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September 17, 2023



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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

The Hateful Things We Hug Tight

At the end of "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King," Gollum fights with Frodo for possession of the One Ring. He wins the fight, but in doing so topples over the edge of the mountain ledge, falling into the cavernous fires of Mount Doom. As he falls, we see him smile, and clutch the ring to his chest. He is happy. He has won what he spent his life pursuing.

It is only in the last millisecond before his face slips below the lava that we see his eyes widen in terror as he realizes the truth: the thing he clutches to his heart is the thing that killed him. In choosing the ring, he chooses death.

Sin, and the fallen nature of this world, makes us addicted to something that kills us.

Like any addiction, it is a vicious cycle. The less we forgive, the more hardhearted we become ... and the less we seek forgiveness ourselves.

What breaks the cycle? Reconciliation with God — or, Confession, as we call it. In fact, it does more than break the cycle. It turns it backward. Not only does it detoxify our souls of sin, it weakens our addiction to sin's effects — anger, vengeance, unforgiveness. The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works, said St. Augustine.

Ultimately, I view our whole human life as a struggle on the ledge of a mountaintop. It is certain that we will choose sin — we always do. We will tumble over the side, toward ruin. But let us be Frodo, and not Gollum. Let us cling to the rock of the sacraments and accept the hand that would drag us away from the flames.

"Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight." — Sirach 27:30

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Weekly Offering

St Matthew's NEEDS*	\$ 8,700
September 3	\$ 5,517
September 10	\$ 6,517

St Mary NEEDS*	\$ 4,650
September 3	\$ 2,803
September 10	\$ 3,198

St Francis NEEDS*	\$ 3,300
September 3	\$ 1,976
September 10	\$ 3,643

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



Sunday, October 15

Sip of COLOR
\$45

Fall painting on a bottle.
More details to come



Important note on St Mary's July Finances

The \$ - 14,000 deficit is because St Mary Cemetery borrowed money from the parish to pay for the paving of the road around the cemetery. **The loan will be repaid.** The cemetery's roads, new columbarium (cremation) and landscaping are beautiful.



St Mary's CEMETERY OFFICE HOURS

@ St. Mary's Parish Center
MONDAY EVENINGS
6pm~ 7pm or by
appointment
Laura Cavanaugh
@ 315-345-8007

SAINT WHO ??

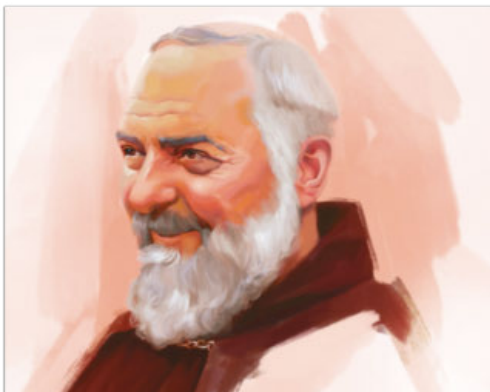
Saint Pius Pietrelcini
Feast Day: September 23

Best known as Padre Pio, St. Pius was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. As a young boy he suffered many illnesses including typhoid. He joined Capuchin Franciscans at 15 and took the name of Pius or "Pio" in honor of Pope Pius I. He was ordained in 1910, and at this time he received the marks of stigmata, the wounds of Christ, but they eventually healed. Frequent illnesses continued to plague him as a young man.

Padre Pio served in the Italian Medical Corps during World War I, but he was discharged early because of illness, which was likely tuberculosis. He was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo. In 1918, while continuing to serve at the friary, the stigmata appeared again, and this time remained until his death.

Many faithful came to see him at the friary, his days were long, beginning with Mass at 5 a.m. then hearing confessions all day with breaks to bless the sick. A simple man, content to do God's will on earth and with the ardent desire to serve the sick and poor in whom he saw Christ, he urged a hospital, Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza (House for the Relief of Suffering), to be built in San Giovanni Rotondo. It opened in 1956.

Padre Pio died at the age of eighty-one in 1968 and in 2002 Pope John Paul II proclaimed him "St. Pio of Pietrelcina."



