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*September 3, 2023*



### 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.” - Mt 16:26-27





We will be having an informational meeting for this year's RCIA sessions on Monday, September 11 at 6:30pm. We will meet at St Mary Parish Center in Minoa. Please use the side door at the cemetery end of the building.

RCIA (rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for those who would like to become Catholic from another religion or who may never have attended church and for Catholics who may need to receive a sacrament they may have missed growing up. These sessions will bring you into full communion in the Catholic Church. If you know someone who would be interested, please pass this information along.

The sessions are low key and we have a good time learning about our Christian faith. Come and check us out for a relaxing evening with our Lord.

Any practicing Catholic who would like to learn more about their rich Catholic heritage and history may also attend these sessions.

If you have any questions please contact Ann or Duane Grosebeck at (315) 510-3157 or [dgroesbeck1@twcny.rr.com](mailto:dgroesbeck1@twcny.rr.com)



## Weekly Offering

<b>St Matthew's NEEDS*</b>	<b>\$ 8,700</b>
August 27	<b>\$ 4,390</b>

<b>St Mary NEEDS*</b>	<b>\$ 4,650</b>
August 27	<b>\$ 2,272</b>

<b>St Francis NEEDS*</b>	<b>\$ 3,300</b>
August 27	<b>\$ 2,000</b>

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



## Rev. John J. Heagerty August 18, 2023

Rev. John J. Heagerty, 96, of Syracuse, passed away August 18, 2023.

He was a graduate of North High School and received his Bachelor's degree from St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry in Rochester in 1954. He was ordained on February 2, 1954 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. He completed his Master's degree from Syracuse University in 1963.

He served as an assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church in Skaneateles and Blessed Sacrament Church before joining the faculty at Bishop Ludden High School and serving as Principal from 1963-70. He then became Pastor at St. Patrick's Church, Chittenango, St. John the Evangelist, Syracuse, St. Paul Catholic Church, Binghamton and St. Matthew's Church, East Syracuse where he served for 21 years before retiring in 1997.

After retirement he served Mass for St. Joseph the Worker in Liverpool and St. Mary's Church and St. Anthony's Church both in Cortland. His last ministry was serving the spiritual needs of the all the people living at the Nottingham where he resided for the past 10 plus years. He was also an avid golfer and was a member at Arrowhead Golf Course where he played right up to July of this year. He is survived by several cousins including, Nancy Hollenbeck O'Neill, Mary Hollenbeck and John J. Heagerty.



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.

## SAINT WHO ??

Venerable Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik  
Feast Day: Not Yet

Josephine Dudzik was born on August 30, 1860, in a village in Poland called Plocicz. When she was 21, she immigrated with her family to Chicago to seek a better life. Josephine was interested in her faith and spiritual life, so she joined the Third Order Secular of St. Francis at her family's parish with a friend. During this time, Chicago was experiencing a long depression along with the rest of the region. Faced with poverty all around her, she began doing what she could to care for impoverished people, even bringing them into her home.

As she cared for the poor, her vision of what could be possible when it came to her service to those in need grew. She consulted with the pastor of her parish about organizing women at the parish to help her in her endeavors and about the possibility of even purchasing a larger home specifically to care for the poor in their community. He agreed to support her dream with one condition — that she and the other women involved start a religious congregation. She agreed and, along with other women from the Third Order Secular of St. Francis, established the Franciscan Sisters of the Blessed Kunegunda. They named the congregation for the soon-to-be-canonized Blessed Kunegunda from Poland whose cause for canonization was popular with the local Polish population in Chicago. Her new order officially began in December 1894, and was the first order of religious women founded within Chicago city limits.

In 1900, Theresa and four of her friends took their profession of vows. She took the name Mary Theresa and led the congregation as their superior for ten years. During this time Sister Theresa started and operated the St. Joseph's Home for the Aged and Crippled, St. Vincent's Orphanage, and worked to build a daycare and institutions of education. They served the poorest of the poor and she quickly became known locally as Chicago's Apostle of Mercy.

