

November 02, 2025

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, NY 13901

## In Memoriam on All Souls' Day

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### Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday:  
7:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Friday: Closed

### Confession:

2nd & 4th Saturday of every  
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**Saturday, November 1, Vigil of Sunday  
All Saints Day**  
8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People - **Liturgy in Church**  
4:00 p.m. Louis Mazzitelli by Chuck Healy

**Sunday, November 2, All Souls Day**  
10:30 a.m. Frank Ashman by Sister, Sally Everett

**Monday, November 3**  
12:00 p.m. Candela Grazia & Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

**Tuesday, November 4**  
8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

**Wednesday, November 5**  
12:00 p.m. Patrick Fitzgerald by Eileen & Mike Fitzgerald

**Thursday, November 6**  
8:00 a.m. Ed McGarry by Thomas McGarry

**Friday, November 7**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, November 8, Vigil of Sunday**  
4:00 p.m. Louis Mazzitelli by Louis Samela  
**Sunday, November 9, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

10:30 a.m. Antonio DeLuca 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 (10-28-25)**

Ordinary Contributions.....	\$4,448
Loose Cash.....	\$378
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$95
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$2,757
Catholic Schools.....	\$25
Other.....	\$2,391
Capital Campaign.....	\$50
<b>Total Contributions.....</b>	<b>\$10,144</b>

Ordinary Expenses.....	\$8,342
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$815
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$1,137
Capital Improvements.....	\$213
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$10,507</b>

**TOTAL.....(LOSS) —\$363**

*Please help keep our Parish going!*

**Faith Formation**

**Faith Formation this weekend for Grades K-8 at 9:00AM in the Parish Hall.**

**Confirmation's first session this weekend in the Parish Hall from 11:30AM—2:00PM. Please bring your green folder with you to class. Come with Group Service Project ideas and bring completed forms.**

**Looking Ahead:**

† First Reconciliation Rite of Changing Hearts will take place at the 10:30AM Mass next Sunday, November 9th.

**Children's Choir Schedule 2025:**

**November: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd**

**December: 7th, 14th, 21st**

**All rehearsals will be on Sunday from 11:45am-12:30pm.**

Contact Natalie Ehrensbeck via email ([natalieehrensbeck@gmail.com](mailto:natalieehrensbeck@gmail.com)) if there are any questions.

**ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MUST BE SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINED BY DECEMBER 31ST!**

All Eucharistic Ministers MUST be Safe Environment Trained by the end of the year. Maria Kirk will be facilitating an initial training session here at St. Francis of Assisi on Wednesday, December 10 @ 10:00AM in the Parish Hall. You MUST register online for this training, walk-ins are not allowed. Go to the diocesan website [www.syrdio.org](http://www.syrdio.org) click on ministries, select Safe Environment and follow the prompts for the correct training. If you have taken the initial training in the past, even if it's expired you can register for the re-certification training. You can do this training at any location in the diocese. If you have been trained in another diocese and your certification is current please contact Maria Kirk for certification in our diocese. If you have questions contact Maria Kirk via email [mkirk@syrdio.org](mailto:mkirk@syrdio.org) or by calling the parish center (607)722-4388.

**Prayer for All Souls Day**

*On this day, we are called to remember those who have died, particularly those who have died in the past year, and pray for their joyful reunion with you, their loving creator.*

*As your Son taught us to call the stranger neighbor, our fallen are many— names we will never know, voices we have never heard, in lands we may never visit, yet brothers and sisters all. And so we pray.*

*For victims of war, caught in the crossfires of conflicts we could not quell, for soldiers and civilians, adults and children, grant eternal rest, O Lord.*

*For those migrants who have died seeking a haven where they hoped to find safety and opportunity for themselves and for their families, grant eternal rest, O Lord.*

*For victims of hunger, denied their share in the bounty you have placed before us, grant eternal rest, O Lord.*

*For victims of disease, who died before adequate care could reach them, grant eternal rest, O Lord.*

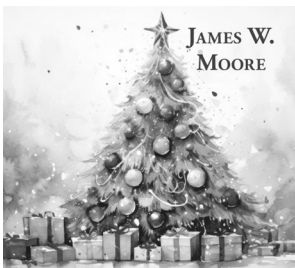
*For those refugees seeking asylum from war, who died in a land that was not their home, grant eternal rest, O Lord.*

*For victims of emergencies and calamities everywhere, who died amid chaos and confusion, grant eternal rest, O Lord.*

*Lord, as you command, we reach out to the fallen. We call on you on behalf of those we could not reach this year.*

*You raised your Son from the dead that all may share in his joyful resurrection. In Jesus' name, Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace. Amen.*

**Coming Soon: Advent Book Club**

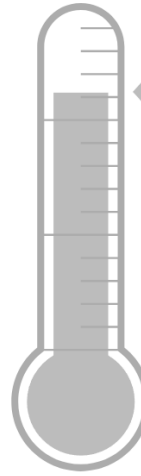


**WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?**

*An Advent Study for Adults*

Advent is just around the corner. Our three week Advent Book Club will begin on December 2nd and will end on December 16th. We are reading "What Do You Want For Christmas" by James W. Moore, an Advent study for adults with lessons for each week of Advent. As with all our book clubs, we have two group discussion times on Tuesdays at 2:00PM & 7:00PM. Call Delores at the parish center to get your books (607)722-4388.

