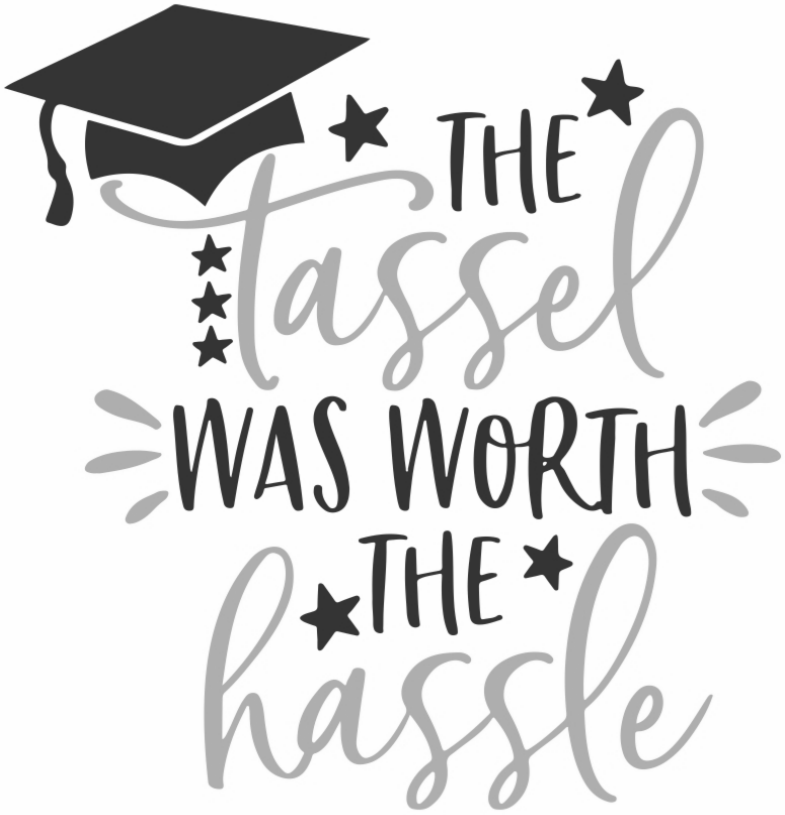
June 28, 2026

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
Friday: Closed

Confession:
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 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
Monday, June 29
12:00 p.m. John Storer by Betsy Shields
Tuesday, June 30
8:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family
Wednesday, July 1
12:00 p.m. Jan Buckland by John & Brenda Artman
Thursday, July 2
8:00 a.m. Dale Benson by Kathy & Glen Tait
Friday, July 3
NO MASS
Saturday, July 4, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People
Sunday, July 5, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Savo & Briggs Family 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 (06-22-26)

Ordinary Contributions	$3,723
Loose Cash	$128
Repair & Maintenance	$65
Catherine's Cupboard	$2,141
Catholic Schools	$45
Other	$4,042
Capital Campaign	$55
Total Contributions	**$10,199**
Ordinary Expenses	$9,754
Repair & Maintenance	$415
Catherine's Cupboard	$685
Capital Improvements	$790
Total Expenses	**$11,644**
TOTAL (LOSS)	**—$1,445**

Congratulations Graduates!

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

Prayers . . .

Please remember all of our parishioners who are in hospitals and nursing homes and our homebound. Also, please pray for our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

Stats on Artificial Intelligence

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)***

Statistics

⇒ Early this year, ChatGPT reached 900 million weekly active users, with 50 million paying subscribers. (***Tech Crunch)***

⇒ In 2025, ChatGPT was handling more than 1 billion queries per day. (***Tech Republic)***

⇒ At the end of 2025, more than 50% of new e-books on Amazon contained AI-generated text. ***(National Bureau of Economic Research)***

⇒ Some estimates suggest that up to 33% of newly created online content is now AI-generated. ***(The Washington Post)***

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

This week we 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!

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!

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.

13th Sunday in Ordinary: Justice Challenge

We mark Independence Day every July to celebrate our freedom as a democratic nation. We honor the creation of the Declaration of Independence, which describes the equality of all people and their right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Your challenge this week as you prepare for July 4th is to celebrate human rights, but to also ask yourselves—as individuals and as families—how much you uphold these rights. Do you vote? Do you study the positions of candidates so you can vote with an informed conscience? Do you advocate with your state and national legislature for bills which defend the human rights of all God's people? On a personal level, do you defend others from persecution, ridicule, or the denial of their right to life, freedom and happiness?

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!

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!

When Planning for your Funeral…

Please be sure to share with your children or whomever may be overseeing your funeral arrangements when you pass that you wish to have a funeral liturgy in the church. Even though your son/daughter may not be active, participating Catholics does not mean that you should not have a proper funeral at church.

Hospital Visitation

Please remember, if you or another parishioner gets admitted to one of the local hospitals and you wish to be visited by Fr. Tim **you MUST tell someone or call the parish center**. You should indicate that you are belong to St. Francis of Assisi parish and that you wish to be visited by Fr. Tim or any Clergy member.

Online Giving

Would you like to save paper and time when giving monetary donations to us? We have the option of online giving for your convenience. Visit our website **stfrancisbing.org** and click **"online giving"** in the menu. It's easy to set up using your checking account, credit, or debit card for automatic or one-time donation options and you choose where the money goes. The following accounts are available for donations:

Ordinary Contribution, HOPE Appeal
Repair, Maintenance, & Utilities,
Catholic School Support, Catherine's Cupboard,
Special Sunshine, Capital Campaign, STAR Fund,
Sound System and Creation Care Team

St. Vincent Blessed Sacrament Holy Hour

Bishop Lucia has asked each Vicariate to host a Holy Hour for our nation during the week leading up to our 250th birthday. St. Vincent de Paul Blessed Sacrament's Holy Hour will take place on **Wednesday, July 1st at St. Vincent de Paul Blessed Sacrament Church at 6:00pm.**

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	Barb Brozovic
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Terry Hanifan
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Mary Russik
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Nancy Oliver
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Denise Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Steve Baxter
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Clare Blackman
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Daniel Dundon
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Lilly Dundon
10:30 Mass	Lector	Jim Clune
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Adam Colvin
10:30 Mass	EM Host	David Hanzes
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Shirley McCray
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Rick Kazmark
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: How can you live as a follower of Jesus?

Question for Youth: What does Jesus demand of his followers?

Question for Adults: What does this Gospel teach you about the cost of discipleship and how does it relate to your experience so far?