

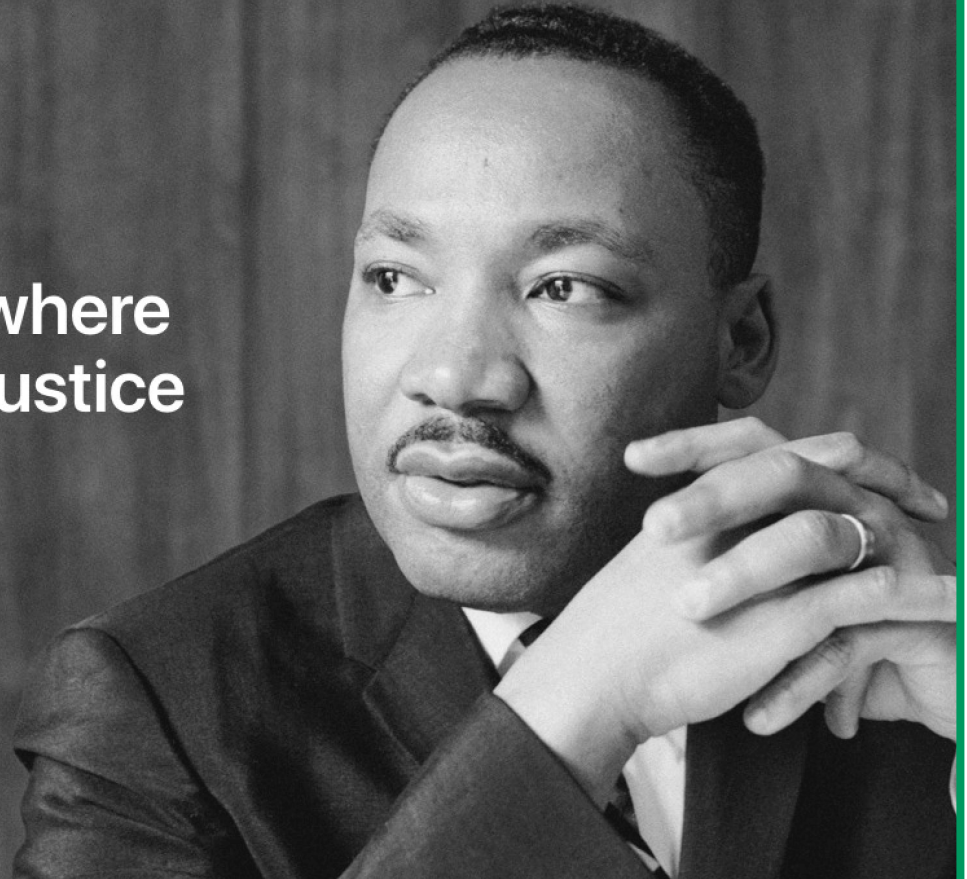
January 18, 2026

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, NY 13901

"Injustice anywhere
is a threat to justice
everywhere."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Eucharistic faith community
committed to living and sharing the Gospel life.

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Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday:
7:30 am to 4:30 pm
Friday: Closed

Confession:

2nd & 4th Saturday of every
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Saturday, January 17, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Sophia & Joseph Patsko by Family

Sunday, January 18, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Sebastian Campoli by the Knights of Columbus #11094

Monday, January 19

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 20

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 21

NO MASS

Thursday, January 22

NO MASS

Friday, January 23

NO MASS

Saturday, January 24, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Antonio Versace Jr. by Antonio & Family

Sunday, January 25, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Louis Mazzitelli by the Knights of Columbus #11094

Catherine's Cupboard

CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD has been serving our community for the past 20+ years, it's **open the 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month from 1PM—3PM and 5PM till 7PM (or until all are served).**

We serve anyone who comes, asking only for ID, if they have any. As members of SOUTHERN TIER FOOD BANK, we purchase at wholesale (or less), providing **basic dry or canned goods, fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy, and frozen meats.**

We try to provide **5 days of meals** and include **personal care items** also. We operate on **100% donations or grants.** Our location at the parish center means we have most overhead costs covered. However, we serve over 6200 people, requiring a budget of close to \$90,000 a year. PLEASE tell anyone you know who is feeling food insecure to stop in. **If you would like to donate food items, they can be left at parish center or food barrel in church foyer. Monetary donations can be mailed to our parish office or via the online giving tab at stfrancising.org**

