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IF TODAY
YOU HEAR
his voice.
HARDEN
NOT YOUR
Hearts.

Psalm 95

March 12, 2023



Weekly Offering

St Matthew's NEEDS* \$ 8,700
March 5 \$ 7,204

St Mary NEEDS* \$ 4,650
March 5 \$ 3,301

St Francis NEEDS* \$ 3,300
March 5 \$ 2,033

- Needed each week to balance the books and pay our bills. Any shortfall must be made up with fundraising.



Cemetery Clean-up

Please remove your Christmas wreaths and other Christmas decorations from the graves of your loved ones in the cemetery, by March 15th to expedite Spring cleanup. Anything left on graves after March 15 will be disposed of by the cemetery staff.

Please be sure you make out your weekly donation check to the parish where you are registered. If you mail your donation to the office, please address the envelope:
{Name of Your Parish}
229 W. Yates Street
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ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.

In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.



Men's Ignite Returns to the SRC Arena

IGNITE 2023

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE



This Year's Theme
IGNITE 2023 Catholic Men's Conference:
Saturday, March 25th

We are so excited to announce that the IGNITE Catholic Men's Conference is back at the SRC Arena and Event Center!

We are going BIG this year with our Keynote Speaker Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York.

His Eminence will be joined by Michael McGinn and the return of Gus Lloyd, and of course Bishop Lucia will start the day with Holy Mass Celebrating the Feast of the Annunciation.

We have a great day planned. Mark your calendar, register and bring a family member and/or friend.

REGISTRATION

Registration fee includes morning coffee & lunch:

Early Registration cost is \$55 before March 7th.

On March 8th, the cost increases to \$65.

Walk in Registration on the day of the Conference will be \$70.

Register at: www.ignitecatholicmen.org

Tri-Parish Lenten Fish Fry
St Matthew's * St Mary * St Francis

Every Friday during Lent
(including Good Friday)
4pm—7pm
St Mary Parish Center



The Rosary is prayed after our Daily Masses

Monday @ St Francis @ 9am
Wednesday @ St Mary @ 9am
Friday @ St Matthew's @ 9am

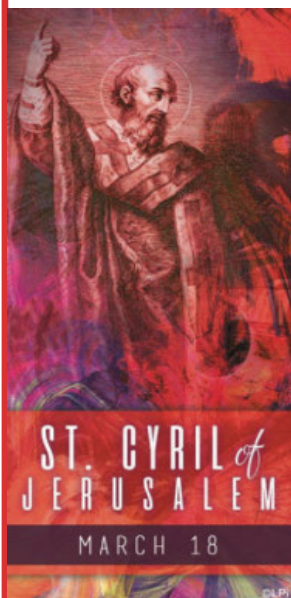
Pamphlets on how to pray the Rosary are at the entrance to our Churches. Please join us.

"Pray the Rosary daily, to obtain Peace in the World"
Our Lady of Fatima

SAINT WHO?

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

FEAST: March 18



We know little about Cyril's early life. Historians estimate he was born about 315 and that he was brought up in Jerusalem. He speaks about the appearance of the sites of the Nativity and Holy Sepulchre before they were "improved" by human hands as if he were a witness. All we know of his family were that his parents were probably Christians and he seemed to care for them a great deal. He exhorted catechumens to honor parents "for however much we may repay them, yet we can never be to them what they as parents have been to us." We know he also had a sister and a nephew, Gelasius, who became a bishop and a saint.

He speaks as one who belonged to a group called the Solitaries. These were men who lived in their own houses in the cities but practiced a life of complete chastity, ascetism, and service. After being ordained a deacon and then a priest, his bishop Saint Maximus respected him enough to put him in charge of the instruction of catechumens. We still have these catechetical lectures of Cyril's that were written down by someone in the congregation. When speaking of so many mysteries, Cyril anticipated the question, "But some one will say, If the Divine substance is incomprehensible, why then do you discourse of these things? So then, because I cannot drink up all the river, am I not even to take in moderation what is expedient for me? Because with eyes so constituted as mine I cannot take in all the sun, am I not even to look upon it enough to satisfy my wants? Or again, because I have entered into a great garden, and cannot eat all the supply of fruits, would you have me go away altogether hungry?.. I am attempting now to glorify the Lord, but not to describe him, knowing nevertheless that I shall fall short of glorifying God worthily, yet deeming it a work of piety even to attempt it at all."

When a famine hit Jerusalem, the poor turned to Cyril for help. Cyril, seeing the poor starving to death and having no money, sold some of the goods of the churches. This was something that other saints including Ambrose and Augustine had done and it probably saved many lives. There were rumors, however, that some of the vestments wound up as clothing for actors.

Actually, the initial cause of the falling out between Acacius and Cyril was territory not beliefs. As bishop of Caesarea, Acacia had authority over all the bishops of Palestine. Cyril argued that his authority did not include Jerusalem because Jerusalem was an "apostolic see" -- one of the original sees set up by the apostles. When Cyril did not appear at councils that Acacius called, Acacius accused him of selling church goods to raise money and had him banished.

