

April 21, 2024

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



# EARTH DAY

-PROTECT WILDLIFE  
AND ECOSYSTEMS

-GROW NATIVE  
PLANTS AND TREES

- REDUCE, REUSE,  
RECYCLE

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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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**Saturday, April 20, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Hayden Ferrance by St. Francis  
 Special Sunshine Committee

**Sunday, April 21, Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
 10:30 a.m. Paul Savo by Nick & Rosalie Roth

**Monday, April 22**  
 12:00 p.m. Gen & Martha Savo by Family

**Tuesday, April 23**  
 8:00 a.m. Barbara Leahy by Kathleen Dwyer

**Wednesday, April 24**  
 12:00 p.m. Christopher Colvin by Family

**Thursday, April 25**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Friday, April 26**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, April 27, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Dan Mc Garry by Helene Corrigan

**Sunday, April 28, Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
 10:30 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

**Catherine's Cupboard**

CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD has been serving our community for the past 20+ years, it's **open the 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month from 5 till 7 (or until all are served)**. We serve anyone who comes, asking only for ID, if they have any. As members of SOUTHERN TIER FOOD BANK, we purchase at wholesale (or less), providing **basic dry or canned goods, fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy, and frozen meats**. We try to provide **5 days of meals** and include **personal care items** also. We operate on **100% donations or grants**. Our location at the parish center means we have most overhead costs covered. However, we serve over 1200 people, requiring a budget of close to \$50,000 a year. PLEASE tell anyone you know who is feeling food insecure to stop in. **If you would like to donate food items, they can be left at parish center or food barrel in church foyer. Monetary donations can be mailed to our parish office or via the online giving tab at [stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org)**

**Weekend's Offering (04-14-24)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$2,710.00
Loose Collection.....	\$500.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,450.00
Total Collection.....	\$4,660.00

**FAITH FORMATION**

Faith Formation for Grades K-6 will meet in the Church Hall from 9:00--10:15AM today.

Grades 7-8-9 will meet at Our Lady of Good Counsel (701 W Main St.) 1:00--5:00PM today for our area gathering.

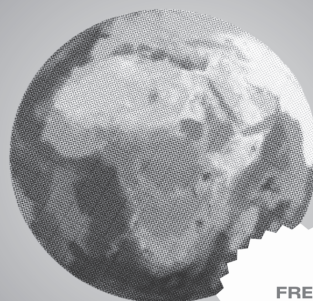
Last session of Faith Formation for Grades K-9 will be Sunday April 28th.

**Looking Ahead:**

✠ Confirmation 2024 Spring Retreat will be Saturday, May 11th, at Chenango Valley State Park. Details will be sent via email.

**EARTH DAY FESTIVAL 2024**

DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EQUITY + JUSTICE



FREE ADMISSION

LIVE MUSIC, CAROUSEL RIDES, FOOD + DRINKS, ARTS + CRAFTS, COMMUNITY + STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS  
 NO DRUGS, ALCOHOL, SMOKING

**SATURDAY, RECREATION PARK, BINGHAMTON**  
**APRIL 20TH 12PM - 4PM**

Our Creation Care Tea, will be collecting lightweight plastics at the Earth Day Festival. These plastics include; produce bags, store bags, ice bags, ziploc bags, cereal liners, case overwrap, bread bags, newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, bubble wrap, plastic packaging. Plastics must be clean, dry, and may not have food or organic residue. WE DO NOT ACCEPT OTHER RECYCLABLES!

**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, especially Tim Reardon.



**Prayer:**

**Teach Us To Be Stewards Of Our Earth**

*Dear God,*

*Support us in the fight against our society’s excessive consumerism, and show us how to find happiness in intangible things. Teach us to embrace gratitude in our daily lives and to recognize the gifts of our relationships over our possessions. Allow our society to focus on the bountiful resources and beauty of your creation over the constant pursuit of material goods. Show us the path away from disposable and harmful materials, and enlighten us to find solutions and technology to make a positive change. Inspire companies and corporations to move away from their unsustainable practices and move towards a brighter future. Encourage those working to protect your creation and allow them to feel the impact of their efforts. Help us to consider our impact on the planet and your creation when making decisions and purchases. Where we have polluted your rivers, allow us to clean them and return them to their purity. Where we have trampled your forests, allow us to regrow them and revive the life in them. Where we have littered your lands, allow us to clean them and begin new practices. Where we have spilled in your oceans, allow us to learn from our mistakes and protect them. Teach us to be true stewards of the earth, not of our industries.*

