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*January 28, 2024*



## **4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole  
region of Galilee. - Mk 1:28**



# THANK YOU!

	GOALS	RECVD	%
St Matthew's	\$ 40,368	\$ 52,243	129.42%
St Mary	\$ 23,006	\$ 33,927	147.47%
St Francis	\$ 12,032	\$ 13,865	115.23%

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St Matthew's parish will be collecting different items each month for our FOOD PANTRY. For the month of January we will be collecting LAUNDRY DETERGENT. Please leave your donation at the altar rail. Thank you for you support.



## Weekly Offering

St Matthew's NEEDS*	\$ 8,700
January 14	\$ 5,240
January 21	\$ 4,466

St Mary NEEDS*	\$ 4,650
January 21	\$ 2,599

St Francis NEEDS*	\$ 3,300
January 21	\$ 1,701

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



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## OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS ~ Saint Agatha

James Glynn in memory of his wife, Nora

Location: South Side of Church—Saint Matthew's

St. Agatha, also known as Agatha of Sicily, is one of the most highly venerated virgin martyrs of the Catholic Church. It is believed that she was born around 231 in either Catania or Palermo, Sicily to a rich and noble family.

From her very early years, the notably beautiful Agatha dedicated her life to God. She became a consecrated virgin, a state in life where young women choose to remain celibate and give themselves wholly to Jesus and the Church in a life of prayer and service. That did not stop men from desiring her and making unwanted advances toward her.

However, one of the men who desired Agatha, whose name was Quintianus, because he was of a high diplomatic ranking, thought he could force her to turn away from her vow and force her to marry. His persistent proposals were consistently spurned by Agatha, so Quintianus, knowing she was a Christian during the persecution of Decius, had her arrested and brought before the judge. He was the Judge.

He expected her to give in to his demands when she was faced with torture and possible death, but she simply reaffirmed her belief in God by praying: "Jesus Christ, Lord of all, you see my heart, you know my desires. Possess all that I am. I am your sheep: make me worthy to overcome the devil." With tears falling from her eyes, she prayed for courage.

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check donations  
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**St Matthew's Food Pantry** is open  
T / Th weekly from 9:30am—noon  
2nd Time Around Store—  
M 9am ~ 12:30pm  
600 West Manlius Street  
315-438-8635



Food donations always welcome

**St Mary's Heaven's Pantry** is open on the  
**3rd Wednesday** of the month  
10-11am & 6-7pm

at Minoa United Methodist Church'

**St Francis's Bridgeport Food Pantry**

is open on the

**3rd Wednesday** of the month  
from 9:30-11:30am & 4-5:30pm

The fresh food giveaway is on the

**4th Wednesday** of the month from 3pm



### Saint Matthew's BAKE SALE

Bakers NEEDED:

Lenten bake Sale will take place the weekend before  
Ash Wednesday—February 10-11



Bring 'goodies' in before mass

CNY DIAPER BANK

Our CONFIRMATION class is  
collecting Diapers for the  
Diaper Bank. Please Help—  
drop donations at altar rail

**MISSION:** To ensure that all CNY families  
have access to an adequate supply of diapers for their  
babies and toddlers, and to build awareness in our  
community that diapers are a basic human need not  
being met for all children.

A staggering 41% of Syracuse city children **under 5**  
live in poverty... For the families of these children,  
buying diapers is an enormous struggle. An adequate supply of diapers for one  
child can cost \$100/month.



#### NEEDED:

- New packages (size 6 are needed the most)
- Opened packages
- Clean, loose leftover diapers (Sorted by size and counted. We cannot accept loose diapers stored in garages or basements due to moisture exposure)
- Cloth diapers, wet bags, pail liners, and any and all cloth diapering accessories, in good condition.



The next **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

at St Francis Parish Center

is scheduled for Friday, February 2

1:30pm ~ 6pm

# Saint WHO ??

## Saint Blaise

Feast Day: February 3

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of

St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



**BLESSING OF THROATS**  
will take place next weekend  
after ALL Masses.

Knight's of Columbus  
will be taking ORDERS for  
Cheese (\$13) or pepperoni  
(\$14) pizzas the weekend of  
February 10 / 11.

They will deliver the pizzas  
after masses on March 9 / 10.

Pizza sales to benefit our  
seminarians.



## YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Helen Berger, Karolyn Samora  
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Frank & Sandy Bryant,  
Dee Buell, Nancy Cassella,  
Michelle Cayea, Joanne Colosi,  
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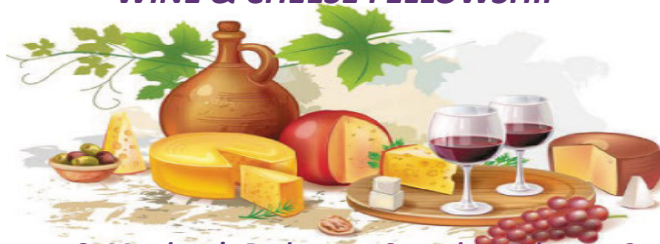
## Eucharistic Adoration

St Mary's Church

9am—3pm

Join us Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

## WINE & CHEESE FELLOWSHIP



St Matthew's Parlor  
After 4:30pm Mass

Saturday, February 3  
ALL are welcome



Food  
Collection

## DONATION WEEKEND February 3 / 4

OUR FOOD PANTRIES will be  
collecting non-perishable  
food on the 1st Sunday of every  
month. Drop your donations at all  
weekend masses. Volunteers for the  
food pantries are  
always needed.



