

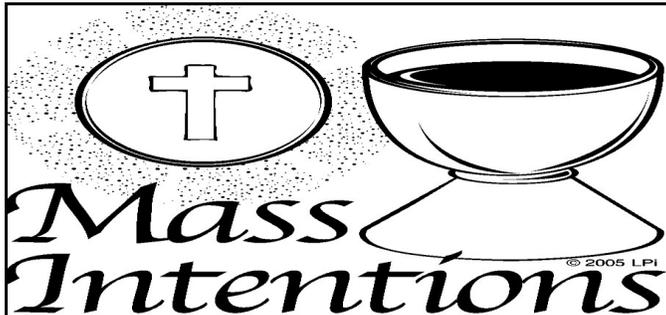
April 17, 2022

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



*Happy Easter*



**Saturday, April 16, Holy Saturday**  
 8:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People  
**Sunday, April 17, 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 18**  
 12:00 p.m. Helene Russo by Jim & Kathleen Brady

**Tuesday, April 19**  
 8:00 a.m. Peter Schuchman by Kathleen Priddle Nicholson

**Wednesday, April 20**  
 12:00 p.m. Barbara Ributski by Nick & Rosalie Roth

**Thursday, April 21**  
 8:00 a.m. Stanley Charlier by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

**Friday, April 22**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, April 23, Vigil of Sunday**  
 1:30 p.m. **Wedding** – Emily Vanuti & Andrew Kuebler

4:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People  
**Sunday, April 24, Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
 10:30 a.m. Martin & Kathryn Reagan by Daughter, Ellen Clark

**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 (04-03-22)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,946.00
Loose Collection.....	\$191.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$2,557.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,694.00

**Weekend's Offering (04-10-22)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$3,746.00
Loose Collection.....	\$249.45
Electronic Collection.....	\$2,557.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,552.45

*Thank You for your generous contributions!*

**Faith Formation**

**No Faith Formation this weekend! Happy Easter!**

**Our last Faith Formation classes will be held next weekend for Grades K-9 in the school**

**Looking ahead:**

First Eucharist will be celebrated **Sunday, May 1st at our 10:30 AM Mass.** The first 10 pews on each side of the church will be reserved for children and their families. The first pew on the right side of the altar will be reserved for any handicapped persons. Mass will take a bit longer than usual, please plan accordingly.

**A Prayer for Earth Day**

*We remember St. Francis of Assisi  
 As he attended to the birds of the air  
 And the creatures of the earth.*

*He sang his hymn of praise to  
 Our common home,*

*The gift and mystery of Creation.*

*We respond to the words of Pope Francis  
 As he calls us again*

*To cherish this gift, this mystery,  
 As he reminds us that we are all connected.  
 All is communion in the great web of life  
 And we are all part of the sacred whole.*

*We sing once more with praise for the earth,  
 As Spring reminds us of new growth  
 And the Hope that we are challenged to live out.*

*We practice hope for our common home,  
 And for that communion of all of Creation,  
 So the song of praise heard in Assisi so long ago  
 Will continue to echo in country and city,*

*Around this green globe, and out to the heavens. Amen.*



**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.

**Easter/Earth Day (April 22)**

Our Easter faith is grounded in the idea of dying and rising. The Easter gospel reading conveys that this is precisely what happened, though it does not explain how this wonder took place. Mary Magdalene and the disciples go to the tomb, the place of death and decay. Instead of death, however, they find traces of new life, resurrected life, life that has conquered death. They had no part in this transformation; they were simply witnesses to it, dumbfounded witnesses “who did not yet understand the Scripture.”

While we too are recipients of this new life, we are also perpetrators of death, as suggested by Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'*. We are strangling earth of its life with our garbage; choking the atmosphere with out pollution, poisoning water with our plastic and chemicals. “All creation is groaning in labor pains even until now.” (Rom 8:22)

The outcome of such a situation is in our hands. We can decide to change our ways of consuming, of wasting, of polluting. We can commit ourselves to the birth of new life for earth, rather than disfigurement and death. The Easter message is a promise of life, not merely for human beings, but for all of creation. God has entrusted us with the fulfillment of part of that promise. How open are we to being midwives of new life?

As we celebrate Easter and Earth Day this week let us be committed stewards of God’s creation working to bring new life to our ailing environment.

**Arbor Day and Tree Planting**

Arbor Day is celebrated on Friday, April 29th, a national day to plant trees to help slow climate change, filter our air and water, and help make our environment healthier. To observe Arbor Day, our parish Creation Care Team along with churches in our neighborhood will be purchasing and planting new trees in Port Dickinson Park. A number of trees had to be removed due to disease, and this initiative will be a great effort to work together for the good of our community. We will be purchasing trees, but **help is needed on Saturday, April 30th at 10:00AM** to assist in planting. Meet us at Port Dickinson Park to beautify our wonderful park.

**Movie in Theatres: “Father Stu”**

Based on a true story, Father Stu is an unflinchingly honest, funny, and ultimately uplifting drama about a lost soul who finds his purpose in a most unexpected place. Father Stu is truly a story of hope in a time that can sometimes feel hopeless. And the fact that Hollywood is delivering it remains truly remarkable!

As we commemorate our redemption in the celebration of Easter, you might consider going to this movie on how one person’s life experienced redemption!

**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!

**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

**Easter Sunday: Creation Care Tips**

“Christ is risen! Alleluia!” God brings life out of death. Nature knows how to bring life out of death too by composting dead organic matter. If you haven’t already, start your own compost or worm bin to divert your food scraps from the landfill into valuable fertilizer for your yard or garden (or someone else’s). It’s easy to do, even if you only have a small space. Check out a book at the library, search for “how to compost” online, or ask at your local nursery to learn how. If you already have a bin going, offer to help someone else get one going too.

