February 21, 2016

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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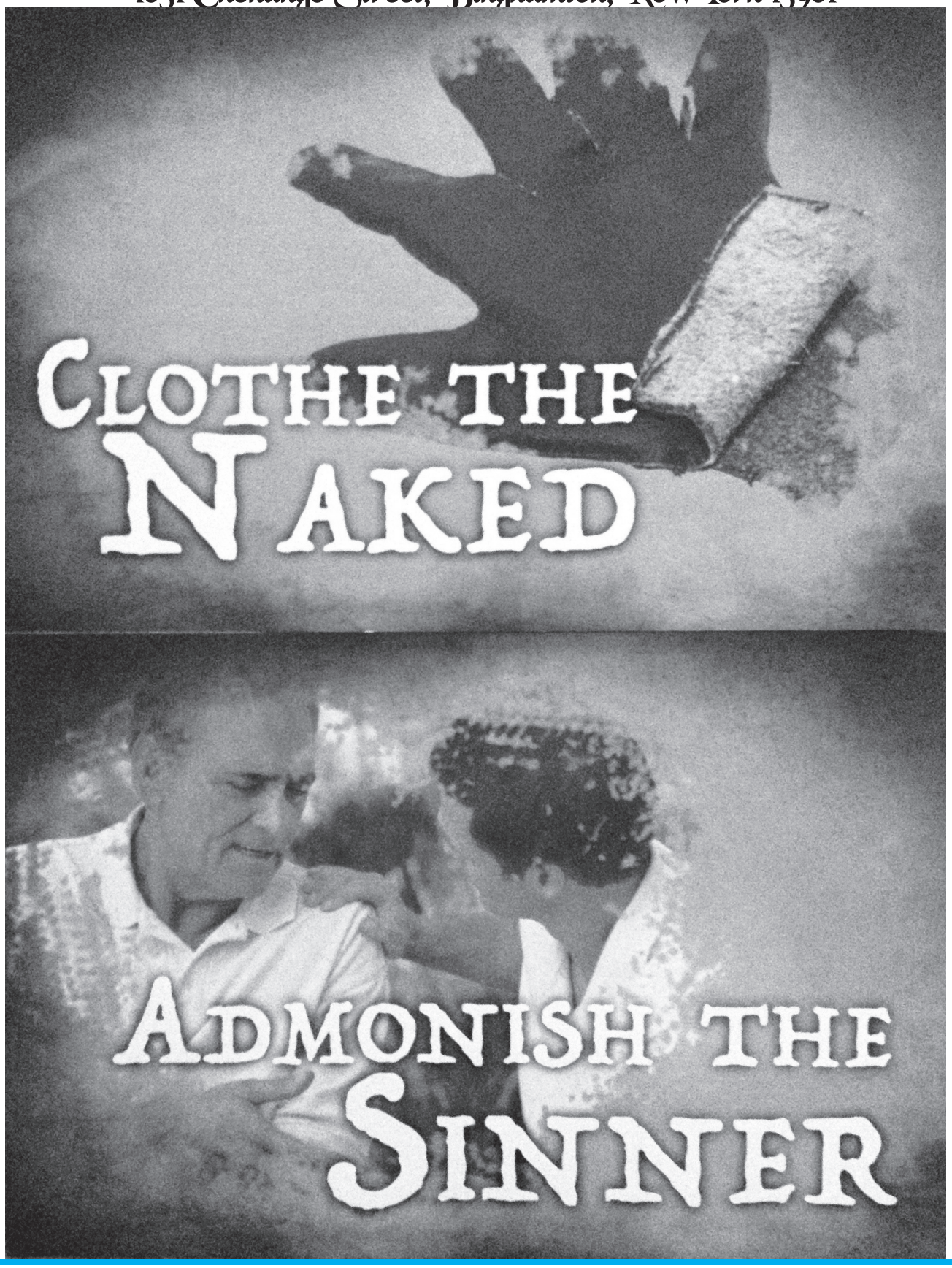


