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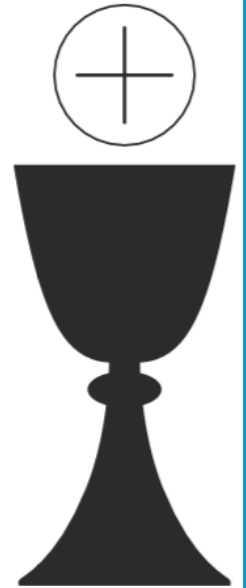
St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

Living the Eucharist

Finding Forgiveness

One of the great ironies of church life is that numerous people may actually *stay away from church* at times when they feel their lives are "too messy." When their need for God is perhaps at its greatest, they withdraw from the very place where loving acceptance, support, and forgiveness are supposed to be freely given!



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

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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



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
 11:00am Charles E. Aswad by Jean Aswad

Monday, April 8
 8:00 a.m. Ed Lyons by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Tuesday, April 9
 8:00 a.m. James Wharton by John & Clara Ernst

Wednesday, April 10
 8:00 a.m. Richard Vavra by Anne Guinane

Thursday, April 11
 8:00 a.m. 6th Anniv. Angie Ritter by Family

Friday, April 12
NO MASS

Saturday, April 13, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Tom Riggin by Chuck & Kathy Healy

Sunday, April 14, Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Joseph Brozovic , Jr. by Family

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 (03-31-19)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,705.00
Loose Collection.....	\$236.25
Electronic Collection.....	\$597.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,538.25

Faith Formation

Faith Formation today for Grades K-9 begins with Opening Prayer in the Church. Dismissal from the school. Confirmation meets today in Room 103 9:30-10:45 AM.

Update! The annual Souper Bowl of Caring campaign has generated over \$9.6 million in cash and food items for hunger-relief charities across the country!

Looking Ahead:

Rice Bowl Closing Prayer service for Faith Formation classes will be Sunday April 14th at 9:30 in the church. Please have children count up their contributions and make checks payable to CRS Rice Bowl. Rice Bowls may also be returned, however it is helpful to count up the change and have children bring in an envelope with paper currency or a check.

No Faith Formation on April 21st--Happy Easter

Last weekend of Faith Formation will be April 28th for Grades K-9.

First Eucharist Rehearsal Saturday, May 4th at 10 AM in the Church.

First Eucharist Sunday, May 5th at 11 AM Mass, The first 7 rows on each side of the church will be reserved for the children and their families, Mass will be a bit longer than usual, so please plan accordingly.

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/TSL0gpudjUloeQZS2>

For more information contact Maria Kirk at 722-4177

Children's Liturgy

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.

Lent 2019: A Season of Growth

Living the Eucharist Closing Retreat

Save the date for the Living the Eucharist Closing Retreat which will be held on **Saturday, May 11th** in the Parish Hall. Rita Ferrone the author of the bulletin inserts will be the lead presenter for the retreat. Her topics will include Eucharist--God's loving embrace and Eucharist--and invitation of mercy for the world. More details to follow.

Operation Rice Bowl: Encounter Ona

We encounter Ona in Gaza, where, despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Lenten and Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday ~ April 14th at 4PM, 8AM, 11AM
Liturgies begin in School Gym for the blessing and procession of Palms

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

Good Friday ~ April 19th at 3:00PM
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 8:00PM

Easter Sunday ~ April 21st at 8:00AM, 11:00AM

"Wall Builders Will Become Prisoners of Their Own Barriers", Pope Francis

On his return trip recently from Morocco, Pope Francis issued a warning to countries and political leaders who wish to build walls to keep migrants out of their countries.

"Builders of walls, be they made of razor wire or bricks, will end up becoming prisoners of the walls they build. I realize that with this problem (of migration), a government has a hot potato in its hands, but it must be resolved differently, humanely, not with razor wire."

"The issue of migration will never be resolved by raising barriers, fermenting fear of others or denying assistance to those who legitimately aspire to a better life for themselves and their families."

A Time to Celebrate

This is a time to celebrate 10 years as the parish of St. Francis of Assisi! Where has the time gone? I was thinking about the fact that this Friday, April 12th is our 10th year anniversary. In 2009, April 12th was Easter Sunday, a fitting inauguration of our parish community. Easter is all about New Life, New Beginnings so we were grounded deeply in the core of our Christian Faith. I believe that the Risen Christ has been guiding us throughout this decade.

