

April 25, 2021

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



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## Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday:

7:30 am to 4:30 pm

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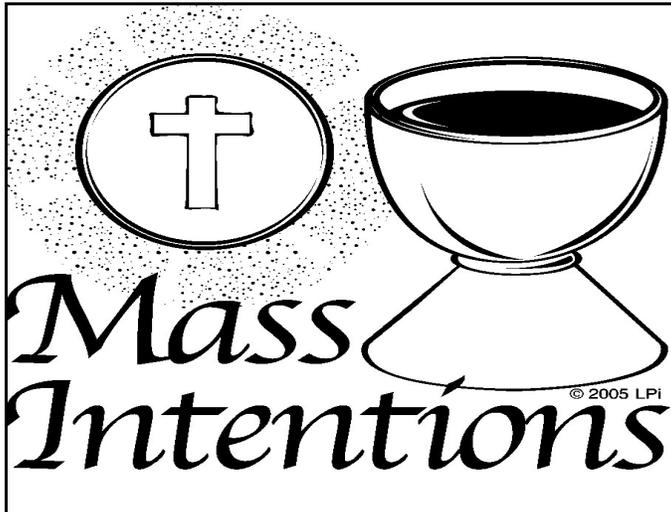
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Also find the videos on our Facebook (search “@stfrancisbing”) Twitter (search “@stfrancisbing”) YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)

**You can still attend weekend mass virtually!**



**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

**Monday, April 26**  
 NO MASS

**Tuesday, April 27**  
 NO MASS

**Wednesday, April 28**  
 NO MASS

**Thursday, April 29**  
 NO MASS

**Friday, April 30**  
 NO MASS

**Saturday, May 1, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Craig Totman by Mom & Dad

**Sunday, May 2, Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People  
 11:00 a.m. Vita Mannino by Daughter Fina & 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 (04-18-21)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$2,291.00
Loose Collection.....	\$105.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,386.00
Total Collection.....	\$3,782.00

*Thank You for your generous contributions!*

**FAITH FORMATION**

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

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. Call the Delores at the Parish Center to make reservations (607-722-4388)



**Instructions for Reception of Holy Communion:**

- †Masks will be worn by **ALL** (including 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.

### **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](http://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!!!**



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

Justice Challenge: Did you know that care for God’s creation is one of the 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 composting your fruits and vegetables instead of throwing them away. You might decide to give up bottled water and drink tap water, or stop using Styrofoam cups 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 produce. 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.

### **Samaritan House “Unique” Spring Sale 2021**

Samaritan House will be holding it’s SPRING SALE on Saturday, May 15th from 9:00AM—3:00PM and Sunday, May 16th from 9:00AM—1:00PM, at St. Mary of the Assumption Recreation Center (152-156 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY)

Come by and support Samaritan House’s cause of supporting those in need in our area!

### **Bishop Lucia Announcement**

Ten months ago, I announced the filing of a Chapter 11 case for reorganization of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse before the United States Bankruptcy Court. On November 6, 2020, the aforementioned court established April 15, 2021 at 11:59 pm ET, as the deadline to file proofs of claims against the diocese (the “Bar Date”). As of today, I have been informed that 371 claims are filed in relation to the NYS Child’s Victims Act. One victim of sexual abuse is too many! And so, to see the number “371” is particularly disheartening and of the greatest concern for me because of the damage done both directly and collaterally. To all victims of sexual abuse, I renew my commitment and that of this local Church to assist you in the healing process. We seek to make amends for the wrong and sinful behavior perpetrated against you and cannot apologize enough for the failure to protect you from your abusers. When we began the reorganization process, also known as “Chapter 11” on June 19, 2020, it was explained that: “Chapter 11 is a voluntary action taken by a company or entity to reorganize financially with the goals of being able to respond to the financial claims of those to whom it owes money and to emerge with its operations intact.” Of particular concern to me was how the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse could respond in a just and fair manner to the claims of sexual abuse arising from the NYS Child’s Victim Act. At the time, I explained that: “This diocese has limited resources for adequately responding to claimants under the Child Victims Act. We believe and hope that Chapter 11 will provide the victims, any other claimants, the diocese, and its insurers with a method where all of these claims can be settled, and the victims compensated in a fair and timely manner. As part of our Reorganization Plan, the diocese intends to create a fund with a pool of money from both diocesan funds and money from insurance carriers.” So now we begin the next phase in the reorganization process having passed the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese. In this phase, we will work with the Creditors Committee and the insurance companies to arrive at a plan that will compensate victims and allow the Diocese to emerge from Chapter 11. Such a settlement will be arrived at with the help of legal counsel and the supervision of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of New York. Over the course of the coming months, I ask you to pray with me for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as both Advocate and Consoler for this work, so that it might bear much healing and fruit for those involved. Particularly, I seek a reasonable way to assist the victims of child abuse in the Diocese of Syracuse which fosters restoration and renewal in their lives as children of God. With this in mind, I wish to invite members of the Diocesan family, especially those who have been victims of abuse, to a Mass for Healing at 12 Noon on Thursday, April 29th at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse. This time of prayer during National Child Abuse Prevention Month will particularly pray for the gifts of healing and fortitude for all victims of crime and oppression and will include a special blessing during the Mass. Having just celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday, I again place our diocesan family under the loving care of the Sacred Heart of Jesus praying that He will make our hearts more like His through this time of purification and reparation. Please know my prayers for you and your loved ones continue and I ask humbly for your prayers for all victims, as well as, for me and the Church of Syracuse.

In the Name of Jesus,

—Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia Bishop of Syracuse

## Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

### Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

### Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

### Distribution

May 4th— B. Grace, M. Peters, M. Lyons

## 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](http://www.syrdio.org).

## PARISH REGISTRATION

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you, celebrating with us, whether you're a long-time resident or newly arrived in the Parish. Please check the appropriate box and place in the collection basket or return to the Parish Center. *We thank God that you're with us.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner, send registration form

Change of address or phone number

Temporarily away. Stop envelopes

Moving, please remove from Parish Roster

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**

**May 1st & 2nd, 2021**

**4:00 P.M. Mass**

Designation ONLY

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

Designation ONLY

**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:** 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?

# END OF BULLETIN

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