

April 15, 2018

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

Third Sunday Of Easter



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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 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

Monday, April 16
 8:00 a.m. Eleanor Gunter by the Munney Family

Tuesday, April 17
 8:00 a.m. Lloyd Woodruff by Jim & Rose O'Neil

Wednesday, April 18
 8:00 a.m. Bernice Guth by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Thursday, April 19
 8:00 a.m. Steven VanDyke by Friends

Friday, April 20
NO MASS

Saturday, April 21, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. William F. Heath by Yvette Heath & Family

Sunday, April 22, Fourth Sunday of Easter
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Mary Lou Bennett by Cathy Feheley

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 (04-08-18)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,636.00
Loose Collection.....	\$261.00
Easter Collection.....	\$665.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,991.00
Total Collection.....	\$9,543.00

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Classes for K-9 and Confirmation meet today, April 15th 9:30-10:45AM.

K-9 Opening Prayer in the church at 9:30AM. Confirmation Candidates meet in Room 103.

Looking Ahead

- April 22nd is the First Eucharist Sharing Meal after Faith Formation. Children will meet their parents and family at 11 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 is April 29th.
- First Eucharist will be celebrated on Sunday, May 6th at the 11:00AM Mass.

Parish Book Club

Afternoon (2:00PM) session **WILL NOT** meet on April 17th. We will meet to discuss Chapters 8-Epilogue on April 24th at 2:00PM. Evening session (7:00PM) **WILL** meet April 17th to discuss the remainder of the book. Next Book Club Selection will begin May 8th. The Pope's new exhortation "Rejoice and Be Glad" will be the material. Call the parish center to reserve your book and study guide. (\$10)

Guest Tony Magliano

A guest is with us this weekend, 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 is 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.

Seeds to Supper Signup

Catherine's Cupboard is sponsoring "growing you own vegetables" training sessions particularly for our clients at the Cupboard. Six have signed up and there is room for 4 more persons. If any parishioners would like to participate please contact Deacon Steve at 648-2155 or sign up in the back of Church. Dates and times will be noted later after all people have been contacted.

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, Elaine Spaziano.

One With the Suffering People of Syria

Last weekend the deplorable was in Syria again used chemical weapons. A seven year war that has created an intolerable living situation for so many people. On Sunday, April 8th, Pope Francis decried the suspected gas attack as a use of “instruments of extermination” that is unjustifiable, “there is no such thing as a good war and a bad war, nothing, but nothing, can justify the use of such instruments of extermination on defenseless people and populations,” he said at the end of a Mass in St. Peter’s Square. “Let us pray for all the deceased, for the wounded, for the families who suffer.”

We pray for an end to the war in Syria and ask God to give comfort and strength to our sisters and brothers who have suffered for too long.

God of Mercy, hear the cries of your people.

How long, O God, must our Syrian sisters and brothers suffer injustice? How long must they be casualties of hollow wars?

With heavy hearts, we watch the aftermath of the chemical attack in eastern Ghouta.

With numbing grief, we learn of scores of people, including children, who died after plumes of toxic gas fell upon them, like a “winter fog”—Many convulsing, choking, gasping for air, and foaming at the mouth.

They are not numbers, but names, members of a family, our human family. They are mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, and grandparents. They are the face of your Son—crying out,

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46)

Give comfort to the father who carried his lifeless little girl, her lips blue, her dark curls brushing closed eyes, wrapped in a blue sheet.

Give comfort to the mothers and fathers as they lay to rest their children in makeshift burial sites.

Give comfort to those who helplessly watched as family members and neighbors fell like leaves to the ground, gasping for air, struggling to breathe, pleading for help.

Give comfort to the doctors, nurses, and rescue workers as they provide care and treatment to those who survived the attack.

Give comfort to those who live in perpetual fear, to those who are internally displaced, and to those who have fled to neighboring countries as war refugees.

Give strength to those who are making a desperate attempt to reach Europe by land or sea, with many dying tragically along the way.

God, as shocking as this unacceptable massacre is, it is but one episode in the long nightmare of Syria’s civil conflict.

It is time that the international community stands up and says, “Enough.”

We join with Pope Francis and “appeal to the conscience of those who have political responsibilities, locally, and internationally, to put an end to this tragedy and to bring relief to that dear population which for too long has been overwhelmed by war.” Amen.

Rejoice and Be Glad: On the Call to Holiness in the Contemporary World

“Rejoice and Be Glad: On the Call to Holiness in the Contemporary World” is the title of Pope Francis’ new exhortation that was released this past Monday, April 9th. In the introduction to the exhortation, Francis emphasizes that the goal of his exhortation is to “re-propose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges, and opportunities.”

An apostolic exhortation is considered the second highest form of papal teaching after an encyclical letter. You may recall his first exhortation, “Joy of the Gospel”

In light of Easter joy, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, it is a fitting time to rekindle our baptismal call to be holy by reading this wonderful work of Pope Francis.

If you are interested in ordering a copy and joining in a discussion of the book on the Tuesdays of May, beginning May 1st, at 2:00PM or 7:00PM, please call Delores at the Parish Center (722-4388).

We are all called to holiness! Take time to read this book and examine how you are answering this call.

Let’s Talk Race!

This six-session program will began on the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4th. Additional sessions will be on April 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.

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.



Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of April 15th — Marie Giordano

Week of April 22nd — Michelle Warne

Shelving (Mondays)

April 16th — J. & K. Brady

April 23rd — N. Minch, NJ. Marabito

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, Kieblasas, Hlauski,
and homemade desserts

Price: Adults \$12.00 and Children \$4.00

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

Takeout Available

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

Collection for Homeless Coalition

Faith Formation will be collecting items for the Homeless Coalition **until this Sunday, 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.

This weekend is your LAST CHANCE to donate to the homeless coalition. Please drop off your items in the box locations above.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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 2nd.**

ST. THOMAS INDOOR GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY APRIL 28TH

9:00AM—1:00PM

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS GYM

MULTIPLE FAMILIES

GREAT VARIETY OF ITEMS TO CHOOSE FROM

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 21st & 22nd, 2018

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Denise Talbut
EM Host	Judy Murphy
EM Host	John Artman
EM Host	Brenda Artman
EM Cup	Larry Koch
EM Cup	Paulette Scales
EM Cup	Marge Mangan
EM Cup	Ron Scales
Altar Server	Delaney Wood
Altar Server	Mikey Schultz
Altar Server	Liam Wood

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Mike Stricek
EM Host	Katie Ginalski
EM Host	Debbie Davis
EM Host	Marie Iobst
EM Cup	Shirley McCray
EM Cup	Ed White
EM Cup	Denise Baxter
EM Cup	Steve Baxter
Altar Server	Anna Ginalski
Altar Server	Kathryn White
Altar Server	Lauren White

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Brian Sirgany
EM Host	Chris Gill
EM Host	David Gill
EM Host	Dave Bollinger
EM Cup	Joseph Frissora
EM Cup	Stephanie Stracuzzi
EM Cup	Steve Guth
EM Cup	Sue Jones
Altar Server	John Michael Frissora
Altar Server	Nolan Sirgany
Altar Server	Jessica Wojnar

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Name some times when you know Jesus is with you.

Question for Youth: What are some ways that you know that God is with you? Who are the people, where are the place, and what are the occasions when you feel closest to God?

Question for Adults: When have you had an "Aha" moment, when you suddenly realized that God was with you?

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