

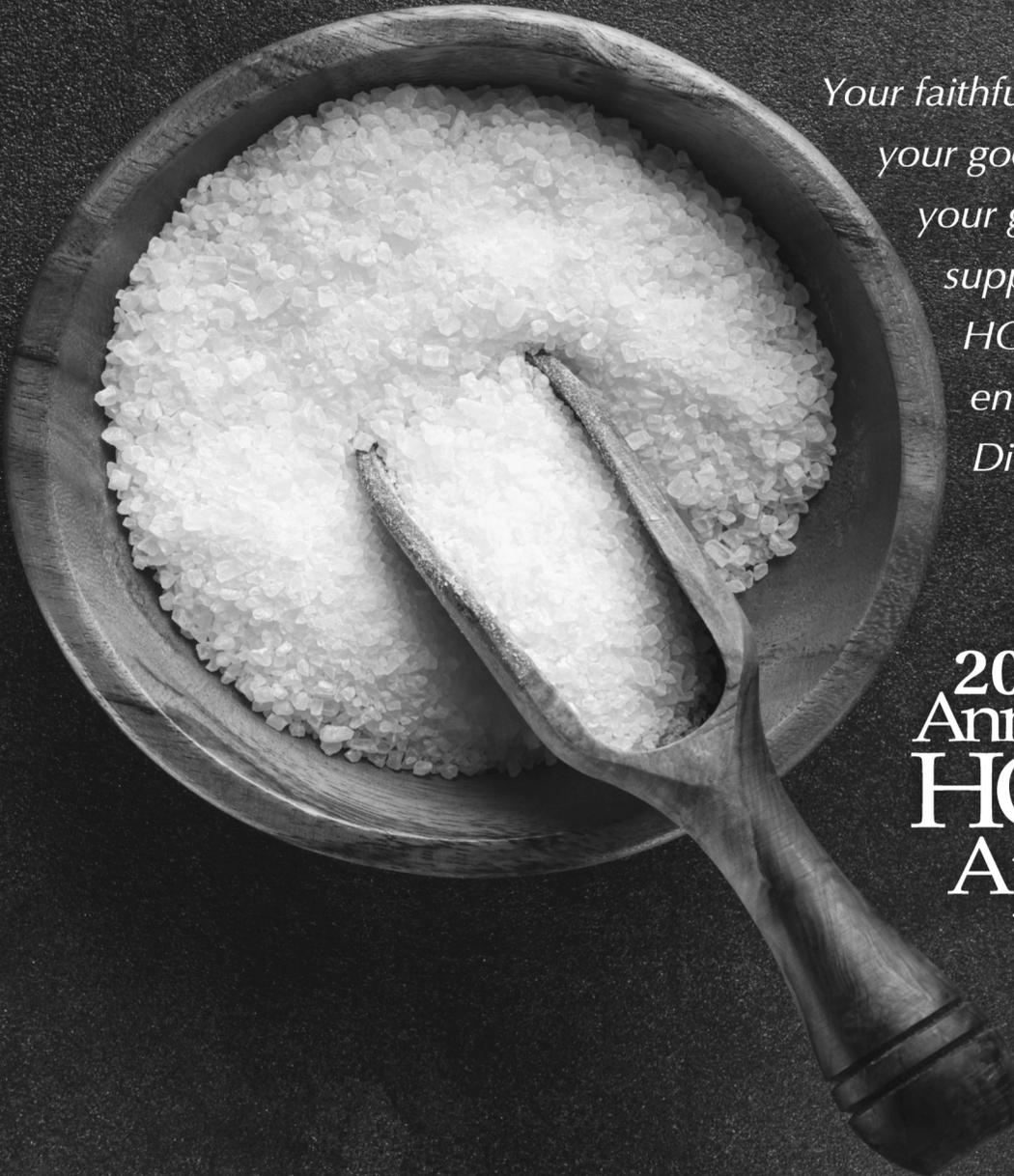
September 12, 2021

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

Ordinary people who live quiet lives of deep goodness...

