

April 12, 2026

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



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Monday — Thursday:

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Saturday, April 11, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. 17th Anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Sunday, April 12, Second Sunday of Easter
 10:30 a.m. 2nd Anniversary Tim Reardon by Family

Monday, April 13
 12:00 p.m. Jules Furrer by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Tuesday, April 14
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Wednesday, April 15
 12:00 p.m. Rick Callahan by The McCarthy Family

Thursday, April 16
 8:00 a.m. Donald Walls by John Sharak

Friday, April 17
NO MASS

Saturday, April 18, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Cindy Kelly by Kathleen Dwyer

Sunday, April 19, Third Sunday of Easter
 10:30 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Fina & 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 stfrancising.org**

Profit & Loss Weekly Summary (04-06-26)

Ordinary Contributions.....	\$7,420
Loose Cash.....	\$1,070
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$388
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$1,150
Catholic Schools.....	\$85
Other.....	\$2,569
Capital Campaign.....	\$105
Total Contributions.....	\$12,787
Ordinary Expenses.....	\$8,613
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$481
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$847
Capital Improvements.....	\$329
Total Expenses.....	\$10,270
TOTAL.....	\$2,517

Please help keep our Parish going!

Faith Formation

No Faith Formation, Happy Easter!

Looking Ahead:

- ✦ First Eucharist Pew Banner Project and Sharing Meal Sunday, April 19th after 10:30 Mass. Children will have class before Mass as usual. Please bring Mementos for the Pew Banner Project that will be completed before lunch.
- ✦ Sunday, May 3rd First Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:30 AM Mass, followed by a reception in the hall.

Confirmation 2026:

- ✦ Friday, April 24th at 7:30 PM, Confirmation Rehearsal. This is our only rehearsal--candidates and sponsors must attend (please find a partner if sponsors are not in town)
- ✦ Sunday, April 26th at 2 PM Confirmation Mass will be celebrated with St. Mary of the Assumption/St. Paul and the parishes of Eastern Broome, followed by a reception in the hall.

**SAVE THE DATE:
 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



**MONDAY, JUNE 29TH
 & TUESDAY, JUNE 30TH
 6:00PM—8:00PM
 St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall**

Holy Week & Easter Thank You!

It was such a wonderful experience to be able to celebrate the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter this year. Coming together as a faith community was a hopeful sign in the celebration of the central mysteries of our faith; the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. I couldn't have done it alone— many people did so much behind the scenes, as well as participating in the liturgies. I am very grateful to all of our Parish Staff, and also the generous involvement of our parishioners who assisted in making each celebration a prayerful experience. Making these celebrations happen is always a challenge. So, THANK YOU to staff and volunteers. Ed Savo and the choir added so much with the music, an a special shout out to Natalie Ehrensbeck who conducted the children's choir and sang the powerful Exodus reading at the Easter Vigil as well as to her father, Kurt, who played the trumpet.

The liturgical environment for each of the days added to the beauty and significance of the celebrations. We are grateful to the creative eye of Nick Norton who sculptured each day along with Scott and Donna Iglar, Kay and Ed Corcoran, Cindy and Ed White, and Fred Hazlett who assisted.

— Fr. Tim

Mercy Sunday

Pope Francis once made an observation about mercy: Mercy in the light of Easter enables us to perceive it as a true form of awareness. This is important: mercy is a true form of awareness. We know that it [awareness] is experienced through many forms. It is experienced through the senses, it is experienced through intuition, through reason and even other forms. Well, it can also be experienced in mercy, because mercy opens the door of the mind in order to better understand the mystery of God and of our personal existence. Mercy enables us to understand that violence, rancor, vengefulness have no meaning, and the first victim is whoever feels these sentiments, because he deprives himself of his own dignity. Mercy also opens the door of the heart and allows one to express closeness especially to those who are lonely and marginalized, because it makes them feel as brothers and sisters, and as children of one Father. It favors recognition of those who need consolation and helps one find the appropriate words so as to give comfort. Brothers and sisters, mercy warms the heart and makes it sensitive to the needs of brothers and sisters with sharing and participation. Thus, mercy requires everyone to be instruments of justice, reconciliation and peace. Let us never forget that mercy is the key-stone in the life of faith, and the concrete form by which we make Jesus' Resurrection visible" (4/23/17, Regina Caeli Address).

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!

Floral Ministry Thank You!

The parish community of St Francis of Assisi would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Bea Grace for her many years of faithful service in organizing flowers for our shut-ins. Your dedication to coordinating plant orders, arranging deliveries, and bringing together volunteers has been such a meaningful ministry. Through your efforts, so many have felt remembered, loved, and connected. The simple beauty of flowers has become a powerful reminder that they are not forgotten and that is because of you. Your time, care, and consistency over the years have made a lasting difference in the lives of others. We are truly grateful for your servant heart and the joy you brought to this ministry. We would also like to welcome Peg Peters as she assists us in this role.

CRS Rice Bowl: Thank You!

Thank You! Together, we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. THANK YOU for being a part of this effort! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to the parish center by this week or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give.

