May 31, 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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Office Hours:
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 30, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Antonina Caneba by Family
Sunday, May 31, The Most Holy Trinity
10:30 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Fina & Family
Monday, June 1
12:00 p.m. Brian Berry by Marge Mangan
Tuesday, June 2
8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
Wednesday, June 3
12:00 p.m. Patrick Fitzgerald & Tim Reardon by Glen & Rosemary Reich
Thursday, June 4
8:00 a.m. Patricia Roberts by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee
Friday, June 5
NO MASS
Saturday, June 6, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Jennie Emm by Don & Suzanne Carr
Sunday, June 7, Corpus Christi
10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People - **Baccalaureate Mass**

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 (05-26-26)

Ordinary Contributions	$5,559
Loose Cash	$478
Repair & Maintenance	$185
Catherine's Cupboard	$2,230
Catholic Schools	$90
Other	$2,715
Capital Campaign	$55
Total Contributions	**$11,312**
Ordinary Expenses	$9,533
Repair & Maintenance	$440
Catherine's Cupboard	$741
Capital Improvements	$855
Total Expenses	**$11,569**
TOTAL (LOSS)	**—$257**

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

Pope Leo XIV's New Encyclical

This past Monday, Pope Leo XIV's encyclical called ***Magnifica Humanitas*** (Magnificent Humanity) was released. It is a ground breaking document that gives critical direction to our society as the technological advancements like Artificial Intelligence continue to impact our lives personally, socially, and spiritually. In it, the Holy Father brings the light of the Church's rich social tradition to face the challenges of today, writing that the Church "recognizes history as the place where the Gospel challenges and directs human experience" (no. 2). All Catholics and people of good will are invited to join Pope Leo in discerning together the profound impacts of technological advancement and how to always place human dignity at the center of any new technology.

Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), issued a statement welcoming Pope Leo XIV's new encyclical, ***Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence***.

Archbishop Coakley's statement follows:

"The Church in the United States welcomes the publication of Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical letter, Magnifica Humanitas, with gratitude and praise. It is a powerful reminder that no technology can replace a child of God, and all technology should be placed at the service of helping humanity thrive. As his predecessor Pope Leo XIII addressed the challenges of the Industrial Revolution in Rerum Novarum one hundred thirty-five years ago, our Holy Father shines the light of the Gospel and the tradition of the Church on the new opportunities and challenges posed by the rise of Artificial Intelligence. The Pope calls us to never lose sight of the inherent dignity of all human life and the moral imperative for technology to support peace and the common good rather than the limited interest of a few."

Recognizing the importance of this issue to Pope Leo and to us all, as a parish we will take time to learn more about this timely document.

Holy Trinity Sunday: Justice Challenge

Today we celebrate a mystery— Most Holy Trinity, three Persons yet one God. The Trinity exists in perfect communion and community as Father, Son and Spirit. God doesn't just give perfect love—God is Love, and that love reveals itself in the relationship of Father, Son and Spirit. Your challenge this week is to make the connection between love and justice. As Pope Benedict wrote in Caritas in Veritate, "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous engagement in the field of justice and peace. It is a force that has its origin in God, Eternal Love and Absolute Truth." Reflect this week on the following questions (as individuals and as families): "How does God's love for us compel us to take action to fight injustice? Who needs our love most this week? How can we share our love? Is it through service, advocacy, financial support or something else?" Select one way of living justice through the lens of love—and do it!

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, but is now officially retiring. 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 and we will always cherish her time with us!

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.

Holy Trinity Sunday: Creation Care Tip

Pope Benedict said, "Purchasing is always a moral—and not simply economic—act." What things do you purchase that have a disproportionate environmental footprint? Bananas shipped from South America? Clothing manufactured in Asia? Tissues made from the wood of boreal forests in Canada? Choose one item you can do without and boycott the purchase of that item. Better yet, let the manufacturer know you are boycotting them and/or share with friends your decision.

For Potential Godparents and Sponsors for Baptisms or Confirmation

Anyone looking to be a Godparent or Sponsor to a Confirmation Candidate MUST be a registered member of St. Francis of Assisi to be able to get a letter of certification. This is the only way that the Church can verify you are a practicing Catholic. Please call Delores at the Parish Center (722-4388) for questions.

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

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!

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/)

Annual Father's Day Breakfast:

Hosted by: Binghamton Knights of Columbus and St. Paul's Social Group

WHEN: Sunday, June 21st
8:00AM—11:00AM
WHERE: 282 Chenango Street in Binghamton
Featuring our World-Famous Waffles!
Also featuring Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs and Fruit Cup
Coffee, Tea, Milk and OJ
$12 Adult / Children Under 10 only $5
Proceeds to benefit LOCAL charities and scholarships

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

HAVE YOU LOST A LOVED ONE?

A journey from grief to healing

For those who are living through the loss of a loved one, our highly successful support group provides a safe space to share ideas, thoughts and experiences that can lead to healing. This is one of life's most difficult journeys and there is no need to travel it alone. New knowledge, skills and perceptions can ease your way to move on without your loved one. This 8 week program will begin on Monday July 13, 2026 through August 31st from 6 to 7:30 pm at The St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center. Seating is limited so please register early. For more information and to register, please call Ginny Thompson at 607-222-1621 and leave a message if necessary.

Annual Knights of Columbus 11403 Tom Mangan Golf Tournament

Sunday, July 26th

Genegantslet Golf Club

SAVE THE DATE

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

June 6th & 7th, 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	Tim Heller
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Marge Mangan
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Kelly Robertson
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Nancy Oliver
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Suzanne Carr
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Mary DeNinins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Juliana Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Quin Tallant
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Clare Blackman
10:30 Mass	Lector	Faith Formation
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Mary Mullaney
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Jim Clune
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Ann Clune
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Adam Colvin
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Cherilyn Tallant

Children's Liturgy Schedule

ONLINE VIDEO ONLY

Go to our website **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 signup form (on table in the back of the church) and drop it in a collection basket.

Question of the Week

Question for Children: When people love each other, how do they treat each other?

Question for Youth: The Trinity is celebrated today. How would you describe your relationship with God the Father? With Jesus? With the Spirit?

Question for Adults: If you were to encourage the members of your own parish to live as a "community of love," which is how we define the Trinity, how would you advise them to live? Use St. Paul's list of exhortations as your starting point.