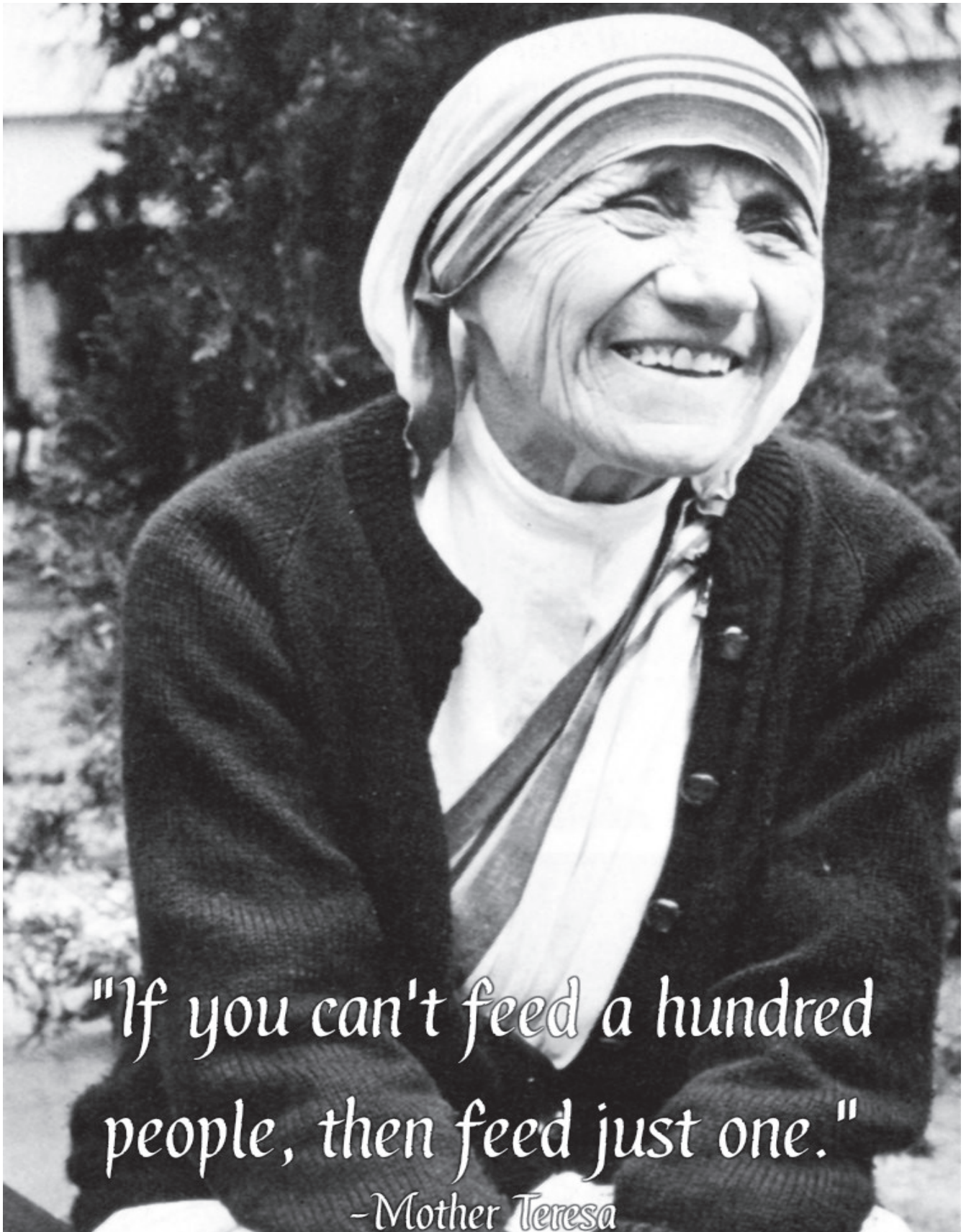


September 4, 2016

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



*"If you can't feed a hundred
people, then feed just one."*

-Mother Teresa



Saturday, September 3, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. William Heath by Yvette Heath & Family

Sunday, September 4, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. David M. Hanzas by Family
11:00 a.m. Dc. Ray Goskowski by the Dotson Family

Monday, September 5, Labor Day
NO MASS

Tuesday, September 6
8:00 a.m. Rita Clark by Mary Ellen Meskell

Wednesday, September 7
8:00 a.m. Gary Sage by Friends & Neighbors

Thursday, September 8
8:00 a.m. Ronald Skrebes by Chuck & Kathy Ferrance

Friday, September 9
NO MASS

Saturday, September 10, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Dorie & Jimmy Rhoades by Family

Sunday, September 11, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Rita Holtslander by Jan & Jim Kalivoda
11:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family

Catherine's Cupboard

Our parish pantry is open to anyone in need of food. We are open on the **1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** No requirements except to show ID showing who you are. A person can come as often as needed. We are here to help, not to judge. So please pass the word to anyone you think may need assistance. Canned or dry goods, plus paper & personal care products (**toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, baby diapers, women's personal items**) are always needed and welcome. Drop off in the barrel at the church foyer or leave the items in the Parish Center any time.