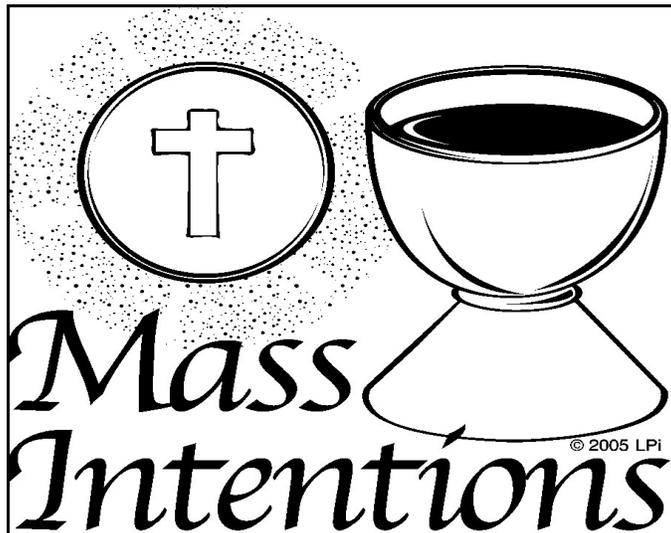
You are the
SALT *of the Earth*
(Matthew 5:13)



*Your faithfulness,
your goodness and
your generous
support of the
HOPE Appeal
enrich our
Diocesan family.*

2021
Annual
HOPE
Appeal 

Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse



Saturday, September 11, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Sue Cleary by Mary Russik

Sunday, September 12, Twenty-Fourth

Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Bernadette Keough by Sally & Dick Everett

Monday, September 13

12:00 p.m. Rob Loftus by Wife, Sheila

Tuesday, September 14

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Wednesday, September 15

12:00 p.m. Joyce Jeuck by Dot Davies

Thursday, September 16

8:00 a.m. Rev. Thomas Hobbes by Bonnie Mando

Friday, September 17

NO MASS

Saturday, September 18, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. George Koons by Family

Sunday, September 19, Twenty-Fifth

Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Charlotte Dudley by Pat Gosch

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.

Weekend's Offering (09-06-21)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,477.00
Loose Collection.....	\$284.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$3,192.00
Total Collection.....	\$9,953.00

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation

Registration information was mailed and is also available online. Faith Formation will begin on October 3rd with a family event "Salt and Light", a presentation by Frank Runyeon. Classes for K-9 will begin October 17th at 9:15AM.

Confirmation 2021

The final session for Candidates and their Sponsor will be held **September 19th beginning at 9:15AM** in the parish hall. If your child's sponsor cannot attend please be sure someone is with your child for this session.

We will celebrate Confirmation with Bishop Cunningham, **Sunday October 10th at 10:30 Mass.**

PARISH MISSION (Oct. 3, 4, & 5)

"A Journey to Joy" Frank Runyeon's 3 day mission responding to Pope Francis' call: Embark on a new chapter of Evangelism marked by...JOY.

Frank Runyeon will be here October 3-4-5, beginning with a Family Faith Formation presentation on October 3rd at 9:15AM, followed by a 3 evening mission October 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Watch the bulletin and website for more info.



MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES...

The new schedule starting this weekend is as follows....

St. Francis of Assisi	4:00PM (Vigil)
St. Paul's.....	5:30PM (Vigil)
St. Mary of the Assumption.....	7:30AM
St. Paul's.....	9:00AM
St. Francis of Assisi	10:30AM
St. Mary of the Assumption.....	12:00PM (Noon)

Prayers . . .

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

Second Sunday of the Season of Creation

The world's top Christian leaders — Pope Francis, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the spiritual leader of Orthodox Christians — on Tuesday, September 7th issued a joint appeal for delegates at the upcoming climate summit to “listen to the cry of the Earth” and make sacrifices to save the planet.

