June 21, 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, 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
Monday, June 22
NO MASS
Tuesday, June 23
NO MASS
Wednesday, June 24
NO MASS
Thursday, June 25
NO MASS
Friday, June 26
NO MASS
Saturday, June 27, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People
Sunday, June 28, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Roni Bou-Mourad by Carolyn Kies

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 (06-15-26)

Ordinary Contributions	$5,467
Loose Cash	$237
Repair & Maintenance	$250
Catherine's Cupboard	$2,230
Catholic Schools	$150
Other	$2,685
Capital Campaign	$90
Total Contributions	**$11,064**
Ordinary Expenses	$9,295
Repair & Maintenance	$422
Catherine's Cupboard	$697
Capital Improvements	$804
Total Expenses	**$11,218**
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)***

Shroud of the Gaza Children Display

Dear Compassionate people of St Francis of Assisi A Shroud to remember the children killed in Gaza will be at the entrance of our church on Saturday June 28 and Sunday, June 29th Please select one or more names of the children and write the name or names on the shroud in memory of these innocent victims of adult wars The Children's Shroud will be displayed in Washington DC on July 4th. Remember the children.

Peter's Pence Collection 06/28

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. For more information about this collection visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.htlm. Thank you!

Father's Day Prayer

God our Father,
In your wisdom and love you have created us and called us your own.
Bless our fathers, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
In moments of joy, rejoice with them.
In times of struggle,
give them your courage and perseverance.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect.
May the example and prayer of St. Joseph inspire them to live their vocation with courage.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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!

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
July 7th

1:00—3:00PM	5:00PM—Until Served
J. Daniels, K. Corcoran, M. & D. Cole	K. Dotson, C. Danoski, and 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!

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 27th & 28th, 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	Joe Carpenter
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Deacon Steve
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Nancy Oliver
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Carol Danoski
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Denise Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Steve Baxter
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Everette Ciaccio
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Elena Ciaccio
10:30 Mass	Lector	Adam Colvin
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Deacon Steve
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Mary Jo Lucas
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Mary Mullaney
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Scott Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Donna Igler

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: Jesus tells us not to be afraid. Name a time when you were afraid and Jesus helped you.

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that he will remember us to his Father if we proclaim him to others. How easy is it for you to talk about your faith with your friends? How about your family or people you don't know very well?

Question for Adults: What is your responsibility to Jesus? How and when will you carry out that responsibility?