Saturday, February 20, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Stephen Sternik by Bill & Irene Phillips
Sunday, February 21, Second Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
11:00 a.m. Michael Putrino by Connie & Lloyd Woodruff
Monday, February 22
8:00 a.m. Stephen Kulas by The Knights of Columbus, Council #11403 & The Ladies Auxiliary
Tuesday, February 23
8:00 a.m. Bill Blabac by Bob Blabac
Wednesday, February 24
8:00 a.m. Louise McGarry by Jerry & Denise Hanifin
Thursday, February 25
8:00 a.m. Edith Knoll by The Evening Book Club
Friday, February 26
NO MASS
Saturday, February 27, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Gertrude Edwards by Dan & Alison Brennan
Sunday, February 28, Third Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. 22nd Anniv. Vincent Cavanagh by Wife, Alice & Family
11:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

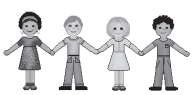
Catherine's Cupboard

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 any time.

Children's Liturgy



Dates	Presiders
Feb. 21st:	Ed & Kay Corcoran
Feb. 28th:	Ede Blabac & Bridget Vavra

Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes meet today for grades K-9 in the school.

- Are you expecting a new baby? Did you just have one? New parents are asked to attend a preliminary class before the Baptism of their 1st child. If you would like to attend the Baptism Class that will be held **Saturday, February 27th at 2 p.m.** in the Faith Formation Office, at the Parish Center, please call the Parish Center (722-4388) to sign up. You must be a registered member of the parish to have your child Baptized here.

FEBRUARY FUNDRAISING FOR FOOD PANTRY

In 2015, 1000 families visited us when we opened the 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month. So many times we are operating on the edge. Our budget last year ran over $25,000 in purchased food or personal care items for these visitors. In order to continue our pantry outreach, we will be doing a major fundraiser during the month of **February**.

There will be ways you can support us**:**

1: February 13th, & 20th weekends... BONTON Coupons booklets will be available. $5 a booklet gives you coupons to purchase items in the store Feb 28th. We keep the entire $5 donation, plus get a bonus check from the store. (Last year it was over $1,000 total received).

2: **Envelopes are in pews or use your own during the month to drop in a check (tax deductible) or cash at your convenience.**

THANK YOU for all you have done in the past and for whatever you can do in the future.

DeBella Scholarship

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 the website. Applications are due by noon, on Friday April 29th. In order to be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must be a REGISTERED member of the parish.

Hungering To Give Back

This week, CRS Rice Bowl takes us to Laos, where Hongkham is using her love of cooking to provide for her family and feed an entire school. How do we use our passions and gifts for the betterment of those we meet?
Visit **crsricebowl.org** for more.

Visit our new website

www.stfrancisbing.org

Nocturnal Adoration Society

Will meet at St. Patrick Chapel Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016 from 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. St. Francis of Assisi holy hour is from 8:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.

Birthright Organization

Birthright is a volunteer organization dedicated to the mission that it is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born.

For more information, call Diane at 724-3186.

Items most needed:

- Receiving blankets, crib blankets, baby afghans
- Onesies
  - Sizes: 0-3 and 3-6 months
- Stretch suits / sleepers / kimonos
  - Sizes: 0-3 and 3-6 months
- Newborn sweater sets
- Maternity jeans or casual maternity pants
  - Sizes: Large and XL
- Casual maternity tops
  - Sizes: Large and XL
- Diapers
  - Sizes: 1 and 2

This will be taking place the entire month of March

Birthright is most grateful for any and all donations

Stewardship of the Earth

Presented by Stephen Binz; listen anew to the biblical texts which helps us understand our privilege and responsibility in caring for the earth and humbly recognize our place within it. Participate on Thursday, March 10th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Hall. Please **register by March 4th** by contacting Phyllis at 786-9649 or pgonzales@syrdio.org

Altar Rosary Society

The Altar Rosary Society of the Church of the Holy Trinity, 346 Prospect Street, Binghamton, is sponsoring a sale of butter lambs, an Easter tradition. Each lamb is hand-crafted and costs only $3.50. Orders can be placed by calling the church office, Mon.-Thurs., at 797-1856. Pick-up will be the weekend of March 19/20; you will be contacted with details. The deadline for ordering lambs is March 4th. Thanks for your support!

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.

