

April 09, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

Happy Easter

He is Risen!

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
Friday: Closed

Confession:

2nd & 4th Saturday of every
month at 3:00 pm in the Church

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our latest weekend reflection.
We will be posting new
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Saturdays.

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YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi
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**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

Monday, April 10

12:00 p.m. Jacqueline Boneck by

St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Tuesday, April 11

8:00 a.m. Sandra Bryant by Sr. Charlotte Horoschak

Wednesday, April 12

12:00 p.m. Peg Pitel by Maureen & Tim Roberts

Thursday, April 13**NO MASS****Friday, April 14****NO MASS****Saturday, April 15, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Regina Chabin by Carol & Bob Danoski

Sunday, April 16, Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

10:30 a.m. Mande Sharpe & Connor Noonan by Elizabeth McBride

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**NO Faith Formation April 9th and 16th, Happy Easter!****Faith Formation for Grades K-9 April 23rd and 30th****Looking Ahead:**

- ✦ First Eucharist dress rehearsal Saturday, May 6th at 10AM in the Church.
- ✦ First Eucharist will be celebrated on Sunday, May 7th at the 10:30 Mass. The front pews will be reserved for the children preparing to receive the sacrament and their families. Mass will last a bit longer than usual, parishioners are asked to please plan accordingly.
- ✦ Confirmation Retreat at Chenango Valley State Park will be held Saturday, May 13th. Parents and candidates are asked to check your email for details.

RCIA Congratulations

The Parish Family at St. Francis wants to thank the four individuals who attended the RCIA classes since September 2022. These include Jo Ellen Rutherford, Katy Perry, Paul Cruze and Mark Cruze (brothers). Katy, Paul and Mark are now full members of our Faith Community and were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass. Jo Ellen will soon become a full member. Join us in congratulating and praying for these new Catholics as their journey in the Faith continues.

Creation Care Team Ride Sharing Meeting

Deacon Steve will have a short meeting after both Masses next Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday, to discuss the Creation Care Team's ideas about a Ride Sharing Program to Mass each Weekend. The meeting will be in the front pews of the Church. If you have ideas feel free to attend.

Are you currently planning a Catholic Wedding?**PreCana Day**

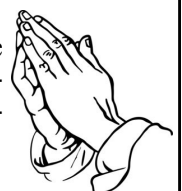
A PreCana Day for ALL ENGAGED COUPLES IN THE SOUTHERN TIER preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony will be held May 6th. This is one of the ONLY local opportunities for marriage prep (otherwise you go to Syracuse)

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish**Saturday, May 6th, 8:30AM—5:30PM (with Mass)****Cost: \$60**

Registration is REQUIRED, and space is limited so call the parish office at 607-723-5383 ASAP.

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 Mary Mercincavage.



Happy Easter!

Easter is a promise of hope. That promise is so necessary for us today when we can easily become so pessimistic and cynical. The empty tomb of Christ's Resurrection is the ultimate sign of hope.



The Risen Christ's breathing his peace is the grace that enables us to live our lives with the belief that anything is possible.

Easter grace enables us to transform our doubts and fears into reconciliation, justice, and peace.

May your celebration of Easter in Christ's Resurrection open your eyes, hearts and spirits to encounter God in all of creation and transform your lives in the many possibilities we have to realize the hope of resurrection in your lives.

— *Fr. Tim*

A Prayer for Easter

Before the Resurrection,

So much suffering had to be endured.

Before the tomb was left behind,

Death was the harsh reality.

You call us, O Lord, to recognize

Both suffering and Easter hope

Are part of our journey as we follow you.

You call us to hold, at the same time,

Both death and new life in our hands,

So we may be embraced

By the Paschal mystery

And thus be renewed

For the healing work ahead.

Grant us wisdom, O Lord,

Grant us Easter grace.

Amen.

**Easter Sunday: Creation Care Tip**

Celebrate new life today by planting some seeds or seedlings, or plan your summer garden. Pot up some herbs on a windowsill or plant a dwarf tree in a container on a porch or deck. Eating food grown locally saves drastically on the carbon footprint from food grown at great distances. Check out Barbara Kingsolver's book, *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* for some great inspiration about growing and eating locally grown food.

Easter Sunday: Justice Challenge

April 11th marks the anniversary of Pope John XXIII's encyclical, *Pacem in Terris* (Peace on Earth). This letter was the foundation for much of the Church's contemporary teaching on just war. Pope John urged the Church to promote peace by defending human rights. Your challenge this week is to read Paragraphs 166 to 172 from the encyclical, which can be found on the Vatican's website, www.vatican.va. Click on English and then type "Peace on Earth" in the Search Box. After reading these paragraphs, reflect on how you can apply what you read in your own personal relationships and in the way you vote as a Catholic.

Rice Bowl Collection

If you or your family have been collecting money for Operation Rice Bowl throughout Lent this year, thank you! Please return your rice bowl to the church or parish center as soon as you can. Thank you, again!

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.

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

April 18th— M. Lyons, M. Mizzoni & Emma

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

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!

Why Return to the Church? Reflection

1. Can you think of any time in your life that you returned to something you had given up? How did you feel? What made it easy? What made it hard?
2. Many people find that the church supports a lot of the basic human values they treasure, e.g., family, inner peace, personal dignity, integrity, and hope. What values do you think the church can best support in your life?
3. If you were to name the most important thing you received from your Catholic heritage, what would you say that it was? How do you see that continuing in your present and future life?

PARISH REGISTRATION

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you, 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're with us.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

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

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
April 15th & 16th, 2023

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Kathryn White
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Marge Mangan
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Peggy Munson
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Kurt Mohny
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Kelly Mohny

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sydney Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Catherine Shafer
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Scott Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Donna Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Jules Furrer

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

10:30 AM Mass

April 9th: No in-person Children's Liturgy

April 16th: Cindy & Kathryn or Lauren White

April 23rd: Ede & Sarah Blabac

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: When have you
seen someone do a good deed for some-
one else?

Question for Youth: Jesus' closest friends
had trouble believing that the tomb was
empty. Resurrection is surprising. What
does Jesus' resurrection mean in your life?

Question for Adults: Name one way or
time when you experience the presence of
the Risen Christ? Is it at meals? With
those whom you love? At other times?

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