

May 24, 2026

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



## Pentecost

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

### Staff

Rev. Timothy Taugher, Pastor  
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Logan Kliment  
Sacristans

### 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

### E-mail:

stfrancisbing@syrдио.org

### Website:

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

Please go online to  
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our latest Children's Liturgy.  
We post new videos by  
4:00PM on Saturdays.

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**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

**Monday, May 25, Memorial Day**  
**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, May 26**  
 8:00 a.m. David Ford by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

**Wednesday, May 27**  
 12:00 p.m. Nancy Williams by St. Francis Choir

**Thursday, May 28**  
 8:00 a.m. Louis Mazzitelli by Betsy Shields

**Friday, May 29**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, May 30, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

**Sunday, May 31, The Most Holy Trinity**  
 10:30 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by 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 (05-18-26)**

Ordinary Contributions.....	\$4,158
Loose Cash.....	\$329
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$212
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$1,720
Catholic Schools.....	\$50
Other.....	\$2,728
Capital Campaign.....	\$90
<b>Total Contributions.....</b>	<b>\$9,287</b>
Ordinary Expenses.....	\$9,617
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$455
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$767
Capital Improvements.....	\$289
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$11,128</b>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>(LOSS) —\$1,841</b>

**Faith Formation**

**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.

**\*ATTENTION: Lectors, EMs & Altar Servers\***  
 It is time again to make the schedule for July, August, and September. If there are weekends when you are **not** available to Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Serve, let us know. Call Ed and Cindy White at 607-222-4703 or 607-206-3469 **BEFORE JUNE 22ND!**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

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

← Register today!

**Prayer for Memorial Day**



*On this Memorial Day,  
Grant peace to the souls  
Of all those soldiers  
who died in war.*

*We remember the tears and  
grief of their families,  
The pain of mothers, wives,  
husbands, and children*

*Who lost precious loved ones.*

*To build a meaningful memorial to them,*

*We ask God to give us all the will*

*To work for peace around the world*

*So no more sons, daughters, husbands,*

*wives, fathers, nor mothers*

*Are slaughtered by the guns and weapons of war.*

*We ask Mary, who held the lifeless body of her son*

*And was pierced by the sorrow*

*of his suffering and death,*

*To grant us the compassion and wisdom to affirm life*

*And honor the dead through forgiveness  
and peace making.*

*May God have mercy on the souls of the departed.*

*Grant them peace, O Lord.*

*May we have mercy on the living.*

*Grant us peace, O Lord.*

*In Your name we pray. Amen.*

**Prayer for Pentecost**

Beloved God, we give you thanks for your guidance and inspiration and the promise of Hope in our time. You call us to love in a time of indifference, to nonviolence in a time of injustice, and to life in death. You teach us to live, but also how to die; and transform not only the world but our own broken hearts, as well. Your Incarnation transcends our dreams for a better world and declares your reign here and now, at this very moment in human history.

In Jesus, we meet you, our beloved God. We see your true face. From now on we know that you are not a God of despair but of hope;

**Not a God of wrath** but of mercy;

**Not a God of condemnation** but of compassion;

**Not a God of imperial power** but of suffering;

**Not a God of domination** but of loving service;

**Not a God of oppression** but of liberation;

**Not a God who blesses injustice** but God of justice;

**Not a God of war** but of peace;

**Not a God of violence** but of nonviolence;

**Not a God of death** but of Life.

From now on we know that we all have been created to share in the fullness of life, in your love and unending mercy. We step forward into the future, supporting each other, building community, making peace, practicing nonviolence, creating justice, and reconciling with our enemies, come what may. We have met Jesus the Rebel. He is alive and goes before us, summoning us to carry on the mission of justice and peace. We have been changed forever. O Lord, you have begun the transformation within us. Amen.

**THANK YOU, MARIA KIRK!**

Yes, it is time to say THANK YOU to Maria Kirk who faithfully served our parish community for sixteen years as Director of Faith Formation. Before arriving here, Maria had served in other parishes, so her retirement this year culminates a 30+ career dedicated to serve our Catholic Community in the Southern Tier. Maria has done an exceptional job going above and beyond for the children, their parents, and our catechists that have worked with her over the years. She has cultivated a wonderful catechetical community. Maria's presence on our staff will be dearly missed. Next Saturday, May 30th, after 4PM liturgy there will be a reception in recognition of Maria's ministry. All are invited! This is not a goodbye because she will continue to be a member of the parish, but a time of gratitude for all Maria has contributed to the life of our parish.



**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*

**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.

**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.

**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 June 2nd

**1:00—3:00PM**

**5:00PM—Until Served**

M. Carnes, K. Corcoran,  
D. Dobish, and M. Hayes

G. Thompson, G. Pendleton,  
M. & P. Peters



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.

### 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/](http://www.syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/))

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

**May 30th & 31st, 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	Rick Alabaugh
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Suzanne Carr
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Mary DeNinins
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Maria Kirk
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Denise Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Steve Baxter

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Juliana Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Everette Ciaccio
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Elena Ciaccio
10:30 Mass	Lector	Brian Sirgany
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Kevin Murphy
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Ann Clune
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Jim Clune
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Ede Blabac
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Anne Wolanski

**Children's Liturgy Schedule**  
**ONLINE VIDEO ONLY**

Go to our website [stfrancisbing.org](http://stfrancisbing.org) to watch our weekly Children's Liturgy of the Word.

See you again after summer!

**\*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:** When have you heard your inner voice or conscience guiding you to do what is right?

**Question for Youth:** On Pentecost, the apostles were able to speak in a language that everyone could understand. As a young person, you have your own way of communicating Jesus' importance in your life. How will you make Jesus more known to others in your own way this week?

**Question for Adults:** Share about times when you felt the power of the Spirit, giving you the right words, giving you insight into a dilemma, or in other ways.