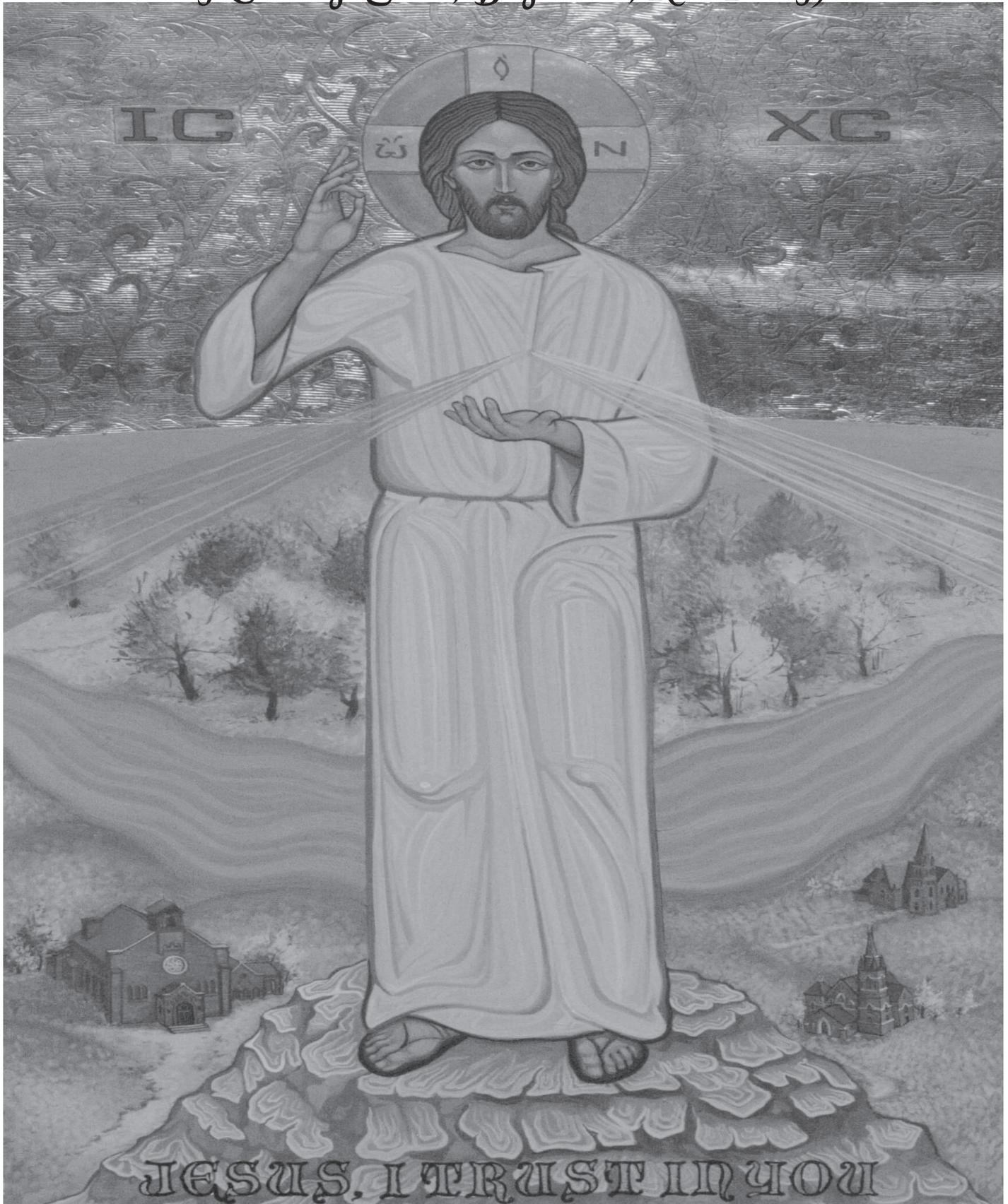


April 03, 2016

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901





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
Monday, April 4
 8:00 a.m. Kevin Taugher by Family
Tuesday, April 5
 8:00 a.m. Eleanor Welch by Bob & Bea Grace
Wednesday, April 6
 8:00 a.m. Scott Michael Secaur by Mom & Dad
Thursday, April 7
NO MASS
Friday, April 8
NO MASS
Saturday, April 9, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. 3rd Anniv. Angie Ritter by Family
Sunday, April 10, Third Sunday of Easter
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Paul Bollinger by Jim & Rose O'Neil

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**
 April 3rd: Ed & Kay Corcoran
 April 10th: Debbie Davis & Cindy White

Visit our new website
www.stfrancisbing.org

Faith Formation

- **Faith Formation for Grades K-Confirmation meet in the school at 9:30a.m.**
- **Our End of Lent Prayer Service will be held in the church at 10a.m.**

Looking Ahead:

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.

