June 14, 2026

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

On June 19, 1865, enslaved African-Americans in Galveston, Texas, were told they were free, almost two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. This date has become symbolic of the end of 400 years of slavery, and people across the U.S. have celebrated this day for a century and a half, but it was established as a federal holiday in 2021.

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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2nd & 4th Saturday of every month at 3:00 pm in the Church

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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, June 13, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Ann & Chet Danoski by Family
Sunday, June 14, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Nancy Williams by St. Francis' Choir
Monday, June 15
NO MASS
Tuesday, June 16
NO MASS
Wednesday, June 17
NO MASS
Thursday, June 18
NO MASS
Friday, June 19
NO MASS
Saturday, June 20, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Matt Rice by Ed Savo
Sunday, June 21, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Susan Edwards 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***

Profit & Loss Weekly Summary (06-08-26)

Ordinary Contributions	$7,693
Loose Cash	$182
Repair & Maintenance	$280
Catherine's Cupboard	$2,230
Catholic Schools	$50
Other	$2,705
Capital Campaign	$105
Total Contributions	**$13,245**
Ordinary Expenses	$9,512
Repair & Maintenance	$432
Catherine's Cupboard	$713
Capital Improvements	$822
Total Expenses	**$11,479**
TOTAL	**$1,766**

Congratulations Graduates!

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:

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

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.

Controversy Surrounding A.I.

⇒ Electrical use from leading AI companies' infrastructure could grow from about 118 trillion watts an hour in 2024 to as much as 295 trillion watts per hour by 2030 — around 1% of the global electrical demand. ***(Arxiv, Cornell University)***

⇒ Entry-level job postings in the U.S. dropped 35% since 2023, with concerns that AI is automating junior professional work such as legal research, coding, and administrative tasks. ***(Tech Crunch)***

⇒ AI could displace 92 million jobs globally by 2030, even while creating new ones. ***(World Economic Forum)***

⇒ AI-generated audio, images, and video now make it easier to create convincing political propaganda, impersonations, scams, and fake news. ***(Tech Target)***

⇒ Researchers and labor groups warn that AI hiring, surveillance, and management systems can reinforce discrimination against workers and marginalized groups. ***(Tech Institute)***

⇒ Artists, authors, musicians, and publishers have sued AI companies for allegedly training models on copyrighted material without permission. ***(Arxiv, Cornell University)***

Sherry Dee: New Faith Formation Director

Sherry Dee has recently joined St Francis of Assisi as our new Catechetical Leader. Sherry has been involved in the Catechetical Ministry for many years, previously she was the Catechetical Leader at the Catholic Community of St. Stephen (Marathon) and St. Patrick (Whitney Point). Sherry will coordinate all Faith Formation, Children's Liturgy of Word, as well as pre-Baptism classes. Sherry will also take on the position of Site Coordinator for Safe Environment. In her first career, Sherry was a nurse, graduating from Otsego School of Nursing. She is currently pursuing more education through the diocese Formation for Ministry. She lives in Endicott with her husband, John, two cats and a dog. She is a mother of three sons, her stepdaughter, and grandmother of two granddaughters. Let us welcome Sherry Dee to this position.

Deacon Steve's Notes

1.) This is an invitation to all our most recent First Communicants. I am asking you to thoughtfully consider becoming an Altar Server. I will schedule a training session(s) as needed. Parents, please let Delores in the Parish office know if your child would like to be trained or let me know at steveblabac@Yahoo.com. You can also contact me when I am at Mass.

2.) Deacon Steve has been coordinating OCIA (formerly RCIA) since being ordained a Deacon 18 years ago. I would like to begin training someone to take my place someday. The Formation for Ministry program includes a course on the OCIA so training is available. Please consider this important Ministry which gives people a chance to become Roman Catholic and join our Parish. Please contact me at steveblabac@Yahoo.com. Thanks!

Juneteenth Prayer

Creator God, we acknowledge The 400 years of slavery and pain Your children stolen from Africa endured. We acknowledge the sin of racism That continues to sully our nation, That continues to stir violence. Hear our prayers for healing. Creator God, we celebrate The strength of our communities, Who keep the faith, Who keep the hope alive That healing is always possible, That we can become the nation We aspire to be, with respect for all, Where every person can live Secure in dignity and with peace. Creator God, we give thanks For the end of the enslavement Of your beloved children. Hear our prayers for the end of racism: Prayers that move us to prophetic action, So all the promises of freedom Will be fully realized in our nation. Amen.

Prayer for the World Against Nationalism

Loving God, you created all of humanity in your image, holy, beautiful, blessed. We thank you for founding the church through the power of the Holy Spirit and for welcoming us into the great cloud of witnesses and communion of saints, a sacred unity that knows no bounds. You have charged us, as your people, to work for your reign on earth as it is in heaven. And since we have not yet brought that about, since that time has not yet come, we ask your forgiveness for when your name has been used not for love, peace, and truth, but misused and distorted for hatred, violence, misinformation, and greed. This has taken the form of racism, bigotry, misogyny, colonialism through the doctrine of discovery, and far too many abuses of power. We confess that these are in direct contradiction to the love and teachings of Jesus, which undermines the mission and joy of the church. Rekindle within us a passion for the best of our history, the wisdom of our tradition, so that we might share the promise of resurrection with the world, and not the sin of Christian nationalism. For yours is the glory that empowers us to act as one, united in love, to correct our course and embody your grace, as we make a way in the wilderness for your love to spread to all the ends of the earth. This we pray through the Holy Spirit and in the loving name of the risen Jesus Christ, Amen.

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule
June 16th

1:00—3:00PM	5:00PM—Until Served
K. Fitzgerald, C. Murray, M. Mizzoni, & P. Simonis	M. Hayes, N. & D. Oliver, and B. Grace

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!

Doug's Fish Fry Fundraiser: Chenango Bridge Fire Company

Wednesday June 24th
11AM—6PM
Chenango Bridge Fire Company
(17 Kattelville Rd, Binghamton)
Please come out to support our local fire company!

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!

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.

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 Tom Mangan Memorial Golf Tournament

Sunday, July 26th

SAVE THE DATE

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

June 20th & 21st, 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	Kelly Robertson
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Peggy Munson
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Beatrice Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Robert Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Carol Danoski
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Larry Koch
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Clare Blackman
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Lyla Harlow
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Abby Harlow
10:30 Mass	Lector	Ildiko Mitchell
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Nick Norton
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Adam Colvin
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Kevin Murphy
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Maureen Mizzoni

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: This week, how can you welcome someone at school or in your neighborhood who is feeling left out?

Question for Youth: Jesus was able to see the faith of the woman, even though she was a sinner. Who is in need of your forgiveness, even though they have done you harm? What is one way that you can offer forgiveness to someone in the weeks to come?

Question for Adults: How can you show compassion toward the marginalized members of society today?