“We must decide what kind of world we want to leave to future generations,” they said. But in the statement, they also noted that the threat is no longer far off.

“The extreme weather and natural disasters of recent months reveal afresh to us with great force and at great human cost that climate change is not only a future challenge, but an immediate and urgent matter of survival,” said the statement from Francis, Archbishop Justin Welby of the Anglican Communion and the Istanbul-based Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I.

The statement sought to give a sense of urgency to the upcoming U.N. climate summit, which Francis at least is expected to attend in person. The conference, known as COP26, is scheduled for early November in Glasgow, Scotland.

“This is the first time that the three of us feel compelled to address together the urgency of environmental sustainability, its impact on persistent poverty, and the importance of global cooperation,” they wrote.

Individuals have a role to play, but leaders bear the greatest responsibility to take courageous decisions in Glasgow, the statement said.

“We say: choose people-centered profits; make short-term sacrifices to safeguard all our futures; become leaders in the transition to just and sustainable economies.”



Riverbank Clean-Up Volunteer Opportunity

In this Season of Creation let's cleanup our area riverbanks. If you take a walk along our rivers and streams you can see that they are in distress. The amount of litter easily rivals that of the 1970s. The Broome County Planning Department and Environmental Management Council (EMC) “Riverbank Cleanup” event will take place on **Saturday, October 16th** (rain date on October 17th). They are encouraging groups to organize a team to work together on this much needed project.

Let's form the St. Francis of Assisi Team and work together. The team can be made up of individuals, families, and youth (don't forget this could be also have the added bonus of being a perfect project for required community service hours). Organizers will provide us with some basic supplies including trash bags and gloves. If interested please call the parish center (722-4388).

Healing Mass at St. Thomas

On Thursday, October 7th, Father Amedeo Guida will celebrate a healing mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Binghamton at 7:00PM. All are welcome to attend!

Annual HOPE Appeal

This weekend is HOPE Appeal Weekend! Together, when we pledge our gift to the Annual HOPE Appeal, we are giving thanks to Christ for the innumerable gifts we've been given and helping our friends and neighbors who benefit each year from the diocesan good

works funded through our annual appeal.

I am asking all parishioners to contribute to this year's HOPE Appeal. If we all give, we will easily meet St. Francis of Assisi's HOPE Appeal goal, which is our parish share of the support for HOPE Appeal-funded ministries, programs, and services. If we exceed our target, 100 percent of the excess will be returned directly to our parish to use for our continued church restoration project. However, if we do not meet our goal of **\$41,618.70**, the shortfall will be taken from our general fund. In an effort to meet our goal, I am asking every family in the parish to consider a minimum gift of \$175.00 (averages out to \$0.48 a day or \$14.38 a month). If you are able to contribute more, I strongly encourage you to do so. If you are not able to make the minimum gift, please give what you can. Your gift, no matter the size, whether it is a pledge or a one-time gift, is important. Thank you to everyone returning their HOPE Appeal pledge card this weekend!

If you are still prayerfully considering your HOPE pledge, you may bring your completed pledge card to Mass next weekend or drop it by the parish office. You may also pledge your gift to our parish's campaign online at www.syrдио.org.



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Justice Challenge

The second reading for Sunday is from James' letter. He challenges us to not just talk about helping others, but to actually DO it. Then we hear in the Gospel Jesus' challenge to deny ourselves, carry our crosses, and follow him.

Your challenge this week is to have a conversation with your family to figure out the connection between doing something for a person in need and being a follower of Jesus. Then choose a person whom you have talked about and for whom you feel compassion because they are in a difficult situation. This time don't just talk about it; do something to help the person in a specific, concrete way.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELIVING

Distribution

September 21st— K. & T. Barnhart, A. & S. Faughnan

Catherine's Cupboard Needs Greeting Cards and Calendars

Catherine's Cupboard Food Pantry wants your extra 2022 calendars! Its that time of year when greeting cards and calendars are arriving in the mail. Please remember we use them at Catherine's Cupboard. Last year we gave out over 250 calendars and even more in greeting cards. Just drop them in the barrel at church or leave at parish center for us. Thank you!

