

April 18, 2021

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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Monday — Thursday:

7:30 am to 4:30 pm

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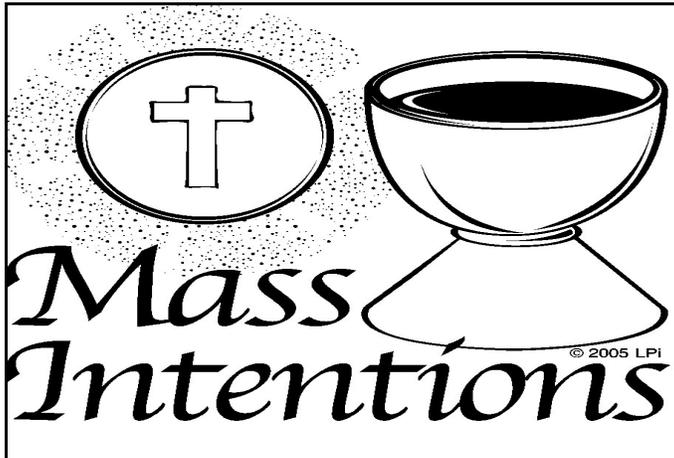
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Please go online to stfrancisbing.org to view our latest Sunday mass. We will be posting new videos of our weekend liturgies by 4:00PM on Saturdays **even after our reopening.**

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You can still attend weekend mass virtually!



Saturday, April 17, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Robert Tanzini by Mary Russik
Sunday, April 18, Third Sunday of Easter
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Robert Evans & Ann Haskell by Family
Monday, April 19
NO MASS
Tuesday, April 20
NO MASS
Wednesday, April 21
NO MASS
Thursday, April 22
NO MASS
Friday, April 23
NO MASS
Saturday, April 24, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Richard Talbut by Jo & Gary Woodruff
Sunday, April 25, Fourth Sunday of Easter
 8:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family
 11:00 a.m. John Kernan 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 (04-11-21)

Regular Envelopes.....\$3,775.00
 Loose Collection.....\$64.00
 Electronic Collection.....\$3,357.00
 Total Collection.....\$7,196.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation for Grades K-9 will meet today 9:30-10:45 AM in the school.

Our final In person Faith Formation Class for this session will be April 24th.

First Eucharist will be celebrated Sunday, May 9th at the 11 AM Mass. Mass will be a little longer than usual, and reservations will be required.

Instructions for Reception of Holy Communion:

- †Masks will be worn by ALL (including those who have been fully vaccinated)
- †Direction will be provided for those receiving
- †The Precious Blood will NOT be offered
- †Reception will involve: receiving the Body of Christ in the hand **ONLY**, stepping aside, lifting the mask, consuming the Eucharist, returning the mask..
- †Please maintain social distancing of 6 feet!

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 (4), \$500 scholarships will be awarded to four 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 parish website. **Applications are due by 4PM on Thursday, April 29th.** Please note, the parish office is closed on Friday. In order to be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must be a **REGISTERED** member of the parish.

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 17, 2021.** Contact M. Rankin at 773-8959 for more information.

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 Judy Doll.

Get Vaccinated!!

In an interview this past January, Pope Francis stated that he believes that, “ethically, everyone [who can] has to get the [COVID-19] vaccine.” He called vaccination, “the ethical choice because you are gambling with your health, with your life, but you are also gambling with the lives of others.” Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI received their vaccinations back in January.

If you haven’t already, schedule your appointment NOW! For information on how to sign up to get your COVID-19 vaccine here in Broome County go to www.gobroomecounty.com/hd/coronavirus/vaccine or call 211 to ask for help in making an appointment. The process is very simple and is organized very well at this point.

SO GO GET VACCINATED!!!



3rd Sunday of Easter: Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: April 18th is Vocations Day. In Sons and Daughters of the Light, our US Catholic Bishops encouraged young adults to answer the universal call to holiness, community, and service. While each person lives out their vocation through a particular lifestyle—marriage, priesthood, religious life, or single life— we are all called to holiness, community, and service. This means that service is not just for confirmation candidates. It is part of lifelong discipleship. Your challenge this week is to focus on the call to service. Is service a regular part of your life— as an individual, but also as a family or household? How often do you serve? Where do you serve? Is there one particular cause to which you can give more of your time and talent for the good of those in need? If there is, then just do it because the JUST do it— they serve others!

Thank You From Sr. Karen

Thank you so much for the beautiful flower arrangement that you sent as we celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph and the Jubilee Anniversaries of many of our Sisters. Your beautiful flowers has a central place in front of the large statue of St. Joseph in our Chapel. Your cards and prayers also meant so much to me, and be assured that you continue to be in my daily prayers.

