July 19, 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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Confession:
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Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 18, Vigil of Sunday
1:00 p.m. Wedding – Carley 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
Monday, July 20
NO MASS
Tuesday, July 21
NO MASS
Wednesday, July 22
NO MASS
Thursday, July 23
NO MASS
Friday, July 24
NO MASS
Saturday, July 25, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Maude Houlihan by Family
Sunday, July 26, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna 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 (07-13-26)

Ordinary Contributions	$5,872
Loose Cash	$203
Repair & Maintenance	$485
Catherine's Cupboard	$2,141
Catholic Schools	$40
Other	$2,310
Capital Campaign	$90
Total Contributions	**$11,141**
Ordinary Expenses	$9,754
Repair & Maintenance	$415
Catherine's Cupboard	$685
Capital Improvements	$790
Total Expenses	**$11,644**
TOTAL (LOSS)	**—$503**

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.

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.

World Cup Joy: Championship on July 19th

This summer, soccer fans from around the world have traveled to America to cheer on their teams. As they've arrived, they have brought an infectious joy. They've not only enjoyed the sport, but their enthusiasm has had a ripple effect in communities and across social media. Fans who have only visited the U.S. occasionally have posted their reactions to foods such as Taco Bell and 7-Eleven Big Gulps, as well as to the excitement of meeting new people. Fans have hosted watch parties for their home nations, and people have celebrated being together. Even fans from countries such as Scotland, who lost before the knockout round, spread joy to Boston and Miami and communities in between. Next Sunday, July 26, we meet similar characters. In Jesus' parable of the treasure and the pearl in Matthew 13:44-46, both characters were on a journey. They knew what they were looking for before they left. When they found the treasure or the pearl, they were willing to sacrifice everything to keep it. World Cup fans knew what they were looking for before they arrived for the games. Their attitudes were contagious and brought people together in unique ways. Do we greet and expect God's kingdom with that same kind of enthusiasm? Does our search for Jesus attract that kind of community?

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

How to Find Meaning in Suffering

No one has ever fully understood why so many good people are forced to endure a great deal emotional, physical, and/or spiritual pain. Simply realizing that suffering is normal part of life can be the first step toward finding good in suffering. Suffering will always be a mystery. The Lord never said the Christian life would ne easy. But he did promise that you will never be alone in the painful times of your life.

Dealing with Life's Bad Stuff!

Did you know that there are 36 Parables on the pages of the New Testament, and seven of them appear in the 13th chapter of Matthew's Gospel? All of these stories are meant to reveal the heart of God. They are, first and foremost, about God. That's why Jesus introduces these stories with the words, "The kingdom of heaven is like..." He could as easily have said, "God is like ...""The ways of God are like .." Whenever we read one of the parables of Jesus we should ask, "Now, what does this story say about God?" The story known as The Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds tells us about how God deals with the bad stuff of life.

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.

Save The Date

Parish Picnic
September 20th
12Noon
Binghamton First Ukrainian Pentecostal
Picnic Grounds (Former St. Christopher's)
More details to follow. Mark your calendars!

Thank You for Playing in the Dirt

Thank you for those who played in the dirt last Saturday. Well, they didn't really play in the dirt but worked hard around the church weeding, pulling weeds, building a stone edge, and watering. It was a hot Saturday last week and the crew persevered as long as they were able to. Thank you to Kirk Simmonis, Scott Igler, Nora and Sarah Bush, Ann Wolanski, Kay Corcoran, Kevin Murphy, Dennis and Cheryl Feheley, and Fred Hazlett. Your time and energy are much appreciated.

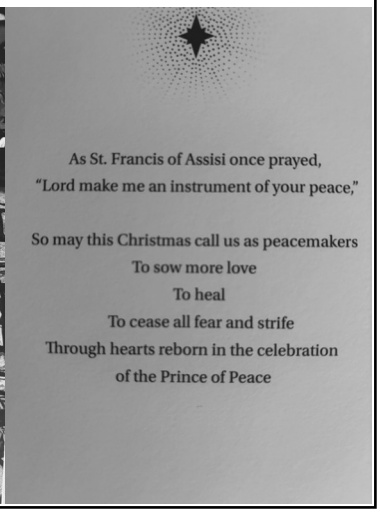
Deacon Steve's Notes

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 purchase 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!

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

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.

Ogden Methodist Church Pie and Ice Cream Night

Ogden Methodist Church 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.

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

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.

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

July 25th & 26th, 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	John Artman
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Nancy Oliver
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Marge Mangan
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Carol Danoski
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Mary Russik
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Rosemary Rounds
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Quin Tallant
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Daniel Dundon
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Lilly Dundon
10:30 Mass	Lector	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Nick Norton
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Shirley McCray
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Cherilyn Tallant
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Mary Mullaney
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Ede Blabac

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: What are the things that keep you from being a friend of Jesus?

Question for Youth: The good and the bad have the same opportunity to rule our life. What are you doing (bad habits, poor choices, etc.) that you need to weed out? Who can help you with that?

Question for Adults: How would you describe "the weeds" which have polluted your own faith, or the faith of people whom you know.