Please contact Maria Kirk this week if you are interested in REBOOT! tickets

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)

Spirituality of Leadership

A Formation for Ministry course, entitled "The Spirituality of Leadership," will begin at our Lady of Sorrows (Vestal) on Wednesday May 11--June 22nd, from 6:30--8:30 PM This adult education course is designed to educate by both experiential and intellectual teaching. It examines St. Ignatius' teachings and articulates many facts that challenge how we think about leadership. Walter Principe says that "Spirituality is the lived experience of faith." In order to fully understand what is meant by the term spirituality, one must be willing and able to enter into, explore and reflect on his or her lived faith experience. St. Ignatius argues that everyone is a leader, everyone is leading all the time and all leadership is about self leadership. This course will examine leadership styles of the past and present but will focus primarily on the leadership style of the Jesuit community, and the four core leadership pillars: self-awareness, ingenuity, love and heroism. This class will challenge the adult learner through prayer, writing, and engaging in reflection activities. The cost is \$70 for interested adults. If you are interested in participating in this course contact Fr. Vavonese at cvavonese@syrdio.org

A Day of Prayerful Remembrance...

Will be held on **Sunday, April 3rd** at the American Civic Association (ACA) for the victims of the tragic mass shooting in our area seven years ago. A memorial service is going to take place at **4p.m.** at the ACA (**131 Front Street**) and all are welcome.

We should come together as a community to remember those who died so tragically, lest we forget. It is somewhat baffling to me how this tragedy here in Binghamton is often overlooked by the national media when referring to this dark reality in our country. "Why do some horrors linger in our minds, while others fade?" writes Chris Churchill in the Albany Times-Union. Former Mayor, Matt Ryan, believes the victims are forgotten "in part, because of who the victims were. They were immigrants, mostly, with shallow roots in the country." May both the victims and the assailant know the mercy of God as they are remembered this weekend.

Ali Parveen (26) - Pakistan

Alves Almir (43) - Brazil

Bernard Henry Marc (44) - Haiti

Bernard Maria Sonia (46) - Haiti

Guo Li (47) - China

Ho Lan (39) - Vietnam

King Roberta (72) - USA

Khalil Layla (57) - Iraq

Ling Jiang (22) - China

Mao Hong Xiu (35) - China

Yigal Dolores (53) - Philippines

**Zobniw Koropey "Mima" Maria (60) -
Ukraine**

Zhong Hai Hong (54) - China

Jiverly Wong (51) - Vietnam

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.

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, Kurt Ehrensbeck (trumpet), 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 had 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 (especially visitors) expressed positive comments as they were leaving the various Liturgies. All of you truly made it a "Day the Lord has made."
-Fr. Tim

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 Christine Dancesia



Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of April 3rd — Nancy Oliver

Week of April 10th — George & Pat Clark

Shelving (Mondays)

April 4th — T & M Phalen

April 11th — C & B Danoski

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

The New Evangelization Summit

The New Evangelization Summit takes place on April 15-16. The program begins Friday Evening (April 15) and continues all day Saturday (April 16) at WCNY Studios 415 W. Fayette St., Syracuse, NY 13204. This is an international event that will inspire thousands of Catholics to be engaged in the New Evangelization. Live-streamed from Ottawa to 31 host sites throughout North America, the New Evangelization Summit is a two-day conference that will bring together speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization to provide inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom and resources on how Catholics can effectively evangelize. The goal is to inspire by setting our hearts on fire with love for Christ, to form by offering new ideas, new programs, and new ways of looking at evangelization in the context of our everyday lives, and to connect with like-minded Catholics from across the continent. To register for the New Evangelization Summit, go to newevangelization.ca and select the Syracuse host site. It costs \$35 (Clergy/Student/Missionary), \$50 (lunch on your own), \$60 (includes lunch). Tickets must be purchased in advance.

For more information contact Mary Hallman, mhallman@syrдио.org or call her at (315) 470-1429.

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 in the church basket or at the parish center.

Sponsor of the Week

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

Ms. Judy's Hair Plus

1648 Upper Front Street, Binghamton, NY
for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin

Last Weekend's Offering (03-27-16)

198 Regular Envelopes.....\$5,865.25
Loose Collection.....\$959.00
Electronic Donation.....\$635.59
Total Collection.....\$7,459.84

Easter Envelopes.....\$4,607.00
Easter Loose Collection.....\$1,694.00
Easter Total.....\$6,301.00

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

Islamic Organization of Southern Tier Open House

Discover more about Islam and your Southern Tier Muslim neighbors at the IOST open house on April 10th from 1:30-4:30p.m. at 161 Grand Ave., Johnson City. Check out their website www.iost.org.

Chenango Valley Booster Club Fundraiser

The Chenango Valley Athletic Club is having a fundraiser.

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.

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.

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

April 9th & 10th, 2016

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector Mary Ellen Meskell
EM Host Dc. Steve
EM Host Judy Murphy
EM Host Dom Lomonaco
EM Cup Marge Mangan
EM Cup Larry Koch
EM Cup Paulette Scales
EM Cup Ron Scales
Altar Server Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server Mikey Schultz
Altar Server Logan Lomonaco

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Tim Hogan
EM Host Dc. Steve
EM Host Mary DeNinis
EM Host Sr. Karen Gaube
EM Cup Marie Iobst
EM Cup Debbie Davis
EM Cup Lou Angelo
EM Cup Tom Phalen
Altar Server Braeden Krisko
Altar Server Natalie Broderick
Altar Server Peyton Broderick

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Rose O'Neil
EM Host Dc. Steve
EM Host Jules Furrer
EM Host Chris Gill
EM Cup David Gill
EM Cup Sue Jones
EM Cup Kerri Hamilton
EM Cup David Hanzes
Altar Server Anthony Frissora
Altar Server John Michael Frissora
Altar Server Zachary Carr

Question of the Week

Theme: Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe!

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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