

April 30, 2017

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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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 29, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Betty Krisko by Jean & Horace Julian

Sunday, April 30, Third Sunday of Easter
 8:00 a.m. Rob Loftus by Wife, Sheila
 11:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

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

Tuesday, May 2
 8:00a.m. Francis J. Rosko by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Wednesday, May 3
 8:00a.m. Michael Schieve by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Thursday, May 4
 8:00 a.m. Antonino De Luca by Family

Friday, May 5
NO MASS

Saturday, May 6, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00p.m. Richard Clendening by Marge Mangan

Sunday, May 7, Fourth Sunday of Easter
 8:00 a. m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family
 11:00a.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.

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, James Madison.

Weekend's Offering (04-23-17)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,087.00
Easter Envelopes.....	\$505.00
Loose Collection.....	\$401.00
Electronic Donation.....	\$682.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,675.00

**Thank you to everyone for their donations.
 They are greatly appreciated!**

Faith Formation

Faith Formation meets for grades K-9 at 9:30-10:45 in the school. This is the last Sunday of Faith Formation until the fall.

First Eucharist Rehearsal will be Saturday, May 6th at 10 AM in the Church. Please be on time; rehearsal will last an hour and a half.

First Eucharist will be celebrated on May 7th at the 11 AM Mass. The first 9 pews on both sides of the church will be reserved for the children receiving First Eucharist and their families. There will be handicapped seating on the school side of the church only. Mass will take a bit longer than usual. Please plan accordingly.

Looking Ahead:

Parents are invited to a "Listening" Session on Wednesday, May 17th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. This meeting is your opportunity to discuss how Faith Formation is presented at our parish. I am looking for honest feedback on how we can work together to provide you and your family a lasting encounter with Christ.

Save the Date!

Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, June 18th at the 11 AM Mass. Information has been mailed to graduating seniors. If you did not receive a letter, contact Maria Kirk at the Parish Center.



The Biggest **VBS**
 Adventure Yet!
SAVE THE DATE!

June 26-30, 2017 ~ 6:15-8:30 pm
 Binghamton Church of the Nazarene
 1282 Chenango ST

Prayer:**One With The Suffering People Of Syria**

God of Mercy, hear the cries of your people. How long, O God, must our Syrian sisters and brothers suffer injustice? How long must they be casualties of hollow wars?

With heavy hearts, we watch the aftermath of the chemical attack in Khan Sheikhoun in northern Syria.

With numbing grief, we learn of scores of people, including children, who died after plumes of toxic gas fell upon them, like a “winter fog”— many convulsing, choking, gasping for air, and foaming at the mouth.

They are not numbers, but names, members of a family, our human family. They are mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, and grandparents.

They are the face of your Son—crying out, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46)

Give comfort to the father who carried his lifeless little girl, her lips blue, her dark curls brushing closed eyes, wrapped in a blue sheet.

Give comfort to the mothers and fathers as they lay to rest their children in makeshift burial sites.

Give comfort to those who helplessly watched as family members and neighbors fell like leaves to the ground, gasping for air, struggling to breathe, pleading for help.

Give comfort to the doctors, nurses, and rescue workers as they provide care and treatment to those who survived the attack.

Give comfort to those who live in perpetual fear, to those who are internally displaced, and to those who have fled to neighboring countries as war refugees.

Give strength to those who are making a desperate attempt to reach Europe by land or sea, with many dying tragically along the way.

God, as shocking as this unacceptable massacre is, it is but one episode in the long nightmare of Syria’s civil conflict. It is time that the international community stands up and says, “Enough.”

We join with Pope Francis and “appeal to the conscience of those who have political responsibilities, locally, and internationally, to put an end to this tragedy and to bring relief to that dear population which for too long has been overwhelmed by war.” Amen.

Gospel Reflection

The Gospel story is a story of discovery, of finding God in the unexpected. It challenges us to look for God in the unexpected – especially in welcoming the stranger and the needy and even in our own vulnerabilities. Maybe, now is the time for us to learn anew from the wars in which we are involved. Maybe now is a time for us to reflect on the needs of immigrants and people of other ethnic and national backgrounds. Maybe now is the time for us to learn from the religious experience of others and from their struggle for justice.

The social teaching of the church is concerned with the nourishment of all the people of the world – spiritually and also physically. Whenever we share the Eucharist – whenever we break bread together -- we cannot but be aware of all those who are hungry. We cannot but be aware that all human beings share a common story. We cannot but be aware of our need to share what we have. We cannot but be aware of the need for justice in the world.

