

October 05, 2025

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, NY 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  
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**Saturday, October 4, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People  
**Sunday, October 5, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10:30 a.m. Patrick Fitzgerald by Marie Bowden & Maryle Carns  
**Monday, October 6**  
 12:00 p.m. Souls in Purgatory  
**Tuesday, October 7**  
 8:00 a.m. Eric Mangan by Karen & Mike Dotson  
**Wednesday, October 8**  
 12:00 p.m. Claudette Simonis by Nick & Rosalie Roth  
**Thursday, October 9**  
 8:00 a.m. Betty Parasiliti by Family  
**Friday, October 10**  
**NO MASS**  
**Saturday, October 11, Vigil of Sunday**  
**1:00 p.m. Wedding – McKenna Miller & Bryan Heller**  
 4:00 p.m. Catherine Koons by Family  
**Sunday, October 12, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10:30 a.m. Candela Grazia & 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 1500 people, requiring a budget of close to \$60,000 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 [stfrancising.org](http://stfrancising.org)**

**Profit & Loss Weekly Summary (09-29-25)**

Ordinary Contributions.....	\$3,978
Loose Cash.....	\$210
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$35
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$1,072
Catholic Schools.....	\$55
Other.....	\$1,498
Capital Campaign.....	\$3,280
<b>Total Contributions.....</b>	<b>\$10,127</b>
Ordinary Expenses.....	\$8,292
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$468
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$1,072
Capital Improvements.....	\$281
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$10,113</b>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$14</b>

**Faith Formation**  
 Faith Formation Information for 2025-26 has been mailed, if you did not receive it please pick up a form on the usher's table or download it from our website under our faith formation tab.  
**Faith Formation begins on October 19th please be sure to register your child/children.**

**Confirmation 2026 Information Meeting**  
 On Tuesday, October 14th there will be a mandatory information meeting for Confirmation Candidates and parents from 7:00PM—8:15PM in the church hall.

**ANNUAL BROOME COUNTY RIVERBANK CLEANUP**

**OCTOBER 18, 2025**  
 8AM - 12PM



Join us for a fun day of cleaning up our precious waterways! Every year, this county-wide cleanup keeps pollution out of our streams and rivers. Let's keep Broome beautiful!



We'll Provide	What to Bring
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trash bags</li> <li>• Gloves</li> <li>• Bag collection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protective clothes</li> <li>• Water bottle</li> <li>• Stream Team forms</li> </ul>

Join our Creation Care Team for a day to clean up our local community and care for God's creation.

Confirmandi Contact Maria Kirk at [mkirk@syrdio.org](mailto:mkirk@syrdio.org) for instructions  
 Parishioners Contact Nora Bush at [nbush@familyenrichment.cc](mailto:nbush@familyenrichment.cc) for instructions

## Migrants, missionaries of hope

### A Message for World Day of Migrants & Refugees

The primary theme for this year's World Day Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) is "Migrants, missionaries of hope," which "highlights the courage and tenacity of migrants and refugees, who bear witness daily to hope for the future despite difficulties. In solidarity with the Holy Father, National Migration Week is using the same theme as WDMR and emphasizes the ways in which this theme and its application to migration is important for the Church in the United States. As Catholics, we are commanded to provide support and care for the most vulnerable among us, including the naked, the hungry, the imprisoned, and the stranger. Through this outreach, we are called to accompany migrants at all stages of their journey: from the point of origin, through to their final destination. Let this year's WDMR/NMW be an opportunity to reflect on how we might do this more effectively.

