

October 19, 2025

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, NY 13901



MISSIONARIES
OF HOPE
among the Peoples



World Mission
Sunday 2025
October 19th

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YOUR GIFT
HELPS
SUPPORT:

 82,498
Seminarians

 8,749
Shelters and
Orphanages

 11,992
Health
Centers

 843,785
Catechists

 258,540
Religious
sisters

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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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Saturday, October 18, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Harold Taylor, Jr. by Family

Sunday, October 19, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10:30 a.m. Francis Sullivan by David & Lu Ann Sullivan & Family

Monday, October 20
 12:00 p.m. Laura Spenard by John & Brenda Artman

Tuesday, October 21
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Wednesday, October 22
 12:00 p.m. Rose Ellen Larish by Mary & Margaret

Thursday, October 23
NO MASS

Friday, October 24
NO MASS

Saturday, October 25, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Mike Mc Garry by Family

Sunday, October 26, Thirtieth 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 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**

Quarterly Revenue & Expense Review

Regular Collection.....	\$82,361
Auxiliary Receipts.....	\$2,384
Fundraising Receipts.....	\$3,640
Extraordinary Receipts.....	\$68,827
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$17,735
Diocesan Collections.....	\$0
Total Revenue.....	\$174,947
Staff Expense.....	\$77,801
Office Expense.....	\$13,645
Program Expense.....	\$14,366
Rectory Household Expense.....	\$1,183
Building & Grounds Expense.....	\$16,391
Catholic School Subsidy Expense.....	\$12,229
Total Expenses.....	\$135,615

This is the overall review of the parish finances for the first quarter of the current fiscal year. There are a few details that are important to mention.

1. The parish has received \$80,000 from the federal government through the Employee Retention Credit. \$30,000 of those funds have been invested in the parish's investment account. Those funds are shown on the extraordinary receipt line.
2. The quarterly income from regular operations (collections) is not enough to cover the expenses through the first quarter. This is not unusual and normally corrects itself with the Christmas donations.
3. Program expense includes mainly Catherines Cupboard and Religious Education activities.

Thanks to all for your gracious support!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation started this weekend for Grades K-8 at 9:00AM.

Looking Ahead:

- † October 26th— Faith Formation for Grades K-8 in the Parish Hall at 9:00AM
- † Tuesday, October 28th— First Reconciliation Parent Meeting and Coaching session in the hall at 6:30—7:30PM (this is required for all 2nd grade parents)

Confirmation 2026:
 ⇒ Confirmation's first session will be on Sunday, November 2nd in the Parish Hall from 11:30AM—2:00PM.

Children's Choir Schedule 2025:

October 19th
November 2nd
November 9th
November 16th
November 23rd
December 7th
December 14th
December 21st

All rehearsals will be from **11:45am-12:30pm** after **10:30AM Mass on Sundays.**
 Contact Natalie Ehrensbeck via email (natalieehrensbeck@gmail.com) if there are any questions.

World Mission Sunday 2025:
Missionaries of Hope Among the People

Today is World Mission Sunday! Today, every parish across the globe joins together for the only worldwide collection mandated by Canon Law—World Mission Sunday. Your generosity today supports the Pope’s missions in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling. This year’s theme—“Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples”—is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering today provides hope where despair too often dominates—through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools. Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity. As Pope Francis told us, “Each of us is a mission on this earth” (Evangelii Gaudium, 273). Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ.

Pope Leo XIV New Apostle Exhortation
Released October 9th

Preferential option for the poor: Pope Leo XIV released his apostolic exhortation, *Dilexi te*, this week. The exhortation reminds the Church and all people of good will that those who are poor do not lose the inherent dignity they have as human beings, nor is their dignity in any way diminished by lacking material goods, knowledge, or physical and mental abilities. Rather, because they share the dignity of every human person, they should receive the love and support we would extend to any of our brothers and sisters in need. The poor are not a problem to be solved (No. 56), the pope writes, but they represent Jesus, whom we love (Nos. 76, 85). We are called to help the poor flourish (toward integral human development) by concrete actions of charity, which include everything from personal almsgiving (Nos. 115-121) to eradicating “the structural causes of poverty and inequality” (cf. No. 81). As Pope Leo says, “Charity has the power to change reality” (No. 91).