Gratefully, —Sr. Karen

Welcome to Fr. Olszewski

Father Bernard Olszewski is visiting our parish this weekend to speak at all Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Earth Day Prayer (April 22, 2021)

Earth Day 2021 has as its theme, “Together, we can restore our Earth.” which calls us to a thoughtful study of environmental issues so that we may act with discernment to defend God’s Creation. This is very much in keeping with Pope Francis’ call in Laudato Si’ and his recent declarations, calling us to a deeper understanding of the environment, both in terms of theological and scientific concerns. The following prayer includes quotations from Pope Francis.

*We listen to the words of our Pope as we pray to respect God’s Creation
 And to reflect deeply on the environmental issues we must face,
 So we can play our role in the healing of the Earth,
 So we can comprehend in our deepest being that “everything is connected.”
 We are called to recognize the earth “is a garden to be cultivated,”
 As we are all gardeners needing to touch the soil, the “source of life,”
 And to experience the mystery of growing things, God’s sacred gifts.
 In this way, we celebrate our connections with all living things.
 We are called to respect and understand biodiversity, “which gives glory to God” by its existence, and to reject any tendency “to be indifferent or resigned” to its loss,
 And not to turn away from the “destruction of ecosystems” that gird Creation.
 We are called to renounce “infinite, unlimited growth,” Realizing that the earth’s resources are limited
 And that we must share our “common home” with all other members
 Of the human family, and with the generations to come after us.
 We are called to experience, with mind and heart and soul,
 That “all is communion” through an “ecological conversion,”
 That we are all necessary to play a passionately informed role
 As we embrace “our responsibility to ourselves, our neighbors, Creation, and the Creator.”
 Amen.*

— Jane Deren, Ph.D.

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 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 can choose where the money goes. Check it out!

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

April 20th— J. Wyatt, C. Botting, & D. Dobish

National Child Abuse Prevention Month



NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
APRIL 2021

Every April, the Diocese of Syracuse, parishes, and Catholic schools, recognize the National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Diocese embraces this opportunity to deepen our awareness of the need to be vigilant about providing a safe environment in

our parishes, schools, agencies, and our communities. For information on how the Diocese of Syracuse implements safeguards to protect our children, young people, and vulnerable adults from abuse, contact the Office of Safe Environment at 315.470.1421 or visit www.syrdio.org.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York
Case No. 20-30663

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on June 19, 2020, The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York (“Diocese”) filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”).

The Bankruptcy Court has established April 15, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the “Bar Date”).

If you have a claim against the Diocese including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date with Stretto, the appointed Claims Agent.

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefofsyracuse> or call (855) 329-4244 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY FUTURE DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE’S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

Have you had enough of COVID? Plan a cruise to the Land of the Midnight Sun in July 2022.

Berkshire Travel Agency Presents

A 14-Day Best of Norway Aboard the Rotterdam

July 9 — 24, 2022

Hosted by Fathers:

John Yonkovig, Don Henry, Tom Ryan, and Tim Taugher

Cruise Itinerary

Valid U.S Passports Required

Day	Port	Arrive	Depart
Sat	Overnight flight to Amsterdam, Netherlands		
Sun	Depart Amsterdam		5:00PM
Mon	Sea Day		
Tue	Scenic cruising Oslofjord		
Tue	Oslo, Norway	8:00AM	4:00PM
Wed	Kristiansand, Norway	8:00AM	5:00PM
Thu	Stavanger, Norway	8:00AM	3:00PM
Fri	Scenic cruising Sognefjord		
Fri	Flam, Norway	7:00AM	7:00PM
Sat	Sea Day		
Sun	Amsterdam, Netherlands		
Mon	Sea Day		
Tue	Eidfjord, Norway	7:00AM	3:00PM
Tue	Scenic cruising Hardangerfjord		
Wed	Alesund, Norway	8:00AM	5:00PM
Thu	Geiranger, Norway	7:00AM	5:00PM
Thu	Cruising Geirangerfjord		
Fri	Bergen, Norway	8:00AM	5:00PM
Sat	Sea Day		
Sun	Debark Amsterdam	7:00AM	

Berkshire Travel Group Rates

(Per person/double Occupancy)

Category	Stateroom Description	Berkshire Rate
J	Inside Stateroom	\$2,855.00
E	Outside Stateroom	\$3,454.00
VD	Verandah Stateroom	\$3,805.00

Rate includes: Cruise accommodations as desired, port taxes and government fees, meals and entertainment on board ship, cocktail party for group

Not included: personal items, gratuities on board ship, airfare and transfers

Cancellation insurance is available and recommended

Deposit: \$600 per person is required to secure a room.

Contact Kathy Coll (610)372-4652 for more information!

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

April 24th & 25th, 2021

4:00 P.M. Mass

Designation ONLY

8:00 A.M. Mass

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11:00 A.M. Mass

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**Children’s Liturgy of The Word will be
posted by Noon on Saturdays!**

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?

END OF BULLETIN

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