

April 28, 2019

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



Divine Mercy Sunday

*Merciful Jesus,
I trust in you!*

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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 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

Monday, April 29
 8:00 a.m. Rob Loftus by Wife, Sheila

Tuesday, April 30
 8:00 a.m. Todd Milsap by Michael Cretaro

Wednesday, May 1
 8:00 a.m. Vita Mannino by Daughter, Fina & Family

Thursday, May 2
 8:00 a.m. Fran Angeline by Jim Moffitt

Friday, May 3
NO MASS

Saturday, May 4, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Craig Totman by Family

Sunday, May 5, Third Sunday of Easter
 8:00 a.m. 3rd Anniv. Linus Brennan by Mommy & Daddy
 11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People - **First Eucharist**

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 (04-21-19)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,613.00
Easter Collection.....	\$5,891.00
Loose Collection.....	\$1,017.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$654.00
Total Collection.....	\$13,175.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation
The last day of Faith Formation is today for Grades K-9. Have a safe summer, see you at Mass.

Looking Ahead:
 First Eucharist Rehearsal **Saturday, May 4 at 10 AM** in the Church.
 First Eucharist **Sunday, May 5th 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 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

May 11/12
 4:00 PM Mass— Roberta Cushing/Catherine Shafer
 8:00 AM Mass— Shirley McCray/ Marie Iobst

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 Jane Walsh.

Our Easter Season

We got off to a wonderful start with the morning Liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. **Thank you to Ed Savo, the choir, those who assisted in cleaning and decorating the church, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and all those who had their feet washed.** A number of people behind the scenes did much to help with getting things in order for the celebrations. Know my heartfelt gratitude for the generosity of your time and energy.

Many people expressed positive comments as they were leaving the various Liturgies. All of you truly made it a "Day the Lord has made."

— Fr. Tim

Reflections From The Parish
10 Year Anniversary

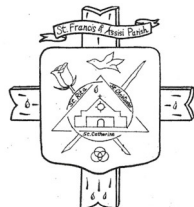
"With great pride, I reflect on the 10th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. It was during that beautiful Mass, when our new parish was formed, that my grandson, Logan Christopher Kliment (parents Andrew and Melissa), was baptized. Truly a memorable day in every way!" — Elizabeth Kliment

"When the parishes of St. Catherine, St. Christopher, & St. Rita joined 10 yrs ago to form St. Francis of Assisi Parish it felt like a piecing together of parts of each church— but more importantly it was the uniting of these faithful Catholics with the hope for a stronger community of worshipers. The choir has been a wonderful example for me of the joy and sharing of each others gifts to make mass a true celebration. We are so blessed." — Anne Wolanski

"I love the fact that we chose the name 'St. Francis of Assisi' because of St. Francis' love of animals and also because he was of the Franciscan order. The long robe and rope belt is so saintly and prayerful. You feel inspired by him and his love of God. There is something so peaceful about him. He makes you happy to be a Catholic."

"As a new member of St. Francis choir; I am so enlightened by the spiritual feeling I receive from the beautiful music and closeness of the choir director (Ed Savo) and members. It radiates a deep spiritual and peaceful feeling when I am here at St. Francis."

— Mary Ann Russik



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: Return Donations

Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl contributions to the collection baskets or the parish center by **May 1st**. If you do not have the bowls and would like to make a donation, make out a check payable to CRS and please place it in the collection baskets. Thank you for your donations!

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.

Rite of Candidacy

Candidacy is a liturgical rite of admission requested by a seminarian of his Bishop, which formally acknowledges and enrolls him as a candidate for Sacred Orders.

Brendan Foley, Dennis Walker, and John Leo Oduor will make this step on May 6, 2019 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Meet the candidates at vocations-syracuse.org and please pray for them as they continue their journey to the priesthood! Highlights from Rite of Candidacy will be available in the Catholic Sun and on social media @vocations-syracuse on Instagram and Facebook.



HOPE Appeal 2019

The 2019 HOPE Appeal Commitment weekend will begin on Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, 2019. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year; education of our children, college and seminary students, evangelization, Catholic Charities services, and more. Please respond generously when you are asked to make your pledge.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of April 28th — Anne Wilcox

Week of May 5th — Marie Giordano

Shelving (Mondays)

April 29th — N. & D. Minch

May 6th — C. Woodruff & M. Ryder

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.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, 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 are with us.*

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

- New Parishioner, send registration form
- Change of address or phone number
- Temporarily away. Stop envelopes
- Moving, please remove from Parish Roster

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

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

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

May 4th & 5th, 2019

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	John Artman
EM Host	Daniel Minch
EM Host	John Pierce
EM Host	Bob Grace
EM Cup	Bea Grace
EM Cup	Mary Frances Charsky
EM Cup	Marge Mangan
EM Cup	Jan Pandich
Altar Server	Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server	Logan Lomonaco
Altar Server	Mikey Schultz

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Virginia Thompson
EM Host	Marie Iobst
EM Host	Melissa Kliment
EM Host	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup	Scott Klein
EM Cup	Katie Ginalski
EM Cup	Maureen Mizzoni
Altar Server	Andrew Rice
Altar Server	Jonah Rice
Altar Server	Juliana Rice

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Tom Giblin
EM Host	David Hanzes
EM Host	Rose O'Neil
EM Host	Steve Guth
EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
EM Cup	Chris Gill
EM Cup	David Gill
EM Cup	Maria Lord
Altar Server	Jessica Wojnar
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Jesus appeared to the disciples even though they were afraid and locked in the closed room. How can you show Jesus to another person this week by how you act?

Question for Youth: Thomas didn't believe because he hadn't seen Jesus with his own eyes. How hard is it for you to believe in God without being able to see God? How do you see God in the words and actions of others?

Question for Adults: Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Give one example of how you will show your belief in Jesus this week - how you are being sent forth.

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