Profit & Loss Weekly Summary (01-12-26)

Ordinary Contributions.....	\$6,054
Loose Cash.....	\$686
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$145
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$2,270
Catholic Schools.....	\$60
Other.....	\$2,721
Capital Campaign.....	\$145
Total Contributions.....	\$12,081

Ordinary Expenses.....	\$8,743
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$710
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$1,136
Capital Improvements.....	\$297
Total Expenses.....	\$10,886

TOTAL.....\$1,195

Please help keep our Parish going!

Faith Formation

No Faith Formation Next Week, January 18th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Faith Formation resumes next week January 24th for grades K-8.

Looking Ahead:

† Souper Bowl of Caring February 7-8

The "Souper Bowl of Caring" began in a church in 1990 with a simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy this Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat." In 2026, we're bringing it full circle! Help our kids in Faith Formation raise donations for Catherine's Cupboard to help those who are food insecure in our neighborhood. All money raised goes directly to Catherine's Cupboard.

**Children's Choir Schedule
Sunday Rehearsals (11:45am-12:30pm):**

January 18th	
February 8th	February 22nd
March 1st	March 8th
March 15th	April 12th
April 19th	April 26th

Saturday Rehearsals (3-3:45pm):

March 21st	March 28th
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For Potential Godparents and Sponsors for Baptisms or Confirmation

Anyone looking to be a Godparent or Sponsor to a Confirmation Candidate **MUST** be a registered member of St. Francis of Assisi to be able to get a letter of certification. This is the only way that the Church can verify you are a practicing Catholic. Please call Delores at the Parish Center (722-4388) for questions.

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.



No Daily Mass 01/12/2026 — 02/02/2026

Here are some nearby daily mass options...

The Church of St. Paul

(15 Doubleday Street Binghamton, NY)

└ Tuesdays & Thursdays at 12:10PM

St. Mary of the Assumption

(37 Fayette Street Binghamton, NY)

└ Wednesdays & Fridays at 12:10PM

Sts. John and Andrew

(1263 Vestal Ave Binghamton, NY)

└ Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays at 6:30AM

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is well-known throughout the world for his leadership role in the United States Civil Rights Movement and his advocacy for nonviolent social change. He is probably most remembered for his historic “I Have a Dream” speech at the 1963 March on Washington. However, there can be a somewhat limited understanding of Martin Luther King, Jr. His speeches and writings addressed issues beyond the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S. and the African American community. He had a broader vision of human rights for all people worldwide. Few are aware of his outcries against militarism, poverty, and materialism in the 1960s—forces that continue to shape society today. Martin Luther King, Jr., was a man of deep faith and a prophet. Like all prophets, he had a message of relevance for the people of his time—and for ours. His moral imagination extended far beyond the dismantling of segregation. King envisioned what he called a “revolution of values,” a transformation of economic priorities, social systems, and global relationships. This broader vision aligns with Catholic Social Teaching (CST): the life and dignity of every human person, the common good, solidarity, the rights of workers, the preferential option for the poor, care for creation, and peace rooted in justice. In 2026—amid systemic racism, economic inequality, threats to democracy and voting rights, ecological crisis, and rising militarization—King’s prophetic voice is urgently needed.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary: Creation Care Tip

Different Christians may disagree on what God’s will is on various subjects, but hopefully we can all agree that God, who created the natural world and declared it “good” and “very good” (Gen 1) wills us to be good stewards of this beautiful creation. Whenever we act to protect or beautify God’s creation we are doing God’s will. Just imagine the different ways Jesus might have reacted to seeing a person trash creation in comparison to a person doing something to honor and sustain creation. This week as you do something to protect the earth, think of it as an offering to do the Lord’s will.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary: Justice Challenge

This week we celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Francis de Sales (Jan. 24). Legend has it that Francis was once approached by a stranger who asked him to share the secret of a holy life. Francis replied, “Would you please close the door more gently?” Francis wanted the stranger to understand that it is in the ordinary actions that we truly live good and faithful lives. Your challenge this week is to look at the little ways in which you tolerate or practice injustice. If someone tells a prejudice joke, do you laugh or remain silent? If someone advocates for laws which benefit the rich and hurt the poor, do you support those laws? If someone is bullying someone smaller or weaker, do you just watch? Track the day-to-day ways in which you practice justice; also track when you tolerate injustice. Then choose one way in which you are unjust and work this week on becoming a more faithful person or family.

