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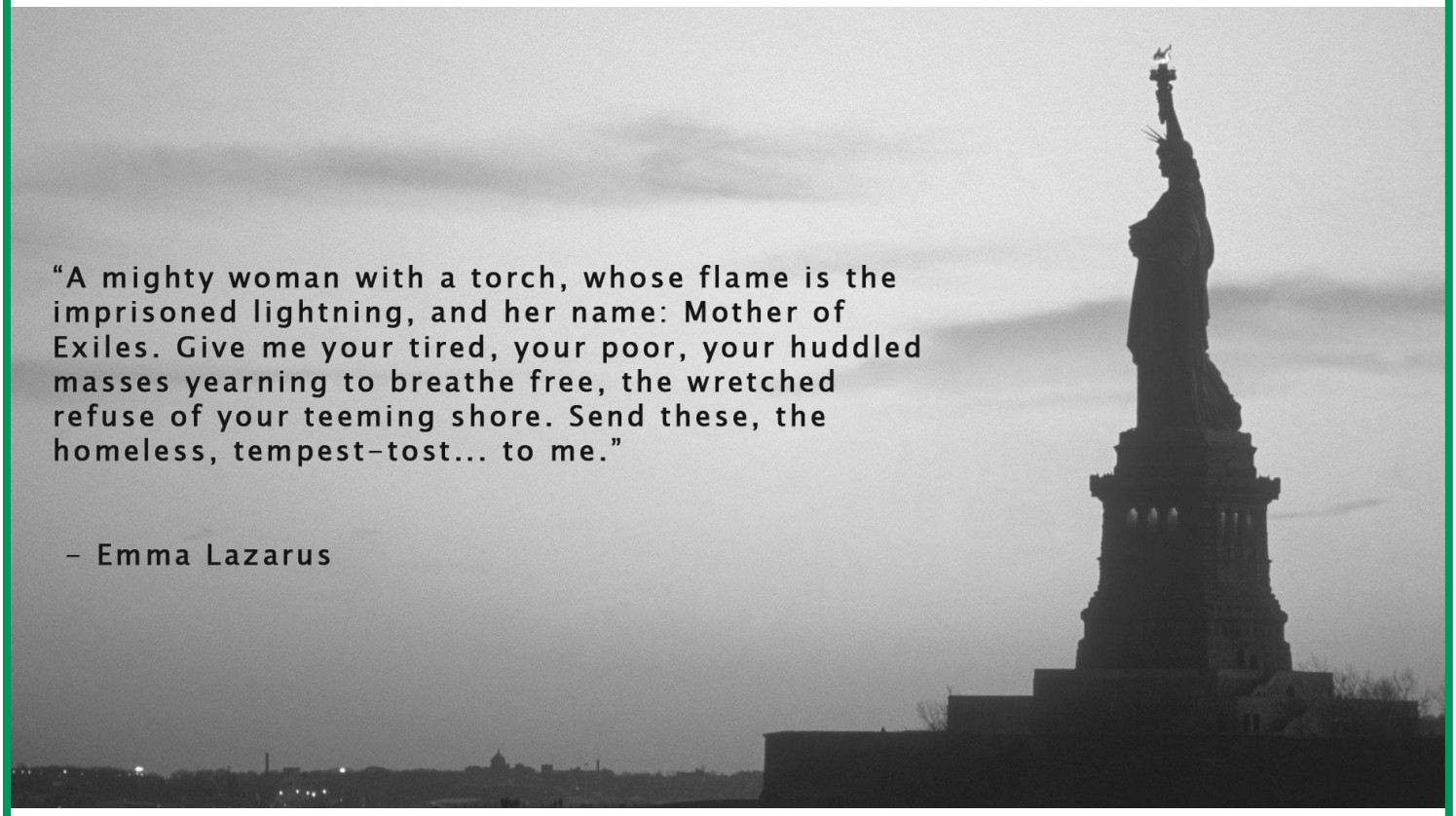
St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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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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
Monday, July 6
12:00 p.m. Mary Lou McGary by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee
Tuesday, July 7
8:00 a.m. Richard Armentrout by Ron & Cathy Hamilton
Wednesday, July 8
12:00 p.m. Kathie Healy by Ellie & Bill Brammell
Thursday, July 9
8:00 a.m. Matt Donovan by Family
Friday, July 10
NO MASS
Saturday, July 11, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Bruce Dancesia by Cathy & Ron Hamilton
Sunday, July 12, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Tom Ryder by the Dayton 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 (06-29-26)

Ordinary Contributions	$5,015
Loose Cash	$142
Repair & Maintenance	$50
Catherine's Cupboard	$2,141
Catholic Schools	$15
Other	$4,067
Capital Campaign	$30
Total Contributions	**$11,460**
Ordinary Expenses	$9,754
Repair & Maintenance	$415
Catherine's Cupboard	$685
Capital Improvements	$790
Total Expenses	**$11,644**
TOTAL (LOSS)	**—$184**

Please help keep our Parish going!

