July 12, 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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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
Monday, July 13
12:00 p.m. John Storer by Joan & Family
Tuesday, July 14
8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
Wednesday, July 15
12:00 p.m. Doris Talbut by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee
Thursday, July 16
8:00 a.m. Francis Sullivan by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee
Friday, July 17
NO MASS
Saturday, July 18, Vigil of Sunday
1:00 p.m. Wedding – Carly Church & Stephen Ravuri
4:00 p.m. 50th Wedding Anniv. – Pat & Anne Gleason by Chris & Angela Smith
Sunday, July 19, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Emilia Czmor 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 (07-06-26)

Ordinary Contributions	$6,700
Loose Cash	$302
Repair & Maintenance	$508
Catherine's Cupboard	$2,141
Catholic Schools	$0
Other	$2,320
Capital Campaign	$105
Total Contributions	**$12,076**
Ordinary Expenses	$9,754
Repair & Maintenance	$415
Catherine's Cupboard	$685
Capital Improvements	$790
Total Expenses	**$11,644**
TOTAL	**$432**

Binghamton Rumble Ponies Group Night

Binghamton Rumble Ponies group night will take place on **Friday July 24th at 7PM** with fireworks to follow. Registration is required
To Register: email Nick Norton (nicski13@outlook.com) by **Friday July 17th** for tickets.

Vacation Bible School Thanks!

Thank you for all who attended and volunteered to help with this year's Vacation Bible School (Galaxy)! We truly appreciate you all. It was a wonderful program and everyone had a wonderful time!

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.

Summer Mission Appeal - Sisters Servants of the Visitation

This weekend we 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.

Sister Karen Address

If you or someone you know would like to send something or visit Sister Karen her mailing address is listed below. She would love to hear from you!

Sister Karen
Teresian House #33
200 Washington Ave Ext
Albany, NY 12203

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.

15th Sunday in Ordinary: Creation Care Tip

"Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." — Matthew 13:8

Jesus uses an analogy of how God's kingdom grows through a multiplier effect. Take an action that will help you care for creation over and over. For example, get a re-usable water bottle and commit to taking it with you wherever you go so that you can avoid buying a disposable cup or bottled water. It takes roughly 17 million barrels of oil to make plastic water bottles every year, and approximately 1.5 million tons of plastic

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)***

Ogden Methodist Church Pie and Ice Cream Night

Ogden Methodist Church is throwing their Pie and Ice Cream Night on July 19th at 6:00PM at their church next to St. Francis of Assisi.. This is a fundraiser to support their youth campers in going to Sky Lake. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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!

15th Sunday in Ordinary: Justice Challenge

July 14th is the feast day of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, the patron of the environment and ecology. She was from an Algonquin tribe that had been hit with a smallpox epidemic which took the lives of her family. As a teenager, she was introduced to Scripture by missionaries and she was baptized. She led a very prayerful life devoted to the Eucharist and to serving others. Some in her tribe ridiculed her and she endured great suffering for her faith. Yet she never wavered in her beliefs. Your challenge this week is to take a step out in faith like Kateri, talk with a friend or someone in your family about your faith. Share what is important to you about it and then encourage those you talk with to do the same. You may be laughed at or ridiculed, or even surprised by a warm reception. Whatever the response, thank God in prayer for the opportunities you have to continue to be a living witness of your faith.

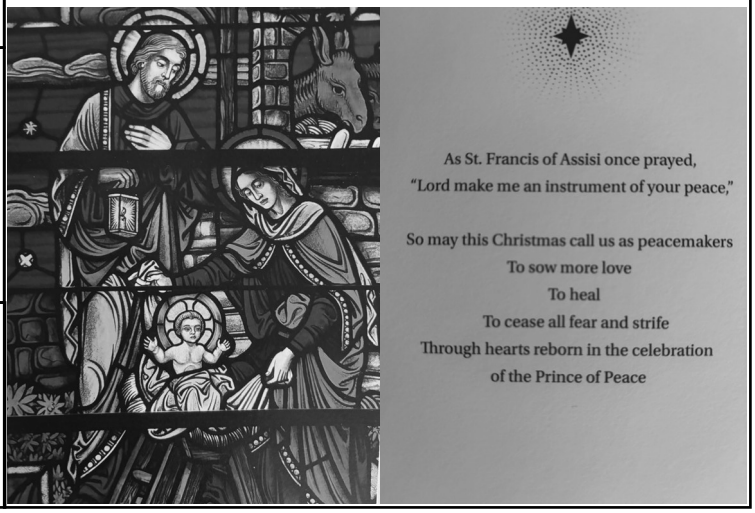
Deacon Steve's Notes

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!

Christmas in July Card Sale

The Christmas in July Card sale will take place after masses the weekend of **July 18-19**. The cost is $10 per box of 6 cards with all proceeds benefiting the parish. The front of the card is a photo of the Nativity stained glass window at St. Francis taken by Bishop Lucia on one of his visits to the parish. The message was written by Fr. Tim. Bring cash and get your beautiful Christmas cards.



Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule
July 21st

1:00—3:00PM	5:00PM—Until Served
S. Wolf, M. Carnes, C. Woodruff, and D. Dobish	M. Hayes, A. Smilnak, R. Rounds, 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!

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!

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/)

UPCENTER WEEKLY MEALS

United Presbyterian Church at 42 Chenango St. has taking over an overnight shelter for men July 1st through September 30th when Urban League will hopefully take over. Dinner & breakfast meals are needed. Every Wednesday we (St. Francis of Assisi) and our neighbor churches (Ogden Methodist, Church of Nazarene, and Chenango Bridge Methodist) plus Dottie's Kitchen will be providing these meals. Sit down dinner for 40—50 men plus a bagged breakfast to-go will be provided. Catherine's Cupboard is covering the food where needed. The first meal was Chicken N Biscuits and the next week, Hot Dogs with macaroni salad. Using our sources from the pantry and Good Neighbors (recovery food site) it will be affordable without dipping into the general funds from the parish. Thank you to those who have already signed up to do volunteer work; cooking, serving and clean up. **ALL FOOD MUST BE DONE IN CERTIFIED KITCHENS WITH ACCREDITED VOLUNTEERS**. Monetary donations towards this may be given to CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD. If this does become a year round project for our parish we will certainly be looking for more volunteers in September.

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

Genegantslet Gold Club

1:00PM Shotgun Start

Captain & Crew Format

All are welcome!

Cost: $80/player, $320/team
Dinner Only: $30/person
All checks payable to "St. Francis of Assisi" and may be mailed or delivered to the Parish Center along with the list of your team.

Questions:
Larry Koch 607-237-1300 or
Marge Mangan 607-725-2368

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

July 18th & 19th, 2026

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	McKenzie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Kylie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Dan Verdon
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Anne Smilnak
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Terry Hanifan
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Deb Carden
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Kelly Robertson
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Barb Brozovic
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	Adam Colvin
10:30 Mass	EM Host	David Hanzes
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Rick Kazmark
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Donna Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Scott 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: Who helps you to grow deeper in your faith?

Question for Youth: When the sower, in this week's Gospel, sowed his seed, not all of it fell in "good soil." What can you do in the coming week to make sure that you are open to God in your life? What is getting in the way of your being "good soil?"

Question for Adults: Using the parable of Jesus in this reading, describe how faith has been planted in your life? How long did it take for that seed to land "on good soil?"