Cyril stayed in Tarsus while waiting for an appeal. Constantius called a council where the appeal was supposed to take place. The council consisted of orthodox, Arians, and semi-Arian bishops. When Acacius and his faction saw that Cyril and other exiled orthodox bishops were attending, they demanded that the persecuted bishops leave. Acacius walked out when the demand was not met. The other bishops prevailed on Cyril and the others to give in to this point because they didn't want Acacius to have reason to deny the validity of the council. Acacius returned but left again for good when his creed was rejected -- and refused to come back even to give testimony against his enemy Cyril. The result of the council was that Acacius and the other Arian bishops were condemned. There's no final judgment on Cyril's case but it was probably thrown out when Acacius refused to testify and Cyril returned to Jerusalem.

This was not the end of Cyril's troubles because Acacius carried his story to the emperor -- embellishing it with details that it was a gift of the emperor's that was sold to a dancer who died wearing the robe. This brought about a new synod run by Acacius who now had him banished again on the basis of what some bishops of Tarsus had done while Cyril was there.

This exile lasted until Julian became emperor and recalled all exiled bishops, orthodox or Arian. Some said this was to exacerbate tension in the Church and increase his imperial power. So Cyril returned to Jerusalem. When Acacius died, each faction nominated their own replacement for Caesarea. Cyril appointed his nephew Gelasius -- which may seem like nepotism, except that all orthodox sources spoke of Gelasius' holiness. A year later both Cyril and Gelasius were driven out of Palestine again as the new emperor's consul reversed Julian's ruling.

Eleven years later, Cyril was allowed to go back to find a Jerusalem destroyed by heresy and strife. He was never able to put things completely right. He did attend the Council at Constantinople in 381 where the Nicene Creed and orthodoxy triumphed and Arianism was finally condemned. Cyril received justice at the same Council who cleared him of all previous rumors and commended him for fighting "a good fight in various places against the Arians."

Cyril had eight years of peace in Jerusalem before he died in 386, at about seventy years old.



The Holy Name of Jesus Men's Group
Meets every Wednesday
6:30—7:30

St Mary's Parish Center
Come for the Word of God
and plenty of fellowship -
and food as well.

LENT

FRIDAYS OF LENT "Walk with Jesus"

Stations of the Cross (please use side door)

St Mary	Adoration Stations	9am—noon
		12 Noon
St Matthew's	Stations	12 Noon
Blessed Sacrament		8:30am / 6pm
Holy Cross - Dewitt		8:15am / 7pm
Sacred Heart _ Cicero		Youth 5:30pm
		Adult 7pm
Immaculate Conception		12 Noon

Fish Fry

Every Friday during
Lent including GOOD FRIDAY
Eat in and Take out

St Mary Parish Center **4pm to 7pm**

Tri-Parish Women's Scripture Group Lenten Corporal Works of Mercy

• Weekends of March 11/12 and March 18/19:

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP): This organization is a group of volunteers who are dedicated to building, assembling, and delivering beds to children (ages 3-17) in need in the Syracuse and Oswego areas, along with supplying new twin size sheets, pillows, and comforters for those beds. One of our own parishioners is an active volunteer with this organization. List of required items will be available at each church before the collection weekends.

Website:

<https://shpbeds.org/chapter/ny-syracuse/>

• Weekends of March 25/26 and April 1/2:

Samaritan Center (Basic Needs

Closet): An inter-faith organization committed to serving the hungry and those in need to promote their welfare, dignity, and self-sufficiency. List of required items will be available at each church before the collection weekends.

Tri-Parish Women's Scripture Group

EVERY Thursday 6:30-8pm

Social Time 6-6:30pm

Meetings are held at St Mary's Parish Center
in Minoa or via Zoom.

- ♦ Gospel readings for the coming weekend are read and discussed using the lector book.
 - ♦ Prayers for those in need are said.
- ♦ Conclude with Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be.
For questions or to join the group call
Sharon Bartholomew 656-8910

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Messiah Before You

If you would have asked me on the morning of my confirmation what the chances were of the Holy Spirit getting into my heart, I would have told you they were about the same as getting water from a stone.

My faith was fragile at this time in my life, primarily because I viewed it as exactly that — my faith. Something within my possession and subject to my own power. And I hadn't done the things I thought I needed to do in order to be the kind of Christian who knows the truth and lives it. I was waiting to be made stronger. I was waiting to be made more faithful. I was waiting for a transformation.

Little did I know, I was like the woman at the well, standing around talking about the coming of the Messiah, unaware that he was standing right in front of me. She wasn't ready; she was still living in her sin. She was caught so unawares that she left her water jar at the well, rushing out to tell what she had seen.

When I was anointed with the oil it no longer mattered that I wasn't strong enough to break open the stone that I was convinced encased my heart — God's grace gushed forth through the cracks. While I certainly didn't become a perfect Christian — and never will, in this life — I did learn that when God tells you to strike, it's probably best not to second-guess Him.

