

April 21, 2019

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



A New
Creation

Happy 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 20, Holy Saturday
 8:00p.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
Monday, April 22
 8:00 a.m. Dorothy Pagliarella by Jim & Rose
Tuesday, April 23
 8:00 a.m. Daniel Pagliarella by the Sheffer Family

Wednesday, April 24
NO MASS

Thursday, April 25
NO MASS

Friday, April 26
NO MASS

Saturday, April 27, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family
Sunday, April 28, Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Legos Family by Mary & Vince DeNinis
 11:00 a.m. Ron Belensky by the St. Francis Ushers

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 (04-14-19)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,701.00
Loose Collection.....	\$374.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$772.00
Total Collection.....	\$5,847.00

Faith Formation

No Faith Formation on this weekend--Happy Easter

Looking Ahead:

Last weekend of Faith Formation will be April 28th for Grades K-9. Confirmation Make-Up April 28th.

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 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

May 4/5

4:00 PM Mass— Roberta Cushing/Catherine Shafer
8:00 AM Mass— Kelly Wood/Katie Ginalski

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 Barbara Townsend.

Easter and Earth Day

Tomorrow, April 22, we will celebrate the 49th anniversary of Earth Day. The first Earth Day was the beginning of the modern environmental movement, to raise our consciences about the ongoing deterioration of the environment.

As we celebrate Earth Day and the beginning of the Easter Season, we are once again confronted by the need to pay attention to the critical need of our environment. Creation is a gift from God and meant to be used in a manner of respect, not abused to make our lives easier. Environmentalists and Scientists are showing the alarming reality of what our pollution and lifestyles have done to crucify God's creation.

Easter is about a new creation! As Easter people we are to live a new creation. Easter is called the Eighth Day, the beginning of the new creation through Christ. Christ's mission was not just to redeem people but also creation itself, leading to a renewed heaven and earth.

Our parish patron, St. Francis of Assisi, is the patron saint of the environment. In his Canticle of the Creatures, Francis is able to praise all of creation for its gifts because all creation gives glory to God.

Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si On Care for Our Common Home, reminds us that as a people of faith caring for the environment is a moral and spiritual responsibility. We are called, "to accept the world as a Sacrament of communion, as a way of sharing with God and our neighbors on a global scale. It is our humble conviction that the divine and human meet in the slightest detail in the seamless garment of God's creation, in the last speck of dust of our planet." (#9 Laudato Si)

On this Easter Day let us recommit ourselves again to be good stewards of God's creation.

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Living the Eucharist Closing Retreat

Living the Eucharist Closing Retreat which will be held on Saturday, May 11th in the Parish Hall. Rita Ferrone 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.

Operation Rice Bowl: Encounter the Risen Christ

We prayed, fasted, and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we encounter our Risen Lord to bring the hope of Resurrection to a world in need. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl contributions to the collection baskets or to the parish center by May 1st.

Easter Reflection

The question asked by the angel of the women on Easter morning is asked of us every morning of our lives: Why do we seek the living among the dead? Why do we expect meaning from what is doomed to nothing? Why do we center our days on things of limited value when God's love and grace abounds in our lives? Easter is God's never-ending invitation to freedom, his raising us up from "tombs" of selfishness and fear and anger and hatred. In the light of Easter's empty tomb, every moment of forgiveness, every triumph of justice over persecution, every insistence of goodness in the face of horrendous evil, every act of compassion (no matter how simple or small) proclaims the good news that Christ is risen. On this Easter Sunday, may we seek to bring such resurrection to the darkness and shadows around us; may we "bury" our own self-interests and wants for the sake of the greater good; may we allow ourselves to "die" in order that God may restore us to life in the wellspring of compassion and mercy that is the Risen Christ.

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.



— *for Tim*

How did the soggy Easter Bunny dry himself?
With a HARE dryer!

