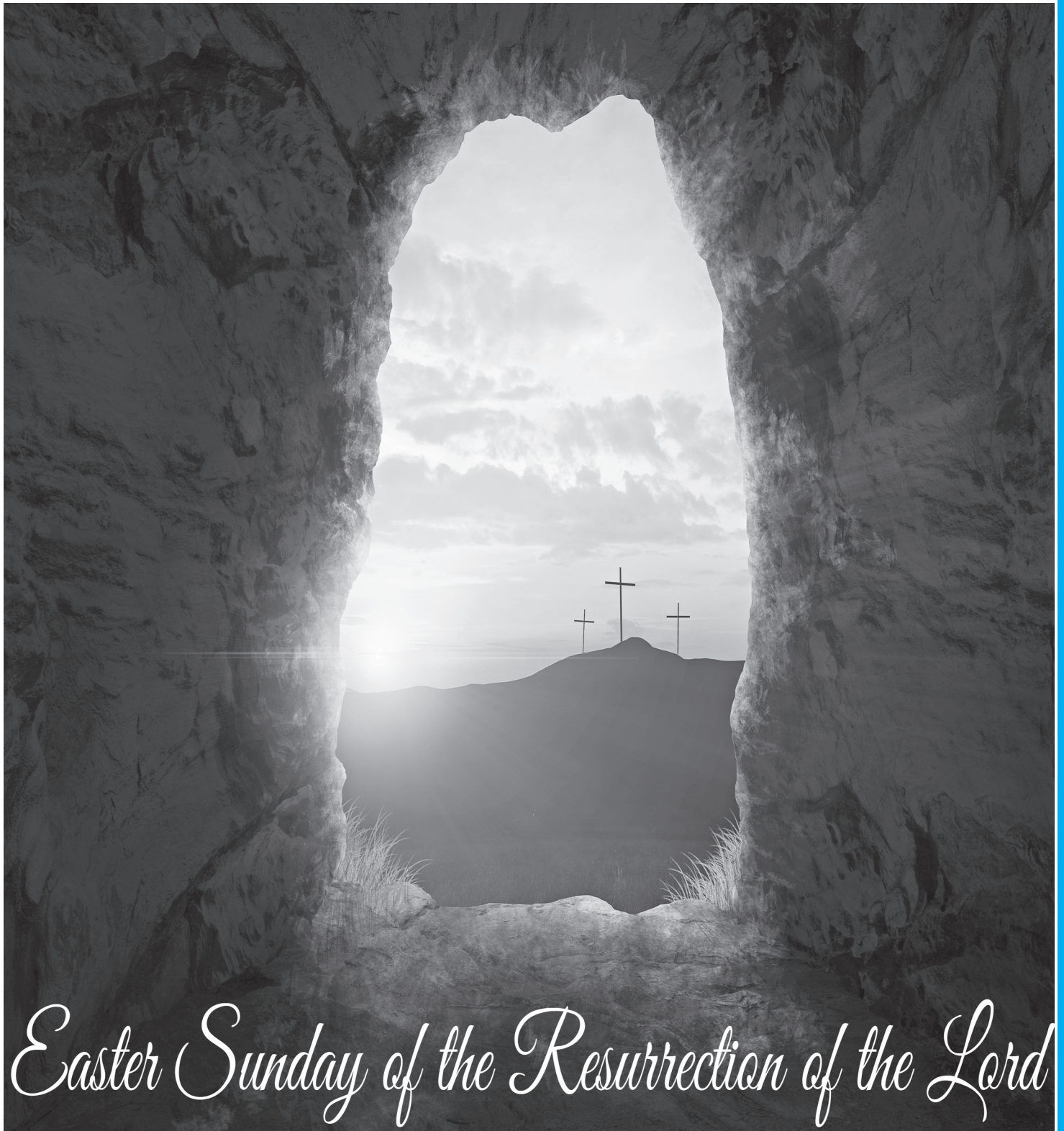


March 27, 2016

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Saturday, March 26, Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

Sunday, March 27, Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

11:00 a.m. 17th Anniv. Helen Yanuzzi
by Family

Monday, March 28

8:00 a.m. Mark Simonis by the Cavanagh
Family

Tuesday, March 29

8:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Wednesday, March 30

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

Thursday, March 31

8:00 a. m. William Murray by Ed & Romaine
Dougherty

Friday, April 1

NO MASS

Saturday, April 2, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

Sunday, April 3, Second Sunday of Easter

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

11:00 a.m. Madeline Benke by Jules Furrer

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

Mar. 27th: EASTER

April 3rd: Ed & Kay Corcoran

Faith Formation

There will be NO Faith Formation this weekend. Happy Easter!

