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*January 16, 2022*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me?  
My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

Week of January 9, 2022



		On-line
St Matthew's	\$ 6,600	\$ 548
St Mary	\$ 4,821	\$ 722
St Francis	\$ 1,959	\$ 380
Subtotal	\$ 13,380	\$ 1,650
TOTAL	\$ 15,030	

Parish Office Closed  
Monday, January 17th  
in observance of  
Martin Luther King



### On Our Knees Prayer and Fasting Campaign For the Dobbs Supreme Court Case

On January 22nd each year, the Catholic Church in the United States observes a *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children* to mark the Supreme Court decision, *Roe v Wade*, on January 22, 1973, that legalized abortion throughout the United States.

In 2018, Mississippi passed a law protecting unborn children after 15 weeks of gestation. This law was challenged and the case, known as *Dobbs v Jackson's Women's Health Organization*, is awaiting a decision by the Supreme court. Oral arguments were heard on December 1, 2021 and a decision is expected in June 2022.

This is a landmark case that could potentially overturn the decision of *Roe v Wade*.

Please join the *On Our Knees* campaign in prayer and fasting for the Dobbs Supreme Court Case on the 22nd of each month, beginning on January 22, 2022, the 49th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision *Roe v Wade*, through June 22, when a decision is expected.

### **Prayer for the Supreme Court**

Holy Trinity, Source of Life and Truth, we entrust our nation to You. We ask for mercy for the decades of legalized abortion that has been permitted in our land and for healing for all those who have been wounded by it. We ask that the sacredness of every human life would be protected and upheld both in law and in culture. In a special way we commend to you the Justices of the Supreme Court. Please grant them clarity, wisdom, and courage to judge according to truth and right reason. Overthrow, at last, by Your power, the scourge of abortion in our land and usher in a new era of protection for the unborn. By the power of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection, may Your justice be established on earth. Amen



**Eugene Wallis  
Sharlene Wallis  
Michael Suletti  
PLEASE PRAY FOR  
OUR RECENTLY DECEASED**

### **BINGO / PULL TABS & BELL JAR / KITCHEN**

Thank You to St Francis Bingo volunteers!  
Behind every successfully organized event there is an extraordinary volunteer team. Thank you for a job well done. Your efforts and time volunteering with the Bingo program has helped raise much needed funds for our parish. **Over \$41,000 has been raised.** Volunteers like you selflessly give your time to serve others. We are truly grateful for your help.



Great BIG thank you to all who helped us achieve our goals !

Of **129 diocesan churches ONLY 63** have made their HOPE Appeal goal. **WE ARE 3 OF THOSE CHURCHES!!!!**

We have collected **\$95,912.14** for our tri-parish.

That's 97.2% over our collective goals. 100% of the money collected over our goals will be returned to the parish.



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**MASKS ARE REQUIRED AGAIN**

## SAINT WHO?

**Saint Joseph Vaz**

Feast: January 16

Joseph was born at Benaulim, Goa (then a Portuguese colony), in India. After his ordination in 1676, he worked in Kanara and then helped to organize a house of Saint Philip Neri's Oratory for native priests who sought community life.

The island nation of Ceylon (modern Sri Lanka), then under Dutch rule, had shut out all priests for fifty years. Moved by the plight of the Catholics who were deprived of the sacraments, Joseph decided to enter the country in secret. Upon arrival, he and his companion, a former family servant, immediately contracted dysentery and were taken into the woods to die. They were saved by a woman who found them, fed them and nursed them to health.

Once recovered, Joseph took to the streets as a beggar until he was able to locate the hidden Catholics. He worked for two years ministering to these forsaken faithful, until persecution drove him to the Sinhalese Buddhist kingdom in the island's interior, where he was arrested and held by the king. When his prayers on the king's behalf brought much-needed rain, Joseph was freed and given full support in his work.

Joseph lived simply, earning the respect and support of men and women of all faiths. He died in 1711 at the age of sixty, after over twenty years in mission work. The Catholics in Sri Lanka then numbered 70,000, of whom 30,000 were converts.

