

April 16, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



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
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Confession:

2nd & 4th Saturday of every
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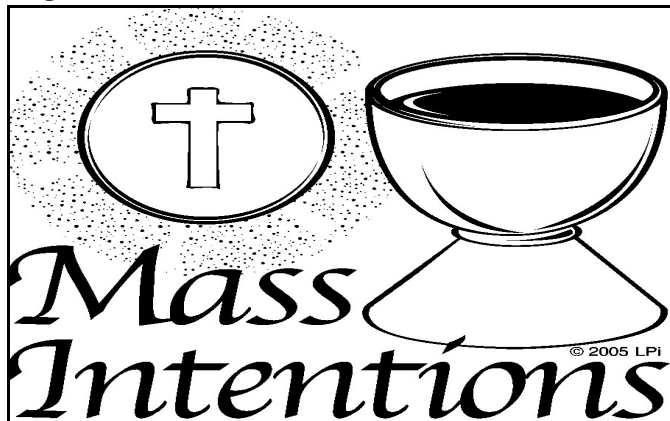
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our latest weekend reflection.
We will be posting new
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Saturday, April 15, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Regina Chabin by Carol & Bob Danoski

Sunday, April 16, Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday
10:30 a.m. Matt Noonan, Connor Noonan, & Mande Sharpe by Elizabeth McBride

Monday, April 17
12:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

Tuesday, April 18
8:00 a.m. Michael Klepfer by Marge Mangan

Wednesday, April 19
12:00 p.m. Louise Martin by Arlene Peters

Thursday, April 20
8:00 a.m. Lloyd Holtslander by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Friday, April 21
NO MASS

Saturday, April 22, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Donald Walls by Pattie Bartolillo & Family

Sunday, April 23, Third Sunday of Easter
10:30 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna 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 (04-09-23)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,237.00
Loose Collection.....	\$1,097.25
Electronic Collection.....	\$2,912.00
Total Collection.....	\$8,246.25

Faith Formation

NO Faith Formation this Sunday, 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 this 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.



Holy Week & Easter Thank You!

It was such a wonderful experience to be able to celebrate the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter this year. Coming together as a faith community was a hopeful sign in the celebration of the central mysteries of our faith; the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. I couldn't have done it alone— many people did so much behind the scenes, as well as participating in the liturgies. I am very grateful to all of our Parish Staff, and also the generous involvement of our parishioners who assisted in making each celebration a prayerful experience. Making these celebrations happen is always a challenge. So, THANK YOU to staff, volunteers, and you, our parishioners, for all your hard work.

— *Fr. Tim*

Mercy Sunday

Back in 2017, Pope Francis made a wonderful observation about mercy. He states:

Mercy in the light of Easter enables us to perceive it as a true form of awareness. This is important: mercy is a true form of awareness. We know that it [awareness] is experienced through many forms. It is experienced through the senses, it is experienced through intuition, through reason and even other forms. Well, it can also be experienced in mercy, because mercy opens the door of the mind in order to better understand the mystery of God and of our personal existence. Mercy enables us to understand that violence, rancor, vengefulness have no meaning, and the first victim is whoever feels these sentiments, because he deprives himself of his own dignity. Mercy also opens the door of the heart and allows one to express closeness especially to those who are lonely and marginalized, because it makes them feel as brothers and sisters, and as children of one Father. It favors recognition of those who need consolation and helps one find the appropriate words so as to give comfort. Brothers and sisters, mercy warms the heart and makes it sensitive to the needs of brothers and sisters with sharing and participation. Thus, mercy requires everyone to be instruments of justice, reconciliation and peace. Let us never forget that mercy is the keystone in the life of faith, and the concrete form by which we make Jesus' Resurrection visible"

Birthright Items Needed

Birthright is a volunteer organization dedicated to the pregnant women and children. Please consider donating the following most needed items; receiving blankets, Stretchsuits size NB—6mo, Blanket sleepers size NB—18mo, Onesies size 0-3mo or 3-6mo, Diapers, Baby Bottles, and Infant Board Books. Call 607-372-0312

Rosary and Religious Item Donations

The Sisters of St. Joseph are helping the immigrants, homeless, and those who need a Christian reminder by giving them rosaries and religious items. If anyone would like to donate rosaries or other religious items, there is a basket on the back table of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

2nd Sunday of Easter: Creation Care Tip

"All who believed were together and had all things in common." —Acts 2:44

What do you and your friends and neighbors each own individually that you could share instead? Power tools? Books? Paper or magazine subscriptions? Gardening tools? Camping gear? Sports equipment? Specialized kitchen equipment? Imagine how many fewer resources we would need if we didn't feel the need to own everything individually and we shared more things in common instead. Imagine how it would tie us together with greater inter-dependence if we shared more. The next time you are tempted to buy something new, research where you might find it used or whom you might borrow it from.

2nd Sunday of Easter: Justice Challenge

This Sunday's Gospel recounts the appearance of Jesus to the apostles after the Resurrection. Fear ruled the day until Jesus came back with his message, "Peace be with you." Fear can paralyze us, just as it did the apostles until Jesus breathed his Spirit and his peace into them. Your challenge this week is to examine how much fear rules your life. When does it stop you from speaking the prophetic word, challenging injustice, or living an ethical life? Pray for the peace of Christ to enter your own heart, and find the courage to fight injustice wherever you see it.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Prayer for Justice and Peace

*God, source of all light,
we are surrounded by the darkness
of the injustices experienced by your people,
the poor who are hungry and who search for shelter,
the sick who seek relief,
and the downtrodden who seek help
in their hopelessness.
Surround us and fill us with your Spirit who is Light.
Lead us in your way to be light to your people.
Help our parish to be salt for our community
as we share your love with those
caught in the struggles of life.
We desire to be your presence to the least among us
and to know your presence in them
as we work through you to bring justice
and peace to this world in desperate need.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
in his Divine Mercy,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
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

Southern Tier
Singers' Collective

LIGHTING THE WAY

Directed by William Culverhouse

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH

7:30PM

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Featuring the world premiere of Dunbar Hymn
by STSC Composition Competition winner
Liam Frager

Free and open to the public. Voluntary donations gratefully accepted.

The Madrigal Choir of Binghamton
presents...

The American Songbook



*Broadway Show Tunes from
Gershwin to Hamilton*

Sunday, April 23, 2023

4:00 PM

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

1 Aquinas St
Binghamton, NY

Tickets available online at www.madrigalchoir.com or at the door.

Adults \$20

Students (with ID) \$5.00

Featuring Jean Henssler,
pianist



With guest singer,
Bex Odorisio

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

April 22nd & 23rd, 2023

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Thalia Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Frederick Allabaugh
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Nancy Oliver
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Anne Smilnak
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Jan Pandich
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Jonah Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Juliana Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
10:30 Mass	Lector	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Ann Wolanski
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Pat Clark
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Catherine Shafer

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

10:30 AM Mass

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: Even though you can't
see him with your eyes, how do you "see" Jesus
in others?

Question for Youth: Jesus gave us the gift of
the Holy Spirit and gave us the power to forgive
sins. How do you offer forgiveness to your
friends and family? How do you seek for-
giveness for yourself?

Question for Adults: When and how do you ex-
perience the "new birth" which we are given in
Christ? When someone has forgiven you? When
you have forgiven others? When you celebration
reconciliation? At other times?

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