Faith Formation classes for grades K-Confirmation will meet **next week (April 3rd)** at 9:30 a.m. in the school.

Looking Ahead:

Sunday April 3 Rice Bowl Prayer Service at 10 a.m. in the Church for grades K-9. Please bring in your Rice Bowl donations at that time. Please note the date correction.

Sunday April 10th after Faith Formation classes the children preparing for First Eucharist will participate in their Sharing Meal. The children will make their Pew Banners at this time so remember to bring in personal mementos for this project.

Reboot!

The southern region of the Diocese has secured a world-class event! REBOOT! LIVE! on Thursday, April 14, 7--9:30p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows in Vestal. This event will feature Chris Stefanick an internationally acclaimed speaker and author. The evening will center around a practical exploration and understanding of the Catholic Faith, and all the ways it's meant to impact our lives, including: prayer, and spirituality, work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more!

This 2 1/2 hour renewal event is designed to bring a brand new energy and vitality to your faith journey. It will have

- An inspirational, high-energy unpacking of the genius of the heart of the Gospel, revealing its power and real beauty. The experience is fresh and compelling, and is like hearing the Gospel for the first time all over again!
- It finishes strong with real-life, practical, "can-do" ways of applying the genius of the Gospel in everyday life. There is no part of a person's life that will be left untouched!

Doors will be opened by 6p.m.. Tickets are available at the parish center or at Faith Formation for \$10 each. (Parish will pay a portion of the ticket price)

Easter 2016

Easter is a promise of hope. That promise is so necessary for us today when we can easily become so pessimistic and cynical. The empty tomb of Christ's Resurrection is the ultimate sign of hope.

The Risen Christ's breathing his peace is the grace that enables us to live our lives with the belief that anything is possible.

Easter grace enables us to transform our doubts and fears into reconciliation, justice and peace.

May your celebration of Easter in Christ's Resurrection open your eyes, hearts and spirits to encounter God in all of creation and transform your lives in the many possibilities we have to realize the hope of resurrection in your lives.

**Visit our new website
www.stfrancisbing.org**

**HAPPY EASTER!
-FR. TIM**

Diocese of Syracuse YouTube Channel

The Diocese of Syracuse offers a weekly news program on YouTube called "Around the Diocese." Join Fr. Seibt as he brings you the latest diocesan updates as well as the latest diocesan media tips, Catholic SUN updates, reflections, virtual retreats, and more. Simply go to YouTube and search "Diocese of Syracuse." Once on the diocesan channel, click "subscribe" and be sure to check in every Wednesday for "Around the Diocese." The web address is <https://www.youtube.com/user/syrdio>

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

Birthright is most grateful for any and all donations.

Hungering for Celebration

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends in our own hearts, where Jesus reigns forever. Let us rejoice in our risen Lord—and in the lives we've changed this Lent in Colombia, Laos, Rwanda, Honduras, Madagascar and all over the world! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the special basket at church or at the Parish Center this week or next.

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 Robert McGarry and Donald Olsovsky

Easter Saints & Endless Mercies: Art and Stories

Join Bro. Mickey as he shares his paintings and the stories behind them in a delightful celebration of Easter season joy. Re-discover familiar saints and heroes from Gospel days to Pope Francis. Attend on Friday, April 15th, 6:30-9:00p.m. for \$5.00 (Refreshments included) or on Saturday, April 16th, 10:00a.m.--2:00p.m. for \$15 (Lunch included). It takes place at the Bishop Harrison Center in Syracuse. Contact Catherine Cornue at ccornue@syrdio.org to register and for more information.

Funeral Luncheons

Now that our Church Hall is available again during the week, we would like to resume our ministry of offering a luncheon to families following the funerals of their loved ones here at St. Francis of Assisi. This is a beautiful Spiritual and Corporal Work of Mercy, for which we need the generous help of our parish family in providing it. There will be a meeting for anyone interested in being part of the Funeral Luncheon Committee on Wednesday, April 6th at 10:00a.m. in the Parish Center.

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.

