

April 10, 2016

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

Third Sunday of Easter





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

Monday, April 11
 8:00 a.m. Glenn Essner by John & Clara Ernst

Tuesday, April 12
 8:00 a.m. Francis & Catherine Gaube by Family

Wednesday, April 13
 8:00 a.m. John Turna III by John & Brenda Artman

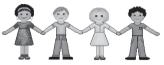
Thursday, April 14
 8:00 a.m. Ramsey Gray by Kathleen Brady

Friday, April 15
NO MASS

Saturday, April 16, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. William Heath by Wife, Yvette & Family

Sunday, April 17, Fourth Sunday of Easter
 8:00 a.m. Michael Keough by Family
 11:00 a.m. 1st Anniv. Pete Feheley 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**
 April 10th: Debbie Davis & Cindy White
 April 17th: Shirley McCray & Marie Iobst

Visit our new website
www.stfrancisbing.org

Faith Formation

- **Faith Formation classes meet today for Grades K-9 in the school at 9:30--10:45 AM.**

Looking Ahead:
 First Eucharist will be celebrated on May 1st at the 11a.m. Mass. The first 12 pews on each side of the church will be reserved for the children and their families. The only Handicapped seating will be the first pew on the "school" side of the church. Mass may take a bit longer than usual. Please plan accordingly.

Kids Against Hunger

A very special thank you for the generous monetary donations from our parish that helped purchase the food supplies for the Kids Against Hunger meal packing event. And kudos to the Confirmation Class and the other volunteers from St. Francis of Assisi parish who participated in the Kids Against Hunger Food Packing event last Sunday at St. Michael's' Church. Nearly **30,000 meals** were packed in 3 hours. More than 400 people from various faiths worked side by side in preparing food packets that consisted of soy protein, dried vegetables, protein powder and rice. It was a rewarding and eye-opening event for everyone.

EP/DR Virtus Training

Maria Kirk will be facilitating an EP/DR Safe Environment Recertification Training on Monday, April 25th at 7p.m. in the Cibulla Room at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Binghamton. If your Virtus Training has expired, please contact Maria to register at Mkirk@syrdio.org or call 607-222-1477.

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

Hillcrest 5K Run & Parade

OUR PARISH has been invited to join in on the fun on Saturday, June 4th when Hillcrest Community Association has their annual parade & booster day. The 5k run though Hillcrest is sponsored by the Fenton Free Library. The parade is on Saturday morning after the 5k. Wouldn't it be fun to have a float from our parish? Give a call or email to the Parish Center to sign up. Does anyone have a truck or flat-bed we could use? We must know by May 5th if we are doing this to plan. What shall we have for a theme? Let us know, call the Parish Center at 722-4388.

Thoughts for Your Consideration on the Scripture

In “The Acts of the Apostles” the early Church is persecuted for its belief. The members count the disgrace as a blessing. They are filled with courage. On fire with the presence of Christ, they “must obey God rather than human beings.” They are committed, and they are filled with life.

In the second reading, John has an amazing vision. In the vision everything comes into perspective. John has a vision of the presence of Christ, the one who was slain, worshiped by all the creatures of the universe.

The Gospel story is also a story about experiencing the presence of Christ. The seven disciples fish all night and catch nothing. Someone on the shore tells them to try again. They catch an abundance of fish. They share a meal on the shore. They realize that it is “the Lord.”

As Christians, we believe that this presence of Christ is still with us today, especially in the lives of those who are in need or feel left out, especially in the struggle for peace and justice in our world. Christ is with us as we deal with our experience of the cross.

All of the scriptures today seem to depict the presence of Christ in a vision of abundance—an abundance of food, of fish, of rejoicing, of courage, of creation, and belief in the midst of opposition, of the spirit of God, of amazing things. The Risen Life which we share in Christ helps us to see the abundance of God’s Spirit that is present in the whole world and to share that abundance.

Thank You from Birthright

Father Tim and St Francis' parishioners, We thank you so much for your shower during March. The generosity of our parish is amazing! The lovely baby clothes, blankets, baby toys, and many diapers along with maternity clothes and monetary donations will help many women and their babies. The wonderful hand-made afghans, sweaters, etc. are superb! It gives our volunteers much pleasure to have such nice things to give to those that come for help, and it lets the recipients know that people care about them.

