May 17, 2026

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

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

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Monday — Thursday:
7:30 am to 4:30 pm
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Please go online to **stfrancisbing.org** to view our latest Children's Liturgy. We post new videos by 4:00PM on Saturdays.

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Mass INTENTIONS

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
Monday, May 18
12:00 p.m. Thomas Ryder by the Roberts Family
Tuesday, May 19
8:00 a.m. Mildred Griffin by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee
Wednesday, May 20
12:00 p.m. Msgr. James D. Kane by Family
Thursday, May 21
8:00 a.m. James Hartnett by John & Brenda Artman
Friday, May 22
NO MASS
Saturday, May 23, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People
Sunday, May 24, Pentecost Sunday
10:30 a.m. Annette Ford by the Phillips 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***

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. Graduating Seniors please save the date! The 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:

GALAXY
Launching Kids on a Mission of God's Love

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

Ascension Sunday: Justice Challenge

This week we have a really special feast—the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. The Ascension reminds us that we are now the physical body of Christ on earth. Jesus could physically leave because he trusted us to be his hands and feet, his ears and voice, his heart, his very being for those who need an encounter with him. We are the Body of Christ on earth. Your challenge this week is to enter into the Sunday Eucharist more deeply, remembering that when you consume the host, Christ is dwelling in you in a very intimate way. Then when you leave Mass, find someone who needs an encounter with Christ, someone who needs to know they are loved unconditionally. Reach out and give a hug or a listening ear or a helping hand. Be Christ in the world!

Ascension Sunday: Creation Care Tip

Community gardens are in full swing this time of the year. These gardens are usually a piece of land rented very inexpensively so people without yards can grow food to feed their families. It is a good and holy thing to work with the earth, plant seeds, and tend them. Jesus used stories of farmers in Scripture—he spoke of seeds scattered and seeds that take root. He spoke of a tiny mustard seed that grows strong. Your challenge this week is to seek out a community garden. Volunteer to help weed or water and support those who are caring for God's creation or feeding those most in need.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Do you know someone who might be interested in exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic? It's up to all of us to invite people who might be interested in learning more about living the Christian life in the Catholic tradition (whether unbaptized or already baptized in another Christian communion) to inquire, that is, to ask questions and engage in personal conversations with our faith community. Anyone who wants to learn more about the possibility of becoming Catholic is welcome to call Deacon Steve Blabac or Fr. Tim Taugher at 607-722-4388. OCIA is a year-round process. Parishioners are welcome to accompany potential inquirers to these meetings to help them feel at ease as they begin the process of looking into the Catholic Church. We also welcome those who were baptized in the Catholic Church, but who are not yet Confirmed.

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?

5.) ***Seeing the Human Face of War***

War is never an abstraction. It is lived in the lives of real people—families separated, communities lives forever changed. I encourage you to:

✝Learn about the human impact of the conflict
✝Support humanitarian efforts where possible
✝Allow compassion—not ideology—to shape your response

6.) ***Reacting to Digital Media***

Many of us are engaging these issues in a digital world that often amplifies division and simplifies complexity. I invite you especially to:

✝Seek depth over slogans
✝Engage sources that challenge as well as confirm your views
✝Bring your questions into the light of faith and community

The Church needs your voice—thoughtful, faithful, and courageous.

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

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.

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. Care for our common home!

Homeless Outreach Supplies Needed

Spring/Summer List

Each season brings its own challenges for our unhoused neighbors. This is the Spring/Summer list of supplies that are needed for our unhoused neighbors. Please donate only items you would give to your own loved ones: high-quality, clean, unexpired, and functional. **Please only donate what is on this list.** Supplies can be dropped off at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Binghamton, 183 Riverside Drive, Binghamton. This outreach is organized by local community organizers, and some are members of UUCB. These supplies are given directly to the unhoused in front of the bus station every Tuesday night at 9 pm.

- spring/summer clothes for men & women: t-shirts, shorts, tank tops, cotton pants, light jackets/hoodies
- clean and good quality spring/summer shoes: sneakers, flip-flops, rain boots, walking shoes
- NEW packages of women's/men's underwear
- NEW cotton/bamboo socks for adults
- rain ponchos
- sanitary pads, razors, travel size of these things: shampoo, conditioner, body wash
- baby/hygiene wipes
- NEW individual packaged pain relievers
- Orajel, anti-fungal foot creams/powders, wound care accessories (ointments, band-aids, etc.)
- blankets
- bug-spray (include for ticks)
- batteries (AA & AAA)
- flashlights
- canopies/bungee cords/ tents
- packages of water
- pre-packaged/individual-sized snacks: beef jerky, chips, baked goods, granola bars, apple-sauces, crackers, etc.

Or to order, scan this QR code:

Questions? contact: collectivesurvival@proton.me

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

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

Recertification Training

- ✝ **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/)

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

May 23rd & 24th, 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	Joe Sardella
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Deacon Steve
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Beatrice Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Robert Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Mike Stricek
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Daniel Dundon
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Lilly Dundon
10:30 Mass	Lector	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Deacon Steve
10:30 Mass	EM Host	David Hanzes
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Cherilyn Tallant
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Scott Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Donna Igler

Children's Liturgy Schedule

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

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Jesus helps us be strong in our faith. When do you need to be really strong in faith?

Question for Youth: Prayer is essential to being a disciple, because it is the way we build or relationship with God—through talking and listening. What is one way you can take more time this week to listen to God in prayer?

Question for Adults: In these heartfelt instructions from a leader of the church, what are the ways in modern life that we sometimes suffer for our faith? Or are there no such ways?