

April 08, 2018

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



## Divine Mercy Sunday

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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 7, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Bob Langevin by Family

**Sunday, April 8, Second Sunday of Easter**

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People  
 11:00 a.m. Therese Kennedy by Patty Turnbull

**Monday, April 9**

8:00 a.m. Harold Snopek by John & Linda Nolan

**Tuesday, April 10**

8:00 a.m. Bob Garrett by the Stacey Family

**Wednesday, April 11**

8:00 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Angie Ritter by Family

**Thursday, April 12**

**NO MASS**

**Friday, April 13**

**NO MASS**

**Saturday, April 14, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Joe & Rita Brozovic by Family

**Sunday, April 15, Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People  
 11:00 a.m. Richard Clendening 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 (04-01-18)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$3,910.60
Loose Collection.....	\$889.00
Easter Collection.....	\$7,041.69
Electronic Collection.....	\$541.00
Total Collection.....	\$12,382.29

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Faith Formation**

**NO Faith Formation this weekend**

Classes for K-Confirmation meet April 15th 9:30-10:45 AM. Opening Prayer in the church at 9:30 AM.

**Looking Ahead:**

- The First Eucharist Sharing Meal will be held after Faith Formation on April 22nd in the Church Hall. Kids will meet up with their parents and family at 11:00 AM in the hall to work on their First Eucharist Pew Banners. A ziti lunch will be served at noon.
- Last Sunday of Faith Formation for grades K-9 will be April 29th.
- First Eucharist will be celebrated on Sunday, May 6th at the 11:00 AM Mass.

**Parish Book Club**

Book Club will meet Tuesday, April 10th at 2:00PM and at 7:00PM. Please read Chapter 7 for this session.

**Food Pantry Thank You!**

SUPER THANKS to the Dance Connection & Joe Sicignano, (Troop 202 BSA, 188 Grant, Dundees and Elk's of JC). Well over 1,000 lbs of food came in just before Easter to make our food pantry shelves overflowing for Tuesday night give away. Joe did this as his Eagle scout project, which was very successful. Thanks also to our volunteers on Monday who helped to shelve much of this.

**Guest Tony Magliano**

A guest will be with us the weekend of April 14th/15th, Tony Magliano. Tony is an internationally syndicated Catholic Social Justice and Peace columnist. Since 2001, over 400 of his columns have been published based on the Church's consistent ethic of life and Catholic Social-Teaching. He will be speaking at our Liturgies and will do a presentation between our morning masses at 9:30AM. I am sure his presentation will be informative in bringing a deeper appreciation to our mission as a church. Please set aside the time and attend!

**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, Bill Lobacz.

### **One Heart, One Mind: Easter Reflection**

The Easter sacraments of initiation have called us to become a community of God's people. The program for this "community of believers is to be of one heart and one mind."

The Second Reading deals with the one heart part of being community: loving God and loving God's children. The Gospel deals with the one mind part of being community: belief in Jesus even among those who have not seen.

What is such a community like? Look at the Reading from Acts. The early church of Jerusalem respected the apostles and their witness to the resurrection, and along with that they shared their possessions.

Voluntarily surrendering their right to private ownership, they created a situation in which no one among them was needy. All members of the community had what they needed, or if they didn't have it, they got it from the community.

The passage from Acts does not attempt to impose on us a specific economic system. Rather, it tells us that whatever economic system the followers of Jesus Christ espouse, it had better be a system that provides for the needs of all the people.

A well-ordered human society requires that men recognize and observe their mutual rights and duties. It also demands that each contribute generously to the establishment of a civic order in which rights and duties are progressively more sincerely and effectively acknowledged and fulfilled.

It is not enough, for example, to acknowledge and respect every man's right to the means of subsistence. One must also strive to insure that he actually has enough in the way of food and nourishment.

Pope John XXIII, *Pacem in Terris*, 1963:31-32

### **Let's Talk Race!**

This six-session program will begin on the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4th. Additional sessions will be on April 11th and 18th, as well as on May 2nd, 9th, and 16th. The time frame is from 7:00PM—8:30PM at St. Mary's Church on the corner of Court and Fayette Streets in Binghamton. There is no cost for this program. Feel free to invite a friend, or spread this message. Please RSVP to Rev. Gary Smith so he knows how many people will attend (micah.newyork@icloud.com). All are invited and encouraged to attend. We hope you will be able to join us in this important program.

### **Pastoral Council Meeting**

A meeting for the Pastoral Council will be held on **Monday, April 9th at 7:00PM** in the Parish Center.

### **Our Easter Season**

We got off to a wonderful start with the morning Liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. **Thank you to Ed Savo, the choir, those who assisted in cleaning and decorating the church, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and all those who had their feet washed.** A number of people behind the scenes did much to help with getting things in order for the celebrations. Know my heartfelt gratitude for the generosity of your time and energy.