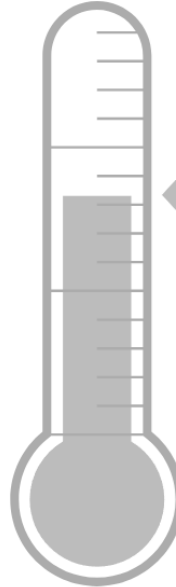
Otsiningo Scarecrow Display Contest

Our own Creation Care Team has entered the Scarecrow Display contest at Otsiningo Park. Voting opened to the public at Otsiningo Park on **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

Growing Community Roots “Thank You”

Thank you for all those who participated in the raffle in support of Growing Community Roots. Growing Community Roots provides safe water for drinking, bathing, & agriculture in parts of Western Kenya. Thank you to all the sellers and donors who helped in raising \$1,205 for this worthy cause.

\$30,684



Raised
\$18,115

2025 HOPE APPEAL

Thank you for your support of the 2025 HOPE Appeal. We are inspired by the generosity of **74 donors** thus far in our parish. We have raised **\$18,115** 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 or on our website’s “online giving”.

29th Sunday in Ordinary: Creation Care Tip

With the fall fruit harvests upon us, consider that 30-40% of the food produced in the United States is wasted. Fruit from trees often goes to waste either because there is too much of it in a short space of time to be used or because the tree’s owner doesn’t have the ability or the time to harvest it. An established fruit tree can often produce 100+ pounds of fruit, far more than one family can consume. If you have a fruit tree, why not donate the excess to your local food bank? When you notice laden fruit trees in your neighborhood, knock on the door and ask if you can help harvest it to donate. Finally, you can look up local gleaning groups and offer your services to help pick or deliver the excess fruit to an organization that will get it into the mouths of hungry people.

29th Sunday in Ordinary: Justice Challenge

On October 18, we celebrate the feast of Saint Luke, one of the four evangelists. The Gospel of Luke is sometimes nicknamed the “Justice Gospel” because Luke has so many stories of Jesus reaching out to those who were victims of injustice in their society. Perhaps this was partially due to Luke’s own experience as a healer. Luke wrote his Gospel to help us understand that Jesus was and is a universal savior—for everyone, everywhere. Your challenge this week is to spend time each day with Luke’s Gospel. Find a chapter (or at least a story or teaching in a chapter) which deals with justice, then reflect on and discuss as a family how you can apply the message which the passage teaches in your life today.

Healing Service

Sister Brigid O’Mahony and the Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus will hold a healing service.

Tuesday, October 28th @ 7:15PM
St. James Church (Johnson City, NY)

Pat Foley and St. James Folk Group will provide music.

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule October 21st

1:00—3:00PM **5:00PM—Until Served**

J. Daniels, P. Simonis, K. Corcoran, and C. Woodruff

R. Rounds, M. Mizzoni, and K. & T. Barnhart



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.

Veteran's Day Breakfast Fundraiser Presented by St. Paul's Men's Club and Binghamton Knights of Columbus

**WHEN: Sunday November 9, 2025
8:00 am until 11:00 am**

**WHERE: St. Paul's Catholic Church
282 Chenango St. in Binghamton**

Featuring our world-famous waffles!
Also featuring Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs and fruit cup
Coffee, Tea, Milk, and OJ

\$12 Adult / Children Under 10 only \$5
Proceeds to benefit...

