

November 16, 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, November 15, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Margaret Pitel by Family

Sunday, November 16, Thirty –Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. 27th Anniv. Ryan Carr by Mom & Dad

Monday, November 17

12:00 p.m. Louis Mazzitelli by Bonnie Mando

Tuesday, November 18

8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, November 19

12:00 p.m. Mary McGarry by Tom

Thursday, November 20

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Friday, November 21

NO MASS

Saturday, November 22, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass - #11403

Sunday, November 23, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

10:30 a.m. Patrick Fitzgerald by Ron & Kathy Reich

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**

Profit & Loss Weekly Summary (11-11-25)

Ordinary Contributions.....	\$7,582
Loose Cash.....	\$283
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$277
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$3,798
Catholic Schools.....	\$90
Other.....	\$2,374
Capital Campaign.....	\$205
Total Contributions.....	\$14,609
Ordinary Expenses.....	\$8,426
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$769
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$1,134
Capital Improvements.....	\$200
Total Expenses.....	\$10,529
TOTAL.....	\$4,080

Faith Formation

Faith Formation this weekend for Grades K-8 from 9:00—10:15AM in the Parish Hall.

Looking Ahead:

† Confirmation 2026 Rite of Acceptance will take place at the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday, December 7th.

Children's Choir Schedule 2025:

November: 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) 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 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 or by calling the parish center (607)722-4388.

Prayers . . .

Please remember all of our parishioners who are in hospitals and nursing homes and our home-bound. Also, please pray for our deceased parishioners and loved ones.



Christian Nationalism or The Gospel Where do you stand?

Guest Speaker: Rev. David Gierlach
Retired Episcopal Priest in Hawaii
Known for his frequent video talks on YouTube
Wednesday, December 10th
7:00PM

St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall
1049 Chenango Street, Binghamton, NY 13901

Join us for an in depth discussion on why and how The gospel's mandate to serve all of humanity is in direct conflict with the exclusionary and power-focused aspects of Christian nationalism. All are welcome!



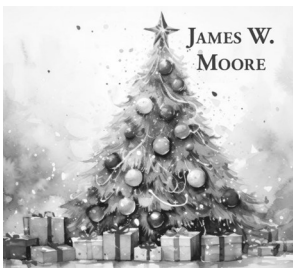
Festive Holiday Wagon Rides with BSA Troop 199 Friday, December 5th 5PM—8PM



Departing from St. Francis of Assisi Church Parking Lot
Reservations Required
Contact Michael Savage (607) 422-0731 for reservation and payment (\$15/rider for 20 min.)
A portion of the proceeds will benefit Catherine's Cupboard.

In coordination with Gates Carriage Services LLC

Coming Soon: Advent Book Club

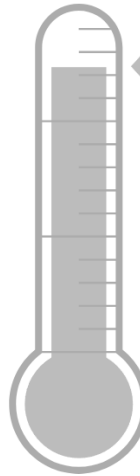


Advent is just around the corner. Our three week Advent Book Club will begin on December 2nd and will end on December 16th. We are reading "What Do You Want For Christmas" by James W. Moore, an Advent study for adults with lessons for each week of Advent. As with all our book clubs, we have two group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

WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?

An Advent Study for Adults

\$30,684



Raised **\$26,935**

2025 HOPE APPEAL

Thank you for your support of the 2025 HOPE Appeal. We are inspired by the generosity of **110 donors** thus far in our parish. We have raised **\$26,935** 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 or drop it off at the parish office. You can also donate online at syrdio.org/hopeappeal or on our parish website's "online giving" tab.

Please join us for Parents Night Out

Drop off 5:30-6pm Pickup 8-8:30pm

In the Parish Hall

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER**

12 Kids potty trained and older
Movies, games, crafts and dinner provided
RSVP to mkirk@syrdio.org

Healing Service

Sr. Brigid O'Mahony and the Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus will hold a healing service for those suffering from physical and mental strains. Pat Foley will provide the music. All are welcome to attend.

St. Francis of Assisi
(1049 Chenango Street, Binghamton NY 13901)
Thursday, December 4th @ 4:00PM

Catherine's Cupboard Distribution Volunteer Schedule November 18th

1:00—3:00PM

5:00PM—Until Served

M. & D. Cole and K. & T. Barhart

S. & A. Faughnan, A. Smilnak, and M. Mizzoni



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 and Thanksgiving Basket *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*!

We have a few more days to drop off Thanksgiving baskets. WE NEED YOUR HELP COMING INTO THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

HELP IS NEEDED FOR:

Unloading Food Truck

⇒ Tuesday, November 18th
⇒ 10—11:30AM

Thanksgiving Basket Distribution

⇒ Saturday, November 22nd
⇒ 9AM—12noon

PARISH CENTER PARKING LOT
CALL 607 725 7645 IF YOU CAN HELP
DRESS WARMLY

Birthright Pizza Fundraiser

A portion of the proceeds for pizzas ordered on Wednesday November 19th will benefit Birthright. Places to order are...

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

Will You Need a Break From Cooking Around the Thanksgiving Holiday?

Chenango Bridge Fire Company is hosting a "Hometown Heroes Food Truck" fundraiser (featuring a variety of made-to-order sub sandwiches)
11/24 — 11/29

(excluding Thanksgiving day)
11AM—7PM

Station #1 (13 Kattelville Rd, Binghamton)

Proceeds benefit CBFC, so please lend your support.



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

Catherine's Cupboard Heavily Effected by SNAP Freeze

Tuesday, November 4th was Catherine's Cupboard's first day open after SNAP (formerly food stamps) was cut off due to the federal budget. WE did our best to prepare for what we knew would be an immense wave of people in need. The food distribution truck arrived at 10:00AM with **4,880 pounds of food (costing \$5,095)**. We started serving people by 10:45AM. We finally stopped serving people about **8.5 hours later** at 7:15PM! They just kept coming and coming. In total, **435 people** were fed by our wonderful volunteers. **This was the most we have ever served in one day in the 23 years we have been open.** The shelves are empty as well as the refrigerators and freezers, but people have some food to help them out during this unprecedented time. We had a local religious leader helping to provide food for 7 out of 33 undocumented families in fear and hiding. We saw many new faces, some had never been to a pantry before. We also saw those who came by to donate food and money to help keep Catherine's Cupboard going. It was an overwhelming and exhaustingly long day, but it truly exemplified "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me." **THANK YOU to all of you for your ongoing support. We can't do this without YOUR HELP!**

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
November 22nd & 23rd, 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	Joe Sardella
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Deacon Steve
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Beatrice Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Robert Grace
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Betsy Ann Shields
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Mike Stricek

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Daniel Dundon
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Lilly Dundon
10:30 Mass	Lector	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Deacon Steve
10:30 Mass	EM Host	David Hanzes
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Virginia Thompson
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Scott Iglar
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Donna Iglar

Children's Liturgy Schedule

November 23rd— Maria Kirk & Ashley Cook

November 30th— **ONLINE ONLY**

December 7th— Ede & Sarah Blabac

December 14th— Dorene Aleccia & Maria Kirk

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 work is good for us. What kind of work do you do during the week? How does it help you?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that even though bad things will happen, we are safe in God. When have you felt the safety of God's life in your own life?

Question for Adults: Paul's words to the Thessalonians are tough: if you want to eat, you must work! How does this translate into our society today? How do you reconcile this with Jesus' command to love and feed the poor?