Many people expressed positive comments as they were leaving the various Liturgies. All of you truly made it a "Day the Lord has made."

— Fr. Tim

### **Thank You to our Special Sunshine Committee!**

A **HUGE** thank you from St Francis' Special Sunshine Committee to all the volunteers who helped deliver Easter Violets to our parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes. It brightens their day! Your participation in this ministry is truly appreciated.

### **Child Abuse Prevention Month**

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God—our children and young people. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children, young people, and vulnerable adults safe, contact the Office of Safe Environment at (315) 470-1421.

### **TEAM TRIVIA**

Saturday April 21st  
7-10 PM

St. Thomas Gym

\$10/person includes beer, wine, soda, munchies

Prizes for the top 3 teams

Call to register your team:

Bill & Millie Coughlin-729-4404

or Sue Miller-343-1040

### **CRS Rice Bowls Return**

Rice Bowls can be returned by placing them in the designated basket in the back of the church. If you do not have the bowls and want to use a check payable to CRS, please place your donation in the regular collection. Thank You!

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

### **Transportation**

Week of April 8th — George & Pat Clark

Week of April 15th — Marie Giordano

### **Shelving (Mondays)**

April 9th — K. Mohny

April 16th — J. & K. Brady

### **Distribution**

April 17th—R. & P. Scales, R. O'Neil, K. Dotson,  
M. Lyons, S. Orband

## **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. The application is also available on the website. Applications are due by noon, on **April 27th**. Please be sure to attach 3 letters of recommendation. Applicants must be registered members of the parish.

## **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. Please see your school guidance counselor for an application.

**Deadline is April 27, 2018.**

## **St. Cyril's Church "Ethnic Dinner"**

St. Cyril's Church is sponsoring an "Ethnic Dinner".  
All are invited!

Date: **Sunday, April 15th**

Time: **11:30—Until food is gone**

Menu: Halupki, Pierogi, Kieblasa, Hlauski,  
and homemade desserts

Price: Adults \$12.00 and Children \$4.00

Where: St. Cyril's Center at 148 Clinton St.

**Takeout Available**

## **Annual Samaritan House Spring Sale**

**Saturday, April 7th**

**9:00AM—4:00PM**

**&**

**Sunday, April 8th**

**9:00AM—2:00PM**

St. Thomas Aquinas School Gym (Highland Ave.)

All are invited!

## **Collection for Homeless Coalition**

Faith Formation will be collecting items for the Homeless Coalition again **from now until April 15th**.

These are the needed items:

**Bottles of Water or Gatorade**

**Insulated Socks**

**Thermal Underwear (L/XL)**

**Warm Gloves/Hats**

**Hand/Feet Warmers**

**Ponchos**

**Toothbrushes**

**Wipes**

**Fast Food Gift Cards**

**Clif Bars**

**Cracker Sandwiches**

**Raisins (or other dried fruit)**

**Ziploc Bags**

**Drawstring Bags**

**Bicycle Cable Locks**

\* All clothing must be new and must be men's sizes, as women can wear them also.

There is a box just inside the front door of the school on Sundays during Faith Formation. Another box is at the church and another at the Parish Center.

Thank you for all your generous donations!

## **PARISH REGISTRATION**

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether you're a long-time resident or newly arrived in the Parish. Please check the appropriate box and place in the collection basket or return to the Parish Center. *We thank God that you are with us.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- New Parishioner, send registration form
- Change of address or phone number
- Temporarily away. Stop envelopes
- Moving, please remove from Parish Roster

## **Nocturnal Adoration Society**

Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet at St. Patrick's Chapel on April 21st from 7:00—8:00PM.

**All Members!**

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

**April 14th & 15th, 2018**

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

Lector	Rosemary Rounds
EM Host	Barb Brozovic
EM Host	Catherine Shafer
EM Host	Dom Lomonaco
EM Cup	Terry Hanifin
EM Cup	John Pierce
EM Cup	Peggy Munson
EM Cup	Jan Pandich
Altar Server	Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server	Logan Lomonaco
Altar Server	Madelyn Strnatka

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

Lector	Joe Carpenter
EM Host	Lou Angelo
EM Host	Tim Vaverchak
EM Host	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Ed White
EM Cup	Maureen Mizzoni
EM Cup	Joanne Horoschak
EM Cup	Kurt or Kelly Mohney
Altar Server	Sydney Keough
Altar Server	Natalie Broderick
Altar Server	Peyton Broderick

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

Lector	Mary Lou Ekstrom
EM Host	Dave Bollinger
EM Host	Sue Jones
EM Host	Jules Furrer
EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
EM Cup	Maria Lord
EM Cup	Rose O'Neil
EM Cup	David Hanzes
Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney

**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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