St. Anthony's Holy Name Society Captain & Crew Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 18th

9:00AM Shotgun Start

Apalachin Golf Course

Men's, Women's, and Mixed Teams

\$80/Golfer Includes:

Greens Fees/Cart/Steak Dinner/Prizes/Skins

Registration Fees Due: September 11th

To Register Call Nick @ 748-8686

PARISH REGISTRATION

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you, celebrating with us, whether you're a long-time resident or newly arrived in the Parish. Please check the appropriate box and place in the collection basket or return to the Parish Center. *We thank God that you're with us.*

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

New Parishioner, send registration form

Change of address or phone number

Temporarily away. Stop envelopes

Moving, please remove from Parish Roster

Catholic Charities Thanksgiving Baskets

Individuals and families living in Broome County will have the opportunity to sign-up for a Thanksgiving basket. Baskets will include all the items needed for a wonderful holiday meal.

Sign-ups will take place **September 7th—October 15th**, by calling the United Way **211 phone number (dial 2 1 1) or by calling 1-800-901-2180**. Calling hours will be from **8:00AM—5:00PM Monday—Friday**. Please have information on hand for every person within the household prior to making the call.

One Thanksgiving basket will be provided per household to individuals and families in need. Each household will receive a confirmation number from 211; **the confirmation number will be needed to pick up the basket.**

As Thanksgiving approaches, families who signed up will receive a phone call or mailed document one to two weeks before Thanksgiving for information, date, time, and location to pick up the basket. **Families should expect to pick up their baskets on the weekend of November 19th--November 21st.**

The Thanksgiving basket coordination program is a joint effort between Catholic Charities, United Way 211, local parishes, iHeart Media, and several local contributing businesses.

Why Return to the Church? Question Reflection

1. Can you think of any time in your life that you returned to something you had given up? How did you feel? What made it easy? What made it hard?
2. Many people find that the church supports a lot of the basic human values they treasure, e.g., family, inner peace, personal dignity, integrity, and hope. What values do you think the church can best support in your life?
3. If you were to name the most important thing you received from your Catholic heritage, what would you say that it was? How do you see that continuing in your present and future life?

Faith on a Journey Catholic Cruise

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY to Fatima, Lourdes, & Shrines of Spain— (Portugal, Spain, and France) on a 12 day experience. April 5th—16th, 2022. Land prices begin at \$2069/person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of only \$500/person will reserve your spot. For more info or to register, contact Luke or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or email Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com

Hospital Visitation

Please remember, if you or another parishioner gets admitted to either Binghamton General Hospital or UHS Wilson Medical Center and you wish to be visited by Fr. Tim you need to tell someone. You should indicate that you are Catholic and belong to St. Francis of Assisi parish and that you wish to be visited by Fr. Tim or another Clergy member if you wish.

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
September 18th & 19th, 2021

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector.....Rosemary Rounds
EM.....Debby Carden

10:30 A.M. Mass

Lector.....Shirley McCray
EM.....Marie Iobst

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule
September 18th & 19th

4:00 P.M.

Alison and Dan Brennan

10:30 A.M.

Ede Blabac and Bridget Vavra

Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org
to view our latest Sunday mass and
Children's Liturgy.

We will continue to post new videos of our
weekend liturgies by 4:00PM on Saturdays,
for those who must stay home due to health
and/or safety concerns.

Also find the videos on our
Facebook (search "@stfrancisbing")
YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)

**You can still view weekend mass and
children's liturgy virtually!**

Question of the Week

Question for Children: What do
think it means for you to follow in Je-
sus footsteps?

Question for Youth: Who do you say
that Jesus is? Who is Jesus in your
life?

Question for Adults: What is the
cross that you carry today? How do
you follow Jesus in the workplace
and at home

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