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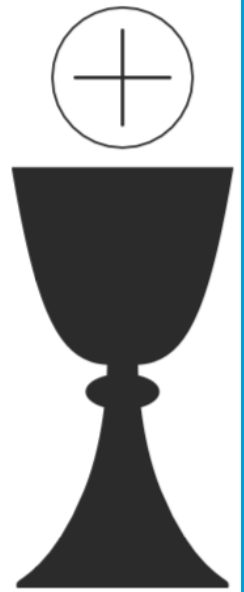
# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

## *Living the Eucharist*

### *Healing Through the Eucharist*

"A leper came to [Jesus]... and said... 'If you wish, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.' The leprosy left him immediately..." (Mark 1:40-41).



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

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7:30 am to 4:30 pm  
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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 (03-24-19)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,820.00
Loose Collection.....	\$434.40
Electronic Collection.....	\$632.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,886.40

*Thank You for your generous contributions!*

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

**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

**Monday, April 1**  
8:00 a.m. Vita Mannino by Daughter, Fina & Family

**Tuesday, April 2**  
8:00 a.m. 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Kevin Taugher by Family

**Wednesday, April 3**  
8:00 a.m. Marjorie Parkhurst by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

**Thursday, April 4**  
8:00 a.m. Antonio DeLuca by Family

**Friday, April 5**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, April 6, Vigil of Sunday**  
4:00 p.m. Beverly Ramey by Kurt & Kelly Mohny

**Sunday, April 7, Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
8:00 a.m. Ruth & Charles Roth by Family  
11:00 a.m. Charles E. Aswad by Jean Aswad

**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:**

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**. Rice Bowls can be turned in on or after April 14th.

**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/TSL0gpudjUIoeQZS2>

For more information contact Maria Kirk at 722-4177

**Children's Liturgy**

**March 30/31**

**4:00 PM Mass**— Alison and Dan Brennan  
**8:00 AM Mass**— Ede Blabac/Bridget Vavra

**April 6/7**

**4:00 PM Mass**— Roberta Cushing/Catherine Shafer  
**8:00 AM Mass**— Shirley McCray/Marie Iobst

**April 13/14**

**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, Yvette Heath and Gerald Davies.

## Donate: Build Grocery Store for North Side

Binghamton's north side has been without a proper grocery store for well over 20 years. This has caused well over 12,000 residents to struggle with their everyday grocery needs. Larger stores have refused for years to take a chance on the north side community, that's where the Council steps in.

With your help, we can finally bring a sustainable solution to the north side's food desert issue. A donor who was aware of this project, connected us with a funding opportunity with the Gannet Foundation. This grant helps match funding opportunities with money raised from internet crowd sourced giving. There is a threshold that if met will make certain grant opportunities available to us. We must raise a minimum of \$6,000. If we meet this threshold, we will be eligible for competitive Gannet grants up to \$100,000. The success of the grocery store will have a ripple effect throughout Broome County; proceeds from the store will mean more wheel chair ramps built through our Faith in Action Volunteers program, more food distributed to the hungry through our CHOW® program, more sick and incarcerated individuals ministered to through our Jail Ministry and Hospital Ministry.

Be a part of this incredible project by helping us reach our goal of \$25,000. This will be used to purchase the remaining equipment needed operate this unique grocery store model. Visit [www.crowdrise.com/broome-county-council-of-churches-new-york](http://www.crowdrise.com/broome-county-council-of-churches-new-york) to donate or visit our St. Francis of Assisi Facebook page for a link.

## Lent 2019: A Season of Growth

### Celebrate Forgiveness:

#### Penance Service, Sunday, April, 7th at 4:00PM

The word "forgiveness" comes from the Greek word meaning "to let go". That is the heart of forgiveness: letting go of our desperate grasp of the past so that we can turn toward the future with hope.

This week's gospel of the prodigal son and next week's gospel of the woman accused of adultery are powerful teachings on forgiveness. Both lessons ask us can we let go of resentment and anger? Can we let go of the sins in our lives that hold us back from love?

Next Sunday is our Parish Lenten Penance Service. Clergy from our area will be here for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Take time this week to prepare for this opportunity and come next Sunday to receive the grace of this Sacrament.



### Fourth Sunday of Lent

We hope that you have been enjoying reading the *Living the Eucharist* bulletin inserts during Lent. Today's insert is titled "Healing Through the Eucharist". Each insert helps us better understand the great gift the God has given us in the Eucharist.

### Operation Rice Bowl: Encounter Kumba

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://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!

### Collection: Jesus in Disguise

This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at [www.usccb.com/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.com/catholic-relief).

## Lenten and Holy Week Services

Holy Thursday ~ April 18th at 7:00p.m.  
*Mass of the Lord's Supper  
followed by Benediction*

Good Friday ~ April 19th at 3:00p.m.  
*Passion of the Lord*

Holy Saturday ~ April 20th at Noon  
*Blessing of the food and baskets  
in the Parish Center Chapel*

Easter Vigil ~ April 20th at 8:00p.m.

Easter Sunday ~ April 21st at 8:00a.m. &  
11:00a.m.



## **Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule**

### **Transportation**

Week of March 31st— Nancy Oliver

Week of April 7th— Marie Giordano

### **Shelving (Mondays)**

April 1st — C. & B. Danoski

April 8th — Alex Hayes & Carol

### **Distribution**

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

## **Les Miserable at Chenango Forks HS**

The Chenango Forks HS Drama Club is rehearsing for their annual musical! The year's production is Les Miserables, written by Alan Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg. **Nick O'Neil** and **Sam Zarrelli** will play leading roles as Jean ValJean and Javert, respectively. Public performance will be on Friday and Saturday at 7:00PM April 5th and 6th at the High School Auditorium. Tickets: \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

## **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.

## **Info Seminar About 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 more information, contact:

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

## **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 9:00AM—1:00PM

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS GYM

MULTIPLE FAMILIES GREAT VARIETY OF ITEMS

## **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**

**April 6th & 7th, 2019**

**4:00 P.M. Mass**

Lector	Sr. Maureen Rainone
EM Host	Debby Carden
EM Host	Sue Lee
EM Host	Dom Lomonaco
EM Cup	Catherine Shafer
EM Cup	Barb Brozovic
EM Cup	Bob Shields
EM Cup	Betsy Shields
Altar Server	Vincent Williams
Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
Altar Server	Madelyn Strnatka

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

Lector	Debbie Davis
EM Host	Maureen Mizzoni
EM Host	Marie Iobst
EM Host	Ede Blabac
EM Cup	Mike Stricek
EM Cup	Shirley McCray
EM Cup	Scott or Donna Iglar
EM Cup	Scott Klein
Altar Server	James Bush
Altar Server	Sarah Bush
Altar Server	Mary Bush

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

Lector	Rose O'Neil
EM Host	Emily Ekstrom
EM Host	Chris Gill
EM Host	David Gill
EM Cup	Steve Guth
EM Cup	David Hanzes
EM Cup	Anne Wolanski
EM Cup	Sue Jones
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	Jessica Wojnar
Altar Server	

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Who is the one person you most need to say, "I'm sorry" to in your family?

**Question for Youth:** Is it difficult for you to say "I'm sorry" when you hurt another or get off track in your own life? Why or why not?

**Question for Adults:** How have you or your family welcomed a family member who has been distant and/or absent from you?

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