

March 6, 2016

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



VISIT THE  
SICK



BEAR WRONGS  
PATIENTLY



**Saturday, March 5, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Aileen Houseknecht by Bill & Irene Phillips

**Sunday, March 6, Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00 a.m. Rita Holtlander by Jan & Jim Kalivoda  
 11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Monday, March 7**  
 8:00 a.m. Gloria Buonocore by Friends  
**(The following Liturgies will be held in Church)**  
 7:00 p.m. William Murray by Ed & Romaine Dougherty

**Tuesday, March 8**  
 8:30 a.m. Terry Fox by Jim & Rose O'Neil  
 7:00 p.m. Lorraine Buono by Neighbors

**Wednesday, March 9**  
 8:30 a.m. Stan Tombs by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee  
 7:00 p.m. John Turna III by John & Brenda Artman

**Thursday, March 10**  
 8:30 a.m. Jack Cashman by Family

**Friday, March 11**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, March 12, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

**Sunday, March 13, Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00 a.m. Michael Keough by John & Carol Broderick  
 11:00 a.m. Amanda Rose Ciccone Kosalek by Rita Bates

**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.

**Catherine's Cupboard: THANK YOU!**

Catherine's Cupboard expresses a sincere **thank you** to all. \$9505.29 has been donated during the month of Feb. to support our pantry—\$1627.29 from Souper Bowl and \$563 from Bonton coupons. Also, we received checks from Dance Connection and Fischer-Scholder Funeral Home Inc., but also some individual donations as well. **Thank you** seems so inadequate to show our appreciation. Thanks, also to the Church of The Nazarene for over 200lbs. of food this month.

**Faith Formation**

- Faith Formation classes meet today for grades K-9 in the school.
- Please note: There will be no LEAP event today. Faith Formation classes will meet as usual.

**Works of Mercy**

Our **Spiritual Work of Mercy** this week is **Bear Wrongs Patiently**.

Marisa R., "Family Matters: How to Bear Wrongs Patiently", *Sisters of Mercy*, March 11, 2015:

"By understanding the position of the other person, it forces you to put your anger in perspective with their life reality. I didn't forget what was done to me or forgive the person immediately, but my temper would simmer to a low boil, and I would walk away with a new perspective. By using this practice with friends, in community life and with my husband, I have found that when I am listening to the other person with my whole being, I cannot possibly return to being as angry as I had been during the argument. Discussing differences this way takes time, courage and sometimes help to mediate, but there are certainly fewer wrongs and more mercy in the world for it!"

St. Ignatius nearly killed someone for speaking critically about the Virgin Mary. It took him some time to learn that patient mercy in the face of wrongs is the Christian way. How can I retune my response to those who wrong me?

*God of the Patient and Impatient, we can sometimes be reactive or judgmental.. Let your Spirit of mercy give us the patience to first love those who hurt us. Amen.*

This week's **Corporal Work of Mercy** is **Visit the Sick**.

Eric Immel, SJ, "To Touch and be Touched," *The Jesuit Post*, November 11, 2014:

"When most of the world sees the other as untouchable, everything else about them becomes invisible. Sick with AIDS or Ebola, homeless or hungry, a different skin color, sexual orientation, or creed—when someone chooses actively not to reach out and touch someone else, the distance between them grows, and it's not the growing fonder type of distance. The gap is bridged by the very worst of this world—obliviousness anxiety, shame, fear, and hate... To be touched is a remedy. Every one of us can touch and be touched. We're all healers, and we're all in need of healing."

St. Ignatius knew how important an encounter with Jesus was to one's personal healing and well-being. It's not about being doctor or miracle healer. Visiting the sick is about presence. How can I be present for those who suffer?

*God of Suffering, we wish to make time to visit the sick and the suffering. Allow us to enter their despair and loneliness in a spirit of solidarity, just as you share in our daily suffering. Amen.*



**Children's Liturgy**



**Presiders**

**Dates**

Mar. 6th:  
Mar. 13th:

Debbie Davis & Cindy White  
Shirley McCray & Marie Iobst



**Visit our new website**  
**[www.stfrancisbing.org](http://www.stfrancisbing.org)**

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

Knights of Columbus’ “Breakfast with Bunny” Buffet is scheduled for Sunday, March 20th from 8:30—11:00a.m. in the Church Hall. Join us for a great breakfast!

**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 take place the entire month of March.** Birthright is most grateful for any and all donations.

**Stephen J. Binz Lenten Mission**

Stephen J Binz is a Biblical scholar, award-winning author, psychotherapist and popular speaker. He will present our Lenten Mission this week, focusing on the Holy Year of Mercy. Come to “The Door of Mercy Crossing the Threshold” Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7:00p.m. or Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings after 8:30a.m. Mass in our church. Stephen Binz is the author of our Lenten Bible study, “Divine Mercy.”

Participate in “The Word and Mission: Preparing a People of the Word for the Church’s Mission” on Saturday, March 12th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Hall. 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. Registration and refreshments go from 9:00-9:30. It costs **\$15** per person.