### A Prayer for Refugees

*God of our Wandering Ancestors,*

*Long have we known*

*That your heart is with the refugee:*

*That you were born into time*

*In a family of refugees*

*Fleeing violence in their homeland,*

*Who then gathered up their hungry child*

*And fled into alien country.*

*Their cry, your cry, resounds through the ages:*

*"Will you let me in?"*

*Give us hearts that break open*

*When our brothers and sisters turn to us*

*with that same cry.*

*Then surely all these things will follow:*

*Ears will no longer turn deaf to their voices.*

*Eyes will see a moment for grace instead of a threat.*

*Tongues will not be silenced but will instead  
advocate.*

*And hands will reach out—*

*working for peace in their homeland,*

*working for justice in the lands where they seek safe  
haven.*

*Lord, protect all refugees in their travels.*

*May they find a friend in me*

*And so make me worthy*

*Of the refuge I have found in you.*

*Amen.*

### Otsiningo Scarecrow Display Contest

Our own creation care team has entered the Scarecrow Display contest at Otsiningo Park. Voting will be open to the public at Otsiningo Park, beginning **Wednesday, October 1st, and will end on Thursday, October 24th.** Winners will be announced on Monday, October 27th on the Otsiningo Park and Broome County Park Facebook

**\$30,684**



Raised  
**\$8,200**

## 2025 HOPE APPEAL

Thank you for your support of the 2025 HOPE Appeal. We are inspired by the generosity of individuals and families in our parish. We have raised **\$8,200** toward our goal of **\$30,684**. If you have not yet made your gift, we ask you please help us meet our goal. You may bring your completed pledge card to Mass next week, drop it off at the parish office, or use the return envelope that came with the mailing. You can also donate online at [syrdio.org/hopeappeal](http://syrdio.org/hopeappeal) or on our website's "online giving".

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary: Justice Challenge

We celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on October 4. Francis is without doubt one of the most well-known and beloved saints in our tradition. He is known for his devotion to the crucified Christ, his simplicity, his compassion for the poor, and his love of creation. Francis' love for God's creation made him the perfect choice to be named patron saint of ecology. In honor of Francis, and to live out the seventh principle of Catholic social teaching, "Care for God's Creation," choose one thing you can do this week to protect our earth. It might be drinking tap water instead of bottled water, or recycling if you aren't already doing so, or walking or riding bikes instead of taking the car somewhere close. Then, at the end of the week, challenge yourselves as families to continue the practice on a regular basis.

## Prayer for Creation for St. Francis Feast Day

*Dear Heavenly Lord,*

*Your creation brings beauty to this earth*

*Yet, through our hands, our neglect, our destruction,*

*Your trees wilt, the leaves wither, the animals, the  
homeless.*

*Open our eyes to the smoke that darkens the sky,*

*Open our ears to the silent cries of the earth.*

*St. Francis, patron of all creation,*

*Intercede for us, that we may protect and restore*

*What human hands have harmed.*

*Merciful Father, forgive us for our failings.*

*We tremble beneath the weight of our sins.*

*Enlighten our hearts to surrender to Your divine will,*

*That as Your Son, Jesus Christ, desired,*

*We may come together as one.*

*Your creation, given as a sacred trust,*

*Sustains us with life and peace.*

*May You lift the veils that blind us to the truth:*

*That we, Your children, are called to love and care for  
all You have made.*

*May our duty to protect Your creation endure for  
generations to come.*

*Cultivate wisdom within us, Holy Mother,*

*Grant us courage, O Lord,*

*That we may seek Your forgiveness*

*And walk in Your guidance to heal this precious gift.*

**Catherine's Cupboard Distribution  
Volunteer Schedule  
October 7th**

**1:00—3:00PM**

**5:00PM—Until Served**

K. Fitzgerald, C. Murray,  
D. Dobish, and B. Grace

N. & D. Oliver, A.  
Smilnak, and P. Peters



CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD

**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!

**Catherine's Cupboard Update**

Firstly, THANK YOU to all those who continue to support our food pantry, Catherine's Cupboard. We have been serving more families than ever in the past months and September was all time record of 125 families in 1 day. Unfortunately, this increase is due to federal cuts in SNAP, rising food cost, and other economic downturns. We are able to give these families enough food for 5 days, but these cuts are affecting our pantry's budget as the federal grants of over \$20,000 a year we had been receiving has been taken away completely. Our food bill for September 16th was \$4,930 for 5300lbs of food and more than 1/2 of that was given out that day. NY state grants for \$885 over and above our bill covered dairy and fresh vegetables for us. This also is not including personal care items which are now being donated privately by individuals. So the economic affect is being felt by all in various ways. We will continue to be open and serve the best we can but cut backs will need to happen. Again, thank you for your financial support, as you can see we truly rely on it. Thank you to our volunteers who give of their time to serve those in need.

