

April 09, 2017

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



## Palm Sunday

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### **Office Hours:**

7:30 am to 4:30 pm  
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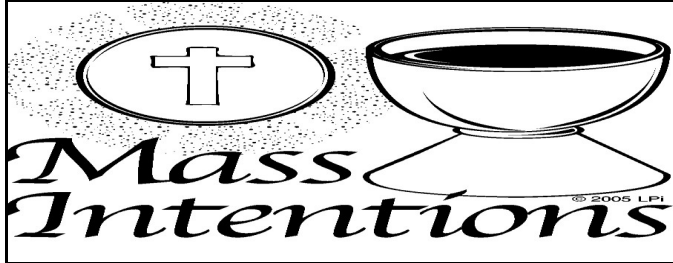
### **Mass Schedule**

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 8, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Ken Munney by Ruthie Cole & Tim  
**Sunday, April 9, Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People  
 11:00 a.m. Richard Clendening by Kathy & Tony Cullen  
**Monday, April 10**  
 8:00 a.m. Helene Benczik by Diane Benczik & Sister Paula Matthew  
**Tuesday, April 11**  
 8:00 a.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Angie Ritter by Family  
**Wednesday, April 12**  
 8:00 a.m. Joe Sardella by the Bartolillo Family  
**Thursday, April 13, Holy Thursday**  
 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**Friday, April 14, Good Friday**  
 3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
**Saturday, April 15, Holy Saturday**  
 8:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People  
**Sunday, April 16, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People  
 11:00 a.m. 18<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Helen A. Yanuzzi 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.

**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.

**Weekend's Offering (04-02-17)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$8,118.00
Loose Collection.....	\$389.25
Electronic Donation.....	\$515.00
Total Collection.....	\$9,022.25

**Thank you to everyone for their donations. They are greatly appreciated!**

**Faith Formation**

**Faith formation for grades K-9 today at 9:30--10:45 A.M. in the school.**

**No Faith Formation April 16 and April 23 ~ Easter Holiday**

Please note the last Sunday of Faith Formation is April 30th. There will be a prayer service in the church at 10 AM. We will collect Rice Bowls at this time. Perhaps you could create a family event by counting up your donation to CRS Rice Bowl. Talk about the families we have helped and the skills they learned because of our donations to CRS. Please return donations as a check payable to CRS Rice Bowls or with "paper" money for your child to place in the basket at the closing Prayer Service.

Parishioners and families who would like to volunteer in our Co-Garden can sign-up by filling out a pink info sheet located on the usher's table. Just drop it in the collection basket.



**Thank You, From Mom's House**

Thank you to all the volunteers and all who donated to the Rocker-thon. \$768 was collected ~ You are all wonderful!

**Carnival Fundraiser**

St. James School's 'Carnival Fundraiser' will be held April 22nd from 1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. in the Seton Catholic Central Gymnasium. The event will include food, games and raffles - with all proceeds going to the Munson family (a 4th grade teacher from St. James battling cancer). The public is welcome to attend. For more information or to make a donation, you can call Lauren Heslin at (607) 222-5488 or email at Laurenfn6@yahoo.com

**Operation Rice Bowl: Encounter Our Neighbors**

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter into our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and others who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

### Last Call

100th Anniversary Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima 10 Day Pilgrimage to Portugal offered over three dates in October 2017. We can be departing your airport and at the all land inclusive cost of \$2,149.00 in twin accommodations, with single accommodations also available. Call for the special air price from your city. We will be visiting Lisbon, Fatima, Santarem (Portugal), Lourdes (France) and Barcelona (Spain). For further information please call James Adair at 1-855-564-1008 or simply email [jimadair@thecatholictour.com](mailto:jimadair@thecatholictour.com)

### **St. James Church**

### **Annual Easter Candy Sale** **Homemade Chocolate Covered Eggs**

Main St. & Lester Ave.  
Owens Hall (Church Basement)  
Johnson City, NY 13790  
Order online at [stjamesjc.org](http://stjamesjc.org)

