

March 28, 2021

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



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

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Monday — Thursday:

7:30 am to 4:30 pm

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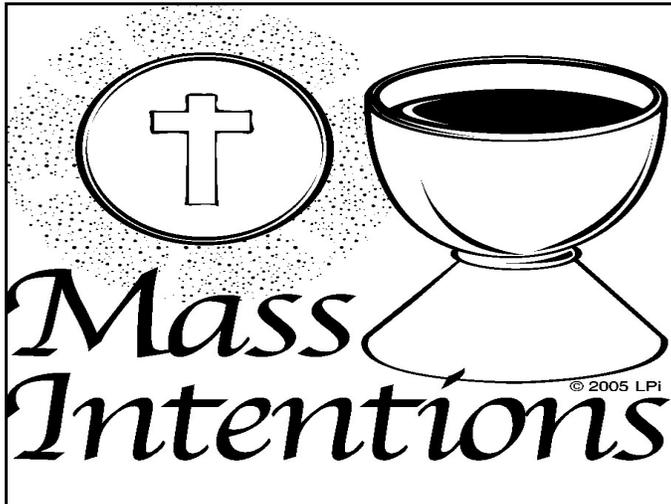
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Please go online to stfrancisbing.org to view our latest Sunday mass. We will be posting new videos of our weekend liturgies by 4:00PM on Saturdays **even after our reopening.**

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 27, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. 2nd 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

Monday, March 29
 12:00 p.m. Margaret Feheley by Family

Tuesday, March 30
 8:00 a.m. Rob Loftus by Wife, Sheila

Wednesday, March 31
 12:00 p.m. Kevin Taugher by Family

Thursday, April 1, Holy Thursday
 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 2, Good Friday
 3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 3, Holy Saturday
 8:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

Sunday, April 4, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

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 (03-21-21)

Regular/Holy Day Envelopes.....	\$4,428.00
Loose Collection.....	\$84.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,491.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,003.00

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation for Grades K-9 meets today, 9:30--10:45 AM in the school. Please note: No FF next weekend. Happy Easter!

Rice Bowls can be returned to Faith formation any time in the next few weeks, or placed in the collection box at Mass.

Looking Ahead:

~Faith Formation for Grades K-Confirmation meets April 11th. An online link for remote Confirmation Candidates will be sent. Candidates will present their Personal Beliefs Statements to the other candidates. This assignment was handed out and emailed last month. If you have questions please contact Mr. Santa Croce or Maria Kirk.

~**First Eucharist class, Banner Making and Sharing Meal will take place April 18th.** Please bring personal items for the Pew Banners. Class will meet as usual, followed by Pew Banner project and lunch in the Hall beginning at 10:45 AM. Please attend a Mass other than 11 AM on Sunday.

~**Our final in-person Faith Formation Class for this session will be April 24th.**

~**First Eucharist will be celebrated Sunday, May 9th at the 11 AM Mass.** Mass will be a little longer than usual, and **reservations will be required.**

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 or 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 at 773-8959 for more information.

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.

Holy Week

This Sunday, Palm Sunday, opens our Holy Week, the time we as a people of faith commemorate in a particular way, the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We call this week holy because this week is so central in our lives as Catholic Christians. We have been through a very challenging year, locally, nationally, and globally. Last year when COVID-19 started to uproot our lives, we had to shelter in place, and life as we knew it came to a halt. We have seen so much in the course of this year, and we are presently trying to regain a sense of living again. The pandemic has left us bewildered, confused, and angry. We live with a lot of questions and uncertainty. Our celebrations this week may not give us answers, but our living and celebrating the Paschal Mystery can ground us with a deeper hope. "Life has not ended, but merely changed" as we pray in the Preface of the Eucharist. Fortunately, many have received their vaccines, which gives a reassurance to safely go out and live life with hope that things may go back to "normal" again. Only now we will have more knowledge and better practices. Listed below is our Holy Week schedule. Think about joining in these celebrations, and let the Paschal love of God deepen hope in your heart.