**Easter Sunday: Justice Challenge**

Those of us who are committed to working for justice in the world often find ourselves addressing one problem after another. We can get into a rut of cynicism when our spirits become depleted from all of our problem-solving. It is important for the ministry of justice to step back from the darkness of injustice and celebrate the beauty of what is right with the world. Your Easter challenge is to enhance your spirit of gratitude for the good and just things that happen around you all of the time. Identify them and rejoice for Christ is rising in them.

**Call to Action Upstate Presents:**

**A Thruway Tour  
Catholic Culture Wars**

*(Featuring: Journalist, Michael Sean Winters)*

Culture Wars have distorted the Catholic intellectual and moral tradition of the Church. Winters will address the following topics: achieving a balance of the “common good” in our divided society, the American tendency to reduce religion to ethics and politics and how that adds fuel to the fire of culture wars, protecting ourselves and our Church from the distortions of Culture Wars, becoming an inclusive church, one that listens, learns, and takes responsibility for proclaiming the Gospel.

**Tue, May 3rd, 7PM St. Francis of Assisi Church**

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

### **Transportation**

NO TRANSPORTATION

### **Shelving (Mondays)**

NO SHELIVING

### **Distribution**

April 19th— N. & D. Oliver and P. Covey

## **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. **Submissions must be received by May 1, 2022.**

Contact M. Rankin, Scholarship Chair, at 607-773-8959 for more information.

## **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 22, 2022.**

## **John M. DeBella Scholarships**

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 four seniors from the parish who plan to attend college in the fall.** Applications are available at the rear of the church. The application is also available on our church's website. **Applications are due by 4 PM on Thursday, April 28th. (Please note, office is closed on Friday).** In order to be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must be a REGISTERED member of the parish. Email [mkirk@syrдио.org](mailto:mkirk@syrдио.org) if you have any questions.

## **Online Giving**

Would you like to save paper and time when giving monetary donations to us? We have the option of online giving for your convenience. Visit our website [stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org) and click "online giving" in the menu. It's easy to set up using your checking account, credit, or debit card for automatic or one-time donation options and you choose where the money goes.

***Ordinary Contribution, Repair, Maint. & Utilities,  
Catholic School Support, Catherine's Cupboard,  
Special Sunshine, Capital Campaign,  
and the Southern Tier Afghan Resettlement Fund***

**Check it out!**

## **Church Painting**

The church painting project is about to start. Beginning Monday April 18th Ryan Ritterbeck and his crew will be in the church doing the preparation work prior to the start of our interior church painting project. The project will extend will into the summer and will be wrapping up in Mid-July.

The first steps will be doing repair work on some area of the church because of ongoing water damage over these many years. Beginning in the back of the church, Ryan will setting up scaffolding which will cover about 20% of the church at any one time. We will continue to have weekend Masses in the church throughout the project. However, daily weekday Masses will all be held in the chapel parish center (12:00 Noon Mon & Wed; 8:00 AM Tues & Thurs).

Ryan will be doing the choir loft and seating area first with the sanctuary and the refinishing of the pews coming as the last part of the project. It should be an exciting project.

## **Ukraine Support**

Thank you to all for the terrific support for Ukraine. Over the last 2 weekends you **donated over \$8,500** to support the citizens and government in their struggle for independence. We let everyone know shortly to which organizations your money will be sent. Thank you all again!

## **Southern Tier Afghan Resettlement Fund**

- Use your camera on your smartphone to scan this QR code =====>>
- Learn more about our Southern Tier Afghan Resettlement Fund
- Donate to help an Afghan family in need right here in the Southern Tier



*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

## **\*\*Volunteer Opportunity: Needed For Co-Garden!!!\*\***

Spring is here and so are the thoughts of the delicious vegetables you can help grow for our pantry!! Needed are volunteers to help water the garden and tend to it. This is a great volunteer project for youth, confirmation candidates, and families that love the outdoors and help our pantry. Please contact me, Charlotte Heaney at [cheaney@frontiernet.net](mailto:cheaney@frontiernet.net) or (607)765-8392. I am looking forward to working with you!!

## **Bible Babes are Back!**

Bible Babes will resume with their first meeting on Monday, April 18th at 1:30PM in Catherine's Cupboard. For more information contact the parish center at 607-722-4388. All are welcome!

## **St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Chain**

Our Parish Prayer Chain welcomes requests for prayers for those who are ill or experiencing other important needs. If you have a prayer request or would like to become a part of the Prayer Chain, please call Delores at the Parish Center (607-722-4388).

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**  
**April 23rd & 24th, 2022**

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Brendan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Lector	Frederick Allabaugh
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Betsy A Shields
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Anne Smilnak
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Jan Pandich

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Mary Bush
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sarah Bush
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
10:30 Mass	Lector	Logan Blakeslee
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Kerri Hamilton
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Host	David Hanzes

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**Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule**

**April 24th**  
**Cindy and Lauren White**

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Please go online to  
**[stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org)**  
to view our latest Sunday mass and  
Children's Liturgy.

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!**

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**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** What is good  
and new in your life?

**Question for Youth:** Resurrection re-  
minds us that what looks bad can lead  
to something good. What has resur-  
rected, or gone from bad to good, in  
your life over the past year?

**Question for Adults:** In what way  
have you risen from "deadness" in  
your life?

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