A parish isn't possible without a community of faith—the people of God. My hat is off to all of you, who throughout the years have made it possible for us to become the parish we are today. Transitions in our lives are always challenging because we have to let go of what is familiar and comfortable, in order to embark on something totally new. It takes great faith! I applaud you for all you have done over the span of these years in helping our faith community evolve and mature.

We have accomplished much! It is always good to look back and see what has taken place as the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Faith Community. Next weekend there will be a visual display in the church hall. We will display pictures of accomplishments and activities where our parish mission is being lived out. So, be sure to attend and appreciate the journey of these past 10 years.

ALL ARE INVITED

Celebrate our 10 years as the Parish of St. Francis of Assisi



Refreshments will be served after the 4:00PM & 11:00AM masses (April 13/14) in the Church Hall

"Breakfast with Bunny" served by Knights of Columbus from 8:30AM—11:00AM on April 14th

I sincerely believe that as a parish community we have been living faithfully our mission; "to be a Eucharistic faith community committed to living and sharing the Gospel life."

Personally, I have enjoyed these 10 years, you have energized my ministry, and it has been a privilege to be your pastor. I am looking forward to our continued ministry as a faith community. Let us keep one another in prayer, and give thanks to God for all that God has done for us.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of April 7th— Marie Giordano

Week of April 14th — George & Pat Clark

Shelving (Mondays)

April 8th — Alex Hayes & Carol

April 15th — E. & K. Corcoran

Distribution

April 16th — S. Orband, M. Mizzoni, L. Gildea, M. & T. Giblin, M. Hayes

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. The success of the grocery store will have a ripple effect throughout Broome County.

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 to donate or visit our St. Francis of Assisi Facebook page for a link.

A New Book Club

A new book club will begin on Tuesdays, April 30th at 2:00PM or 7:00PM in the parish center. Easter is a time to appreciate our call as being disciples of Christ.

Our book will be Into His Likeness by Edward Sri. This book provides an approachable but in-depth exploration of how to live as a disciple and experience the transformation Jesus wants to work in our lives.

Edward Sri is a theologian, internationally known speaker, and author of several Catholic best-sellers.

Please order your book soon by calling Delores at the parish center (722-4388). The book club is optional. You are welcome just to order a copy and read on your own. Suggested price: \$10.

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.

Formation for Ministry

Formation for Ministry is a two year program for lay adult Catholics who wish to grow in faith and service in response to their Baptismal call to share the Gospel. The program leads to certification in a specialized area of ministry and Commissioning by the diocesan Bishop. Formation for Ministry is a pre-requisite for applying to the Deacon formation program. Come to St. Mary's Church (59 N. Main, Cortland) on **April 14th from 1:00PM—2:00PM** to learn more.

Register at formationforministrysyrdio.org

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

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.**

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, at 773-8959 for more information

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

April 13th & 14th, 2019

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Rosemary Rounds
Lector	Marge Mangan
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Mary Frances Charsky
EM Host	Carole Parga
EM Cup	Terry Hanifin
EM Cup	Carol Danoski
EM Cup	Peggy Munson
EM Cup	Jan Pandich
Altar Server	Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server	Logan Lomonaco
Altar Server	Calliope Brennan

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Joe Carpenter
Lector	Ed White
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Tim Vaverchak
EM Host	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Shirley McCray
EM Cup	Debbie Davis
EM Cup	Nancy Oliver
EM Cup	Kurt or Kelly Mohney
Altar Server	Sydney Keough
Altar Server	Ian Ginalski
Altar Server	Anna Ginalski

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Brian Sirgany
Lector	Joe Sardella
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Virginia Thompson
EM Host	Jules Furrer
EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
EM Cup	Maria Lord
EM Cup	Rose O'Neil
EM Cup	David Hanzes
Altar Server	Nolan Sirgany
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney

Question of the Week

Question for Children: How does the Sacrament of Reconciliation help us experience God's forgiveness?

Question for Youth: Who among your family and friends do you need to forgive so that you can heal a broken relationship and experience newness?

Question for Adults: Against whom do you hold prejudices? Who do you believe is a greater sinner than yourself?

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