Holy Week Services

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 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! 607-722-4388**

Someday is Never Part of the Week!

Most people live on an eight-day week ... not a seven-day week. They have Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Someday. It often seems that some of the most important things in life are reserved for Someday. Someday we will visit our sick friend. Someday we will consider what gift of time and abilities we ought to make to God's work. Someday we will volunteer to sing in the choir, be an usher or serve on a church committee. The grand tragedy of this way of living is that Someday is never part of any week. Someday never comes! Because Someday never comes, many of the important things in our churches never get done. The work of God must never be a Someday project. Now is the time to make your commitment to the work of Christ. What gift of time and talent will you make to see that Christ's work is done on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday ... all year long?

Good Friday and the Death Penalty *"They have pierced my hands and my feet"*

Psalm 22:17

Jesus succumbed during a state-sanctioned, religiously-endorsed, mob-approved death penalty. This Holy Week, spend time before a crucifix and ponder this sentencing. In 2018, Pope Francis revised the Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church to describe the death penalty as "an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person" that is "inadmissible" in all cases. On October 3, 2020, he issued a new encyclical entitled "Fratelli Tutti," which ratified the position of the Catholic Church against the death penalty and called upon all Catholics to advocate for the abolition of the death penalty worldwide. Earlier in 2017, at the Meeting for Promoting the New Evangelization, he stated these thoughts:

"I am speaking of the death penalty. This issue cannot be reduced to a mere résumé of traditional teaching without taking into account not only the doctrine as it has developed in the teaching of recent Popes, but also the change in the awareness of the Christian people which rejects an attitude of complacency before a punishment deeply injurious of human dignity. It must be clearly stated that the death penalty is an inhumane measure that, regardless of how it is carried out, abases human dignity. It is per se contrary to the Gospel, because it entails the willful suppression of a human life that never ceases to be sacred in the eyes of its Creator and of which – ultimately – only God is the true judge and guarantor. No man, 'not even a murderer, loses his personal dignity', because God is a Father who always awaits the return of his children who, knowing that they have made mistakes, ask for forgiveness and begin a new life. No one ought to be deprived not only of life, but also of the chance for a moral and existential redemption that in turn can benefit the community.

"The harmonious development of doctrine demands that we cease to defend arguments that now appear clearly contrary to the new understanding of Christian truth. . . It is necessary, therefore, to reaffirm that no matter how serious the crime that has been committed, the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and the dignity of the person."

Palm Sunday/Holy Week: Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: The First Reading for Palm Sunday is from Isaiah and contains one of several powerful images of the "Suffering Servant" found in this book of the Bible/ While the author was describing the nation of Israel when he wrote, the passages about the suffering servant took on new meaning after the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. It is easy to see how Jesus embodied the traits of Isaiah's suffering servant, one of which was his peaceful approach to conflict. Jesus exemplified non-violence, even when he was attacked, spat upon, mocked, and scourged. He met violence by turning the other cheek. He asks us to do the same now. Your challenge this week is to examine your conscience for any signs of violence in your life—in your actions, but also in your words. Make a commitment to respond to violence against your person, be it bullying, being yelled at, or being physically attacked, with a strong but peaceful response.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

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

National Child Abuse Prevention Month



NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
APRIL 2021

Every April, the Diocese of Syracuse, parishes, and Catholic schools, recognize the National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Diocese embraces this opportunity to deepen our awareness of the need to be vigilant about providing a safe environment in

our parishes, schools, agencies, and our communities. For information on how the Diocese of Syracuse implements safeguards to protect our children, young people, and vulnerable adults from abuse, contact the Office of Safe Environment at 315.470.1421 or visit www.syrdio.org.

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/diocesefofsyracuse> 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.

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**

April 3rd & 4th, 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 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."

END OF BULLETIN

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