*Loving Father, through the intercessions of Saint Joseph Vaz, grant that I might live in such a way that my life is an invitation to those of other faiths.*



## FOOD FOR THE SOUL

### *The Miracle and Message of Cana*

Today we shall ponder Jesus' first miracle, which John calls signs because Jesus doesn't perform them in order to excite wonder but to reveal the love of the Father. Initiating his public ministry at the wedding at Cana, Jesus reveals himself as the spouse of the People of God and reveals to us the depth of the relationship that unites us to him: it is the new covenant of love. What is at the foundation of our faith? An act of mercy by which Jesus binds us to him. And the Christian life is the response to this love, it is like the history of two people in love, God and man meet, seek, find, celebrate and love one another: just like the lovers in the Song of Songs. Everything else comes as a result of this relationship. The Church is the family of Jesus into which he pours his love: it is this love that the Church safeguards and desires to give to all. In the context of the covenant we are also to understand our Lady's observation: *they have no wine*. How can one celebrate a wedding feast and make merry without what the prophets indicated as typical element of the messianic banquet? Water is necessary for life, but wine expresses the abundance of a banquet and the joy of a feast. This wedding feast was short of wine; the newlyweds are ashamed of this. Just imagine ending a wedding feast drinking tea. Wine is necessary for a feast. By transforming into wine the water of the jars used for the Jewish rites of purification, Jesus performs an eloquent sign: he transforms the Law of Moses into Gospel, bearer of joy.

The words Mary addresses to the servants come to crown the wedding of Cana: *Do whatever he tells you*. These are her last words recounted by the Gospels; they are the legacy she hands down to us. Today too our Lady says to us all: "Whatever Jesus tells you, do it." At this wedding the new covenant is truly articulated and to the servants of the Lord, that is to all the Church, is entrusted a new mission: *Do whatever he tells you!* To serve the Lord means to listen and to put into practice his Word. For each one of us, to draw from the jar is equivalent to entrusting oneself to the Word of God in order to experience its effectiveness in life. Thus, together with the steward who tasted the water-become-wine, we too can exclaim: you *have kept the good wine until now*. Yes, the Lord continues to reserve the best wine for our salvation, just as it continues to flow from the pierced side of the Lord.

The wedding feast at Cana is more than a simple account of Jesus' first miracle. Like a treasure chest, he guards the secret of his Person and the purpose of his coming: the awaited Groom starts off the wedding that is fulfilled in the Paschal Mystery. At this wedding Jesus binds his disciples to himself in a new and final covenant. At Cana the faith of the Church is born. We are all invited to the wedding feast because the new wine will never run short!

POPE FRANCIS

*His Holiness Pope Francis was elected to the See of Saint Peter of 2013.*

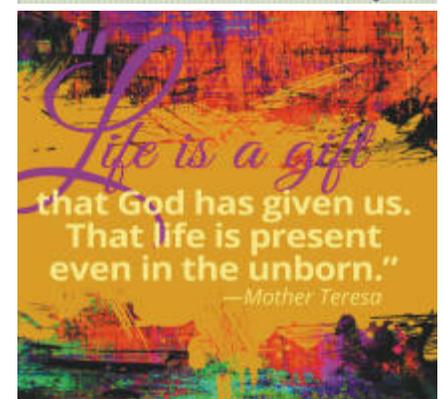
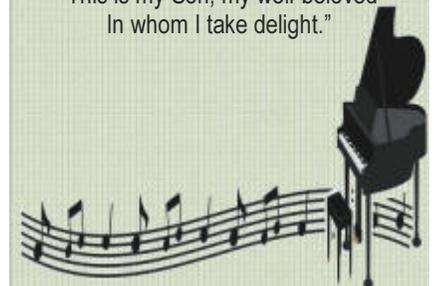


### SING TO THE LORD

"I come," the great Redeemer cries,  
"To do thy will, O Lord."  
At Jordan's Stream, behold! He seals  
The sure prophetic word.

"Thus it becomes us to fulfill  
All righteousness," he said.  
Then faithful to the Lord's commands,  
Through Jordan's flood was led.

Hark the glad voice! The Father speaks  
From heav'n's exalted height:  
"This is my Son, my well-beloved  
In whom I take delight."



**World Marriage Day Mass with Bishop Lucia, February 13, 2022, 2pm.**

Bishop Douglas Lucia invites all married couples and their families to join him at a Mass celebrating *World Marriage Day* on February 13th, 2:00pm, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Special recognition and certificates will be given to couples celebrating 25, 50 or more years of marriage in 2022. **Please contact your parish to let them know you are a couple married 25, 50 or more years who would like to attend this Mass with Bishop Lucia.** You will then receive a personal invitation. The Mass is not limited to couples celebrating special anniversaries, but only those couples should contact their parish to receive an invitation. All married couples and their families are invited to attend, and all married couples will be invited to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony.