**\$30,684**



Raised **\$24,420**

**2025 HOPE APPEAL**

Thank you for your support of the 2025 HOPE Appeal. We are inspired by the generosity of **95 donors** thus far in our parish. We have raised **\$24,420** 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".

**All Souls Day: Creation Care Tip**

*"For you love all things that exist, and detest none of the things that you have made, for you would not have made anything if you had hated it." —Wisdom 11:24*

Take some time this week to look around you, whether you are outside or simply looking out the window, and thank God for every living thing you can see, whether it is something you have appreciated in your life (the redwood tree in your neighbors' yard) or something you've given little to no thought to previously (the unidentified insect crawling across the windowsill). You will be amazed how many things God created that you don't normally think to give praise for.

**All Souls Day: Justice Challenge**

Sunday's Gospel is focused on a short tax collector and his encounter with Jesus. Zacchaeus must have often felt like the underdog. He was so short that he had to climb a tree just to see Jesus. His occupation made him an object of scorn and hatred for many Jews, who associated him with the Roman Empire for which he collected the tax. In addition, many tax collectors at the time were cheating the people by charging more tax than was required and keeping the difference for themselves. We don't know whether or not Zacchaeus was a cheat. What we do know is that his encounter with Jesus changed his life. Zacchaeus promised to not just be fair or just, but to be charitable with anyone whom he had mistreated. Your challenge this week is to examine your own life to see if you have been unjust to someone else—in your family, your school or workplace, your neighborhood or larger community. What can you do to right that wrong? How can your own encounters with Jesus give you the courage and compassion you need to treat others more justly and more lovingly?

**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!**

## Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule November 4th

**1:00—3:00PM**                      **5:00PM—Until Served**

R. Rounds, B. Grace, S. Wolf, C. Woodruff                      N. & D. Oliver, K. Dotson, and R. Rounds



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!

### Birthright Pizza Fundraiser

A portion of the proceeds for pizzas ordered on Wednesday November 12th will benefit Birthright.

Places to order are...

Cortese Binghamton 723-6477 11:30AM—9PM  
Grandees Binghamton 723-9011 11AM—10PM  
Rossis Pizza Johnson City 777-1313 10AM—8PM  
Please mention Birthright when you call or pick up.

### Give Blood!

### Honor the True Meaning of the Season!



#### In Memory of Megan Santa Croce

December 12th

8:30AM—1:30PM

St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall

Free Pura Vida Bracelet and famous Santa Croce  
Sticky Buns for all donors!

Sign up ahead at RedCrossBlood.org  
Walk-ins welcome!

### 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 [i.e. 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

## HOW IMMIGRATION WAS WEAPONIZED to Drive U.S. Democracy into Crisis



with Sarah Towle, author of "Crossing the Line: Finding America in the Borderlands"

**Wednesday, November 5 ■ 6:30-8pm**

at Binghamton United Presbyterian Church

*"Sarah Towle has obliterated today's dead-end arguments about immigration and transformed them into riveting human stories. We forget that ideas — good and bad — have always crossed our borderlines; only human beings need a piece of paper. We all deserve a narrative with clarity, and Towle has delivered. Spectacular!"*

—Ken Burns, filmmaker



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

**November 8th & 9th, 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	Kevin Murphy
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Deacon Steve
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Deb Carden
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Marge Mangan
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	John Artman
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Brenda Artman

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Daniel Dundon
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Lilly Dundon
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sienna Cook
10:30 Mass	Lector	Faith Formation
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Deacon Steve
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Anne Wolanski
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Ann Clune
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Jim Clune

**Children's Liturgy Schedule**

**November 2nd**— Ede & Sarah Blabac

**November 9th**— Dorene Aleccia & Amy Drake

**November 16th**— Ede & Sarah Blabac

**November 23rd**— Maria Kirk & Ashley Cook

**\*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:** How did Jesus do God's will?

**Question for Youth:** Why did Jesus come down from Heaven?

**Question for Adults:** How have your thoughts about death and eternal life developed over time?