

November 23, 2025

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, NY 13901

HAPPY
THANKSGIVING
REMEMBERING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

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Office Hours:

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

Monday, November 24
 12:00 p.m. Gregory Peterson by Bonnie Mando

Tuesday, November 25
 8:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Wednesday, November 26
 12:00 p.m. 18th Anniv. Ed Farthing by Wife, Pat & Family

Thursday, November 27, Thanksgiving Day
 9:00a.m. Liturgy for the People - **Liturgy in Church**

Friday, November 28
NO MASS

Saturday, November 29, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Sebastian & Betty Parasiliti by Family

Sunday, November 30, First Sunday of Advent
 10:30 a.m. Richard Kapinus by the Kapinus 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**

Profit & Loss Weekly Summary (11-17-25)

Ordinary Contributions.....	\$6,007
Loose Cash.....	\$301
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$172
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$3,270
Catholic Schools.....	\$5
Other.....	\$2,374
Capital Campaign.....	\$3,090
Total Contributions.....	\$15,219
Ordinary Expenses.....	\$8,426
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$769
Catherine's Cupboard.....	\$1,134
Capital Improvements.....	\$200
Total Expenses.....	\$10,529
TOTAL.....	\$4,690

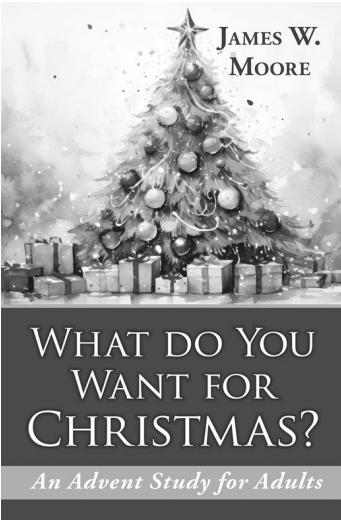
Please help keep our Parish going!

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

No Faith Formation November 30, Happy Thanksgiving!

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: 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.



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.

ATTENTION: Lectors, EMs & Altar Servers
 It is time again to make the schedule for January, February, and March. 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 607-648-2784 or by cell phone 607-206-3469 **BEFORE DECEMBER 22ND!**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING LIVING A LIFE OF GRATITUDE

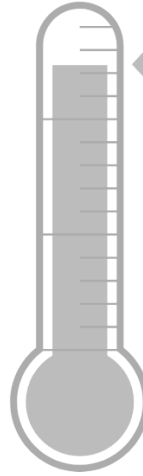
Happy Thanksgiving! This week we celebrate a holiday that is close to all of our hearts. Food, family and friends.....what more can you ask for? I would like to suggest a slight change of one letter in the word "Thanksgiving". That is to replace the "G" with the letter "L", making it Thanks-Living. Let us try to our best to live our lives in "an attitude of gratitude" for all the blessings that we have received from our God who is so Gracious. Although today is a federal holiday and a national celebration of the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon this land for many centuries, we can make it our own day to reflect on the abundant blessings God has so generously shared. The words of Psalm 138 are so appropriate for today, "How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?"

As your pastor I would like to express my gratitude to all of you, the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi.

You have been so generous to the parish with your time, talent, and treasure, all of which helps in our mission. I have been greatly blessed personally, and I am extremely grateful for the many ways you have extended your generosity to me. Know my heartfelt gratitude! I am also deeply grateful for the staff I work with. You know they must put up with me! Seriously, I hope you are grateful for all they do for you, work that is so often unseen. Not only the everyday staff but all the volunteers who are always ready to assist. As we gather on Thursday with family and friends, let us all take a moment to thank the Lord, like the leper in the gospel who returned and expressed his gratitude to Christ who healed him. And may we also ask that Our Lord continue to bless our country, and may we be mindful of those who are less fortunate than ourselves, asking the Lord to keep them in his tender and merciful care.

*May the light of our gratitude burn brightly in our hearts and in our world. In the silence of our hearts, let each of us give thanks for all the many gifts that are ours. Let us also be mindful of those today who are not now present with us here: those who have gone before us, those in the present time, and those to be born whom we will love. God of all good gifts, from your holy heart has come a flood of gifts upon us. With uplifted hearts, we gather together to thank you with prayer and with worship of feasting. We are grateful not only for the gift of life itself, but for all the gifts of friendship, love, devotion, and forgiveness that we have shared. May we give our thanks by lives of service, by deeds of hospitality, by kindness to strangers and by concern for one another. We are most grateful this feast day for the way You, our God, are visible to us in one another, in countless daily gifts, in the marvels of creation. We bless you oh God, for the blessings of our lives; and invite you to bless our table and all of the food of this feast that we share. Let us thank the Lord today and all days.
Amen.*

\$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.

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!



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.

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Thursday, December 4th @ 4:00PM

**Catherine's Cupboard Distribution
Volunteer Schedule
December 2nd**

1:00—3:00PM **5:00PM—Until Served**

M. Carnes, K. Corcoran,
D. Dobish, and M. Hayes

G. Thompson, G. Pend-
leton, M. & 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!



**Too many leftovers
of delicious
Thanksgiving and
holiday food?
Contact the Parish
Center at
607-722-4388 for
how to provide food
for people in need.**

**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 20 min.)
A portion of the proceeds will
benefit Catherine's Cupboard.**

In coordination with Gates Carriage Services LLC

**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.



Our Giving Tree will be up on **November 22nd until Sunday, December 7th with over 135 tags.** Please pick a tag and purchase the requested item, then return back to the tree area no later than on **December 7th.**

Please place gifts in gift bags, but not wrapped and be sure the tag is securely attached. Gifts will be going to **The Children's Home, Elizabeth Church Manor Nursing home, and Birthright of Binghamton.**

If tags are gone and you'd like to get a general gift, please choose from the following: tin of cookies, chocolates, stuffed animals, gloves, hats or warm socks. This has been a long tradition for our parish and enjoyed by those who give and those who receive. Thanks to our volunteers and Confirmation Candidates who help to organize and distribute the gifts. **THANK YOU** for your generosity!



Please join us for
**Parents Night
Out**

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

In the Parish Hall

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER**

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

**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!**

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
November 29th & 30th, 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	Michael Gaetani
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Larry Koch
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Kelly Mohny
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Kurt Mohny
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Mary Russik
4:00 Mass	EM Cup	Patrick Doyle

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Quin Tallant
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Sienna Cook
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Clare Blackman
10:30 Mass	Lector	Lois Chojnacki
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Maureen Mizzoni
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Ann Clune
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Jim Clune
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Ede Blabac
10:30 Mass	EM Cup	Anne Wolanski

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 is always kind to those who love him. How do you show your love for Jesus?

Question for Youth: This week we celebrate Christ the King. In the best sense of the word, a King is some one who cares for the people under his care, and also has authority over them. When have you felt Jesus' care for you? How do you allow Jesus to have authority over you?

Question for Adults: As you think about Jesus on the cross, having compassion on the "good thief," what lesson do you draw from it for your own life?