

April 14, 2019

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

ALL ARE INVITED

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



**Let us continue to be a Eucharistic faith community
committed to living and sharing the Gospel life!**

Staff

Rev. Timothy Taugher, Pastor
Deacon Stephen Blabac
Delores A. Farwell
Parish Administrative Assistant
Maria Kirk
Director of Faith Formation
Joseph Carpenter
Parish Business Administrator
Sue Ekstrom
Parish Media Manager
Edmund Savo
Organist

Office Hours:
7:30 am to 4:30 pm
Monday through Thursday
Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Parish Office: 722-4388
Fax: 722-1336
Faith Formation Office:
722-4177

E-mail:
stfrancisbing@syrdio.org

Website:
www.stfrancisbing.org

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 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

Monday, April 15
 8:00 a.m. Thomas Breski by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Tuesday, April 16
 8:00 a.m. Ed Miller by "Friends"

Wednesday, April 17
 8:00 a.m. Francis Tallman by Michael Cretaro

Thursday, April 18, Holy Thursday
 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 19, Good Friday
 3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 20, Holy Saturday
 8:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

Sunday, April 21, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

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 (04-07-19)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$7,707.00
Loose Collection.....	\$292.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,942.00
Total Collection.....	\$9,941.00

Faith Formation

Faith Formation today for Grades K-9 9:30 in the church for the Rice Bowl Closing Prayer Service.

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.

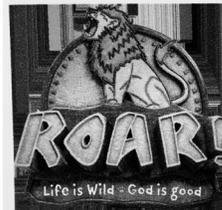
Looking Ahead:

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 5 at 10 AM in the Church.

First Eucharist Sunday, May 6th 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.



Save the Date

Vacation Bible School
 July 8-12, 6-8 PM

Binghamton First Church of the Nazarene
 1282 Chenango Street

Sponsored by: Binghamton Nazarene, Community Baptist of Port Dickinson, Nimmonsburg Methodist, and Ogden-Hillcrest Methodist, St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Children's Liturgy

April 13/14

4:00 PM Mass— Alison and Dan Brennan
8:00 AM Mass— Ede Blabac/Bridget Vavra

April 20/21

4:00 PM Mass— **No Children's Liturgy**
8:00 AM Mass— Cindy & Lauren White

April 27/28

4:00 PM Mass— Alison and Dan Brennan
8:00 AM Mass— Ed & Kay Corcoran

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 Our Neighbors

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

Lenten and Holy Week Services

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

The Light is On For You

Monday, April 15th 4-7PM in Parish Chapel

"**The Light is On For You**" campaign was created by the Archdiocese of Washington and has since been implemented by dioceses throughout the United States. The Diocese of Syracuse is proud to join in this effort and generally offers extended hours for confession on one evening during Advent and Lent. By participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, whether our first time in days, weeks, months or years, we are experiencing God's individual and unwavering love for us, and one of the true graces made available to us by our Catholic faith. **God loves us just the way we are, but he loves us too much to leave us that way.** When we return to the Church for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Jesus rejoices like the father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son. It is never "too late" to return to Jesus and ask for forgiveness. Imagine how joyful you will feel upon confessing your sins, big or small!

Holy Week Reflection

The Cross stands before us in these days as an eloquent symbol of God's love for humanity. ...In his Passion, Death and Resurrection, we are shown that the last word in human existence is not death but God's victory over death. Divine love, manifested in its fullness in the paschal mystery, overcomes death and sin, which is its cause (cf. Rom 5: 12). —John Paul II

The whole passion story reminds us that the type of authority of Jesus is different than that of a worldly power. Christ "emptied himself and became the servant of all." We need this spirit if we are to be we are be "one people healed of all division" and bring an end to the war, violence, selfishness and injustice which divide us. We can treat the "passion of Jesus" in a sentimental sort of way and force a certain sense of grief upon ourselves, blaming our personal sin for Jesus' death.