*Remind us of where we are truly from and to where we will return. Amen.*

—Anna Massman, St. Teresa Academy ‘24

**Parish Synod Listening Sessions**

In the letter you received recently we communicated to you about **5 upcoming listening sessions** that begin on **Sunday, April 21st at 12Noon**, following our 10:30AM Mass. The other 4 sessions are on:

**Wednesday, April 24th @ 6:00PM**

**Tuesday, April 30th @ 9:00AM**

**Saturday, May 4th @ 10:00AM**

**Monday, May 6th @ 6:00PM**

Your participation is strongly encouraged! All sessions will be in the church hall. Please sign up on the sheets in the church or call the parish center.

If you have not signed up for one please do so today!

**In preparation for our Listening Sessions please think about the following questions:**

1. What do you see as the strengths and weaknesses of our parish?
2. What do you see as our challenges?
3. What are your hopes and dreams for our parish?
4. Outside of clergy, who do you view as our Parish Leadership?

**4th Sunday of Easter: Justice Challenge**

Earth Day falls on Monday. Did you know that care for God’s creation is one of the seven basic principles of Catholic Social Teaching? Our bishops call us to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi, seeing creation as a precious gift from God, something to be cherished and protected, not used and abused. They specifically teach us that abusing the earth is morally wrong. Your challenge this week is to choose one way you can be “green” and care for God’s world. Maybe you will commit to bringing reusable bags to the grocery store so our oceans and landfills aren’t destroyed by plastic bags. You might decide to give up bottled water and drink tap water or stop using Styrofoam by carrying your own reusable mug wherever you go. Replacing old light bulbs with energy-efficient ones is a possibility, as are planting a tree or purchasing locally-grown products. Whatever you decide to do, challenge yourself to make this a life-long practice, not something you do once a year when it’s Earth Day.

**4th Sunday of Easter: Creation Care Tip**

Twenty percent of all CO2 emissions in the U.S. come from driving, and half of those come from cars. As the weather warms and summer approaches, can you savor the warmth and better weather by commuting or running errands on foot, bike, or scooter? Maybe now is the time to dust off the bicycle that’s been hanging in the shed for years and pump up its tires. Or what about going out of your comfort zone to inquire about carpooling with co-workers, neighbors, or other families with kids on the same sports team?

**AED Training Volunteers**

We are currently looking for people in the parish who would volunteer to take Automated External Defibrillation (AED) training. An AED is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It’s a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device. Please call Joe at the parish center if you are interested.

**Attention: All Engaged Couples**

St. Mary of the Assumption will be hosting a Pre-Cana day!

**Saturday, April 27th**

**9:00AM—6:00PM**

**Fee is \$60 and Registration is Required**

For more information and to register please call (607) 723-5383 or (607)722-6492 or email [mklawiter@syrdio.org](mailto:mklawiter@syrdio.org)

**For Potential Godparents and Sponsors for Baptisms or Confirmation**

Anyone looking to be a Godparent or Sponsor to a Confirmation Candidate **MUST** be a registered member of St. Francis of Assisi to be able to get a letter of certification. This is the only way that the Church can verify you are a practicing Catholic. Please call Delores at the Parish Center (722-4388) for questions.



## Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule

**May 7th**— N. & D. Oliver, C. Danoski, and A. Smilnak



### DONATION PAMPHLET

Please feel free to take a Catherine's Cupboard donation pamphlet in the back of the church or at the parish center. This pamphlet has some great information about our food pantry as well as

CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD many easy ways to contribute to the pantry. There are numerous ways YOU can help those in need right here in our community. The pantry relies on people like you to do your part! Take one or request one to be sent to you!

### 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 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. The application is also available on our church website, [www.stfrancisbing.org](http://www.stfrancisbing.org). Applications are due by 4:00PM on Thursday, May 9th. (Please note, the parish office is closed on Fridays) In order to be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must be a REGISTERED member of the parish.