**World Marriage Day**

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**March for Life ~ January 20-21, 2022**

Join this one-day pilgrimage to Washington, DC for adults and families! This trip includes Mass with Bishop Lucia at the National Basilica, participation in the March for Life with the diocesan group, transportation, meals and diocesan scarf. The bus will pick up passengers in four locations, Utica, Syracuse,

Cortland and Binghamton. Cost: Adults \$50 Young adults (18-25) \$25. Maximum family Rate \$125. For more information, contact Jen Brown at 315-472-6754 Option 7 or email familyrespectlife@syrdio.

**Pre-registration is required.** Register online at [march4lifesyracuse2022.eventbrite.com](http://march4lifesyracuse2022.eventbrite.com).



We would like to thank all the people who took the time to send Christmas cards to parishioners who are home-bound or who have moved out of the area to let them know they are still a part of our parish family. God bless you!



**Second round of Paycheck Protection Program Loan Forgiveness**  
**Saint Francis has received \$3,067 in loan forgiveness and Saint Mary has received \$29,937.**

**ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION LETTER:** if you need a copy of your total contributions for 2021 for tax purposes, please fill out the form below, place it in the collection basket, and one will be mailed to you. **Please do not submit a request by phone.** If this form is not submitted, you will not receive a letter automatically. Statements will be sent out at the end of January.

Thank you for your consideration.

St Matt's

St Mary

St Francis

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

ENVELOPE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, January 15 @ St Matthew's**  
**4:30pm** Joseph Galluzzo ~ *Dave & Sue Corbett*  
 Anne Civiletta (living) ~ *Art*  
 Jeanette Janack ~ *Emmanuel Church*  
 Heather Brieady (living) ~  
*Uncle Mike & GiGi*

**Sunday, January 16 @ St. Matthew's**  
**8am** Hugh Riley ~ *Family*  
 Joseph Galluzzo ~ *Patti & Marty Moore*  
 Thomas P Sacco Jr ~ *Kay & Chuck Palmer*  
 Catherine Michlovitch ~ *Joanne Puliatti*  
 Robert J Chernosky ~ *Gary, Glenn & Noah*

**Sunday, January 16 @ St Francis**  
**9:30am** Nancy Conway ~ *Joanne & Jerry Gavenda*  
 Michael J Rybak ~ *Mother & Father*

**Sunday, January 16 @ St Mary**  
**11am** Ina A Davis ~  
*Ina Simiele, Sharlita Bell & Niles Bell*  
 Barbara Flynn Kelley ~ *Jim Conway*

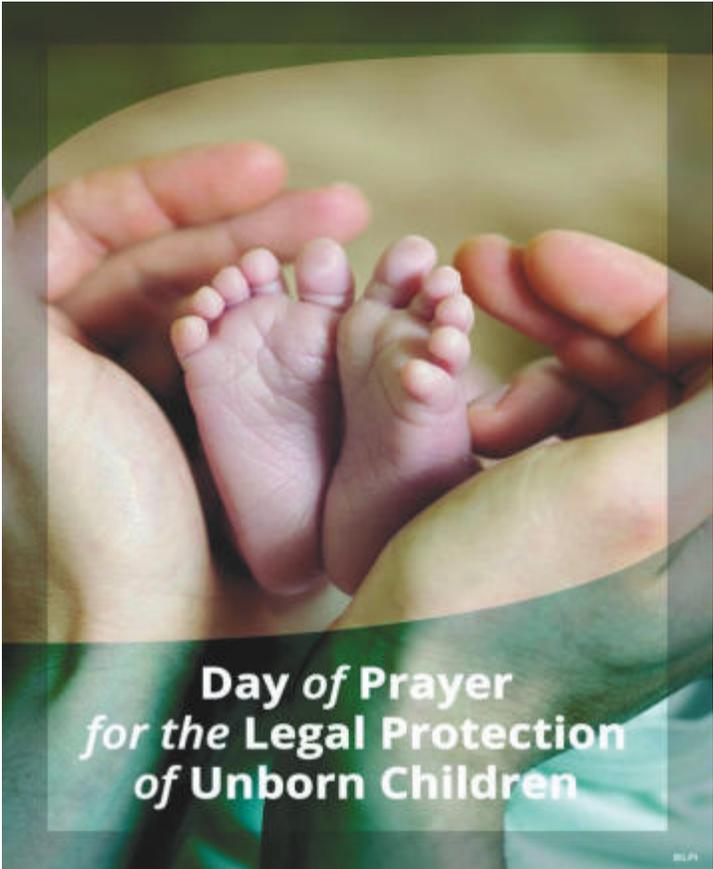
**Monday, January 17 @ St Francis**  
**9am** **NO MASS**

