August 16, 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:
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, August 15, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Susan Edwards by Family
Sunday, August 16, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Nancy Williams by the Bible Babes
Monday, August 17
12:00 p.m. Sebastian Parasiliti by Family
Tuesday, August 18
8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
Wednesday, August 19
12:00 p.m. Bert Gebo by Ron & Catherine Hamilton
Thursday, August 20
8:00 a.m. Donna Lee Travis by Cindy Robertson
Friday, August 21
NO MASS
Saturday, August 22, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Karen K. Roma by Christopher Roma & Family
Sunday, August 23, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Deceased members of the CV Class of 1976 by Art Grace

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 (08-10-26)

Ordinary Contributions	$7,482
Loose Cash	$216
Repair & Maintenance	$157
Catherine's Cupboard	$1,920
Catholic Schools	$105
Other	$30
Capital Campaign	$105
Total Contributions	**$10,015**
Ordinary Expenses	$7,269
Repair & Maintenance	$467
Catherine's Cupboard	$532
Capital Improvements	$0
Total Expenses	**$8,268**
TOTAL	**$1,747**

Please help keep our Parish going!

Thank you for your generosity!

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

- **Monday, August 24th:** 6:00PM @ Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal
- **Tuesday, August 25th:** 6:00PM @ St. James, Johnson City
- **Thursday, September 10th:** 10:00AM @ Catholic Charities of Broome County, Binghamton
- **Saturday, September 26th:** 10:00AM @ Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott
- **Thursday, October 15th:** 6:00PM @ Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal

Recertification Training

- **Thursday, August 27th:** 6:00PM @ Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal
- **Saturday, October 24th**: 10:00AM @ Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott

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/)

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.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Short: When Christ is Silent

The Canaanite woman asked Jesus to help her daughter who had a problem. At first, Christ "did not answer her a word," St. Matthew tells us. Eventually, being greatly impressed by the Gentile woman's faith, He restored her daughter to normality. What are we to think when Christ seems silent in our situation? Should we use that time to "grow" our faith? Could it be an opportunity for us to make sure that we put first things first? Christ and his Kingdom's work should always have a higher priority than our personal desires.

20th Sunday in Ordinary: Justice Challenge

Sunday's Gospel is a tough one. Jesus seems to be calling the Canaanite woman a dog. But she persists, challenging Jesus to see her human need. Jesus is persuaded to cure her daughter because of the woman's enduring faith. This Gospel event illustrates that Jesus' mission was not just to the Chosen People, but to the whole world. Your challenge this week is to follow in Jesus' footsteps. Reach out to someone of a different faith, defend a Muslim who is persecuted for his/her religion, learn something about Judaism, or invite someone who struggles with faith to join you for Sunday worship. How can you model our Catholic belief that Jesus is a universal Savior—for everyone?

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Creation Care Tip

If you have school-age kids or pack your own lunch for work, make a change this school year that moves you away from single-use plastic baggies or disposable wraps. Make an investment in some high-quality, reusable containers or cloth snack bags. If you don't pack lunches for anyone in your family, is there a family you know to whom you can gift such containers?

Preaching the Gospel in Time of the Ongoing Genocide in Gaza

A zoom conversation with three prominent guests about what is ours to do 1,000 days into the genocide in Gaza. The online conversation with: Cardinal Ramazzini; Fr. David Neuhaus; and - still-to-be-confirmed - one of the leading scholars on genocide.

The virtual event is scheduled for Monday, August 31 at 12 Noon to 1:00PM EST.

Are You Hurting in Your Marriage?

Has your marriage become troubled, unloving/ uncaring; has it grown cold and distant; are you thinking of or already separated or divorced but want to try again, then the Retrouvaille Program can help you. Call 1-800-470-2230 or visit **HelpOurMarriage.com**

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!

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!

Have You Noticed the Beautiful Addition to the Landscape in Front of the Church?

With the patient and persevering work of Fred Hazlett, Kirk Simmonis, Scott Igler, and Dave Ferreti they added a nice stone edging to raise the flower bed, giving it a new look. Also, Ed/Kay Corcoran, Nora Bush and the Creation Care Team did weeding and other work to spruce up our property. Thank you to all of you for your wonderful work especially during some very hot days.

National Religious Retirement Collection

August 15th & 16th

The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) is announcing that the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection was held in parishes throughout the Diocese of Syracuse this weekend, 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.

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.

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.

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.

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule
August 18th

1:00—3:00PM	5:00PM—Until Served
R. Rounds, B. Grace, and A. & S. Faughnan	K. Dotson, M. Hayes, C. Danoski, and 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!

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

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

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 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

AVAILABLE NOW!
PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Clare Colamaria from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.

LPi
Clare Colamaria
(216) 325-6825 x6444
CColamaria@4lpi.com

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

August 22nd & 23rd, 2026

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	McKenzie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Clio Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Joe Sardella
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Deacon Steve
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Denise Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Steve Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Rosemary Rounds
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	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Deacon Steve
10:30 Mass	EM Host	David Hanzes
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Cherilyn Tallant
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Adam Colvin
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 is your favorite way to talk with Jesus? What words do you use?

Question for Youth: Do you trust that God hears your prayers? Do you believe that your prayer makes a difference?

Question for Adults: When you pray, how do you know that Jesus will really respond?