SCAN QR CODE FOR DEBELLA  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### Chenango Valley Post Prom Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

**Saturday, April 27 5:00PM—7:00PM**

**St. Francis Church Hall - Eat-In or Take-Out**

**Cost: \$10**

**Includes:** Pasta/Meatballs/Salad/Bread/Dessert/Water  
Tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting Christine Lomonaco 607-725-2883 or by Venmo @Christine-Lomonaco-1 (Include name and # of tix)  
Tickets will be held at the door

### 36th Annual Knights for Life Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

Meatballs/sauce by CORTESE RESTAURANT

Sunday, April 21, 2024 - Noon to 4 pm

St. Paul's Church, 282 Chenango Street

Adults -\$15 Children under 12 - \$10 Eat-in/take out!

Family Dinners Available for \$50 - includes

4 large containers of spaghetti, 8 meatballs, 4 salads  
w/dressing & 8 slices of bread

All proceeds benefit local Right to Life and Birthright

### Creation Care Team/Donations

In 2022, St. Francis of Assisi parish members formed a Creation Care committee in response to Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si. Since that time the committee has initiated many projects, large and small, that could engage parish members (as well as local community members) of all ages to understand and respond locally to the impact of global warming on our shared earth. To make a donation please go to this site: [www.cathcap.org](http://www.cathcap.org)

**select: Contribute —> Support a Group**

**select: St. Francis of Assisi - Binghamton, NY**

This link helps you calculate your carbon impact by:

Flight, Driving, Total Co2 or Cash Donations.

CathCAP (Catholic Climate Action Projects) is a carbon offset platform that allows people to offset some of their carbon emissions from travel and pool their community's donations to fund a local or global ecological project. Please check it out!

For information or questions, please ask...

Kay Corcoran: [edwardcorcoran719@yahoo.com](mailto:edwardcorcoran719@yahoo.com)

Or Anne Wolanski: [annewolanski@gmail.com](mailto:annewolanski@gmail.com)

### Birthright Mother's Day Flower Sale!

Carnations will available at the entrances of the church after each service Mother's Day weekend. The \$1 donation per flower will benefit women with unexpected pregnancies throughout the region. Birthright of Binghamton is a pro-life nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to helping pregnant women and their babies.

### 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. The following are the accounts we have available for donation:

*Ordinary Contribution,*

*Repair, Maintenance, & Utilities,*

*Catholic School Support, Catherine's Cupboard,*

*Special Sunshine, Capital Campaign, STAR Fund,*

*and Creation Care Team*

### Why Volunteer?

**There are so many reasons to volunteer:**

- † Lets you share your knowledge and talents.
- † Provides opportunities for making many new friends.
- † Brings the special fulfillment that comes only from helping others.
- † Helps you "get outside" yourself and put your own problems — even grief — in perspective.
- † Allows you to polish old skills and learn new ones.
- † Lets you "repay" an organization that has helped you or someone you love.

**So go out and give volunteering a try!**

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

**April 27th & 28th, 2024**

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	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Anne Smilnak
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Jan Pandich
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Kurt Mohny
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Kelly Mohny

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Michaela Wood
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Quinn Tallant
10:30 Mass	Lector	Anne Wolanski
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Shirley McCray
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Cherilyn Tallant
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Mary Mullaney
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Ede Blabac
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	David Hanzes

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

**April 21—Ede and Sarah Blabac**

**April 28—Maria and Amy**

**May 5--ONLINE ONLY**

**May 12— Patti Klepfer and Toni Robinson**

**May 19— Ede and Sarah Blabac**

**\*ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!\***

Do you have a child or grandchild who has already received their First Eucharist? If so, they can be altar servers! **We are in desperate need of more altar servers** as we barely have enough to cover the masses alone week to week.

**Why altar serve?**

- 1.) It is a good way to get actively involved in the mechanics of mass. Some kids who find it hard to sit still may benefit from the activity that it provides.
- 2.) It allows for kids to be a closer part of the church community and make connections.
- 3.) Direct religious education learning opportunity
- 4.) Gives kids a sense of purpose and pride Church

**Call the parish center (607)722-4388 or fill out a liturgical signup form (on table in the back of the church) and drop it in a collection basket.**

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Jesus tells us he is the Good Shepherd, but how do you experience God guiding and protecting you?

**Question for Youth:** How do you feel about Jesus' being your shepherd? What does it mean to you that he lays down his life for you?

**Question for Adults:** What qualities of God does the image of the Good Shepherd suggest? How do you experience God in this way?

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