July 26, 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 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
Monday, July 27
NO MASS
Tuesday, July 28
NO MASS
Wednesday, July 29
NO MASS
Thursday, July 30
NO MASS
Friday, July 31
NO MASS
Saturday, August 1, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Jim Mc Cabe & Leo Mc Mahon by Family
Sunday, August 2, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Rodney Gallagher 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 (07-19-26)

Ordinary Contributions	$4,443
Loose Cash	$140
Repair & Maintenance	$185
Catherine's Cupboard	$3,453
Catholic Schools	$25
Other	$2,320
Capital Campaign	$55
Total Contributions	**$10,621**
Ordinary Expenses	$5,143
Repair & Maintenance	$415
Catherine's Cupboard	$685
Capital Improvements	$0
Total Expenses	**$6,243**
TOTAL	**$4,378**

Quarterly Review (Year-End) Report

Regular Collection	$389,504
Auxiliary Receipts	$13,652
Fundraising Receipts	$16,390
Extraordinary Receipts	$203,215
Catherine's Cupboard	$109,730
Diocesan Collections	$18,002
Total Revenue	**$750,493**
Staff Expense	$280,027
Office Expense	$50,771
Program Expense	$81,478
Rectory Household Expense	$8,234
Building & Grounds Expense	$71,169
Other Expenses	$105,863
Diocesan Expense	$18,383
Total Expenses	**$615,925**

Thank you for your contributions!
Please help keep our Parish going!

Faith Formation Family Collaboration Meeting

A letter has been mailed to families with children in grades 7, 8, and 9 inviting them to a meeting on **Sunday, August 9th after 10:30AM Mass**. This meeting will be a collaboration with the goal of coming up with a schedule for the 2026/2027 Faith Formation year that will more easily suit families needs. Parents with 7th, 8th, and 9th graders, please plan to join us with your families in order to make your voice heard. Light refreshments will be provided.

Thank You For Christmas in July Card Sale

Thank you to everyone who enthusiastically supported the Xmas card sale this year. A total of $430 was raised to date. A second printing order is underway to complete orders. If you missed the sale or would like more cards, please contact Barb Brozovic (607) 422-6662 or bhbrozovic@gmail.com.

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.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Choosing the Real Treasure

We all like to hear stories of how ordinary people strike it rich in a sweepstakes or lottery. We love treasure stories. Jesus told these types of stories, too. But what makes Matthew 13:44-52 a little frustrating is that he didn't tell us what king of people found the treasure or what they did with the treasure once they found it. But a biography of some lucky people wasn't Jesus' point in telling his parable. In the parables of the treasure in the field and the pearl of great price, Jesus wanted us to learn about a treasure of greater value that anything we could hope to obtain. But we must be willing to make sacrifices to obtain the treasure, making choices that determine how to use our God-given gifts. Christian stewardship requires prayer and, like Solomon, a wise and discerning heart.

17th Sunday in Ordinary: Justice Challenge

On July 26 we celebrate the feast day of Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary. Anne is the patron saint of grandmothers, since she herself was Jesus' grandma. While many cultures around the world honor the elderly and give them the highest respect, in our own country we have witnessed the neglect and sometimes even the abuse of our elders. Your challenge this week is to be an advocate for the "wisdom people" in your life. How can you show respect for the older people in your own family, or on your block, or in a nursing home in your community? How can you support the needs of the elderly through legislation? Can you offer a smile, a greeting, and perhaps even a visit with an elder who is lonely and gets few visitors?

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Creation Care Tip

What policies does our local government have in place to reduce plastic use? Consider writing a letter or email, or speaking at a city council meeting to encourage passing policies limiting plastic waste such as plastic straws. See https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/category/local-government/ for more ideas.

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

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.

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!

Annual Pax Christi NY State Gathering
What really is the Peace of Christ message?

Join us to share the love of peace and justice
Pax Christi New York State
invites you to

Living Nonviolence in a Violent World

Location: St. Kateri Tekakwitha National Shrine
Fonda, NY
Date & Time: Friday, August 14th, 2026
10 AM – 4:30 PM

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!

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!

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule
August 4th

1:00—3:00PM	5:00PM—Until Served
K. Fitzgerald, C. Murray, G. Thompson, & G. Pendleton	M. Peters, M. Mizzoni, and N. & D. Oliver

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

Why Volunteer?

There are so many reasons to volunteer:

- ✝ *Lets you share your knowledge and talents.*
- ✝ *Provides opportunities for making many new friends.*
- ✝ *Brings the special fulfillment that comes only from helping others.*
- ✝ *Helps you "get outside" yourself and put your own problems — even grief — in perspective.*
- ✝ *Allows you to polish old skills and learn new ones.*
- ✝ *Lets you "repay" an organization that has helped you or someone you love.*

So go out and give volunteering a try!

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!

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.

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.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you, celebrating with us, whether you're a long-time resident or newly arrived in the Parish. Please check the appropriate box and place in the collection basket or return to the Parish Center. *We thank God that you're with us.*

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ Zip_____

Home Phone_____

Cell Phone_____

☐ New Parishioner, send registration form

☐ Change of address or phone number

☐ Temporarily away. Stop envelopes

☐ Moving, please remove from Parish Roster

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

August 1st & 2nd, 2026

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Kevin Murphy
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Peggy Munson
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Beatrice Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Robert Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	John Artman
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Brenda Artman
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	Rick Kazmark
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Shirley McCray
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Nick Norton
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Virginia Thompson

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: If you could be with Jesus, what would you trade from your own things for that?

Question for Youth: Today's gospel reminds us that God's kingdom is worth sacrifice. What do you need to sacrifice in order to follow God in your own life? Why are you willing to make that sacrifice?

Question for Adults: Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words what the Reign of God is for you personally, and use a parable to describe it: "The reign of God is _____."