August 23, 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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722-4177

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www.stfrancisbing.org

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 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
Monday, August 24
12:00 p.m. Nevin Henderson by Jim & Kathleen Brady
Tuesday, August 25
8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
Wednesday, August 26
12:00 p.m. Daniel Steen by Cathy & Ron Hamilton
Thursday, August 27
8:00 a.m. Robert Fitzgerald by Marge Mangan
Friday, August 28
NO MASS
Saturday, August 29, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Jim, Dorie & Jodi Rhoades by Family
Sunday, August 30, Twenty-Second 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 (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 Tom Mangan Golf Tournament

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the almost $2,000 donation from this year's Tom Mangan Golf Tournament. Thanks especially to Marge Mangan & Larry Koch!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Information for 2026-27 have been mailed, if you do not receive it please pick up a form on the usher's table or download it from our website under the Faith Formation tab. If you have any questions please contact our Director of Faith Formation, Sherry Dee.

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

- **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/)

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Short: The Hiding Place of Power

It is an open secret that the morale in the church today is not strong. The decline in membership and resources experienced by virtually every church body has resulted in what is called a failure of nerve. There is no easy answer to this predicament but there is a way by which we can move out of this into a new confidence. It is a way which is set out in Matthew 16:13-20. It begins with a new depth of commitment to Jesus Christ, and this results in the creation of a new and redemptive community, and these two realities produce confidence. This is the way we explore through this New Testament passage.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Creation Care Tip

With the back-to-school season upon us, shop at a second-hand store or organize a clothing swap for what the kids need this year, rather than buy all new clothes, backpacks, and school supplies. Over-consumerism and the desire for new things contribute to an unsustainable economy that continues to deplete the earth of natural resources. Remember the old saying, "Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without."

21st Sunday in Ordinary: Justice Challenge

Saint Rose of Lima (August 23) and Saint Monica (August 27) are both known for the power of their prayer. Saint Rose is believed to have prevented a devastating earthquake from destroying Lima by praying for the safety of the city. Saint Monica's persistent prayer helped in the conversion of her son, Augustine, who turned from his hedonistic life and became a Father and Doctor of our Church. Your challenge this week is to tap into the power of prayer. Prayerfully choose an injustice which you see—in your local community, in our country, or in the world. Then pray every day this week for an end to the injustice. Open your heart and listen to what God wants you to do to help end the injustice.

Facts and Figures on Immigration Detention in the U.S.

—70% of current immigrant detainees have no criminal convictions (Trac Reports)

—The average length of stay in ICE custody is 37.5 days. (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement [ICE])

—It costs taxpayers an average of $152—$166/day to house a single detainee or nearly $6,000 for an average stay. (National Immigrant Forum)

—Around 60,000 people are being held in detention currently, and around 400,000 people have been booked into immigration detention since 2025. (Brookings)

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!

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.

Discover the Secular Franciscan Order

A welcoming community for Catholics seeking to live their faith more deeply in everyday life

- Fourth Saturday monthly
- St. Francis of Assisi Church

Contact Louis Alfonsetti:
607-768-6685 | ealfonse@stny.rr.com

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.

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**

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule
September 1st

1:00—3:00PM	5:00PM—Until Served
M. & D. Cole, and K. & T. Barnhart	K. Dotson, G. Pendleton, G. Thompson, M. 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.

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.

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

August 29th & 30th, 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	Rick Alabaugh
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Deb Carden
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	Shirley McCray
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Kevin Murphy
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Ann Clune
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Jim Clune
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Scott Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Donna 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: What are three things you know about Jesus?

Question for Youth: Today's Gospel is about identity – the revealing of Jesus' true self. How difficult is it to you to reveal your true self? What holds you back from being who God created you to be?

Question for Adults: If Jesus turned and asked you the same question, who would you say he is? How would you describe Jesus to someone who did not know him?