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 _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

New Parishioner, send registration form

Change of address or phone number

Temporarily away. Stop envelopes

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of March 27th — **Easter**

Week of April 3rd — Nancy Oliver

Shelving (Mondays)

Mar. 28th — C. & B. Danoski

April 4th — T & M Phalen

Distribution

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

April 19th — M. Walsh, M. Turna, M. Quinn, J. Wyatt, A. & S. Faughnan

Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs Bus Trip

There will be a bus trip to the Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs Casino in Wilkes-Barre, PA for Parishioners who are interested in going. It will take place on Wednesday, April 13th and costs \$30-\$25 free play, and \$5 for food. Boarding is at 8:30a.m. at St. Joseph's Church.

If you are interested in taking part in this trip, call Grace at 607-754-1241

Dear St. Francis of Assisi Church Community,

How wonderful to see a community come together and supply the Binghamton Rescue Mission with much needed items for our Residents. They may seem like ordinary items, but in the Rescue Mission world they may be an item that is not purchased on a regular basis or in the current budget. Thoughtful folks like yourselves make the difference to the Rescue Mission and our community!

Many thanks,
Vikki Collazo
Binghamton Rescue Mission

Thanks from Mercy House of The Southern Tier

On behalf of Mercy House of the Southern Tier, we would like to express a heartfelt thank you for helping make our Open House a success. Your beautiful flowers were truly appreciated. Thank you for your support. God bless you.

Thank you to the Chenango Valley Kindergarten class for the 100 canned goods donated to the Catherine's Cupboard last month.

HAVE A HAPPY EASTER CELEBRATION!

Sponsor of the Week

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

Bella Pizza

1116 Chenango Street, Hillcrest, NY
for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin

Last Weekend's Offering (03-20-16)

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|----------------------------|------------|
| 187 Regular Envelopes..... | \$5,250.75 |
| Loose Collection..... | \$442.00 |
| Electronic Donation..... | \$607.00 |
| Total Collection..... | \$6,299.75 |

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

Chenango Valley Booster Club Fundraiser

The Chenango Valley Athletic Club is having a fundraiser that uses something that we all have an abundance of... SHOES!

CVAC is partnering up with Funds2Orgs, an organization that will collect our gently used shoes, boots, sneakers, flip-flops, cleats, or any kind of footwear and pay us for them.

Collection barrels are available at all Chenango Valley schools until April 19th. The shoes will be collected and used for an enterprise program in underdeveloped countries. The goal is 5,000 pairs of shoes and therefore about \$2,000. The money collected will benefit the CV Athletic Club and the kids.

Ladies of Charity Scholarship

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 on April 29, 2016.

Annual Samaritan House Spring Sale

Saturday, April 2, 9:00a.m.—4:00p.m. & Sunday, April 3, 9:00a.m.—2:00p.m. St. Thomas Aquinas School Gym Highland Avenue, Binghamton. If you have any questions contact Dennis Gorman at 607-724-3969.

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

April 2nd & 3rd, 2016

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector John Artman
EM Host Bob Grace
EM Host Bea Grace
EM Host Barb Brozovic
EM Cup Kelly Benjamin
EM Cup Catherine Shafer
EM Cup Terry Hanifin
EM Cup Tony Mazza
Altar Server Mary Katherine Doyle
Altar Server Bryan Heller
Altar Server Sarah Shafer

8:00 A.M Mass

Lector Shirley McCray
EM Host Kurt or Kelly Mohney
EM Host Suzanne Tierno
EM Host Joanne Horoschak
EM Cup Ede Blabac
EM Cup Ed White
EM Cup Scott Iglar
EM Cup Donna Iglar
Altar Server Lauren White
Altar Server Sarah Bush
Altar Server Kathryn White

11:00 A.M Mass

Lector Mary Lou Ekstrom
EM Host Steve Guth
EM Host Karyn Church
EM Host Steve Church
EM Cup Lyndsey Church
EM Cup Pat Clark
EM Cup Dave Bollinger
EM Cup Shirleyann Casterlin
Altar Server Katie Saunders
Altar Server Quinn Sirgany
Altar Server Katelyn Church

Question of the Week

Question for Children: How can you believe in Jesus whom you have never seen?

Question for Youth: Jesus' words of greeting were "Peace be with you," followed by the invitation to forgive sins. How does forgiveness bring peace to you? How does it change the world?

Question for Adults: What strengthens your faith? Why do you believe in Jesus?

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