

April 02, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



Palm Sunday

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
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Confession:

2nd & 4th Saturday of every
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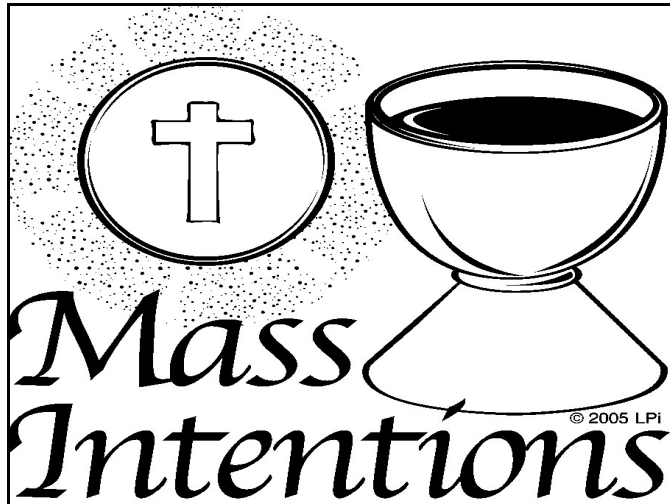
Website:

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our latest weekend reflection.
We will be posting new
videos by 4:00PM on
Saturdays.

Also find the videos on our
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**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

Monday, April 3

12:00 p.m. Clara Ernst by John & Brenda Artman

Tuesday, April 4

8:00 a.m. Bertie Sullivan by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Wednesday, April 5

12:00 p.m. Antonio DeLuca by Family

Thursday, April 6, Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 7, Good Friday

3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 8, Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

Sunday, April 9, Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

10:30 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 (03-26-23)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$2,845.00
Loose Collection.....	\$313.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,782.00
Total Collection.....	\$4,940.00

Faith Formation

Faith Formation for grades K-Confirmation meet today.

Looking Ahead:

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

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

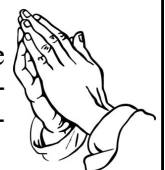
*Holy Saturday ~ April 8th at Noon**Blessing of the food and baskets
in the Parish Center Chapel**Easter Vigil ~ April 8th at 8:00PM**Easter Sunday ~ April 9th at 8:00AM & 10:30AM***The Light Is On For You**

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. This is an opportunity to share in the Sacrament before Easter. All parishes in the area will be offering this same time slot.

Visit St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center on **Monday, April 3rd, from 4:00PM—6:00PM** to make your confession at our Chapel, located inside the Parish Center. The light is on for you!

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 especially Clara Ernst.



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. In today's world, 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,

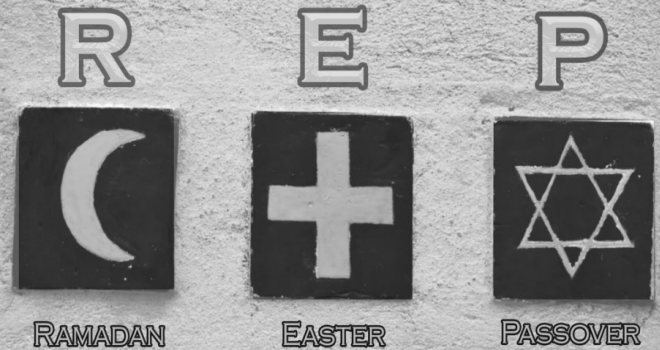
For this nation,

In distress, in anguish.

We pray that we may begin

To see the violence end

And peace be with us all. Amen.



RAMADAN

EASTER

PASSOVER

THE POWER OF PRAYER IN A SACRED SEASON TO

LIBERATE, PURIFY, REDEEM

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 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.

Palm Sunday: Creation Care Tip

“Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is my body.’” —Matthew 26:26

Jesus took bread, something made with the simplest of ingredients, and imbued it with much more. This week, choose at least one meal to eat using only simple, unprocessed foods that nourish the body. Choose whole foods common in NY instead of food grown, processed, packaged, and transported from afar. As you eat your simple meal, pray in thanksgiving for what you have and for those who don't have enough to eat.

Palm Sunday: Justice Challenge

The First Reading for Palm Sunday 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. And he asks us to do the same. 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 responding to violence against your person, be it bullying or being yelled at or being physically attacked, with a strong but peaceful response.

LENTEN VIDEO SERIES (#4)

April 4th

Who Is My Neighbor?

Washington, Afghanistan, Haiti



October 7, 2021



Screenings
at 2:00PM
& 7:00PM

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

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 8th & 9th, 2023

ALL

MASSES

ACCORDING

TO

SIGN-UP

SHEET

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

10:30 AM Mass

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: Share how you sometimes make sacrifices for the good of others.

Question for Youth: Today begins the holiest week of the year. It is a once-a-year opportunity to really reflect on Jesus life, death, and resurrection. How will you enter into this experience? How will you be open to how you might be changed?

Question for Adults: Name one specific way that you live your baptismal call to enter into the death of the Lord by forgiveness, generosity, hospitality, or other ways

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