**Hurricane Helene Donations**

As we are all aware of the devastation that Hurricane Helene has left behind. Asheville N.C. was impacted the worse. I have been in touch with my friend that lives in Asheville. She is volunteering with church groups on the cleanup. She said they are in need of socks, boots and cleaning supplies to aid in the cleanup process, and also personal hygiene products. Father Tim is allowing me to do a collection for them. You can drop off items at the parish and I will pick them up, I'm planning on taking a truckload down the week of October 21st. Thank You for your help in this mission to help Asheville clean-up.

—Debra Davis

**Thanksgiving Basket Signups**

Individuals and families living in Broome County will have the opportunity to sign-up for a Thanksgiving basket. Baskets will include all the items needed for a wonderful holiday meal. Sign-ups for baskets will begin on September 8th and go through October 17th, 2025, or until the limited number of baskets has been reached, whichever occurs first. Sign-ups will be held by calling the United Way 211 phone number (dial 2-1-1 or call 1-800-901-2180) Monday-Friday 9:30AM to 3:30PM. All families who sign up for a basket will receive a reminder text message, phone call or mailed document 1 to 2 weeks prior to Thanksgiving Day. This will provide information on the date, time and location of the basket pick up. Families should expect to pick up their baskets the weekend of November 22nd to November 23rd. The Thanksgiving basket coordination program is a joint effort between Catholic Charities, United Way 211, local parishes, iHeart Media and several other local contributing businesses. For additional information or if you are interested in how you can help please contact Tracie Layton at Catholic Charities of Broome County at 729-9166.

**Celebrating BIRTHRIGHT's 50th Anniversary**

**Thursday, October 9, 2025 from 5:00-8:00PM**

**The Riverdale Banquet Hall, Endicott, NY**

Come join us for dinner, cash bar, speakers, & music. Entertainment by Swing Street Station.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/Birthrightis50>.

Registration is required by October 2nd

**The Madrigal Choir of Binghamton**

John M Vaida, Artistic Director

**The Seasons**



Sunday, October 19, 2025 - 4:00 PM

Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church

44 Main St., Binghamton, NY

[www.madrigalchoir.com](http://www.madrigalchoir.com)

Tickets \$20.00 at the door; Students Free

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**  
**October 11th & 12th, 2025**

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Thalia Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Kelly and Kurt Mohney
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Denise Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Steve Baxter
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Judy Daniels
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Mary Russik
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Carol Danoski
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10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Juliana Rice
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Lucy Drake
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Clara Drake
10:30 Mass	Lector	Jo Ellen Rutherford
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Ann Clune
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Jim Clune
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Adam Colvin
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Kevin Murphy
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	David Hanzes

**Children's Liturgy Schedule**

**October 5th**— Dorene Aleccia & Amy Drake

**October 12th**— Ede & Sarah Blabac

**October 19th**— Dorene Aleccia & Ede Blabac

**October 26th**— Maria Kirk & Amy Drake

**\*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 sign up form (on table in the back of the church) and drop it in a collection basket.**

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** Jesus teaches us that our faith is powerful and with it, we can do great things. We can forgive, love, and share with others. Which of these do you do most often?

**Question for Youth:** The Gospel tells us even a little bit of faith is enough to make amazing things happen. How are you keeping your faith alive and growing? What good things happen in your life because of your faith?

**Question for Adults:** Being “in Christ” means living as Christ teaches. What signs do you see in your life of generosity, forgiveness, hospitality, or any other of Jesus’ teachings?