"We boast in the glory of God... and hope does not disappoint." Romans 5:2-5

Hosted by Minoa-Bridgeport-Kirkville Churches

*Bring your soup bowl and be warmed by the
Word of God and bowls of homemade soups*

Wed, March 15	5:15pm	St Mary Parish Center, Minoa
Wed, March 22	5:15pm	Kirkville United Methodist Church
Wed, March 29	5:15pm	Bridgeport United Methodist Church

*All donations received will be given to :
Sullivan Food Cupboard / Heaven's Pantry / Bridgeport Food
Pantry*

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday, March 11 @ St Matthew's

4:30pm Patrick Simiele ~ *Family*
Mark Pisegna ~ *Family*
Sally Gray ~ *Family*
Catherine Quilty ~ *Family*

Sunday, March 12 @ St. Matthew's

8am Carmella Sajna ~ *Birthday / Jean*
Donna Leone ~ *Family*
Helga Pendall ~ *Family*
Vincent & Judy Lane ~ *Family*

Sunday, March 12 @ St Francis

9:30am Simone Tindaro Faliti ~
John & Diane Brzuszkiewicz
Georgia Perolla ~ *Jack & Sharon Martin*
Jim MacAdam ~ *Dolores Oot & Family*
MaryLou Olivadoti ~
Frank & Jeanette Suchewski
Donald Putnam ~ *Ed & Helen Timmins*

Sunday, March 12 @ St Mary

11am Mary & Floyd Lindsay ~ *Family*
Lois Ring ~ *Friend Charlotte*
Charlie Keast ~
Dean & Sharon Bartholomew
Norbert, Lois, Leonard & Robert Ring ~
Family

Monday, March 13 @ St Francis

9am **NO Mass**

Wednesday, March 15 @ St Mary

9am **NO Mass**

Friday, March 17 @ St Matthew's

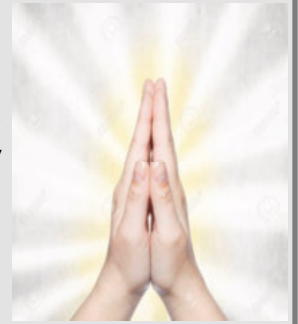
9am **NO Mass**

God our Father,
walk through my house and take away
all my worries. Please watch over and
heal my family. Please protect our
freedoms and watch over our troops,
who are defending those freedoms.
AMEN



YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Frank & Sandy Bryant,
Selma Cafarchio,
Nancy Cassella,
Chuck Davidson,
Nancy Davidson, James Dygert,
Pat Dygert, Teddy Emch-Paone,
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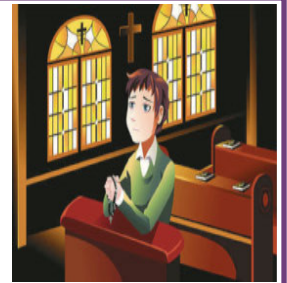


**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR
RECENTLY DECEASED**

Louise Badgett
John Homa
John Stoecker

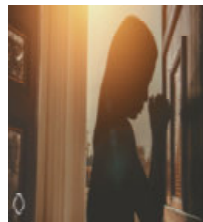


**Reminder: St Mary and
St Matthew's churches
are open
Monday—Friday
from 9am to 3pm.**

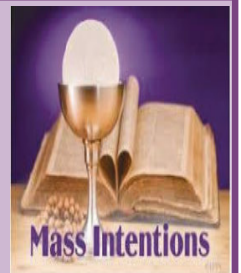


**Sacrament of Penance
(Confession)**

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
2-3 months in advance. If preferred
Mass dates and times are
unavailable, the *next available*
Mass time will be scheduled.



*A candle has been lit at
St. Matthew's for
Lois Cwirko
(Russ & Lydia)*



MEMORY CANDLE

*Would you like a candle lit for the
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St Mary's CEMETERY OFFICE HOURS

@ St. Mary's Parish Center

MONDAY EVENINGS

6pm~ 7pm or by appointment

Laura Cavanaugh @ 315-345-8007



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

PARISH OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS:

(at St Matthew's)

229 W Yates Street

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Parish Office 315-437-8318

E-mail addresses:

St Matthew's St Mary's

stmatth1@twcny.rr.com stmarys2@twcny.rr.com

St Francis of Assisi

Use either of the above email addresses

Website: www.faithalive1.com

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Bridgeport Food Pantry
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 4th Wednesday of the month @3pm

HEAVEN's PANTRY

at Minoa United Methodist Church

3rd Wednesday of month

10-11am & 6-7pm



St Matthew's 2nd Time Around Store / Food Pantry

600 W Manlius Street 315-438-8635



PANTRY HOURS:

T / Th 9:30am-noon

2nd TIME AROUND STORE HOURS

Mondays 9am ~ 12:30pm



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www.newhopefamilyservices.com

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www.birthrightsyrr.org

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346 N Midler Ave #46, Syracuse 13206

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.

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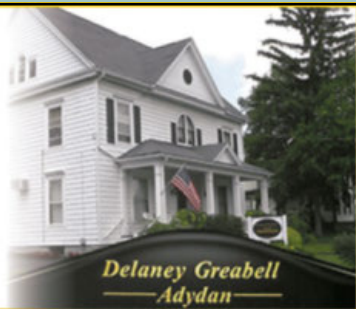
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