

February 01, 2026

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, NY 13901



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

## **Staff**

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## **Office Hours:**

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

## **Confession:**

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

**Parish Office Phone:** 722-4388

## **Faith Formation Office**

**Phone:**  
722-4177

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**Saturday, January 31, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. 54<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Michael Pandich by Family

**Sunday, February 1, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:30 a.m. Michael Brown by Gary Pendelton & Ginny Thompson

**Monday, February 2**

12:00 p.m. 38<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Robert Taugher by Family

**Tuesday, February 3**

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Wednesday, February 4**

12:00 p.m. 14<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Eleanor Taugher by Family

**Thursday, February 5**

8:00 a.m. Kevin Burns by Linda & Chuck Bucci

**Friday, February 6**

**NO MASS**

**Saturday, February 7, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Frances Hazen by Family

**Sunday, February 8, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:30 a.m. Louis Mazzitelli by Wife, and Family

**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 [stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org)**

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

Ordinary Contributions.....	\$6,541
Loose Cash.....	\$103
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$55
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$320
Catholic Schools.....	\$15
Other.....	\$2,721
Capital Campaign.....	\$85
<b>Total Contributions.....</b>	<b>\$9,840</b>
Ordinary Expenses.....	\$8,743
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$710
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$1,136
Capital Improvements.....	\$297
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$10,886</b>
<b>TOTAL.....(Loss) —</b>	<b>\$1,046</b>

**Faith Formation**

**Faith Formation for grades K-Confirmation meets this weekend.**

**Next week, February 8th Faith Formation for grades K-8 will meet at 9AM. The Winter Carnival will take place during Faith Formation 9:15—10AM. Children not involved in Faith Formation are welcome to join the fun! Cost of admission is a school supply to help with the Confirmation Service Project collection.**

**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):**

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

**Saturday Rehearsals (3:00pm-3:45pm):**

March 21st    March 28th



Knights of Columbus  
**FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Friday, February 6, 2026**

6:00pm - 8:00pm  
with Open Gym, Food & Games  
at Our Lady of Good Counsel Gym

Boys & Girls: 6th-8th Graders  
Ages 9 - 14 (as of Jan. 1st)  
are eligible to compete.  
Winners announced at 7:45pm

Contact: Kathy Hamilton [khamilton@syrdio.org](mailto:khamilton@syrdio.org)



### Prayer for Centering Concern

*Gentle and caring God: We ask you to be present to all your people who today are experiencing the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of our age. Help us to be present to them as well, either in person or in our meditations on their real lived experiences, so that we can glimpse the complex and mysterious ways that your spirit unfolds in people's lives each day, with each birth, illness, graduation, job interview, traffic accident, commitment, separation, and other experience that brings light or dark grace. Help us especially to apply our senses to the experiences of suffering and deprivation that occur around us and around the world, to teach us empathy that extends outward in local, national, and global circles of concern. Give us the grace to be attentive, reflective, and loving as the animating energy at the center for our concerns. Help us to show our concerns by learning and practicing the discipline of the Pastoral Circle in gaining shared experience of people's lives, performing social analysis, engaging in theological reflection, and committing deliberately to taking conscientious action, all with a view to continuing this process of experience, analysis, reflection, and action and becoming new creations and more humble and holy servants with each iteration. In our responses, teach us to be just, but not only just. Teach us to have a conscience that takes risks by caring with a logic that proceeds mysteriously from our abilities to read the signs of the times around us, to know our gifts, and to surprise ourselves by caring for the sake of caring itself. Help us to use faith and reason as complementary means for taking responsibility for our convictions so that we can appropriate them for ourselves, continue to reexamine them through the Pastoral Circle, and test them by sharing them with others in respectful dialogue. Help us to be pastoral, thought, and executive leaders through our individual and collective actions so that we can emulate the courageous examples of those who stand for social justice and who care for others all around the world. Along the way, help us to find our free identity, our authentic selves, and our inner joy as persons for others and contemplatives in action in the center of a circle of meaning, a center of empathy, a center of justice, a center of care, a center of concern.*

*Amen.*

—Lester A. Myers, Ph.D., J.D., CFF, CGMA

## School Supply Collection

The Confirmation Candidates are collecting school supplies for area schools.

