance at life through Jesus. How have
you experienced second chances in your own
life?

Question for Adults: The death from which
we are called is healing from those things
which bind us and hold us back: memories,
fears, rejection, or other such things. What
binds you? What keeps you from fully being
your own most true self in Christ?

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