

May 10, 2026

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Saturday, May 9, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Martha Kostun by Jan & Mike Pandich

Sunday, May 10, Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Monday, May 11

12:00 p.m. Jason Radice by Brenda & John Artman

Tuesday, May 12

8:00 a.m. Rev. Stanley Gerlock by Cathy & Ron Hamilton

Wednesday, May 13, Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord

5:00 p.m. Kathie Healy by Ellie & Bill Brammell (Liturgy in Church)

Thursday, May 14, The Ascension of the Lord

12:00 p.m. Eric Mangan by Sister Mary Lou Delaney (Liturgy in Church)

Friday, May 15

NO MASS

Saturday, May 16, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Judy Micha by Mary Frances Charsky

Sunday, May 17, Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People

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**

Profit & Loss Weekly Summary (05-04-26)

Ordinary Contributions.....	\$4,953
Loose Cash.....	\$472
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$560
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$2,166
Catholic Schools.....	\$87
Other.....	\$2,525
Capital Campaign.....	\$30
Total Contributions.....	\$10,793
Ordinary Expenses.....	\$9,652
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$447
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$788
Capital Improvements.....	\$306
Total Expenses.....	\$11,194
TOTAL.....(LOSS) —	\$401

Faith Formation

Maria Kirk would like to say, "Thank you so much for the flowers and cards and many hugs. It has been both an honor and a privilege to serve as the Director Faith Formation these past 16 years."

Looking Ahead:

✠ Baccalaureate Mass will be Sunday, June 7th at the 10:30 Mass. Information on this event will be mailed soon. Graduating Seniors please save the date! Information for our upcoming Baccalaureate Mass has been mailed, we hope you can join us for this special event honoring our parish HS seniors.

SAVE THE DATE:



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
MONDAY, JUNE 29TH
& TUESDAY, JUNE 30TH
6:00PM—8:00PM**

St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall



← Register today!



Mother's Day Prayer

For those who have longed for a child of their own and struggle with today— may your heart be cradled by the God who LOVES you.

For those who mourn the child they have lost — may your tears be captured by the God who SEES you.

For those who are bleary-eyed and exhausted from late -night feedings and too-early cries — may your strength be renewed by the God who SUSTAINS you.

For those whose breakfast was made by chubby hands and brought to them in bed with crayon-drawn cards — may your joy be doubled by the God who GIVES every good and perfect gift.

For those whose children now go out, drive, and date — may your fears and concerns be carried by the God who HOLDS the future.

For those who have watched their children grow up and move out — may your heart hold close the promise of the God who GIVES WISDOM (to you and to them!).

For those who are raising children without the support — may you be given strength by the GOD who HELPS us all.

For those who raise children who are not their own, be it fosters, steps, or grands — may your sacrifice, love, and compassion be blessed by the God who GAVE His Only Son for each of us.

For those who spend this day alone — may you rest in the presence of the God who DRAWS NEAR to the lonely and brokenhearted.

Mothers are not just those who give birth physically, mothers are those who give us life in so many ways ... through encouragement and support, through love and shared tears, through sacrifice and struggle ... and to those who are mothers in all different forms ...

*Today I pray you know this —
You are LOVED and BLESSED!*

Thank you for ALL you have done and continue to do!

Mother's Day Carnations Sale

Carnations will be available at the entrances of the church after each Mass on Mother's Day weekend (May 09th & 10th). The \$1 donation per flower will benefit Birthright of Binghamton, a nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to helping pregnant women and their babies.

Book Club: "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi

"Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi is our next Book Club selection. It is a story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen. This is a beautifully crafted novel about the power of creative generosity. Copies are available at the Parish Center for \$10. You can also download it on your Kindle. Please read the entire book before our discussions on Tuesday, May 19th & 26th at 2 or 7PM.

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!



Brooks Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

**FRIDAY MAY 29TH
CHENANGO BRIDGE
FIRE STATION**

(17 Kattelville Road)

3:00PM—Until Sold Out

\$17 per meal (chicken, sides, & roll)

Benefits St. Francis of Assisi's Creation Care Initiatives

Pentecost: May 23/24

WEAR RED!

Red is the liturgical color for Pentecost.

As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church, wear something red to church as a sign we are on fire with the Spirit!



Donate your Party Leftovers!

With High School and College Graduations coming up there will be many parties to celebrate these wonderful accomplishments. This also results in lots of leftovers. Call the parish center (607)722-4388 in preparation for your party and we can be prepared to receive the leftovers and take them to area kitchens to help feed those who are food insecure. What a wonderful way to make sure nothing goes to waste!

On War, Conscience, and Our Call to Be a People of Peace

From Fr. C. Kevin Gillespie, S. J.

Pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Washington DC

In recent weeks we have seen much controversy emanating from our nation's conflict in Iran and the Middle East. Catholic leaders, including Pope Leo XIV and our own Archbishop McElroy have made strong statements against the war. Some have asked: What are we, as Catholics, to think? How are we to respond? How do we remain faithful amid such complexity?