The Southern Tier Veterans Support Group

THANKSGIVING BASKETS:

Its that time again! Our parish has been asked to fill **225 baskets** and distribute them to families who signed up thru Catholic Charities over the past 6 weeks. Each basket will also offer either a whole turkey/turkey breast or a \$20 gift card to purchase a meat or meatless item for their meal. This year due to cost or difficult of finding the food item we have made some items **OPTIONAL** (see the full list below). Our deadline is November 19th and we will be giving out the baskets on the 22nd. THANK YOU in advance for your generosity.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS 2025

FOR FAMILIES WITH 3-4 MEMBERS:

- ❖ 1 Stuffing (bag/box)
 - ❖ 3 Canned fruits or separate cup sizes (4 or 6 to a package)
 - ❖ 3 Canned veggies
 - 1 Large box instant mashed potatoes (2 medium size okay)
 - ❖ 2 Gravy (glass jar or canned)
- ITEMS BELOW ARE OPTIONAL but very welcome...**
- ❖ 1 Pie crust (boxed or **unrefrigerated only**) NO Graham Cracker
 - ❖ 1 Pie filling (**canned only**, check to see if additional items are needed for recipe [ie. evaporated milk])
 - ❖ 1 Can cranberry sauce
 - ❖ 1 Large can sweet potatoes or yams (2 medium size okay)
 - ❖ 1 bread mix (pumpkin, banana, cranberry, orange, etc.)
 - ❖ 2 box Jello or Pudding mixes or individual pudding/jello servings



MONETARY DONATIONS NEEDED TO OFFSET THE COST OF TURKEY & GIFT CARDS

Please drop off your Thanksgiving Basket at St. Francis Parish Center (Catherine's Cupboard) on **Saturday or Sunday, November 1st/2nd thru November 15th/16th** before or after any Mass. **No later than November 19th**

OR

Drop off during normal parish center hours, Mon.--Thurs. 7:30AM to 4:30PM (Ring the doorbell beside the double doors if locked)

Attach this form to your bag or box

Any questions? Please contact Bev Krinik at (607)725-7645

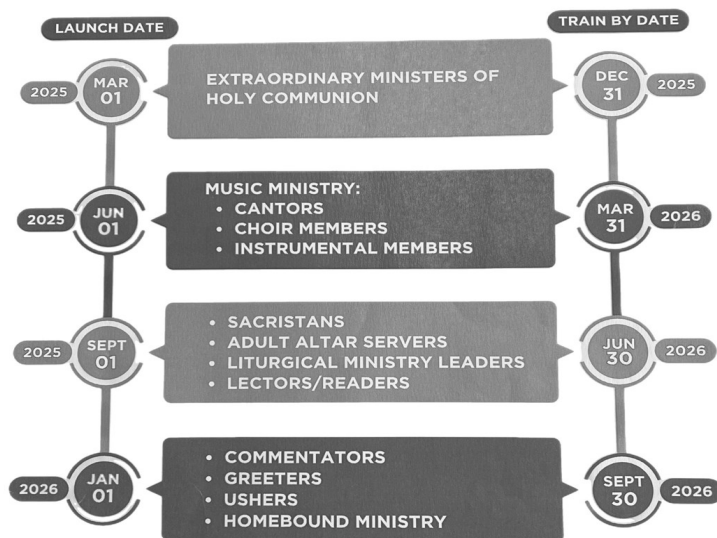
St. Mary of the Assumption Turkey Raffle Saturday, November 1st

Doors open at **5:30PM**, First Spin at **6:15PM**

St. Mary of the Assumption Church Basement
(Court & Fayette Street, Binghamton)

Cost: \$10/person Mac & Cheese, Hot Dogs, Beer, Wine

Safe Environment Training is Now Required



**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
October 25th & 26th, 2025

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Kylie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	McKenzie Murphy
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	TBD
4:00 Mass	Lector	Patti Klepfler
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Deacon Steve
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Rosemary Rounds
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Judy Daniels
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Kelly Mohny
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Kurt Mohny
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10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Quin Tallant
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Lyla Harlow
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Abby Harlow
10:30 Mass	Lector	Scott Iglar
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Deacon Steve
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Mary Jo Lucas
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Catherine Shafer
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Mary Mullaney
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Cherilyn Tallant

Children's Liturgy Schedule

October 19th— Ashley Cook & Ede Blabac

October 26th— Maria Kirk & Amy Drake

November 2nd— Ede & Sarah Blabac

November 9th— Dorene Aleccia & 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 to trust God. How does God help you in your daily life?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that persistence will pay off, if we continue to pray to God. How and when do you pray? How could you grow in the ways that you pray?

Question for Adults: When you pray, what do you ask for most often? How do you know God gives you this request?