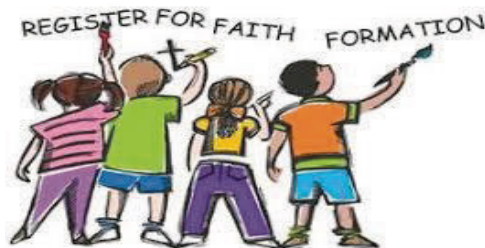
After 10 years as the congregation's superior, she was removed due to a nasty rumor that she was mismanaging the mission's funding. She obediently took on more menial tasks in the congregation without complaint and continued to serve in whatever role she was given —unwavering in her service to the people of Chicago alongside her sisters. Her best friend, Sister Wysinski, was made superior instead and they continued their work together that way, expanding the congregation together to 160 women by the late 1910's!

In 1918, Sr. Theresa contracted cancer and on September 20 of the same year she passed away.

Posthumously, she was given the title of Mother in recognition of her role as the foundress of what is now called the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. In 1994, Saint Pope John Paul II gave Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik the title of Venerable.

### Prayer

*Heavenly Father, you inflamed the compassionate heart of Mother Mary Theresa with the heroic virtues of charity and mercy. If it is your will, may she be declared Blessed for your honor and glory and may she inspire others to imitate her love for the needy, poor, and suffering of our world. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Grade 7-10 start on  
Sunday, September 17  
at 9:30am

Grade 1-6 start on  
Monday, September 18 at 6pm

St Mary Parish Center, Minoa

Registration forms can be found  
on our website at: [faithalive1.com](http://faithalive1.com)  
Click on 'FAITHFORMATION' at the top

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**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Choosing the Cross**

I've been called a lot of things in my life, but I've never been called "Satan," at least not to my face.

It seems to me the worst name you could call a person, and today we hear it straight from the lips of Jesus. It's just one of the many small reminders strewn throughout Scripture that Jesus preaches meekness, but he is not mild — not when mildness serves no purpose, anyway.

And here, when Peter is trying to deter Jesus from making the right choice, mildness serves no purpose at all.

Can we blame Peter? I certainly can't. I'm sure I would have said the same thing to my own dear friend. He is, in today's Gospel, wholly unwilling to embrace the cross — he's afraid of it, even — but aren't we all, in the end, afraid of our cross? I am. It's no sin, it's only human. Fear is natural. Self-preservation is a reflex.

What Christ speaks of today is a choice, one we are all faced with, again and again, just as Peter is. We will not always respond perfectly; Peter does not respond well today. He does not respond well on Holy Thursday.

But on his last day, on the day of the ultimate choice? On that day, he chooses the cross.

We marvel at first responders who put themselves in harm's way for the sake of others, because to do so is not human, it is divine. I have to believe that if even a firefighter's loved one threw themselves in his way, he would still charge toward the flames, crying, "Get behind me."

Christ runs into the burning building for us, shaking off not only his own fear (and he had it, I promise you — he was human, too) but the fear of everyone who loved him.

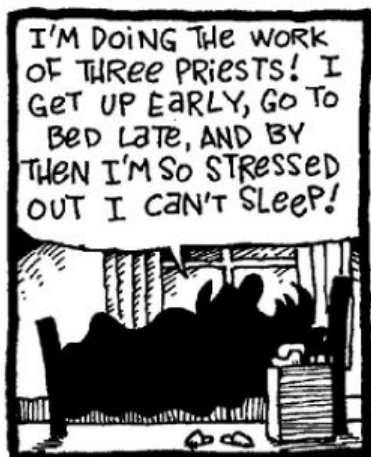


**Prayer for Students**

Dear Jesus,  
Thank you for the gift of learning!  
I want to grow closer to you  
in everything I do at school.  
In math and science, help me to see  
your beautiful plan in the world.  
Help me to discover new stories  
and values as I read and write.  
In arts and music, help me to be creative.  
In sports, help me to treat my teammates  
and my opponents fairly.  
Help me to learn new skills  
in technology.  
Jesus, you are the perfect teacher.  
Help me to listen with open ears,  
an open heart, and an open mind  
to all my teachers at school.  
Help me to treat my classmates  
with care, kindness, and respect.  
Thank you, Jesus, for school!  
Amen.