**Last day for sales and pick-up this Sunday,  
April 9th**

### **HOLY WEEK**

Holy Week is not a journey to the past but a mystery that is alive and real for us in today's world. The Holy Week story is a story of a struggle for communion and solidarity in the midst of great challenges and even injustice and suffering today:

- In the Passover Meal that Jesus celebrated
- In the model of service that we see in the washing of the feet on Thursday
- In all the courageous actions of Jesus in the midst of opposition
- In the betrayal of Jesus by his closest companions
- In the suffering and death of Jesus on Friday
- In the victory of resurrection and liberation that is revealed on Easter

We are called to connect Jesus' experience of suffering and struggle to our own experience today — an experience that includes life and death, injustice and courage, community and isolation, violence and peace. Our world suffers in the lives of those who are poor or victimized by injustice and violence and environmental abuse and natural disaster. In light of all this, we need the spirit of Christ who, "humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" if we are to be, we are to become "one people healed of all division" and bring an end to the war and violence that divides us.

Take time in your schedules this week to participate and pray in the Liturgies of our redemption in Christ.

### **Holy Week Services**

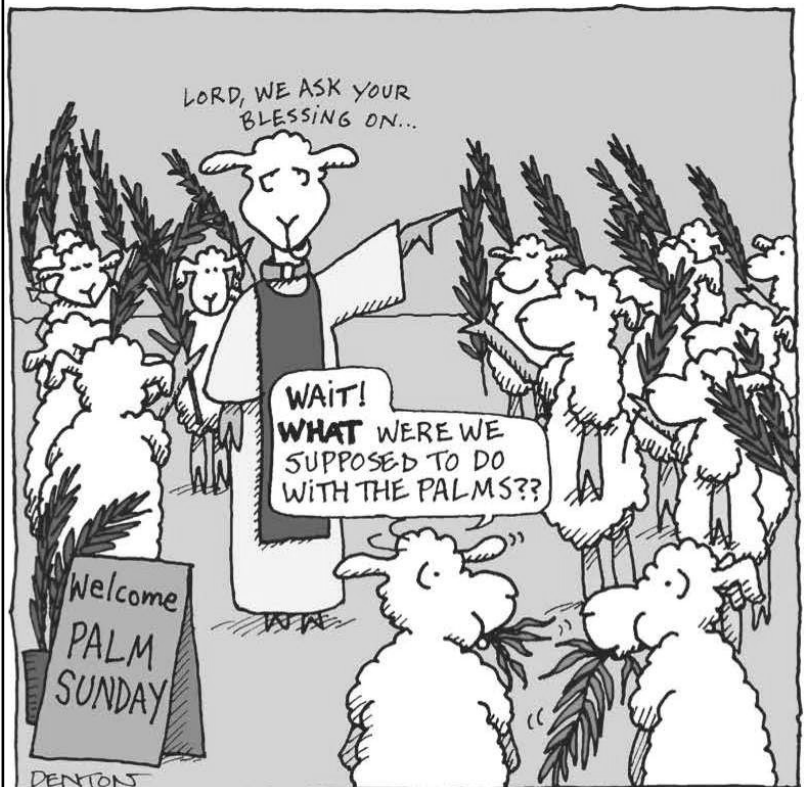
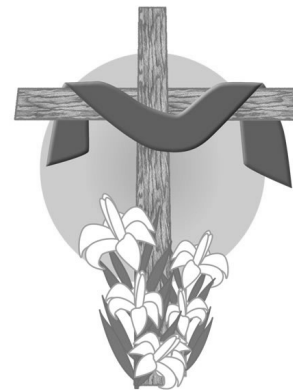
**Holy Thursday** ~ April 13th at 7:00p.m.  
*Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration*