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of April 21st — **EASTER**

Week of April 28th — Anne Wilcox

Shelving (Mondays)

April 22nd — J. & K. Brady

April 29th — N. & D. Minch

Distribution

May 7th — K. Dotson, M. Walsh, R. Rounds, AM. & S. Faughnan, J. Wyatt

Upcoming Projects at St. Francis

During the past several months there has been a lot of activity at St. Francis. One major change is our lease with Hillside Children's Center be wrapping up at the end of May. However, as we say goodbye to Hillside we say hello to, Chenango Valley School District. There are significant renovations going on at Port Dickinson Elementary School and at Chenango Bridge Elementary School. We are finalizing an agreement with CV, which will run from June 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. We are happy to be able to support our neighbors as they complete some important work to benefit the young people in our community.

There will be some improvements made to the school prior to the start of the 2019-2020 school year. Chenango Valley will be adding new fire safety windows and some control systems that will improve security at the school. St. Francis will complete an overhaul the radon mitigation system. This system has been in place for almost 20 years and is in need of some repairs. The fans will be replaced and an addition to the system will be installed in the basement under the front of the church. The work will be done and the final radon testing will be completed before the end of April. Here's some good news, we will be repairing the tunnel. It will be re-plastered and painted. Lastly, we will be putting in new lighted signage in some areas of the school.

The last thing that needs to be mentioned is that the clock has struck twelve on the boilers in the school. There are 2 boilers in the furnace that heat the school. One of these boilers is the **original** boiler from when the school was built. We will be replacing these boilers during the next 2 months with 2 new high efficiency condensing boilers. We will be working with NYSEG to secure some grant money for this project based on the fact that we will be using significantly less energy to heat the school.

Looking a little further down the road, we are investigating what it would take to paint the church and make some major improvements to the church hall. There will be lot of activity at the school starting immediately and we wanted everyone to know what is happening.

A New Book Club

A new book club will begin on Tuesdays, April 30th at 2:00PM or 7:00PM in the parish center. 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.

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.

Catherine's Cupboard Co-op Community Garden Enhancement

Andrew and Elizabeth Rice are enhancing the Co-Op Garden that supplies fresh vegetables to Catherine's Cupboard, for their Eagle Scout and Gold Award projects. They are building raised beds, adding fencing and adding a rainwater collection system. They are looking for donations of the following items:

-2x12x8ft -2x6x8ft -4x4x8ft

-4 ft chain link fence -gutters & downspout

-topsoil -monetary donations

If you have any of these items you would like to donate, or have questions please call or text.

(607)648-7486 home (607)766-1041 cell/text

THANK YOU TO...

Bev Krinik and Mary Jane Paske for decorating and putting together the 10 year timeline of our parish displayed in our church hall.

To Knights Of Columbus for the delicious Breakfast.

And to all who shared your 10 year reflections.

May the next 10 years be as good as the last!

Laimons and Sylvia Drupa Scholarship

The Binghamton Garden Club is offering this scholarship in the amount of \$10,000. 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. 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

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.

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. See your guidance counselor for an application. **Deadline is April 26th**

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

April 27th & 28th, 2019

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Kathleen Tait
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Carol Parga
EM Host	Bob Grace
EM Cup	Bea Grace
EM Cup	Ethan Glenn
EM Cup	Daniel Minch
EM Cup	Carol Danoski
Altar Server	Vincent Williams
Altar Server	Liam Wood
Altar Server	Delaney Wood

8:00 A. M. Mass

Lector	Logan Blakeslee
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Scott or Donna Iglar
EM Host	Ede Blabac
EM Cup	Debbie Davis
EM Cup	Ed White
EM Cup	Mike Stricek
EM Cup	Kurt or Kelly Mohney
Altar Server	Lauren White
Altar Server	Kathryn White
Altar Server	Braeden Krisko

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	John Klepfer
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Steve Church
EM Host	Karyn Church
EM Cup	Pat Clark
EM Cup	Betty Church
EM Cup	Lyndsey LoPiccolo
EM Cup	Sue Jones
Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
Altar Server	

Question of the Week

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

Question for Youth: Resurrection reminds us that what looks bad can lead to something good. What has resurrected, 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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