One of the important issues confronting the people of the world is the challenge of taking care of our planet and its environment. Pope Francis in Laudato Si wrote about this challenge. Maybe today’s Gospel gives us a model for dealing with this critical issue. The two disciples share their questions and stories with each other and then with the stranger on the road. It is in sharing stories and questions and even disappointments that they learn and their eyes are opened. It is when our human community shares our stories and questions and struggles that we can see things in a new way and maybe learn to work together in a new way for the common good.

“Our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us” (Laudato Si, 1). Pope Francis writes so that we might “enter into dialogue with all people about our common home.”



Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of April 30th — Karen Dotson

Week of May 7th — Ann Wilcox

Shelving (Mondays)

May 1st — E. & K. Corcoran

May 8th — J. & K. Brady

Distribution

May 2nd — A. & S. Faughnan, J. Wyatt, M. Quinn, R. & P. Scales

Co-Garden Volunteer Sign-up

As we get back into the business of growing our garden for Catherine's Cupboard, we need your help! The spring and summer will be a busy time, and many hands help our Co-Garden grow. Here are some opportunities for students, adults, and families of the church to get involved.

Please mark any activity you are interested in.

- Planting the Garden**
- Watering and harvesting the Garden; this may be a family opportunity that can be rotated**
- Putting up the fence**
- Selling plants at the vegetable plant sale in May**

Name: _____

Contact info: _____

Phone or email- _____

Please return in offering basket
or to
Maria Kirk

Sr. Karen's Farewell Reception

Our parish is planning to have a farewell reception for Sr. Karen after all the Masses the weekend of June 3rd & 4th. This is your opportunity to take a moment to visit with Sr. Karen and wish her well as she moves on to the Provincial House in Latham. If anyone would like to help with the receptions or bake cookies, please call the Parish Center so your name can be given to the committee that is planning the receptions.

Ladies of Charity Scholarships

The Ladies of Charity will award three \$500 scholarships to high school seniors who plan to pursue a service-oriented career which specifically makes a difference in someone's life. The scholarship is based on academic achievement, financial need, and service to school, Church and community. Please see your school guidance counselor for an application. **Deadline is May 5, 2017.**

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. This award is not just a one-year award but has the potential of multiple years if all requirements are met. Interested applicants should contact their school Guidance Counselor. Submissions must be received by **May 2nd.**

RCIA Announcement

St. Francis RCIA Team will begin the fourth part of the RCIA process called Mystagogy on Sunday, April 30th immediately after the 8 am Mass. What is Mystagogy? This is a fancy Greek word meaning "leading through the mysteries". We will be discussing additional topics about our faith that we couldn't fit in during the other three parts of RCIA. The sessions last an hour, so if you have some question about Catholicism that you've been meaning to ask someone, please come! You can be Catholic, thinking about becoming Catholic or simply curious. Please come!

Last Call

100th Anniversary Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima 10 Day Pilgrimage to Portugal offered over three dates in October 2017. We can be departing your airport and at the all land inclusive cost of \$2,149.00 in twin accommodations, with single accommodations also available. Call for the special air price from your city. We will be visiting Lisbon, Fatima, Santarem (Portugal), Lourdes (France) and Barcelona (Spain). For information please call James Adair at 1-855-564-1008 or email jimadair@thecatholictour.com

Operation Rice Bowl: Thank You!

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say thank you! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at church by April 30th.

Birthright Mother's Day Flower Sale

Volunteers will be selling carnations at the entrances of the church after each Mass Mother's Day weekend. The \$1 donation 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.



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

May 6th & 7th, 2017

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Marge Mangan
EM Host	Carol Danoski
EM Host	
EM Host	Debby Carden
EM Cup	John Pierce
EM Cup	Mary Lou Ekstrom
EM Cup	Mary Frances Charsky
EM Cup	Larry Koch
Altar Server	Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server	Logan Lomonaco
Altar Server	Sarah Shafer

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Roy Santa Croce
EM Host	Lou Angelo
EM Host	Katie Ginalski
EM Host	Shirley McCray
EM Cup	Donna Iglar
EM Cup	Scott Iglar
EM Cup	Debbie Davis
EM Cup	Ede Blabac
Altar Server	Sarah Bush
Altar Server	James Bush
Altar Server	Mary Bush

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	First Communion
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Sue Jones
EM Host	Jules Furrer
EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
EM Cup	Maria Lord
EM Cup	Maria Kirk
EM Cup	David Hanzes
Altar Server	Brendan Kliment
Altar Server	Mikayla Bucci
Altar Server	Quinn Sirgany

Question of the Week

Question for Children: What is your favorite time to share a meal with your family?

Question for Youth: The disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread. How have you experienced Jesus at Mass, in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread? How have you experienced Jesus at meals and with friends and family?

Question for Adults: Share about great meals you've been part of, ones which are still memorable to you.

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