**Wednesday, January 19 @ St Mary**  
**9am** George Snyder ~ *Bob Kelty*  
 Lorraine McGuiness ~  
*Tri-Parish Women's Group*

**Friday, January 21 @ St Matthew's**  
**9am** Clayton Benedick ~ *Sally*

**St Mary's**  
**SANTUARY**  
 Nancy Conway  
 (Bob & Pattye Hubbard)

 **MEMORY CANDLE**  
 Would you like a candle lit for the week in memory of a loved one? Call the office at 315-437-8318 Available at all 3 churches.

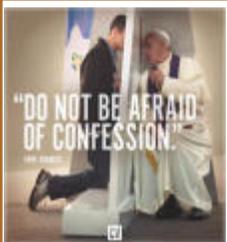


**St. Matthew's**  
 Robert J Chernosky Sr  
 (Wife Emily)

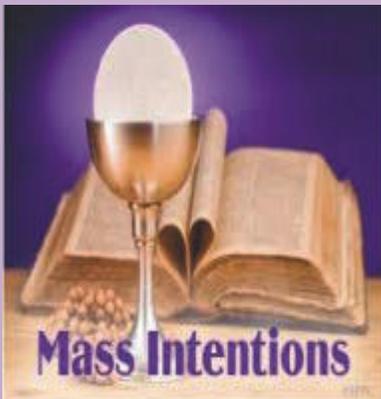


**Sacrament of Penance (Confession)**

Saturdays @ St Matthew's 3:30-4:15pm  
 Sundays @ St Mary after 11am mass



If you would like to request specific dates for Mass intentions (i.e. anniversary, birthday), please call or send your request at least 8-10 weeks in advance. If preferred Mass dates and times are unavailable, the next available Mass time will be scheduled.



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**MONDAY EVENINGS**  
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Laura Cavanaugh @ 315-345-8007



Bridgeport Food Pantry  
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3rd Wednesday of the month  
9:30-11:30am & 4-6pm  
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4th Wednesday of the month @3

*Please call the parish office regarding any of the following:*

**BAPTISM:** arrangements made 2 months prior and parents required to attend baptism class for the 1st child prior to Baptism.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements made at least 6 months in advance.

**HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS:** Please notify the rectory when a family member is admitted to a hospital or nursing home so the clergy can provide for their spiritual needs.

**COMMUNION:** to sick/shut-in at anytime.

**REGISTRATION/NEW MEMBERS:** Please call the office.



**HEAVEN'S PANTRY**  
at Minoa United Methodist Church  
3rd Wednesday of month 10-11am & 6-7pm

 **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday ~ Thursday 9am ~ 4pm  
OR by appointment —

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<b>ST MATTHEW</b>	<b>ST MARY</b>	<b>ST FRANCIS</b>
Jean Sajna	Toni Carguello	Frank Vavonese
Mike Riley	Duane Groesbeck	Mike Stocker

**St Matthew's 2nd Time Around Store / Food Pantry**  
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**PANTRY HOURS:**  
T / Th 9:30am-noon  
**2nd TIME AROUND STORE HOURS**  
MONDAYS 9am ~ 12:30pm




	<b>PRAYERS</b>	
SM Prayer Chain	Mary Rovall	315-632-4068
SMA Prayer Line	Margie Bowhall	315-656-2333
SFA Prayer Chain	Teresa Koch	315-699-4259

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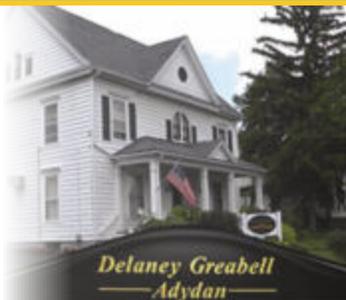
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