Works of Mercy

"I was naked and you clothed me" (Matthew 25).

Like all the corporal works of mercy, this one is from the last judgment narrative in the Gospel of Matthew. During this Lenten season, maybe we can clean out our closets and donate the extras to places like our clothing shed in the parish center parking lot, or to Catholic Charities "Nearly New" shop. This work of mercy challenges us to simplify our lives and wardrobes. We might decide to skip a purchase from a website or catalog and make a donation instead to a homeless shelter or a social service agency. It is not just about giving unwanted things away but with owning less and offering support to those who do not have enough.

This week's spiritual work of mercy is "admonishing the sinner". This work of mercy could be seen as unpopular in a culture that emphasizes a need to respect other people's lifestyle choices, even if it is a lifestyle of sin. Admonish means to caution someone against something in a good-willed manner. You might say in a more colloquial way—it is about tough love. Any admonishing must come from pure charity.

There is a Humanitarian Crisis!

Help feed starving refugees fleeing violence. The Children of Abraham of the Southern Tier (COA) is sponsoring an interfaith event to help feed refugees living in camps in Jordan and Greece. They are working with Kids Against Hunger. It is a national organization whose mission includes feeding starving children and their families throughout the world. Millions of refugees are escaping conflicts in Syria, Iraq, and other countries in the Middle East. Many are living in huge refugee camps, and there is not enough food reaching them to meet their basic nutritional needs.

1. Help raise money! $1.00 can provide 4 meals; $10, 40 meals; $25, 100 meals. If you wish to make a donation make a check out to the Children of Abraham or put cash in an envelope marked as such. As a parish we will be making a contribution for this endeavor.
2. Help package meals! Kids Against Hunger will set up meal packing stations for us to pack meals assembly line style. If you are interested in assisting please call the parish office (722-4388) — it would be wonderful to have a group represent the parish. Do so as a family or with friends.

The goal is 20,000 meals and thus $5,000. This could be met with your help.

Lenten Services

Fridays, 3:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 13th, 4:00 p.m.—Lenten Penance Service

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of Feb 21st — Nancy Oliver
Week of Feb 28th — Karen Dotson

Shelving (Mondays)

Feb 22nd — E. & K. Corcoran
Feb 29th — K. Mohney

Distribution

March 1st — K Benkowski, L. Gildea, A. Smilnak, C. Danoski, R. Rounds, M. Quinn
March 15th — Kellet Team #2

Knights of Columbus Hooley News

Thanking all of the loyal Hooley Supporters…
After 23 years, we are taking a breather…
Watch for the return of this very special event…
*****March 2017*****
Thank You!

The Word and Mission: Preparing a People of the Word for the Church's Mission

Scripture forms the foundation for the church's mission, this is exemplified through various historical eras and Saints of the church. We will learn how people today can read the Bible in a way that is transforming. Presented by Stephen Binz; participate Saturday, March 12th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Hall. Registration and refreshments go from 9:00-9:30. It costs **$15** per person.

Donations for The Binghamton Rescue Mission

The Binghamton Rescue Mission provides 32 beds to men who have previously experienced homelessness, or were referred to the facility through a community agency. These men are working to restart their lives and could use your help providing some simple but necessary items.

- Tissues
- Shower Shoes (L, XL) Black, White, Blue
- Bath Towels
- Small mesh pop up laundry baskets
- Men's Pajama pants (L to XXXL)
- Bed Pillows

Your consideration for these items is very much appreciated.

You may drop off items in our food barrel in the church foyer or leave them at the parish center.

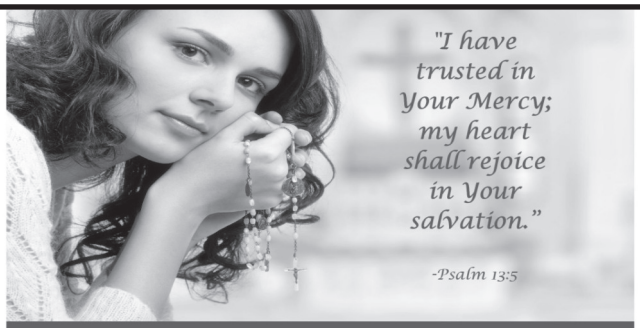
Sponsor of the Week

This week, St. Francis of Assisi would like to thank:
Catholic Match New York
www.CatholicMatch.com/NY
for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin

