September 06, 2026

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water

EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

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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Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 5, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Olivia Curtin by Suzanne & Don Carr
Sunday, September 6, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Stephanie Stracuzzi by Family
Monday, September 7, Labor Day
No Mass
Tuesday, September 8
8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
Wednesday, September 9
12:00 p.m. Kathy Healy by Ellie & Bill Brammell
Thursday, September 10
8:00 a.m. Robert Connelly by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee
Friday, September 11
NO MASS
Saturday, September 12, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. George Koons by Family
Sunday, September 13, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Living Intention - Birthday

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 (08-31-26)

Ordinary Contributions	$3,648
Loose Cash	$164
Repair & Maintenance	$35
Catherine's Cupboard	$1,361
Catholic Schools	$10
Other	$548
Capital Campaign	$30
Total Contributions	**$5,796**
Ordinary Expenses	$7,558
Repair & Maintenance	$288
Catherine's Cupboard	$633
Capital Improvements	$0
Total Expenses	**$8,479**
TOTAL	**(LOSS) -$2,683**

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 in the back of the church 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.

Looking Ahead:
Faith Formation kick-off is on **September 20th** at the Parish Picnic. **Classes begin September 27th**.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Picnic 2026

Sunday, September 20th, 2026

First Ukrainian Pentecostal Grounds
(143 Castle Creek Rd, Binghamton, NY)

1:00PM—3:00PM

PLEASE NO EARLYBIRDS (Do NOT come before 12:30!)

Please bring 1.) your own place setting and utensils to reduce waste
2.) a dessert to share
3.) consider a free will monetary donation to help offset the cost of catering

RSVP: Cut & Return by Sept. 15th

Drop in Collection Basket or Mail to the Parish Center (1031 Chenango St. Binghamton, NY 13901)

Number of attendees_____

Call the Parish Center 607-722-4388 for more details

RSVP:
Scan QR Code /Register Online
stfrancisbing.org/parish-picnic-registration-2026

SCAN ME

CATERED

NO Consumption of Alcohol NO SMOKING

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SETUP & CLEANUP
SIGN UP SHEETS ON CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD

Season of Creation 2026

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to contemplate and care for our common home.

The Season's "Celebration" began on September 1, the day that several Christian denominations celebrate as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and others celebrate as the Feast of Creation. It ends on October 4, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, who is beloved by many Christian denominations.

This year, we will unite around the theme "Living Water", with the symbol "Immersion in Living Water", inspired by Ezekiel47:9 and12.

This year's theme, "Living Water", explores Ezekiel 47:9 and 12 as a powerful biblical vision of hope and ecological healing. Set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing that renews land, water, biodiversity, and human responsibility towards the whole creation.

The symbol depicts water flowing from the Temple of God - at first a tiny stream that grows deeper, and deeper and as it does so, it brings life to dead areas and restores fertility to damaged or barren ecosystems. Through living water comes healing; but in order to receive new life, we too must step into the water and also become part of God's river of life, taking part in the healing of creation.

Deacon Steve's Notes

✝OCIA will begin on Sunday, September 13th at 9:15 am in the dining room of the Parish Center. If you are Baptized but have not yet been Confirmed this would be a good opportunity to receive this Sacrament.

✝Altar Server Training – Any child you has received First Communion is eligible to become an Altar Server. There will be a one hour training session on Saturday, September 19th at 9 am in the Church. A parent or guardian must be present.

✝New Lectors and Eucharistic ministers are always welcome. We will offer a training session as required.

Please contact the Parish Office or Deacon Steve at 607 -206-4022 if you have any questions or are interested in joining.

ATTENTION: Lectors, EMs & Altar Servers

It is time again to make the schedule for October, November, and December. If there are weekends when you are **not** available to Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Serve, let us know. Call Ed and Cindy White at 607-222-4703 or 607-206-3469 **BEFORE SEPTEMBER 29TH**!

Volunteers Needed for St. Francis of Assisi Church Picnic

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is excited about our annual Church Picnic, scheduled for Sunday, September 20, 2026 — and we need your help! We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help make this event a joyful and memorable day for our parish family. Whether you're great at organizing, decorating, or just lending a helping hand, there's a place for you on the team!

Interested?

Please contact the Church Office at (607) 722-4388 to sign up or learn more.