FISCAL YEAR July 1, 2023 ~ June 30, 2024

Summary of Income For July 2023 St Matthew's Church

	Current Month Actual	Fiscal Yr-to-Date July 23-July 23
Income		
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 28,165	\$ 28,165
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 1,542	\$ 1,542
Other Income	\$ 2,150	\$ 2,150
Total Income	\$ 31,858	\$ 31,858
Expenses		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 11,117	\$ 11,117
Office / Admin	\$ 1,065	\$ 1,065
Program Services	\$ 4,748	\$ 4,748
Building & Utilities	\$ 3,396	\$ 3,396
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 9,867	\$ 9,867
Other Expenses	\$ 901	\$ 901
Total Expenses	\$ 31,094	\$ 31,094
Net Income for July 23	\$ 764	\$ 764

Summary of Income For July 2023 St Mary of the Assumption Church

	Current Month Actual	Fiscal Yr-to-Date July 23-July 23
Income		
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 15,336	\$ 15,336
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 5,459	\$ 5,459
Other Income	\$ 190	\$ 190
Total Income	\$ 20,985	\$ 20,985
Expenses		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 8,347	\$ 8,347
Office / Admin	\$ 2,065	\$ 2,065
Program Services	\$ 416	\$ 416
Building & Utilities	\$ 21,310	\$ 21,310
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 3,034	\$ 3,034
Other Expenses	\$ 474	\$ 474
Total Expenses	\$ 35,645	\$ 35,645
Net Income for July 23	\$ - 14,660	\$ - 14,660

Summary of Income For July 2023 St Francis of Assisi Church

	Current Month Actual	Fiscal Yr-to-Date July 23-July 23
Income		
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 15,225	\$ 15,225
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 1,280	\$ 1,280
Other Income	\$ 8,554	\$ 8,554
Total Income	\$ 25,059	\$ 25,059
Expenses		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 8,959	\$ 8,958
Office / Admin	\$ 1,284	\$ 1,284
Program Services	\$ 0	\$ 0
Building & Utilities	\$ 2,025	\$ 2,025
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 1,072	\$ 1,072
Other Expenses	\$ 1,013	\$ 1,013
Total Expenses	\$ 14,353	\$ 14,353
Net Income for July 23	\$ 10,707	\$ 10,707



The HOPE Appeal is the annual giving campaign of the Diocese of Syracuse. Every year the programs and services supported by the HOPE Appeal touch countless lives in every city, town, and rural area in our diocese. When the goal of the HOPE Appeal is achieved, we ensure that these programs will receive the funding that is needed. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse includes 196,897 Catholics in 116 parishes residing in seven counties of Central and South Central New York State. The seven counties are Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga and Oswego.

Ministries Supported By the HOPE Appeal

Advancing Social Justice

Catholic Charities
Asian & Spanish Apostolates
Catholic Deaf Ministry
Social Action Ministry
Jail Ministry
Cathedral Emergency Services

Cultivating Catholic Leadership

Tuition Assistance
Educating youth in Catholic Faith
(Faith Formation and Catholic Schools Office)
Campus Ministry
Youth & Young Adult Ministry
Family/Respect Life
Evangelization
Seminarian, Clergy, Deacon Education
(St. Thomas Aquinas Fund)
Marriage Tribunal
Lay Leadership
Formation for Ministry

Empowering Parish Communities

Catholic Sun
Catholic TV
Communications
Hospital Ministry
Cathedral Support
Pastoral & Religious Support
(Diocesan Pastoral Council, Priest Personnel,
Vicar for Religious, Permanent Diaconate,
Vicars forane, Year of Mercy)
Vicar for Parishes
Universal Church Initiatives
Christ the King Retreat House
Liturgy & Worship
Catholic Cemeteries
Charismatic Renewal
Commission on Women

100% of monies raised for the
2023 HOPE Appeal
are restricted funds that will be
only used for HOPE Appeal programs,
services and ministries listed here.



SYRACUSE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Syracuse Catholic Women's Commission invites all women to join them at the:

Catholic Women's Conference
November 11th starting at 7:30am
OnCenter, Syracuse

**Theme: "Thy Kingdom Come. Thy Will be Done:
Preparing for His Eucharistic Reign"**

Featured speakers:

- ♦ **Immaculee Ilibagiza**, survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide and one of the world's leading speakers on faith, hope and forgiveness.
- ♦ **Daniel O'Connor**, theologian and professor of philosophy, renown for his message on the reign of the Divine Will.
- ♦ **Fr Joseph Esper** of the Archdiocese of Detroit, prolific author and speaker on prophecy, spiritual preparation and the battle for our souls.