Notes from Deacon Steve

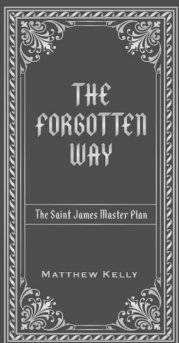
- † The Holy Hour on Fridays from 12Noon to 1PM have resumed. The location is the Parish Center Chapel.
- † The Scriptural Study class has resumed on Tuesdays at 7PM in the Parish Center dining room.

Internet Browsing for the Planet: Ecosia

When you search the web using Google, Bing, Safari, etc. the company makes money by tracking interests so you can get tailored advertising. The search engine Ecosia can be used as a better alternative and instead of keeping that ad money for itself, it uses it to plant trees. Please consider changing your go-to search engine on all your devices to Ecosia. This search engine is solar-powered, uses Google and Bing search methods to provide results, and even offers optional, solar-powered AI overviews. Approximately every 50 searches on Ecosia finances the planting of a tree, and so far Ecosia users have helped to plant over 245 million trees among biodiversity hotspots in over 35 countries around the world. These projects focus on planting the right trees in the right places in order to restore habitats for threatened species, capture carbon, and support forest-adjacent communities by empowering indigenous women and tribes. Ecosia’s ultimate goal is to plant 1 billion trees, and they’re nearly a quarter of the way there! Anyone can choose to switch their search engine to Ecosia to help reach this goal—it’s a free and could be a simple change to become a better steward of God’s creation.

Book Club

The book we gave out at Christmas “The Forgotten Way” by Matthew Kelly is going to be a part of a very short book club. The promise of this book is very simple: You can transform your life by changing the way you speak. There will be two discussion sessions on Tuesday, **January 20th** and **January 27th** at both 2PM and 7PM in the parish center dining room. Please read through chapter 12 for the first session on the 20th and then we’ll finish before the last session on the 27th. Join us!



**Catherine's Cupboard Distribution
Volunteer Schedule
January 20th**

1:00—3:00PM **5:00PM—Until Served**

S. Wolf, M. Carnes, C. Woodruff, and D. Dobish M. Hayes, A. Smilnak, R. Rounds, and B. Grace



CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD

**DONATION
PAMPHLET**

Please feel free to take a Catherine's Cupboard donation pamphlet in the back of the church or at the parish center. This pamphlet has some great information about our food pantry as well as many easy ways to contribute to the pantry. There are numerous ways YOU can help those in need right here in our community. The pantry relies on people like you to do your part! Take or request one to be sent to you!

World Marriage Day Celebration

43rd Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on February 15th, 2:00pm, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. Bishop Lucia will celebrate Mass and invite all couples in attendance to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony. He will specially honor couples who will celebrate their 25th, 50th, and beyond 50 anniversary in 2026. If celebrating such an anniversary please contact the parish office to receive a special invitation from Bishop Lucia.

**Chenango Bridge Fire Company
Doug's Fish Fry Fundraiser**

**Friday, January 30th
11AM—6PM**

Station #1 (17 Kattelville Rd.)

Call ahead orders: 607-753-9184 ext. 2 until 4PM
Come and support your local fire station!

**Knights of Columbus:
Free Throw Championship**

**Friday, February 6th
6PM—8PM**

Our Lady of Good Counsel Gym

Open Gym, Games, and Food

Boys & Girls ages 9 to 14 (As of January 1st) are eligible to compete in the free throw contest.

Winners will be announced at 7:45PM

Questions: Kathy Hamilton khamilton@syrdio.org

Hospital Visitation

Please remember, if you or another parishioner gets admitted to one of the local hospitals and you wish to be visited by Fr. Tim you **MUST tell someone or call the parish center**. You should indicate that you are belong to St. Francis of Assisi parish and that you wish to be visited by Fr. Tim or any Clergy member.