**Good Friday** ~ April 14th at 3:00p.m.  
*Passion of the Lord*

**Holy Saturday** ~ April 15th at Noon  
*Blessing of the food and baskets  
in the Parish Center Chapel*

**Easter Vigil** ~ April 15th 8:00p.m.

**Easter Sunday** ~ April 16th 8:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.



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

#### **Transportation**

Week of April 9th — Pat & George Clark

Week of April 16th — **EASTER**

#### **Shelving (Mondays)**

April 10th — K. Mohney

April 17th — T. & M. Phalen

#### **Distribution**

April 18th — D. Kellett & Team #1

### **Co-Garden Volunteer Sign- up**

As we get back into the business of growing our garden for Catherine's Cupboard, we need your help! The spring and summer will be a busy time, and many hands help our Co-Garden grow. Here are some opportunities for students, adults, and families of the church to get involved.

**Please mark any activity you are interested in.**

**Planting the Garden**

**Watering and harvesting the Garden; this may be a family opportunity that can be rotated**

**Putting up the fence**

**Selling plants at the vegetable plant sale in**

**May**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact info:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone or email-** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return in offering basket or to Maria**

### **Nocturnal Adoration Society**

Will meet at St. Patrick Church on HOLY THURSDAY, April 13th from 10:00—11:00p.m.

### **NO BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**

The Parish Nurses will not be doing blood pressure screenings in April due to Easter. We wish a healthy and Happy Easter to all.

### **Confirmation Collection for Homeless**

We have been able to make several large donations to the Homeless Coalition due to your generosity. Thank you to everyone who contributed items or cash to the collection. We greatly appreciate your kindness to the marginalized in our society! Our Parish is AWESOME!

### **Pocono Downs Bus Trip (Mohegan Sun)**

Sponsor: St Joseph's Church

When: Tuesday, April 25th

Cost: \$35 (includes \$25 Free Play, \$5 Food)

Information: Call Grace 761-2357

### **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 May 5, 2017.**

### **DeBella College Scholarship**

Each year the DeBella College Scholarship Committee awards \$500 scholarships to 4 seniors from our parish who plan to attend college in the fall. Applications for these scholarships are available on the tables in back of the church or on the parish Website. Applications are due by **noon**, on **Friday, April 28th**. To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must be a registered member of the parish.

### **RCIA Announcement**

We are entering the final stage for the reception of our two Catechumens, Logan Blakeslee and Paul McDaniels into our Faith Community at the Easter Vigil on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm. Beginning this year, we will begin a year—round RCIA Process meaning that our Catechumens and Candidates will be spending a complete Liturgical Year with us in preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation. I invite anyone interested in joining our Faith Community to begin the Inquiry stage during this Lenten Season. That way you will be able to enter the Church at Easter 2018. Contact Deacon Steve at 648-2155 or contact the Parish Office.

### **Congratulations to Chenango Valley High School and Seton Catholic Central High School**

The cast, crew and musicians of the theater department for Chenango Valley High School gave an exceptional performance of the play, "Thoroughly Modern Millie". Our parish was well represented on the stage and behind the scenes and their hard work of planning, rehearsing and performing paid off!

Seton Catholic Central High School Girls Basketball "continued their winning streak by capturing the Federation Championship 83-43. This win marked Seton's first Federation Championship, the second in Section 4 Girls History" as they joined Oneonta High School's 1997-98 squad in an elite twosome. Marina Maerkl from our parish and her team played phenomenal basketball all season! And the Saints keep marching on!

### **Samaritan House Unique Spring Sale**

St. Thomas Aquinas Gym

Highland Ave, Binghamton

April 22nd 9 am - 4 pm & April 23rd 9 am - 2 pm

Antiques, Furniture, Jewelry, Linens Collectibles, Dishes, Glassware, Paintings

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

**April 15th & 16th, 2017**

**4:00 A.M. Mass**

LECTORS,  
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS  
& ALTAR SERVERS  
PLEASE SIGN UP  
ON THE EASTER  
SIGN UP SHEETS

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

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

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**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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