

March 31, 2024

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



## Easter Sunday

### **Staff**

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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 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  
**Monday, April 1**  
 8:00 a.m. MaryLou Ekstrom by Family  
**Tuesday, April 2**  
 8:00 a.m. Sebastian Parasiliti by Family  
**Wednesday, April 3**  
 12:00 p.m. Vita Mannino by Family  
**Thursday, April 4**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People  
**Friday, April 5**  
**NO MASS**  
**Saturday, April 6, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Lucille Lovaglia by Bart & Patti Bartolillo  
**Sunday, April 7, Second Sunday of Easter**  
 10:30 a.m. Kerri Hamilton by Esther & Jean Aswad

**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)**

### FAITH FORMATION

No Faith Formation March 31, Happy Easter!

**Looking Ahead:**

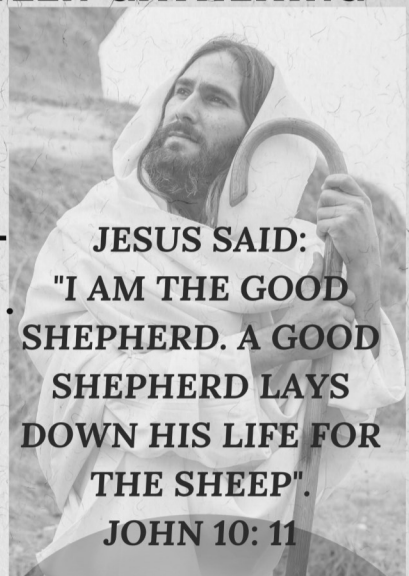
- ✦ Faith Formation for Grades K--Confirmation Sunday April 7th at 9:00AM.  
**Please note:** Confirmation Candidates meet in the Faith Formation Office, 1031 Chenango St. (in our Parish Center) not in the Church Hall at 9:00AM.
- ✦ First Eucharist Sharing Meal and Pew Banner Project Sunday, April 14th 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**



**APRIL 21, 2024  
 1 - 5 P.M.**

**SPEAKER  
 FOOD  
 FUN  
 FAITH ACTIVITIES  
 LIFETEEN MASS**

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.



**Happy Easter!**

Easter is a promise of hope. That promise is so necessary for us today when we can easily become so pessimistic and cynical. The empty tomb of Christ's Resurrection is the ultimate sign of hope.

The Risen Christ's breathing his peace is the grace that enables us to live our lives with the belief that anything is possible.

Easter grace enables us to transform our doubts and fears into reconciliation, justice, and peace. May your celebration of Easter in Christ's Resurrection open your eyes, hearts and spirits to encounter God in all of creation and transform your lives in the many possibilities we have to realize the hope of resurrection in your lives.



**A Prayer for Easter**

*Before the Resurrection,  
So much suffering had to be endured.  
Before the tomb was left behind,  
Death was the harsh reality.  
You call us, O Lord, to recognize  
Both suffering and Easter hope  
Are part of our journey as we follow you.  
You call us to hold, at the same time,  
Both death and new life in our hands,  
So we may be embraced  
By the Paschal mystery  
And thus be renewed  
For the healing work ahead.  
Grant us wisdom, O Lord,  
Grant us Easter grace.  
Amen.*



**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.**

**Easter Sunday: Justice Challenge**

The Good News of the Resurrection is proclaimed this week in our Scripture readings. And this good news is meant for everyone. Jesus was and is a universal savior. One of the insights we receive on Easter Sunday comes from Acts 10. Peter, struggling to be faithful to the teachings of Jesus, announces that he has learned that "God shows no partiality". This helped to shape many decisions made by the early Church leaders—and it should form our decisions as well. Your challenge this week is examine how well you live by God's example. Do you personally and/or as a household show partiality to particular groups of people based on their race, religion, economic level, occupation? Do you exclude any groups on the same basis? If your reflection reveals partiality to some and exclusion of others, make a commitment to change. Identify three steps you can take so that in the future you can in all sincerity say that you, like God, show no partiality.

**New Lector & Eucharistic Minister Training**

For all of you newly signed up Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, there will be two training sessions in the Church coming up in April. For Lectors, the training will be on **Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00PM** in the church. For Eucharistic Ministers the training will be that next evening, **Wednesday, April 10th also at 7:00PM** in the church. If these dates don't work for your schedule, we can do the training before or after Mass as well.

**Parish Synod Listening Sessions**

In the letter you received recently we communicated to you about **5 upcoming listening sessions** that begin on **Sunday, April 21st at 12Noon**, following our 10:30AM Mass. The other 4 sessions are on:

**Wednesday, April 24th @ 6:00PM**

**Tuesday, April 30th @ 9:00AM**

**Saturday, May 4th @ 10:00AM**

**Monday, May 6th @ 6:00PM**

Your participation is strongly encouraged! All sessions will be in the church hall. Please sign up on the sheets in the church or call the parish center. Let us pray for the Spirit to guide us in these upcoming deliberations.

*Trivia Night!*  
featuring "QUINGO"  
with Barb Fox

TO BENEFIT THE LIVE LIKE MEGAN FOUNDATION!

\$20 / person  
Pizza, Soda, and  
Snacks Included

Beer & Wine  
available for  
purchase

**April 13th, 2024**

Doors open at 6:30 pm  
Game begins at 7:00 pm

Raffle Baskets  
Fun, Interactive  
Trivia & Games  
for all ages!

St. Francis Church, Hillcrest  
1049 Chenango Street, Binghamton NY 13901

Scan QR Code for Team Sign-Up Form!



## 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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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.**

### Chenango Valley Post Prom Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

**Saturday, April 27  
5:00PM—7:00PM**

**St. Francis Church Hall - Eat-In or Take-Out  
Cost: \$10**

**Includes:** Pasta/Meatballs/Salad/Bread/Dessert/Water  
Tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting  
Christine Lomonaco 607-725-2883 or by Venmo  
@Christine-Lomonaco-1 (Include name and # of tix)  
Tickets will be held at the door

# URGENT

*Eucharistic Ministers  
needed for all  
10:30 AM Sunday  
Masses  
Please call the parish  
center at 607-722-4388  
to sign up!*

## 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"

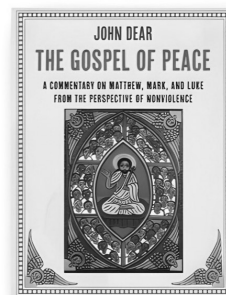
### SPRING CLEAN OUT:

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.

### "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.

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

**April 6th & 7th, 2024**

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Kylie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	McKenzie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Betsy A Shields
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Carol Danoski
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Peggy Munson
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Steve Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Denise Baxter
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10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Daniel Dundon
10:30 Mass	Lector	Confirmation Candidate
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Scott Iglar
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Donna Iglar
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Patrick Doyle
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Shirley McCray

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

**March 31— ONLINE ONLY**

**April 7— Maria Kirk and Amy Drake**

**April 14— Patti Klepfer and Toni Robinson**

**April 21—Ede and Sarah Blabac**

**\*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 sign up form (on table in the back of the church) and drop it in a collection basket.**

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** What sacrifices do you make for those whom you love?

**Question for Youth:** Even the disciples had a hard time understanding Jesus' Resurrection – it is that surprising. What does Resurrection mean to you? What does Easter mean to you?

**Question for Adults:** In what ways has God called you to die in Christ? How is this expressed in your own life?

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