Catherine's Cupboard Update

THANK YOU seems so little in what's happened in the past couple months. Do you shop at PRICE CHOPPER on 12A? If so you and many more were asked since Nov to support our pantry; a \$10 donation got us 1 can each of tuna fish, chicken, soup, kidney beans, corn, a box of pasta and jar of crunchy peanut butter. Well over 1,000 (possibly closer to 1200) people said YES so our shelves are overflowing right now. This brings us to the issue of shelf space being limited right now and we have abundant supply of ADULT BRIEFS (NOT PULL UPS) aka DIAPER'S & BED PADS. DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO NEEDS THEM? ALL SIZES FROM SMALL TO 5x. FREE AND WE WILL EVEN DROP OFF IF NEEDED. CALL BEV 607 725 7645 for more information.

Online Giving

Would you like to save paper and time when giving monetary donations to us? We have the option of online giving for your convenience. Visit our website stfrancisbing.org and click "online giving" in the menu. It's easy to set up using your checking account, credit, or debit card for automatic or one-time donation options and you choose where the money goes. The following accounts are available for donations:

*Ordinary Contribution, HOPE Appeal
Repair, Maintenance, & Utilities,
Catholic School Support, Catherine's Cupboard,
Special Sunshine, Capital Campaign, STAR Fund,
Sound System and Creation Care Team*

IMPORTANT

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:
Safe Environment Training**

All Eucharistic Ministers were **required** to have been Safe Environment Trained as of **Dec 31, 2025**. If you did not receive the diocesan mandated training or if you are not sure contact Maria Kirk at the Parish Center.

All choir members, cantors and musicians must be trained by March 31, 2026.

You must register online for this training.

Check the diocesan website:

syracusediocese.org/safe-environment

for more information or to register.

There are several initial training sessions in the area in January and February.

Initial Safe Environment Trainings

January 27— St. Ambrose @ 1PM

January 31— Sts. Cyril & Methodius @ 10AM

February 28— Our Lady of Good Counsel @ 10AM

Recertification Trainings

January 31— Our Lady of Good Counsel @ 10AM

If you have questions please call or email Maria Kirk at 607-722-4177 or mkirk@syrdio.org

PLEASE TELL US THE NAMES & ADDRESSES OF SHUT-INS, WE WOULD LOVE TO REACH OUT!
CALL DELORES AT THE PARISH CENTER
(607)722-4388 TO LET US KNOW! THANK YOU!

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
January 24th & 25th, 2026

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Thalia Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Patti Klepfler
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Peggy Munson
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Judy Daniels
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Denise Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Steve Baxter

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Hadley Jenks
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Lyla Harlow
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Abby Harlow
10:30 Mass	Lector	Scott Iglar
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Adam Colvin
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Mary Jo Lucas
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Ed White
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Mary Mullaney
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Cherilyn Tallant

Children's Liturgy Schedule

January 18th— Ashley Cook & Maria Kirk (MLK)

January 25th— Ede & Sarah Blabac

February 1st— Maria Kirk & Amy Drake

February 8th— Dorene Alecia & Melissa Weber

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

Do you have a child or grandchild who has already received their First Eucharist? If so, they can be altar servers! **We are in desperate need of more altar servers** as we barely have enough to cover the masses alone week to week.

Why altar serve?

- 1.) It is a good way to get actively involved in the mechanics of mass. Some kids who find it hard to sit still may benefit from the activity that it provides.
- 2.) It allows for kids to be a closer part of the church community and make connections.
- 3.) Direct religious education learning opportunity
- 4.) Gives kids a sense of purpose and pride Church

Call the parish center (607)722-4388 or fill out a liturgical signup form (on table in the back of the church) and drop it in a collection basket.

Question of the Week

Question for Children: If someone were to ask you, "who is Jesus?" how would you answer?

Question for Youth: How are you able to see through all the busyness, the distractions, and the din of today's world to really see Christ as he makes himself present today? Where do you see him or experience his presence?

Question for Adults: In the gospel today, John tells us who Jesus is for him. If someone were to ask you, how would you answer this question: Who Jesus is for you?