**The pantry is looking for SOUP and  
CEREAL for the month of February**

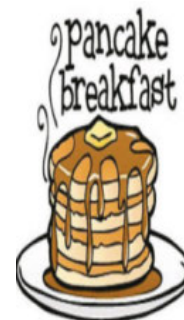
## PANCAKE BREAKFAST Starting back up!

Sunday, February 4, 2024

@ St Mary Parish Center  
8:30am to 12:30pm

Adults	\$ 12
Kids 7-12	\$ 7
Under 6	FREE

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

**Monday, January 29 @ St Matthew's**  
11am Funeral Mass ~ Rick DeJulio

**Wednesday, January 31 @ St Mary**  
9am **Benny Pantliano** ~ *MaryLou & Ed Ryfun*  
**Jeannie Bryant** ~  
*Tri-Parish Women's Scripture Group*

**Friday February 2 @ St Matthew's**  
9am **Pearl Quenelle** ~ *Mona Bertrand*

*Weekend Mass Schedule*

**Saturday February 3 @ St Matthew's**  
4:30pm **Deceased Patrizio / Banazek Family** ~  
*Banazek Family*  
**Louis & Selma Cafarchio** ~  
*Roger & Rita Ducharme*  
**Frank Czarnecki** ~ *Noreen*

**Sunday, February 4 @ St. Matthew's**  
8am **Fred Caccamo**  
**Janice Petreszyn** ~ *Westcott Family*  
**Henry Pfaff** ~ *Cheryl West*

**Sunday, February 4 @ St Francis**  
9:30am **Pro Populo**  
**Ronald VanAllen** ~ *Debra Lucckas*

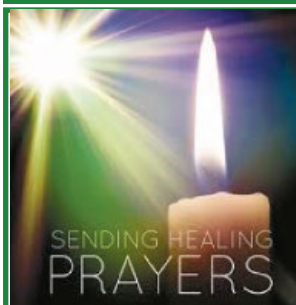
**Sunday, February 4 @ St Mary**  
11am **Norbert, Leonard, Lois & Robert Ring** ~  
*Family*  
**Sonny Jude Becotte** ~ *Family*  
**Benny Pantoliano** ~ *Rosie Barone*

LENT is quickly approaching—ASH WEDNESDAY is February 14—and FISH FRY will be starting! The FISH FRY Committee is looking for donations of *elbow* macaroni, shredded cheddar cheese and butter to make their delicious mac-n-cheese. Volunteers are always welcome. Contact the office if interested (315) 437-8318.

# MASS Intentions

WHEN DAILY MASS IS REPLACED BY A FUNERAL  
The intentions from the DAILY MASS will be moved to the next daily mass time. That way your loved ones will be prayed for on a day close to when you expected instead of being rescheduled possibly months later.

EXAMPLE: If a funeral cancels a Mass on Monday at St Francis, the deceased will be prayed for on Wednesday at St Mary's Mass.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR  
RECENTLY DECEASED**

*Edward Norton*  
*Angelo DiNatale*  
*Beverly Domres*  
*Jim Chavoustie*  
*Rick DeJulio*  
*Rev Thaddeus Rudnik*

A candle has been lit at  
**St Mary's** for

**Benny Pantoliano**  
*(Wife, Janet)*



A candle has been lit at  
**St. Matthew's** for

**Brian Wall**  
*(Family)*

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION LETTER: if you need a copy of your total contributions for 2023 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 go out starting February 1, 2024.

Thank you for your consideration.

**St Matt's**

**St Mary**

**St Francis**

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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  
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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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#### HEAVEN'S PANTRY

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St Matthew's 2nd Time Around Store / Food Pantry  
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#### PANTRY HOURS:

T / Th 9:30am-noon

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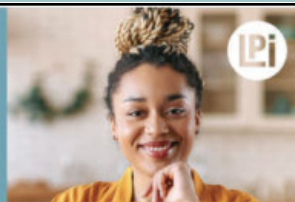
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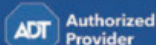
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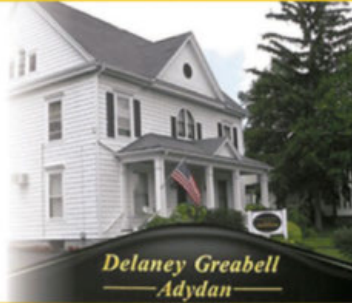
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