IMPORTANT ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: Safe Environment Training

ALL Sacristans, Adult Altar Servers, Liturgical Ministry Leaders, and Lectors/Readers must be Safe Environment Trained

Upcoming Safe Environment Trainings

Initial Safe Environment Training

- **Thursday, July 23rd**: 10:00AM @ Catholic Charities, Binghamton

Recertification Training

- **Wednesday, July 29th:** 6:00PM @ St. Thomas Aquinas, 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/)

Summer Mission Appeal - Sisters Servants of the Visitation

Next weekend we will welcome a member of the Sisters Servants of the Visitation, which is a group of nuns working with the poor in the province of Eastern Samar, Philippines. The Sisters care for many children from newborn to age 15 who are physically and mentally disabled. They also help with the feeding, education and health care of hundreds in their small fishing village - an area which as recently as 2013 and 2014 was devastated by two of the largest typhoons in recorded history. There will be a second collection to support her mission. Please be generous in your prayers and donations to the Sisters. For more information and pictures, please visit www.guardiansofthevisitation.org

Money Envelope Delay Note

Cathedral Letter Concepts will not be sending monthly envelopes for July in order to catch up production for its 3,000-plus customers. Please use a previous month's envelope you still have available and write the correct date on it.

— P R A Y E R —
WITNESSING FOR GOOD

In the year of our Lord, in the year in which God looks at America, we ask God to grant witness over us in a time in which inequality and disillusionment have taken precedence over the concepts of freedom and justice.
Lord, we ask that you create witnesses for the common good where dignity is still true in our hearts.
When we see injustice, compel us not to be in a silo or turn away, hold us on trial, hold our feet to the fire.
Let us be witnesses like the good Samaritans, let us flip tables where oppression and exploitation have taken up space, when our home has opened the door to oppression and exploitation.
And let us think of movement, and may God bless us-
God bless the movement of our hearts, feet, and minds, and our affinity to life and human dignity.
Bless those with so little who risk so much but still move with a dream of abundance.
Bless us as revolutions come and go, but legacy is forever.
Forgive our souls when we stay idle, Lord, and walk with us as you always do when we move.
—Nia Alvarez-Mapp

Donate your Party Leftovers!

With summer parties in full swing there will be many opportunities to enjoy the company of friends and family. 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.

14th Sunday in Ordinary: Creation Care Tip

Keep an empty, clean coffee mug in your car or your bike pannier so that you can get your coffee in a reusable cup rather than a disposable one. Bring a mug from home when you're headed to a cafe to meet a friend. Compostable coffee cups are a second-best option, but they don't often make it to a composting facility and are sent to the landfill anyway.

Stats on Artificial Intelligence

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)***

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.

14th Sunday in Ordinary: Justice Challenge

Family reunions happen a lot during the summer months. You may have seen signs or notices in parks where families have reserved space to come together to catch up on news, share family stories and food and to celebrate their heritage. When we take time to nurture relationships and to support and celebrate our families, it is a blessing. Our families are the first places we learn about faith and what it means to be a part of God's family. There are some things we know about being a part of God's family: we must feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to those who thirst and visit those in prison. Our families help us do this good work. How has your family been a witness to you of being Christ in the world?

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

Check it out!

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!

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

July 11th & 12th, 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	Marge Mangan
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Carol Danoski
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Larry Koch
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Maria Kirk
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	John Artman
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Brenda Artman
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Quin Tallant
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Lucy Drake
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Clara Drake
10:30 Mass	Lector	George Clark
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Nick Norton
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** 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 you are generous, honest, and loving, how do you know it is Jesus who helps you do that

Question for Youth: Jesus invites us to bring him our burdens and promises us that he will give us rest. How do you rely on Jesus during times of trouble? When has Jesus helped you?

Question for Adults: As you go about your daily life, dying in love for others, how do you experience Christ giving you consolation and peace?