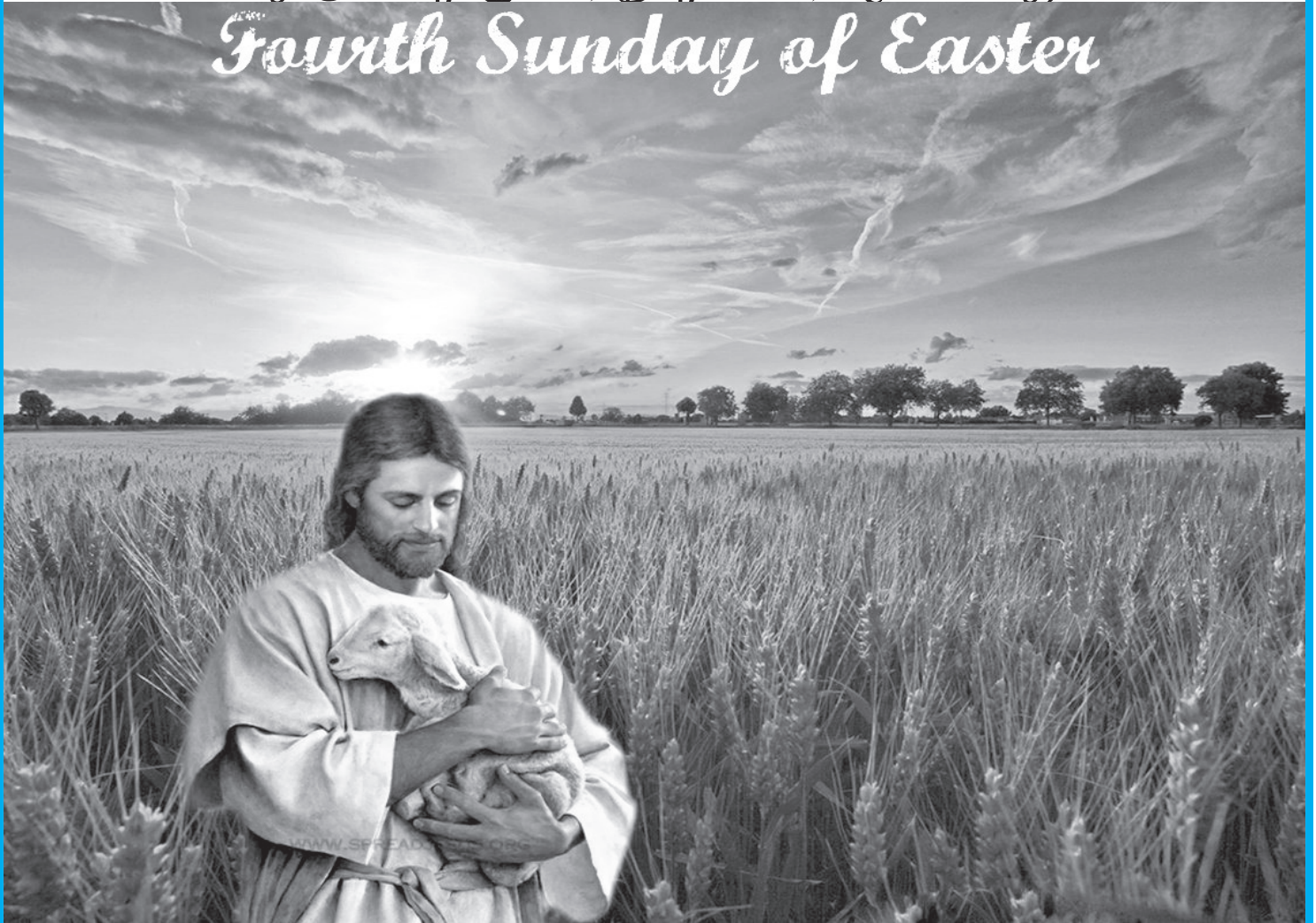


April 17, 2016

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

Fourth Sunday of Easter



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Parish Center Office Hours:

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Monday through Thursday
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Mass Schedule

Monday-Thursday
8:00 am at the Parish Center
Chapel

Saturday Evening
4:00 pm

Sunday Morning
8:00 am & 11:00 am

Confession:

2nd & 4th Saturday of every
month at 3:00 pm at the Church



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

Monday, April 18
NO MASS

Tuesday, April 19
 8:00 a.m. John Updyke by The Mullen Family

Wednesday, April 20
 8:00 a.m. Terry Fox by Patricia Keane

Thursday, April 21
NO MASS


Friday, April 22
NO MASS

Saturday, April 23, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Raymond & Helen Tyczkowski by Barb & Don Brozovic

Sunday, April 24, Fifth Sunday of Easter
 8:00 a.m. Harold Fischer by Mirtie Sessler
 11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

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 17th: Shirley McCray & Marie Iobst
 April 24th: Ede Blabac & Bridget Vavra

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:

Our prayer service to celebrate Earth Day and the End of Faith Formation will be next Sunday, April 24th at 10 AM in the church, parents are welcome to join us. Classes will be dismissed from the school as usual at 10:45 AM.