**22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



Please pray for the souls of the people for whom  
Mass will be offered this coming week

**Monday, September 4 @ St Francis**  
9am NO MASS / Office Closed

**Wednesday, September 6 @ St Mary**  
9am Tri-Parish Women's Group Intentions ~  
*Tri-Parish Women's Group*

**Friday, September 8 @ St Matthew's**  
9am Marie Gratzler ~  
4th Anniversary / John Gratzler

#### Weekend Mass Schedule

**Saturday September 9 @ St Matthew's**  
4:30pm Cosimo Altavilla ~ M/M Tony Mananicone  
Mary Basile ~ Toni & Rita  
Theresa Kenny ~ Temple Family

**Sunday, September 10 @ St. Matthew's**  
8am Rosemary Pisegna ~ Family  
Albert E Valerio ~  
*Robert & Patricia Murphy*  
Claire M Ryan ~ John P Ryan

**Sunday, September 10 @ St Francis**  
9:30am Pro Populo  
Virginia Kluskie ~ Eileen Dashnaw  
Fran Casola ~ Marie Behr

**Sunday, September 10 @ St Mary**  
11am Mary & Floyd Lindsay ~ Family  
Fran Barone ~ Rosie  
Norbert, Lois, Leonard & Robert Ring ~  
*Family*



*Banns of Matrimony:*  
*at Saint Matthew's*  
(3) Savannah Stevens /  
Michael Feeney

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memory of a loved one?  
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Sandy Bryant, Dee Buell, Selma &  
Louis Cafarchio, Nancy Cassella,  
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#### Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

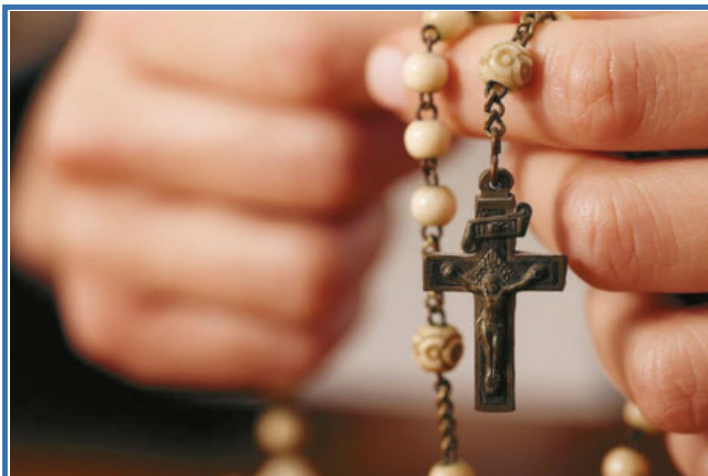
Saturdays @ St Matthew's  
3:30-4:15pm  
Sundays @ St Mary  
after 11am mass

"Blessed is the fruit  
of thy womb"!



**Msgr John J Haegerty**  
**Msgr John McGraw**  
**Lenore Stone**  
**Russell Brandon**  
**Phyllis Rank**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED



#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**2023 ROSARY RALLY**  
**from COAST to COAST**  
**Saturday, October 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
**NOON**  
**Saint Matthew's Church**



Pastor	Rev Stephen P. Wirkes
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@ 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 —

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at Minoa United Methodist Church

3rd Wednesday of month

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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.

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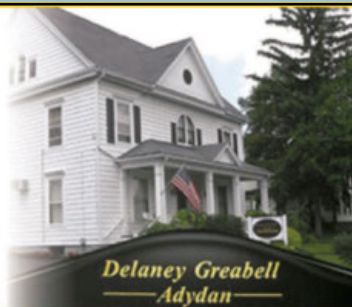
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