The event will also include Mass with Bishop Lucia, Confession, the Rosary, Brown Scapular enrollment, Adoration, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and shopping.

Cost is \$ 55 and includes plated lunch and refreshments. Register through our parish **Table 4 Ten** coordinator **Barbara Falkowski at (315) 558-0381**, online at www.syracusecatholicwomen.org/conference OR by mail.

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

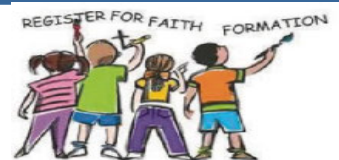
Grade 1-6 start on
Monday, September 18 at 6pm

St Mary Parish Center, Minoa

Registration forms can be found
on our website at: faithalive1.com
Click on 'FAITHFORMATION' at the top

For questions or more information contact:

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stmarys2@twcnv.rr.com



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

Monday, September 18 @ St Francis
9am Pro Populo

Wednesday, September 20 @ St Mary
9am Pattye Hubbard

Friday, September 22 @ St Matthew's
9am Spratt Family ~ John Spratt

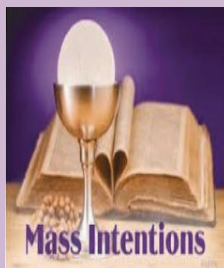
Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday September 23 @ St Matthew's
4:30pm Alice Gratzner ~ Gratzner Family
Tracy Bronner ~ Aunt Barb & Family
Vincent Scanlon ~ Chuck & Julie Greiner

Sunday, September 24 @ St. Matthew's
8am Les Lane ~ Family
Rev John J Heagerty ~ Pam & Jack Dooling
Kristen Woodmansee ~ Mother

Sunday, September 24 @ St Francis
9:30am Members of the Yells / Wren Family ~
Ed & Helen Timmins

Sunday, September 24 @ St Mary
11am Veronica Perrino ~
Anniversary / Daughter Rosie
Bury Family ~ Daughters
James Drapikowski ~ Family



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.

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.



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Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

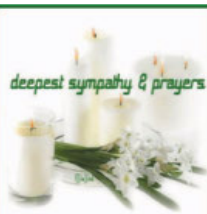
Saturdays @ St Matthew's
3:30-4:15pm
Sundays @ St Mary
after 11am mass

Calling all those who love to Sing God's Praise!!

The choirs are starting practices again. We always welcome new voices and the best thing is you don't have to try out. All we ask is a joyful attitude and the desire to sing God's Praise!!

St Francis and St Mary's will be practicing on Tuesday eve at 6:45 at the St Francis Parish Ctr, starting 9/12/23. Call Lynne Stocker for more info: 31-725-8510.

St Matthew's: Come up anytime before Mass and try us out. Call Mike McClelland at 315-278-7862 for more info.



John Regan
Patricia Barrett
Lucia Garofalo
Tara DiLaura
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR
RECENTLY DECEASED

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



2023 ROSARY RALLY
from COAST to COAST
Saturday, October 7TH
NOON
Saint Matthew's Church

Pastor	Rev Stephen P. Wirkes
Deacon	Dc Dean Brainard
Deacon/Business Manager	Dc. Joseph Lupia, Jr.
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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)

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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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3rd Wednesday of the month
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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

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PANTRY HOURS:

T / Th 9:30am-noon

2nd TIME AROUND STORE HOURS

Mondays 9am ~ 12:30pm



ST MATTHEW

Jean Sajna

Mike Riley

PARISH TRUSTEES

ST MARY

Toni Carguello

Kathleen Lanphear

ST FRANCIS

Mike Stocker

Joe Group

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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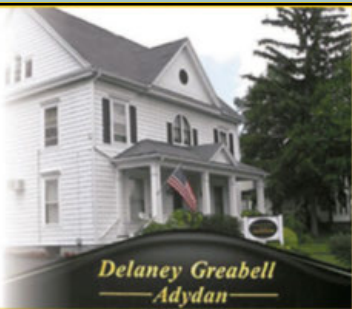
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