First Eucharist Rehearsal will be held on Saturday, April 30th at 10 AM in the church. Parents please be sure to sign the slip if your child is NOT tasting the wine or receiving from the cup at their First Eucharist. 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.

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 in order to plan. What shall we have for a theme? Let us know; call the Parish Center at 722-4388.

Special Thank You!

Marylou Ekstrom and Maria Kirk would like to thank four exceptional young women from our parish who have served as assistant catechists in the confirmation class. When their class was confirmed in 2014, **Abbey Lane, Emma Haley, Erin Culver, and Megan LeVasseur** were asked to help with the next year's class. They were selected because of their excellent participation in all aspects of the class, and they have exceeded expectations! They do so much for the classes: leading small group activities and discussions, as well as doing administrative tasks. Anything that was asked of them, they completed and was often anticipated without being asked. As they graduate and go off to college in the fall, they will be missed; not only for all they do but also for their amazing personalities that help brighten our days whenever we see them. Ladies, we wish you well in all you do in the future; you will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

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

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.

Pew Cleaning

April church pew cleaning is scheduled for **Sunday, April 24, following the 8:00a.m. Mass.** If you would like to give about 45 minutes of your time, we could use your help. Supplies will be there. As always, your hard work is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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, so if you intend on submitting an application, please do so SOON.** 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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[@stfrancisbing](https://twitter.com/stfrancisbing)

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 John Vincent Foran, Joanne Kopyar, Robert Stone, and Jean Carlin.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of April 17th — Karen Dotson

Week of April 24th — Michelle Warne

Shelving (Mondays)

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

April 25th — E. & K. Corcoran

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

Altar Rosary Society

The Altar Rosary Society of the Church of the Holy Trinity, 346 Prospect St., Binghamton, invites you to an afternoon of Vera Bradley Bingo. All prizes will be authentic Vera Bradley products! A \$20 admission packet gives you 15 opportunities to win! Additional packets, door prizes, basket raffles and refreshments are also available. Join us on Sunday, April 24th in our Holy Trinity's church hall. Doors open at 12:30; play begins at 2:00. Call 797-1856 for more information.

Laimons and Sylvia Drupa Scholarship

The Binghamton Garden Club is offering a scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 to a graduating senior in a Broome County high school. The selected senior must major in a university undergraduate program in horticulture, environmental studies, botany, landscape architecture, biology (not premed) or other directly related fields. This award has the potential of multiple years if all requirements are met. Interested applicants should contact their school Guidance Counselor. Submissions must be received by May 3rd. This is a great scholarship opportunity and could help significantly with the cost of college. Get your applications in ASAP.

Catholic Cruise Eastern Caribbean

Come and sail away on a 7 night Eastern Caribbean Cruise with Father Salvatore Scieurba 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

Soup Kitchen

Catherine's Cupboard would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$325.05. This will fill many empty stomachs. Thank you!

Sponsor of the Week

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

Holy Apostles: Online Campus

www.holyapostlesonlinecampus.com
for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin

Last Weekend's Offering (04-10-16)

199 Regular Envelopes.....\$6,599.54
Loose Collection.....\$428.00
Electronic Donation.....\$1,485.00
Total Collection.....\$8,512.54

**Thank you, everyone for your donations.
They are greatly appreciated!**

Enjoy Golf- Dinner-Silent Auction-Fun

And support the Cathedral Restoration Project
June 7, 2016-Timber Banks-Golf
June 10, 2016-Restored Hotel Syracuse
Honoring Sr. Maureen D'Onofrio's service to the
Cathedral
For more information go to-bishopscup.com
to register and donate

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, Bethlethem, 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 23rd & 24th, 2016

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Bob & Betsy Shields
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	John Pierce
EM Host	Bob Grace
EM Cup	Bea Grace
EM Cup	Barb Brozovic
EM Cup	Peggy Munson
EM Cup	Tony Mazza
Altar Server	Mary Katherine Doyle
Altar Server	Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server	Logan Lomonaco

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Ed & Kay Corcoran
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Scott Iglar
EM Host	Ede Blabac
EM Cup	Donna Iglar
EM Cup	Ed White
EM Cup	Joanne Horoschak
EM Cup	Debbie Davis
Altar Server	Brigid Birtch
Altar Server	Kathryn White
Altar Server	Lauren White

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	George Clark
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Lyndsey Church
EM Host	Karyn Church
EM Cup	Steve Church
EM Cup	Pat Clark
EM Cup	Jules Furrer
EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	Katelyn Church
Altar Server	Zachary Carr

Question of the Week

Theme: Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

Question for Children: Jesus tells us he is the Good Shepherd, but how do you experience God guiding and protecting you?

Question for Youth: How do you feel about Jesus' being your shepherd? What does it mean to you that he lays down his life for you?

Question for Adults: What qualities of God does the image of the Good Shepherd suggest? How do you experience God in this way?

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