Please drop supplies off in Parish Hall  
Jan 17-18th through Feb 14-15th

#2 Pencils  
Pens  
Crayons  
Colored Pencils  
Highlighters  
Glue Sticks  
Dry Erase Markers  
Sharpies  
Post It Notes  
Tissues  
Hand Sanitizer  
Clorox Wipes

### 4th Sunday in Ordinary: Justice Challenge

This Sunday's Gospel is Jesus' beatitude teaching from the Sermon on the Mount. The beatitudes provide us with a blueprint for being people of faith and justice. Your challenge this week is to take one beatitude each day. Read the beatitude in the morning, and ask God for the strength to practice that attitude throughout the day. Then in the evening, reflect on whether or not you lived that particular "attitude of being" in your life during the day. Thank God for your successes, ask for forgiveness where you failed, and pray for the courage and strength to live that beatitude in the future.

### 4th Sunday in Ordinary: Creation Care Tip

*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."* —Matthew 5:6

Sometimes, perhaps often, it feels difficult to keep making sacrifices and doing the right thing for the environment when it seems other people aren't putting in as much effort. Still, our faith calls us to keep hungering and thirsting for righteousness, to keep seeking what is best for our earth, even if we sometimes despair that our efforts aren't making a difference. This week, as you go about making choices to care for creation, pray to be reminded that your hunger and thirst for righteousness will one day be filled.

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!

## Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule February 3rd

**1:00—3:00PM**

**5:00PM—Until Served**

K. Fitzgerald, C. Murray,  
G. Thompson, & G.  
Pendleton

M. Peters, M. Mizzoni,  
and K. & T. Barnhart



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!

**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.

**Fenton Free Library**  
Moody Memorial Building  
1062 Chenango Street  
Binghamton, NY 13901  
607-724-8649



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Website: [libraries.4cls.org/fenton/](http://libraries.4cls.org/fenton/)



### **DOUGHNUT FUNDRAISER**

FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED FOR LIBRARY PROGRAMS

**ORDERS DUE BY:**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026**

**FOR PICKUP ON:**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 8 AM—4PM**

**PRE-ORDER**

### **KRISPY KREME ORDER FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

VARIETY	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
GLAZED Donuts—\$12/dozen		
CHOCOLATE ICED Glazed—\$12/half dozen		
GLAZED filled with LEMON—\$12/half dozen		
GLAZED filled with RASPBERRY—\$12/half dozen		
GLAZED filled with CREAM—\$12/half dozen		
CLASSIC Medium Roast Coffee—\$10/12 oz bag		
CLASSIC DECAF Medium Roast Coffee—\$10/12 oz bag		
+ Additional donation to the library		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		

**WAYS TO ORDER: MAIL FORM TO LIBRARY, PLACE ENVELOPE WITH ORDER FORM & PAYMENT MARKED "DONUTS" IN DROP BOX, or Call. Make checks payable to Fenton Free Library.**

## 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.

### Please Help Us Find A Home For A Parishioner's Cat!

We are in desperate need to find a quiet home for a 9 year old ginger cat. The owner/parishioner is no longer able to go home and care for the cat, but wants to know it is safely rehomed. Please call, Ildie Mitchell at (607) 341-2150 if you can help.



### 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](http://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*

### Simple Soup Supper

Ladies Ancient Order of the Hiberian's Division 1 will hold a **Simple Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday, February 18th from 4PM—6PM at the AOH Hall (148 Main St.)** Pre-order/Take-out Only. Creamy Potato or Minestrone Soup will be served with Artisan Bread for \$8. Order your pints by February 11th. Phone or text orders to Kathy (607)760-4297 or Maureen (607)206-2963.

### **\*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 mandated trainings call 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](http://syracusediocese.org/safe-environment)

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**  
**February 7th & 8th, 2026**

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Kylie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	McKenzie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Kevin Murphy
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Peggy Munson
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Deb Carden
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Marge Mangan
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Mary Russik
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Larry Koch

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Daniel Dundon
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Lilly Dundon
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Quin Tallant
10:30 Mass	Lector	Faith Formation
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Mary Jo Lucas
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Anne Wolanski
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Ann Clune
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Jim Clune

**Children's Liturgy Schedule**

**February 1st**— Maria Kirk & Amy Drake

**February 8th**— Dorene Alecia & Melissa Weber

**February 15th**— **ONLINE ONLY**

**February 22nd**— Ashley Cook & Maria Kirk

**\*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:** Choose one of the Beatitudes and share how you will make it part of your life.

**Question for Youth:** Jesus gives us a plan for our happiness in the beatitudes. Do the things that make you happiest also lead you towards God? Do they follow God's plan?

**Question for Adults:** How do you describe what it means to be "blest" in your own life?