Soup Kitchen

In August, your generosity amounted to \$267.70. Thank you!

Last Weekend's Offering (08-28-16)

184 Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,597.45
Loose Collection.....	\$393.00
Electronic Donation.....	\$425.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,415.45

**Thank you, everyone for your donations.
They are greatly appreciated!**

Faith Formation

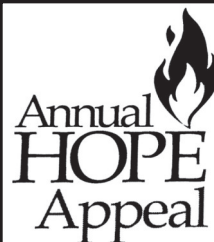
Faith Formation registrations are due by **September 8th.** Please be sure to fill out a form and return it to Maria Kirk so that class lists can be prepared for our upcoming Faith Formation year.

If you have misplaced your registration packet, there are extras available on the ushers' table or on our website. Registrations can also be filled out online at <http://www.stfrancisbing.org/faith-formation-registration-form.html>.

Faith Formation begins next **Sunday, September 11th at 9:30 A.M. in the Church.** We will begin with a Prayer Service, and classes will be dismissed with their catechist to the school for a brief session. Parents are asked to meet in the church for a short information meeting while the students are at class. **Classes will return to the church by 10:45 A.M.**

Pre-Baptism Class

A Baptism Preparation Class will be held on **Tuesday, September 20th at 6:00 P.M.,** in the Faith Formation Office, 1031 Chenango ST. If you are expecting or have recently given birth and wish to have your baby Baptized, please call Maria Kirk to make arrangements to attend.



Thank you to our parishioners who have made a pledge to the Annual HOPE Appeal. If you have not yet responded to The HOPE Appeal, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge to help support the needs of our diocese.

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 especially, Marilyn Bennett.



Prayer for Labor Day

God of Creation, help us celebrate Labor Day by recalling the Church's teaching on work and workers' rights, as well as by praying for all workers and those seeking work. We celebrate the Church's long history defending workers' rights and the right to unions. We acknowledge that we are all called to work as co-creators of the Kingdom of God, as Blessed John Paul II has instructed us, and as builders of the common good. We affirm that work is central to the development of the human person and can enable them to contribute to the common good. We know that work is first for the good of workers, for their own human flourishing, and not primarily for profits. We recognize that all workers have dignity and that all workers must be treated with respect. We call for a just minimum wage so all families can have decent living conditions. We support the calls for workers' health and safety in all working environments. As we reflect on our Church's teachings, we pray for all those currently employed and ask that they enjoy the dignity of work and all the rights to which workers are entitled. We especially pray for those who are unemployed and seeking work; may they know the support of our communities, and may they be graced by solace and hope so they do not despair. We pray that our local, state, and Federal government leadership work together to find solutions so that all who seek work may find a decent position in workplaces that uphold the dignity of the worker. Give us all the gift of good work and the satisfaction of jobs well done. God of creation, hear our prayer. Amen

5th Annual Southern Tier Pastoral Care Conf.

Sister Donald Corcoran, O.S.B., from Transfiguration Monastery in Windsor, will be the presenter for this conference on "The Acts of Mercy," to be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Hall, 801 Main St., Vestal, on Tuesday, October 11th. The day will begin with Mass at 9:00 a.m., include lunch, and end at 2:00 p.m. All of our parishioners who visit our homebound and nursing home parishioners or work in funeral or bereavement ministries are cordially invited. For more information, to register, and/or to car pool, please call Sister Karen at 722-4388 by Monday, September, 19th.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Bereavement Support Program

A new Bereavement Support Program will begin here on Tuesday, September 20, from 1:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m. in St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center, 1031 Chenango St. for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. Such a loss is one of life's most difficult experiences, but sharing one's thoughts and feelings with others, who have had a similar loss, can be helpful on the journey from grief to healing. To register for this 10-week process and for more information, please call Sister Karen (daytimes) at the Parish Center at 722-4388 or Rose O'Neil (evenings) at 772-0820 by Monday, September 12 so that books can be ordered.

Speaking of Labor Day...

On this occasion of Labor Day, I want to extend my heartfelt THANK YOU to you, the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi, for the work you do for the parish community throughout the year. So many of you do things that are often in the background but so necessary for our mission as a parish, Summer in parishes can be a very quiet time, but that wasn't the reality for our parish. Many of you helped with Vacation Bible School, some are initiating a community garden, many donating school supplies and quilts for a parish fundraiser, others landscaping the church grounds.

Then there was last Sunday's picnic— what a great, beautiful summer day. The planning, setting up, food, and clean up went so well. THANK YOU to all who came and also those who did so much to make it a wonderful afternoon at Port Dick Park. Congratulations to Carol Botting, who won the 50/50 raffle at the picnic.

This Labor Day a deep expression of gratitude goes to our parish staff: Dc. Steve Blabac, Sue Ekstrom, Delores Farwell, Sr. Karen Gaube, Fred Hazlett, Maria Kirk, Tony Mazza, Barb McMahan and Ed Savo. Five days a week they work faithfully and generously in furthering the mission of our parish. When you see them, thank them for their service.

May all that we do be for the greater glory and honor of God!

Happy Labor Day,
-Fr. Tim

A thought as school begins...