Let's come together to celebrate faith, fellowship, and fun!

112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees Prayer Service

Tuesday, September 22nd @ 7:00PM
St. Francis of Assisi Church

The Silver Circle Membership

The silver circle is a membership program that benefits retires Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Sisters. For only $25/membership, your name is entered in more than 324 drawings from October 2026—June 2027 with cash prizes from $50 to $1,000. You will also be remembered in a monthly Mass for benefactors and in the prayers of the IHM Sisters. To acquire a Silver Circle Membership form, sent a text to: Sister Kathleen Joy Steck, I.H.M **(607)237-5653**. Or request the form by mail at: **Sister Kathleen Joy Steck, IHM, Our Lady of Peace Residence, 2300 Adams Ave., Scranton, PA 18509**. Thank You!

Birthright of Binghamton Needs Your Help

Birthright of Binghamton is looking for volunteers to assist with office work and to help clients. Birthright supports pregnant women, moms, and their babies. There will be an information meeting for all who are interested in this mission of love and compassion. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please call Diane Yajko at (607)798-7661.

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule
September 15th

1:00—3:00PM	5:00PM—Until Served
M. Carnes, S. Wolf, and C. Woodruff, P. Simonis	S. & A. Faughnan, M. Hayes, and C. Danoski

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!

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

IMPORTANT ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: Safe Environment Training

ALL Sacristans, Adult Altar Servers, Liturgical Ministry Leaders, and Lectors/Readers must be

Upcoming Safe Environment Trainings

Initial Safe Environment Training

- **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

- **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/)

Thanksgiving Basket Sign Up

Registration for the 2026 Broome County Thanksgiving Basket program runs from September 8 through October 9, 2026. This annual holiday assistance program is organized by Catholic Charities of Broome County in partnership with United Way 211, local parishes, and Equinox Broadcasting to provide families in need with all the ingredients required for a traditional holiday meal.

How to Sign Up

- Phone Registration: Dial 2-1-1 or call 1-800-901-2180.
- Available Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM to 3:30PM.
- Deadline: October 9, 2026, or until the maximum capacity of distributed baskets is reached.

Important Guidelines & Details

- Household Limit: One basket is allowed per household.
- Required Information: You must provide full names and details for every person living in your home when calling.
- Pick-up Window: Distribution takes place on Saturday, November 21st & Sunday, November 22nd, 2026.
- Notification: Registered families will receive a reminder via text, phone call, or mail 1 to 2 weeks before Thanksgiving outlining their specific distribution

Fenton Free Library
Moody Memorial Building
1062 Chenango Street
Binghamton, NY 13901
607-724-8649

Doughnut Fundraiser

FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED FOR LIBRARY PROGRAMS

PRE-ORDER Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

Orders due by Wednesday, September 16th, 2026

Pickup on Friday, September 25th, 8:00AM to 4:00PM

5 Choices to Pre-Order

Krispy Kreme ORDER FORM

Name_____ **Phone#**_____

Variety	Quantity	Amount Due
Glazed ($12/dozen)		
Chocolate Iced Glazed ($12/half doz)		
Glazed / Lemon filled ($12/half doz)		
Glazed / Raspberry filled ($12/half doz)		
Glazed / Cream filled ($12/half doz)		
Classic Medium Roast Coffee ($10/12oz bag)		
Classic Decaf Medium Roast Coffee ($10/12oz bag)		
+Additional Donation to Library		
		Grand Total

Make Checks Payable to "Fenton Free Library" for "Donuts"
DROP OFF OR MAIL FORM TO LIBRARY
1062 Chenango Street, Binghamton, N.Y. 13901

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

September 12th & 13th, 2026

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Kylie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	McKenzie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Marge Mangan
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Deb Carden
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Anne Smilnak
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Maria Kirk
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Ed White
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Natalie Miller
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Lucy Drake
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Clara Drake
10:30 Mass	Lector	George Clark
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Mary Mullaney
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Nick Norton
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Shirley McCray
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 is one thing you would do for someone whom you loved?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us about the importance of community and friendship. When have you helped heal an argument between friends? How did that feel?

Question for Adults: How do you make sure you follow the way of love as described by Paul in today's reading? What steps do you take to eliminate the unloving — grudges, hatred, prejudice, or others.