August 02, 2026

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

Remember Hiroshima and Nagasaki
Pray for Peace

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Office Hours:
Monday — Thursday:
7:30 am to 4:30 pm
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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, 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
Monday, August 3
12:00 p.m. John Storer by Randy & Ellen Cook
Tuesday, August 4
8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
Wednesday, August 5
12:00 p.m. Debra Quaranto by Mary Frances Charsky
Thursday, August 6
8:00 a.m. Kathleen Dwyer by Marge Mangan
Friday, August 7
NO MASS
Saturday, August 8, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. 11th Anniv. Julia Pandich by Family
Sunday, August 9, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Profit & Loss Weekly Summary (07-27-26)

Ordinary Contributions	$5,027
Loose Cash	$282
Repair & Maintenance	$72
Catherine's Cupboard	$2,141
Catholic Schools	$90
Other	$2,310
Capital Campaign	$30
Total Contributions	**$9,952**
Ordinary Expenses	$9,147
Repair & Maintenance	$137
Catherine's Cupboard	$1,100
Capital Improvements	$0
Total Expenses	**$10,384**
TOTAL (LOSS)	**—$432**

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!

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***

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.

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

Remembrance of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

We remember Hiroshima and Nagasaki
And the skies rained down fire.
Hiroshima. Nagasaki.
In the gardens of those cities the agony began.
The images of flames, smoke, destruction.
The smell of burning flesh.
The taste of ashes on the tongue.
Hiroshima. Nagasaki.
We ask forgiveness again, decades later.
And we will continue to ask forgiveness.
Through our acts of contrition,
May we learn to act as peacemakers,
So peace may be the restitution
We offer humanity. Amen.

On August 6, 1945, on the orders of President Harry Truman, a US bomber dropped an atomic bomb called "Little Boy" on Hiroshima. "Little Boy" had an estimated equivalent explosive force of 12,500 tons of TNT. It is estimated that 140,000 people died. On August 9, 1945, a second atomic bomb called "Fat Boy" was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan. The original target city, Kokura, could not be reached because of weather problems and Nagasaki was selected as the alternative target. Estimates generally put the number of deaths around 80,000. "Fat Boy" was more powerful than "Little Boy," but was accidentally dropped on the outskirts of the city, lessening the amount of deaths. It is estimated that out of every 6 deaths in the bombings, 5 were civilians and 1 was military personnel.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection: Disarming

"No society can live in peace with itself, or with the world, without a full awareness of the worth and dignity of every human person and the sacredness of all human life. When we accept violence in any form as commonplace, our sensitivities become dulled. When we accept violence, war itself can be taken for granted."

—The Bishop's Peace Pastoral

Gospel Short: Food that Keeps on Feeding

The miracles of Christ always present challenges for the believer and non-believer alike. Do we take them literally? Do we dwell only on symbolic aspect of the events? In the case of the miracle of multiplication, it can be helpful to "look behind the scenes" at the setting and the circumstances of the miracle. What we discover is that in this miracle as in most of them, Jesus is right there, involved, caring and being compassionate. He does not "do" His miracles from a distance, nor does He perform them to attract attention. Rather, Jesus is compassionate, He is present and, by performing the miracles, He is willing to risk. In so doing, Jesus demonstrates characteristics that are helpful for us to have in our lives as Christians. He feeds us spiritually even as he feeds physically those who were hungry then. By accepting Christ, this food that keeps on feeding, we are able to minister more effectively in His Name.

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

National Religious Retirement Collection
August 15th & 16th

The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) is announcing that the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be held in parishes throughout the Diocese of Syracuse on the weekend of Aug. 15-16. Support from the Retirement Fund for Religious helps religious communities care for senior members in their retirement years while allowing them to continue important ministries to the People of God.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Creation Care Tip

"You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare."—Isaiah 55:1-2

When we choose whole, unprocessed foods over highly processed foods we are generally choosing a smaller carbon footprint. We can buy a piece of fruit without plastic packaging, but buying an individual fruit-flavored "leather" or "gummies" includes wasteful packaging and a lot more energy used in it's manufacture and production. Although highly processed foods at first bite might be more appealing because of their high sugar, fat, or salt content, ultimately they leave our bodies less satiated for what they really want and need. We don't need to limit our diets to bread, wine, and milk, but this week, can you be more thoughtful about putting food in your body that is better for your health and the health of our ecosystem?

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.

Thank You From Catherine's Cupboard

THANK YOU to our Knights of Columbus members for supporting our pantry. Donation of proceeds from recent golf tournament and previous checks helps our pantry to continue to serve our community.

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 8th & 9th, 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	Tim Heller
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Deacon Steve
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Suzanne Carr
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Mary DeNinins
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Barb Brozovic
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Nancy Oliver
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	Kay & Ed Corcoran
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Deacon Steve
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Kevin Murphy
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Cherilyn Tallant
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Ann Clune
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Jim Clune

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 ways that Jesus shows he loves you?

Question for Youth: Jesus was very attentive to his followers. He cared for them and for their needs. What are your needs? What can Jesus do to help you?

Question for Adults: In your experience, what "false obstacles" have you or people you know experienced separating them from Christ? Things such as divorce? Or marrying outside the church? Or not attending Mass? Or others?