"The difference between school and life? In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson."

-Tom Bodett

Prayers to all teachers, administration and students as another school year begins. Best of luck!

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Sponsor of the Week

St. Francis of Assisi would like to thank:

Ms. Judy's Hair Plus

1648 Upper Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13901
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Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule
Transportation

Week of September 4th — **LABOR DAY weekend**
Week of September 11th — George & Pat Clark

Shelving (Mondays)

September 5th — **LABOR DAY**
September 12th — K. Mohny

Distribution

September 6th — R. & P. Scales, R. O'Neil,
K. Dotson, M. Hayes, R. Serafini
September 20th — M. Walsh, M. Turna, M. Quinn,
J. Wyatt, A. & S. Faughnan

****FOOD PANTRY HELP NEEDED****

Tuesday, September 6th, at 10:00 A.M. the food pantry needs help moving a shipment of food. The truck leaves all items in the driveway of the Parish Center, and we need to move it in and shelf it. **Please call us at 725-7645 for details!**

Danielle House Volunteers Needed

Danielle House, our local healthcare hospitality home, is in need of volunteers. If you are looking to invest a few hours each week to serve families in a medical crisis, Danielle House may be the charity you would love to be a part of. To learn more, please visit our website: www.daniellehouse.org, or call 724-1549.

Maine's GiveBack Program

Maine's Food and Party Warehouse has a GiveBack Program whereby they offer nonprofit organizations a financial reward for all purchases made at their stores. This free year-round fundraiser provides a check rebate worth 5% for member's cumulative purchases made at their store throughout the year. Rebates are provided biannually. Many St. Francis of Assisi Parish members are currently members in this program, and you also can help us if you are not currently a member. Here's how: The next time you are shopping at Maine's, go to the information desk and tell them you are a member of the St. Francis of Assisi Parish and would like to sign up for our Parish's GiveBack Program (our Reward Number is 2007622). They will give you a form to fill out and return. Soon, you'll receive a card that you can swipe when you make your food purchases, and the parish will benefit financially from your purchase. OR, fill out a form located in the back of the church and we'll coordinate the effort with Maine's to have a card sent to you. Thank you to all current "members" in the program and to all new members who apply.

Gluten Free Hosts

If you have Celiac Disease, bring it to Fr. Tim's attention because we have hosts available for this need.

Mother Teresa's Humility List:

1. Speak as little as possible about yourself.
2. Keep busy with your own affairs and not those of others.
3. Avoid curiosity.
4. Do not interfere in the affairs of others.
5. Accept small irritations with good humor.
6. Do not dwell on the faults of others.
7. Accept censures even if unmerited
8. Give in to the will of others.
9. Accept insults and injuries.
10. Accept contempt, being forgotten and disregarded.
11. Be courteous and delicate even when provoked by someone.
12. Do not seek to be admired and loved.
13. Do not protect yourself behind your own dignity.
14. Give in, in discussions, even when you are right.
15. Choose always the more difficult task.

Attention! Altar Servers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers

Once again we will be preparing the next servers and lay ministers schedule. The deadline for requests is Tuesday, September 13th. If you are a new server or lay minister and would like to be added to the schedule or for anyone who would like to make any changes or requests, please call Lynda Carpenter at 772-6732 (cell is 206-2798) or email at joseph.carpenter28@gmail.com. Also, please let Lynda Carpenter know if you would like your email address included in your contact information. THANK YOU!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The new season of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin on Sunday, September 11th at 9:15 am. We will meet in the Emmaus Room, #104 in the basement of the school. We currently expect three new people to join us so this would be a good year for anyone who has been thinking about becoming Catholic as there will be others present to share in the conversations. Please think about joining us!

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
September 10th & 11th, 2016

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Rick Allabaugh
EM Host	Larry Koch
EM Host	Judy Murphy
EM Host	Betsy Shields
EM Cup	Mary Cooney
EM Cup	Bob Shields
EM Cup	Terry Hanifin
EM Cup	Tony Mazza
Altar Server	Mikey Schultz
Altar Server	Mary Katherine Doyle
Altar Server	Bryan Heller

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Ed & Kay Corcoran
EM Host	Marie Iobst
EM Host	Denise Baxter
EM Host	Steve Baxter
EM Cup	Ed White
EM Cup	Mary DeNinis
EM Cup	Donna Iglar
EM Cup	Scott Iglar
Altar Server	Lauren White
Altar Server	Braedan Krisko
Altar Server	Kathryn White

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Brian Sirgany
EM Host	David Hanzes
EM Host	Chris Gill
EM Host	Steve Church
EM Cup	Pat Clark
EM Cup	Lyndsey Church
EM Cup	David Gill
EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
Altar Server	
Altar Server	Quinn Sirgany
Altar Server	Katelyn Church

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Jesus says that in order to be one of his followers, we must be close to him. When do you feel closest to Jesus?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells his disciples that they must renounce their possessions in order to be His disciple. If you had to, could you leave everything behind to be with God? What would hold you back? How much of a struggle would it be?

Question for Adults: Today's Gospel is demanding. How do you as a modern man or woman "denounce your possessions?" What does this mean for you?

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