

April 07, 2024

# 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.

## **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, April 6, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Lucille Lovaglia by Bart & Pattie Bartolillo

**Sunday, April 7, Second Sunday of Easter**  
 10:30 a.m. Kerri Hamilton by Esther & Jean Aswad

**Monday, April 8**  
 8:00 a.m. Annie Connor by Betty Neiss and Family

**Tuesday, April 9**  
 8:00 a.m. Paul Savo by Cathy & Ron Hamilton

**Wednesday, April 10**  
 12:00 p.m. Annie Connor by Betty Palo

**Thursday, April 11**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Friday, April 12**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, April 13, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Antonio Versace, Jr. by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

**Sunday, April 14, Third Sunday of Easter**  
 10:30 a.m. Antonio De Luca by Family

**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)**

**Weekend's Offering (03-31-24)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,800.00
Loose Collection.....	\$950.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,200.00
Total Collection.....	\$8,950.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**FAITH FORMATION**

Faith Formation for Grades K--Confirmation 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.

**Looking Ahead:**

- † 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

**JESUS SAID:**  
 "I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. A GOOD SHEPHERD LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP".  
 JOHN 10: 11

**SPEAKER  
 FOOD  
 FUN  
 FAITH ACTIVITIES  
 LIFETEEN MASS**

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

REGISTER BY 4.15.2024

QR CODE

<https://bit.ly/7-8-9-Youth-Event>

**AED Training Volunteers**  
 We are currently looking for people in the parish who would volunteer to take Automated External Defibrillation (AED) training. An AED is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device. Please call Joe at the parish center if you are interested.

**Holy Week & Easter Thank You!**

It was such a wonderful experience to be able to celebrate the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter this year. Coming together as a faith community was a hopeful sign in the celebration of the central mysteries of our faith; the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. I couldn't have done it alone— many people did so much behind the scenes, as well as participating in the liturgies. I am very grateful to all of our Parish Staff, and also the generous involvement of our parishioners who assisted in making each celebration a prayerful experience. Making these celebrations happen is always a challenge. So, THANK YOU to staff, volunteers, Diane Seery for making 600 palm crosses for Palm Sunday, and you, our parishioners, for all your hard work.

— Fr. Tim

**Mercy Sunday**

Back in 2017, Pope Francis made a wonderful observation about mercy. He stated:

Mercy in the light of Easter enables us to perceive it as a true form of awareness. This is important: mercy is a true form of awareness. We know that it [awareness] is experienced through many forms. It is experienced through the senses, it is experienced through intuition, through reason and even other forms. Well, it can also be experienced in mercy, because mercy opens the door of the mind in order to better understand the mystery of God and of our personal existence. Mercy enables us to understand that violence, rancor, vengefulness have no meaning, and the first victim is whoever feels these sentiments, because he deprives himself of his own dignity. Mercy also opens the door of the heart and allows one to express closeness especially to those who are lonely and marginalized, because it makes them feel as brothers and sisters, and as children of one Father. It favors recognition of those who need consolation and helps one find the appropriate words so as to give comfort. Brothers and sisters, mercy warms the heart and makes it sensitive to the needs of brothers and sisters with sharing and participation. Thus, mercy requires everyone to be instruments of justice, reconciliation and peace. Let us never forget that mercy is the keystone in the life of faith, and the concrete form by which we make Jesus' Resurrection visible" (4/23/17, Regina Caeli Address).

**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.

**Divine Mercy Sunday: Justice Challenge**

This Sunday is designated by the Church as Divine Mercy Sunday. Mercy goes beyond justice, not just forgiving someone who has done something wrong, but freeing them from further repercussions and giving them the chance to start over. Mercy is a powerful expression of discipleship. Your challenge this week is to take one of the works of mercy (spiritual or corporal) and literally live it out. At the end of the week, share with your family what you did and how it changed you. Remember, mercy wasn't just the theme of a Jubilee Year!

**Divine Mercy Sunday: Creation Care Tip**

“There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.” According to the UN, in 2015, some 734 million people lived on less than \$2 per day. However, they estimate that the pandemic has pushed approximately half a billion people below the international poverty line. This week, think of ways to support those in your community. Donate money, resources, or time to organizations.

**Formation for Ministry Invitation**

It has been well over 10 years that there has been anyone from our parish in Formation for Ministry. The two-year Formation for Ministry program prepares adults of mature faith to assist pastors to serve the needs of the church. The 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 call Fr. Tim (607)722-4388. There is an info session scheduled for **April 21st from 1:00PM—3:30PM at St. Vincent Blessed Sacrament in Vestal.**

## Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

**April 16th:** A. & S. Faughnan, G. Thompson, and G. Pendleton

### 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.



SCAN QR CODE FOR DEBELLA  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### 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

### 36th Annual Knights for Life Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

Meatballs/sauce by CORTESE RESTAURANT  
Sunday, April 21, 2024 - Noon to 4 pm  
St. Paul's Church, 282 Chenango Street

Adults -\$15 Children under 12 - \$10 Eat in/take out!

Family Dinners Available for \$50 - includes

4 large containers of spaghetti, 8 meatballs, 4 salads w/dressing & 8 slices of bread

All proceeds benefit local Right to Life and Birthright

### Sunshine Volunteers

A heartfelt thank you to each of you who delivered Easter plants to our shut-ins. You brightened their days. Happy Easter!

## CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD

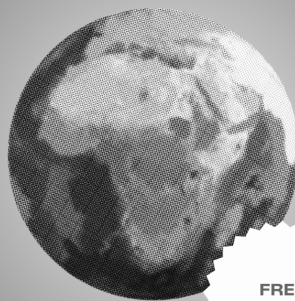
### SPRING CLEAN OUT:

We will be collecting working small household appliances to give away on April 16th. They can be dropped off to the pantry area (Parish Center) only.



# EARTH DAY FESTIVAL 2024

DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT FOR  
ENVIRONMENTAL EQUITY + JUSTICE



FREE  
ADMISSION

LIVE MUSIC, CAROUSEL  
RIDES, FOOD + DRINKS,  
ARTS + CRAFTS,  
COMMUNITY + STUDENT  
ORGANIZATIONS  
NO DRUGS, ALCOHOL,  
SMOKING

**SATURDAY,  
APRIL 20TH**

RECREATION PARK,  
BINGHAMTON  
12PM - 4PM

Our Confirmation Class will be collecting lightweight plastics at the Earth Day Festival. These plastics include; produce bags, store bags, ice bags, ziploc bags, cereal liners, case overwrap, bread bags, newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, bubble wrap, plastic packaging. Plastics must be clean, dry, and may not have food or organic residue. WE DO NOT ACCEPT OTHER RECYCLABLES

*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!



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

**April 13th & 14th, 2024**

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Thalia Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Mike Stricek
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Judy Daniels
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Nancy Oliver
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Betsy Shields
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Kurt Mohny
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Kelly Mohny

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Michaela Wood
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Mary Bush
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sienna Cook
10:30 Mass	Lector	Joe Ellen Rutherford
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Catherine Shafer
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Nick Norton
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Ede Blabac
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Shirley McCray

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

**April 7— Maria Kirk and Amy Drake**

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

**April 21—Ede and Sarah Blabac**

**April 28—Maria and Amy**

**\*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:** How can you believe in Jesus whom you have never seen?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus' words of greeting were "Peace be with you," followed by the invitation to forgive sins. How does forgiveness bring peace to you? How does it change the world?

**Question for Adults:** What strengthens your faith? Why do you believe in Jesus?

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