3.) Our Unity Is in Christ Perhaps the greatest danger in moments like this is not disagreement, but division. We are not first members of political parties or ideological camps. We are members of the Body of Christ. At every Eucharist, we are gathered together—across differences, across opinions, across experiences—into one communion. There, we stand before the Lord not as adversaries, but as brothers and sisters. Let us guard that unity carefully. Let us speak with charity, listen with respect, and resist the temptation to reduce one another to positions.

4.) Prayer as Our First Response In the face of war, it can feel that our actions are small. Yet the Church reminds us that prayer is never small. We should all:

- †Pray for all victims of war—especially the innocent, the displaced, and the grieving
- †Pray for those who serve in the military, often bearing heavy burdens
- †Pray for leaders, that they may act with wisdom, restraint, and a genuine desire for peace.

**Catherine's Cupboard Distribution
Volunteer Schedule
May 19th**

1:00—3:00PM

5:00PM—Until Served

M. & D. Cole and K. & T. Barhart

S. & A. Faughnan, A. Smilnak, and M. Mizzoni



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!

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.) An applicant **must be a REGISTERED** member of the parish.

Outreach Ministries of the Southern Tier

As many of you know Outreach Ministries provides food and clothing to the underserved in Broome County. They are open 4 days a week (Mon. Weds. Thurs. Fri). Outreach has been lucky to have had a tremendously loyal group of volunteers throughout their existence. However, as time passes people move on, retire etc. Most recently they have seen a couple of key volunteers step away. They are actively looking for volunteers to help support their important work. If you have some time that you could give to support Outreach, please call the parish center (607) 722-4388 or call Joe Carpenter directly (607) 743-7023.

Sacred Sites Open House Sunday

Tour 22 Religious Structures in Broome County

Sunday, May 17th

Free and Open to the Public

Each site has it's own open house hours

A program locally sponsored by PAST (Preservation Association of the Southern Tier)

Visit the Preservation Association of the Southern Tier Facebook Page for more info.

Catherine's Cupboard Spring Update

Spring has arrived and we are so thankful for all we have received for Catherine's Cupboard food pantry. A grant of \$1,000 from Music for the Mission, extra meat plus bread from Good Neighbors of Vestal (food recovery operation), soup from Apple Hills Café, much needed personal and cleaning supplies from the NYS Moose Association, Church of Nazarene, plus another food drive from Price Chopper and parishioners who drop off food, personal/cleaning supplies or monetary donations are all examples of the generosity we have gotten. Such generosity is not only appreciated but very much needed. We have been extremely busy, serving average of 80 families every time we're open and we can expect this to increase with cuts to the SNAP program and the better weather. This past winter we had to purchase meats from the local stores due to lack of supply from Food Bank of the Southern Tier (freezer break down) so it made a dent in our budget but YOU have covered it, so all is steady at the moment. THANK YOU, again, so much for your ongoing support—we cannot do this important work of providing for our neighbors/community without YOUR SUPPORT!

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

CHOIR MUST ALREADY BE TRAINED

Upcoming Safe Environment Trainings

Initial Safe Environment Training

- + **Wednesday, May 13th: 10:00AM @ St. Francis of Assisi, Binghamton**
- + **Monday, June 1st: 6:00PM @ Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal**
- + **Saturday, June 13th: 10:00AM @ St. Mary of the Assumption, Binghamton**

Recertification Training

- + **Tuesday, May 12th: 10:00AM @ St. Francis of Assisi, Binghamton**
- + **Sunday, June 14th: 1:00PM @ Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal**
- + **Monday, June 15th: 6:00PM @ St. Mary of the Assumption, Binghamton**

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/)

Offertory Envelope Delay

Cathedral Letter Concepts (the company that prints and sends out our offertory envelopes) sincerely apologizes for the delay in us receiving our weekly offertory envelopes for another month. We're sorry for the inconvenience and are working to fix this situation.

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
May 16th & 17th, 2026

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Thalia Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Clio Brennan
4:00 Mass	Lector	Mike Stricek
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Anne Smilnak
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Peggy Munson
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Mary Russik
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Patrick Doyle
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Terry Hanifan

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Natalie Miller
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Clara Drake
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Lucy Drake
10:30 Mass	Lector	Ed White
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Mary Jo Lucas
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Mary Mullaney
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Shirley McCray

Children's Liturgy Schedule

May 10— Maria Kirk and Ede Blabac

May 17— Sarah and Ede Blabac

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: Jesus promises to be our friend forever. How do friends treat each other?

Question for Youth: Jesus promised us that the Holy Spirit (the Advocate) would remain with us always. When have you experienced the Spirit?

Question for Adults: Which one of the promises in today's Gospel gives you the most hope?