2nd Sunday of Easter: Justice Challenge

Sunday's Gospel recounts the appearance of Jesus to the apostles after the Resurrection. Fear ruled the day until Jesus came back with his message, "Peace be with you." Fear can paralyze us, just as it did the apostles until Jesus breathed his Spirit and his peace into them. Your challenge this week is to examine how much fear rules your life. When does it stop you from speaking the prophetic word, challenging injustice, or living an ethical life? Pray for the peace of Christ to enter your own heart, and find the courage to fight injustice wherever you see it.

2nd Sunday of Easter: Creation Care Tip

"All who believed were together and had all things in common." —Acts 2:44

What do you and your friends and neighbors each own individually that you could share instead? Power tools? Books? Paper or magazine subscriptions? Gardening tools? Camping gear? Sports equipment? Specialized kitchen equipment? Imagine how many fewer resources we would need if we didn't feel the need to own everything individually and we shared more things in common instead. Imagine how it would tie us together with greater inter-dependence if we shared more. The next time you are tempted to buy something new, research where you might find it used or whom you might borrow it from.

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 Distribution Volunteer Schedule April 21st

1:00—3:00PM **5:00PM—Until Served**

J. Daniels, P. Simonis, K. Corcoran, and C. Woodruff R. Rounds, 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!

Ladies of Charity Scholarships

The Binghamton Chapter of the Ladies of Charity awards three \$1000 scholarships to high school seniors who plan to pursue a service oriented career which specifically has the potential to make a difference in someone's life. The scholarship is based primarily on service to church, school and community as well as academic achievement and financial need. Please see your high school guidance department for an application. **Deadline is April 17, 2026.**

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 our website (stfrancisbing.org). **Applications are due by 4 PM on Thursday, May 28, 2026.** (Please note, the parish office is closed on Friday.) In order to be eligible for a scholarship, an applicant **must be a REGISTERED** member of the parish.

Blue Sunday Mass with Bishop Lucia

Bishop Lucia will celebrate a Healing Mass, Sunday, April 26th, Blue Sunday, at 2:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse. On this Sunday, in conjunction with National Child Abuse Prevention Month, we join with faith communities across the country in a day of prayer for those affected by abuse. We encourage attendance at this Mass to pray for those who have been harmed; those who have been affected physically, emotionally, and spiritually by abuse; and all those who have a role in the healing process.

IMPORTANT ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: Safe Environment Training

ALL Sacristans, Adult Altar Servers, Liturgical Ministry Leaders, and Lectors/Readers must be Safe Environment Trained by June 30th
You must register online for this training.

Upcoming Safe Environment Trainings

Initial Safe Environment Training

† **Monday, April 13th:** 6:00PM @ Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal

Recertification Training

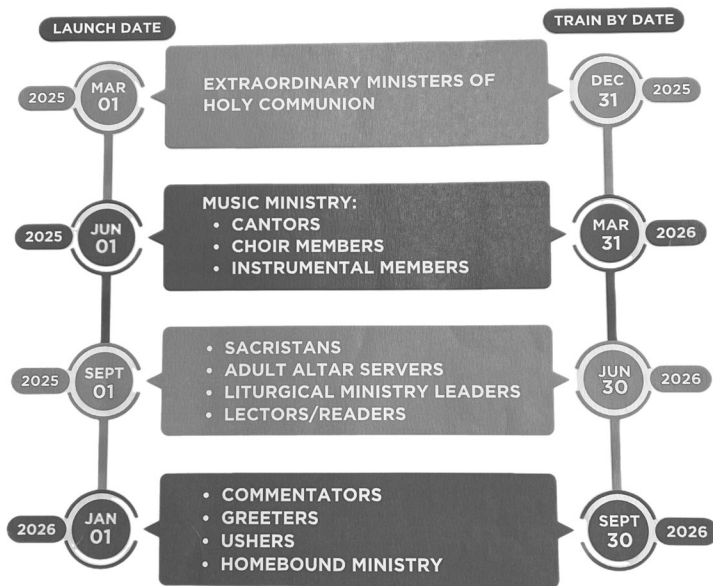
† **Wednesday, April 15th:** 6:00PM @ St. James, Johnson City

† **Saturday, May 9th:** 10:00AM @ Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott

Pre-registration is required for all sessions. Walk-ins and late arrivals **will not be permitted**. Registration for training sessions will close one (1) business day prior to the training session.

Register: (www.syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/)

Safe Environment Training is Now Required



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**

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

April 18th & 19th, 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	Dan Verdon
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Anne Smilnak
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Terry Hanifan
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Deb Carden
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Kelly Robertson
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Patrick Doyle

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Natalie Miller
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Lyla Harlow
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Abby Harlow
10:30 Mass	Lector	Anne Wolanski
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Shirley McCray
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Adam Colvin
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Scott Iglar
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Donna Iglar

Children's Liturgy Schedule

April 12— Ede and Sarah Blabac

April 19— Dorene Alecia and Amy Drake

April 26— Ede Blabac and Melissa Weber

May 3— ONLINE ONLY

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 sign-up form (on table in the back of the church) and drop it in a collection basket.

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Even though you can't see him with your eyes, how do you "see" Jesus in others?

Question for Youth: Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit and gave us the power to forgive sins. How do you offer forgiveness to your friends and family? How do you seek forgiveness for yourself?

Question for Adults: When and how do you experience the "new birth" which we are given in Christ? When someone has forgiven you? When you have forgiven others? When you celebration reconciliation? At other times?