However, more importantly, we are called to connect Jesus' experience to our own experience today – an experience that includes life and death, injustice and courage, violence and peace. We cannot contemplate Jesus' suffering without contemplating the suffering of our world and its people.

Why is the crowd in the Palm Sunday story so excited? Jesus has no military, economic, or political power. He is a simple human being with no significant material assets.

Why is there a sense of excitement as we begin to enter the Holy Week experience?

Shouldn't we be ready to give up? After all Jesus is about to be killed.

Shouldn't we be discouraged by the human situation today – by war, violence of all sorts, selfishness, failure, injustice, discrimination, poverty, inequality, etc.?

Do we really want to or need to remember the pain and the sorrow that we see in the passion of Christ?

There was an excitement in Jerusalem at the time of Jesus and there is an excitement as we process with palms.

Why? Is it a sense of excitement because God is among us and part of our human situation?

Is it a sense that God is with us in the midst of all the suffering and injustice?

Is it a sense that God is present in the midst of our deepest longings and dreams?

Is it a sense that God is present in the midst of our deepest struggle for what is right?

Is it a sense that God is here in the midst of the great story of liberation and freedom?

Is it a sense that God is calling us to work for liberation and justice?

Is it a sense that apparent defeat is not the final word?

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of April 14th — George & Pat Clark

Week of April 21st — **EASTER**

Shelving (Mondays)

April 8th — Alex Hayes & Carol

April 22nd — J. & K. Brady

Distribution

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

Congratulations...

To the Chenango Forks High School Drama Club for their powerful performance of Les Miserable.

Stage and crew did a fantastic job with its production and staging. A few of our talented youth from the parish were on stage and behind the scene including:

**Nick O'Neil, Sam Zarelli, Olivia Berry,
Daisy Dimatos, and Jasmine Walker.**

Hats off to all of you for your great work.

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

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.

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). You are welcome just to order a copy and read on your own. Suggested price: \$10.

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 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. This 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.

COME DOWNSTAIRS AFTER MASS!

Reflections from the Parish

"With great pride, I reflect on the 10th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. It was during that beautiful Mass, when our new parish was formed, that my grandson, Logan Christopher Kliment (parents Andrew and Melissa), was baptized. Truly a memorable day in every way!" — Elizabeth Kliment

"When the parishes of St. Catherine, St. Christopher, & St. Rita joined 10 yrs ago to form St. Francis of Assisi Parish it felt like a piecing together of parts of each church—but more importantly it was the uniting of these faithful Catholics with the hope for a stronger community of worshipers. The choir has been a wonderful example for me of the joy and sharing of each others gifts to make mass a true celebration. We are so blessed." — Anne Wolanski

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

April 20th & 21st, 2019

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector Easter Weekend
EM Host Please Sign up
EM Host from the sign-up
EM Host sheets
EM Cup
EM Cup
EM Cup
EM Cup
Altar Server
Altar Server
Altar Server

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Easter Weekend
EM Host Please Sign up
EM Host from the sign-up
EM Host sheets
EM Cup
EM Cup
EM Cup
EM Cup
Altar Server
Altar Server
Altar Server

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Easter Weekend
EM Host Please Sign up
EM Host from the sign-up
EM Host sheets
EM Cup
EM Cup
EM Cup
EM Cup
Altar Server
Altar Server
Altar Server

Question of the Week

Question for Children: In your own words, what does the suffering and death of Christ mean to you?

Question for Youth: How can you spend time with each member of your family this week in a way that will communicate your love for them?

Question for Adults: What sacrifices have you made this week to show your love for others? What sacrifices have others made for you?

END OF BULLETIN

CHURCH NAME: St. Francis of Assisi
CITY, STATE: Binghamton, NY
FILE NAME: 06-168
PHONE: 607-722-4388
Contact: Delores A. Farwell or Sue Ekstrom

Comments:
Bulletin copy for **April 14th, 2019**

Deliver 600 copies to St. Francis of Assisi.