**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 Eleanor Gunter, Robert McGarry, and Sandra Kline

**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 Learn**

We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to the Central American country of Honduras, where we meet students who are learning that it’s better to help your neighbors learn and grow than to leave them behind. To whom are we called to extend a hand for this week? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org)

**Lenten Services**

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

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

**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 on April 3 from 1:30-3:30 at St. Michael’s on Clinton Street. 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.

**Altar Server Training**

There will be an altar server training session on Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 9 am until 10 am in the main Church. All girls and boys in fourth grade or older are welcome to attend. Please call Deacon Steve at 648-2155 or email at [steveblabac@yahoo.com](mailto:steveblabac@yahoo.com) for more information. No registration is required.

## Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

### Transportation

Week of Mar. 6th — Marie Giordano

Week of March 13th — George & Pat Clark

### Shelving (Mondays)

Mar. 7th — A. Short & S. Vinci

Mar. 14th — D. & D. Talbut

### Distribution

March 15th — Kellet Team #2

April 5th — R. & P. Scales, R. O'Neil, K. Dotson, M. Hayes, R. Serafini

## Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers

Once again we are preparing the next schedule. The deadline for requests is **Monday, March 14th**. If you would like to be **added to the list or make any long term changes**, please call Lynda Carpenter at 772-6732 (cell: 206-2798) or e-mail at [jo-seph.carpenter28@gmail.com](mailto:jo-seph.carpenter28@gmail.com)

## 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

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.



## St. Patrick's Day Celebration



The Annual Mass in honor of St. Patrick will be held Thursday March 17, at 3:00p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, 9 Leroy Street Binghamton. An Irish party from 4:00-8:00p.m. will be held in St. Patrick's Gymnasium following Mass. Cost of party is: Adults \$3 and includes admission, entertainment and soda; Under 18— \$1; Children under 5 are free. Food will be available at a nominal cost. A Ham and Cabbage Dinner will also be available at a cost of \$6.00. Tickets are available at the door. Don't miss out!

## THANK YOU, PEW CLEANERS!

The pew cleaning on February 21st was a success. Thank you to those who gave their time and effort to help with the cleaning process. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

## Sponsor of the Week

This week, St. Francis of Assisi would like to thank:

**Holy Apostles: Online Campus**

[www.holyapostlesonlinecampus.com](http://www.holyapostlesonlinecampus.com)

for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin

## Last Weekend's Offering (02-28-16)

218 Regular Envelopes.....\$6,946.25  
Loose Collection.....\$518.00  
Electronic Donation.....\$418.59  
Total Collection.....\$7,882.84

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

## St. Francis of Assisi Winter Carnival

Sunday March 13th during Faith Formation. Money raised will be donated to Volunteers of America Homeless. Faith Formation classes will have time to attend the carnival. Please note; we are not charging for individual games, but will have a donation fee to enter. You can also have your child bring toiletries as part of their entrance fee. (Suggested \$1 or \$2 to enter, and/or toothpaste, soap, or deodorant) The Carnival will be held from 9:30-11a.m.. All parishioners and families are invited to attend.



## Living the Final Chapter: A Symposium for Compassionate Care for Persons at the End of Life

Thursday, March 10, 2016, 7:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at LeMoyné College. Registration is open for the symposium and dinner event. The full Schedule and Registration as well as Dinner Reservation Form are available at [www.francishouseny.org](http://www.francishouseny.org). Questions? Contact: [info@francishouseny.org](mailto:info@francishouseny.org) or (315) 475-5422.

## 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**

**March 12th & 13th, 2016**

**4:00 PM Mass**

**Lector** Mary Lou Ekstrom  
**EM Host** Kelly Benjamin  
**EM Host** Ron Scales  
**EM Host** Paulette Scales  
**EM Cup** Betsy Shields  
**EM Cup** Bob Shields  
**EM Cup** Terry Hanifin  
**EM Cup** Tony Mazza  
**Altar Server** Dominic Lomonaco  
**Altar Server** Mikey Schultz  
**Altar Server** Logan Lomonaco

**8:00 AM Mass**

**Lector** Ed & Kay Corcoran  
**EM Host** Suzanne Tierno  
**EM Host** Debbie Davis  
**EM Host** Kurt Mohney  
**EM Cup** Kelly Mohney  
**EM Cup** Ed White  
**EM Cup** Donna Iglar  
**EM Cup** Scott Iglar  
**Altar Server** James Bush  
**Altar Server** Sarah Bush  
**Altar Server** Brigid Birtch

**11:00 AM Mass**

**Lector** John Klepfer  
**EM Host** Karyn Church  
**EM Host** Steve Church  
**EM Host** Lyndsey Church  
**EM Cup** Pat Clark  
**EM Cup** Jules Furrer  
**EM Cup** Shirleyann Casterlin  
**EM Cup** Stephanie Stracuzzi  
**Altar Server** Katie Saunders  
**Altar Server** Katelyn Church  
**Altar Server** Quinn Sirgany

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Who is one person in your life who supports your faith and helps it to grow?

**Question for Youth:** The Gospel speaks of following God as coming toward the light. How can you move towards the light in your own life? What is the darkness that needs Jesus' healing in your life?

**Question for Adults:** When is it difficult for you to believe? What particular line in this reading helps your faith?

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