Last Weekend's Offering (02-14-16)

152 Regular Envelopes	$4,680.00
Loose Collection	$315.24
Electronic Donation	$478.59
Total Collection	$5,473.83

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



A Lenten Retreat for Catholic Women

Saturday, February 27, 2016
8am-1pm (registration at 8am) Mass 8:30am, followed by Adoration and Prayer
9:30am breakfast \ 12pm-1pm Closing prayer and Confession
8:30am Mass with Rev. Peter VanLieshout
Sr. Brigid O'Mahoney will offer a reflection on **"The Joy of God's Mercy"**
Retreat includes Breakfast, the Rosary, and Private Prayer!

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
701 W. Main Street Endicott, NY 13760

Mail registration with $15 fee

Payable to: **Diocese of Syracuse**
On check, please note "Endicott Retreat"

Women's Commission
c/o Diocese of Syracuse
240 E. Onondaga St.
Syracuse, NY 13202
315-475-9332

Or RSVP by email to: swc@syrdio.org

Registration also available at the door

Name_____
Address_____
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Email_____
Parish_____

Don't Miss This!

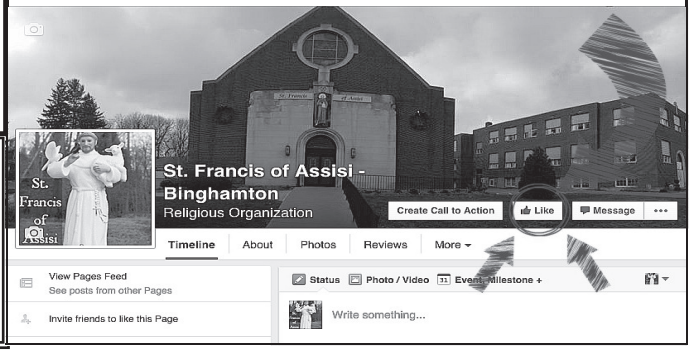
"***Way of The Cross***" presented by The Franciscan Mystery Players of St. Mary's, Clayton, NY.

When and Where:

- Friday, March 11, 7:00pm at St. Joseph's Church in Endicott

Like us on Facebook!

If you have not already, take this opportunity to like us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/sfabinghamton/



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

February 27th & 28th, 2016

4:00 p.m. Mass

Lector	**Rick Allabaugh**
EM Host	**Carol Danoski**
EM Host	**Bob Shields**
EM Host	**Betsy Shields**
EM Cup	**Debby Carden**
EM Cup	**Jan Pandich**
EM Cup	**Catherine Shafer**
EM Cup	**Barb Brozovic**
Altar Server	**Mary Katherine Doyle**
Altar Server	**Bryan Heller**
Altar Server	**Sarah Shafer**

8:00 a.m. Mass

Lector	**Ed White**
EM Host	**Scott Igler**
EM Host	**Donna Igler**
EM Host	**Joanne Horoschak**
EM Cup	**Marie Iobst**
EM Cup	**K or K Mohney**
EM Cup	**Shirley McCray**
EM Cup	**Mike Stricek**
Altar Server	**Kathryn White**
Altar Server	**Lauren White**
Altar Server	**Sarah Bush**

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lector	**Jules Furrer**
EM Host	**Dave Bollinger**
EM Host	**Lyndsey Church**
EM Host	**Karyn Church**
EM Cup	**Steve Church**
EM Cup	**Pat Clark**
EM Cup	**Steve Guth**
EM Cup	**Stephanie Stracuzzi**
Altar Server	**Katie Saunders**
Altar Server	**Quinn Sirgany**
Altar Server	**Katelyn Church**

Question of the Week

Question for Children: What will you do this Lent to become more like Jesus?

Question for Youth: Lent gives us a chance to do things differently – to "go to the desert." How can you make Lent a time for growing in faith?

Question for Adults: What is the one area of your life which you most want to "reform" as you get ready to embrace the Gospel, what is it?

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