Blood Pressure Screenings

The Parish Nurses will be holding blood pressure screenings in the cry room after all the Masses on the weekend of 4/16-4/17 .

IGNITE 2016 Catholic Men's Conference

The 2016 Catholic Men’s Conference was an inspirational event enjoyed by all that attended. We are planning next year’s conference, so save the date **NOW** on your calendars. 2017 IGNITE is scheduled for Saturday, March 25 2017 at the SRC Arena & Event Center. Thank you.

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.

Parish Center Updating

The conference room in the Parish Center on the first floor was recently refurbished, a project that hasn’t been done in over 17 years. Old paneling, wallpaper and dingy green shag rug were removed. Walls are now painted, a new rug was laid out, and new furniture was put in. The room is used daily for meetings, lunches, and for other parish needs, so this has been a worthwhile project.

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 Community Project

Meet at Port Dickinson Park at 10:00a.m. on Saturday, April 23rd, to do some winter cleaning and give the entrance a refreshing look for spring and summer. All are invited, adults & youth; parents with children. The more hands, the faster the work can be completed. Bring your gloves and/or some gardening equipment! A good way to care for our common home together! Celebrate Earth Day!

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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 Jean Carlin and John Vincent Foran

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of April 10th — George & Pat Clark

Week of April 17th — Karen Dotson

Shelving (Mondays)

April 11th — C. & B. Danoski

April 18th — C. & F. Woodruff & M. Ryder

Distribution

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

May 3rd — C. Danoski, L. Gildea, B. Grace, M. Ryder, C. Woodruff, R. Rounds

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@syrdio.org or call her at (315) 470-1429.

Catholic Cruise Eastern Caribbean

Come and sail away on a 7 night Eastern Caribbean Cruise with Father Salvatore Sciarba November 26th to December 3rd, 2016 on Holland America's Eurodam out of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Prices begin at \$1,658 for two passengers including all port fees and taxes. Deposits of only \$350/person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Robert or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or Eileen@catholiccruisesandtours.com

Sponsor of the Week

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

CatholicMatch.com/NY

for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin

Last Weekend's Offering (04-03-16)

191 Regular Envelopes.....	\$7,234.75
Loose Collection.....	\$349.50
Electronic Donation.....	\$718.59
Total Collection.....	\$8,302.84

**Thank you, everyone for your 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.

Pilgrimages to the Holy Land

Our "Special" 10 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will be offered over 5 different departure dates. We will be departing JFK Airport on 11/6/16; 12/5/16; 1/9/17; and 3/6/17 at the all land and air inclusive costs of \$2,299-\$2,249 in twin accommodations and depending on the date you choose. We will be visiting Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Caesarea, Acre, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberius, Sea of Galilee, Tagba, Capernaum, Mt. Tabor, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and more. Brochures and reservation forms available at the Catholic Tour at 877-627-4268 toll free or simply email jimadair@thecatholictour.com

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

April 16th & 17th, 2016

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector Tony Mazza
EM Host Mary Frances Charsky
EM Host John Artman
EM Host Brenda Artman
EM Cup Mary Cooney
EM Cup Carol Danoski
EM Cup Debby Carden
EM Cup Teresa Creeden
Altar Server Elizabeth Wrighter
Altar Server Mikayla Bucci
Altar Server Tyler Norton

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Kurt & Kelly Mohney
EM Host Marie Iobst
EM Host Shirley McCray
EM Host Denise Baxter
EM Cup Steve Baxter
EM Cup Suzanne Tierno
EM Cup Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup Tim Vaverchak
Altar Server James Bush
Altar Server Andrew Rice
Altar Server Jonah Rice

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Mary Jo Albee
EM Host Dave Bollinger
EM Host Shirleyann Casterlin
EM Host Jim Lewis
EM Cup Rose O'Neil
EM Cup Stephanie Stracuzzi
EM Cup Steve Guth
EM Cup Maria Lord
Altar Server Katie Saunders
Altar Server Brendan Heaney
Altar Server Quinn Sirgany

Question of the Week

Theme: Being able to see the Risen Christ.

Question for Children: Name some times when you know Jesus is with you.

Question for Youth: What are some ways that you know that God is with you? Who are the people, where are the places, and what are the occasions when you feel closest to God?

Question for Adults: When have you had an "Aha" moment, when you suddenly realized that God was with you?

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