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PSALM 147



February 4, 2024



Weekly Offering

St Matthew's NEEDS* **\$ 8,700**
January 28 **\$ 4,241**

St Mary NEEDS* **\$ 4,650**
January 28 **\$ 3,091**

St Francis NEEDS* **\$ 3,300**
January 28 **\$ 1,313**

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

Prayer to St. Blaise

O Holy St. Blaise, you received from God the power to protect us from throat diseases and other maladies. Take away any illness that may afflict me. Keep my throat healthy and perfect so that I can talk correctly and be able to proclaim and sing praises to God.

Help me, St. Blaise, that the words coming from my mouth may always speak the truth and not lies, goodness and not harshness, forgiveness and not condemnation, pardon and not accusation, respect and not disparagement.

May my words always bring conciliation, calmness, unselfishness, patience, love, joy, faith and hope.

O St. Blaise, pray for me. Amen

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Ash Wednesday is
Next Week



FISCAL YEAR July 1, 2023 ~ June 30, 2024

Summary of Income For December 2023 St Matthew's Church

	Current Month	Fiscal Yr-to-Date
Income	Actual	July 23-Dec 23
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 44,551	\$ 167,927
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 1,619	\$ 16,813
Other Income	\$ 2,565	\$ 18,455
Total Income	\$ 48,735	\$ 203,195
Expenses		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 16,729	\$ 80,826
Office / Admin	\$ 1,834	\$ 9,688
Program Services	\$ 8,874	\$ 39,361
Building & Utilities	\$ 2,106	\$ 16,175
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 9,479	\$ 58,812
Other Expenses	\$ 887	\$ 4,728
Total Expenses	\$ 39,909	\$ 209,590
Net Income for Dec 23	\$ 8,826	\$ - 6,395

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

	Current Month	Fiscal Yr-to-Date
Income	Actual	July 23-Dec 23
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 22,839	\$ 94,143
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 5,603	\$ 29,678
Other Income	\$ 3,399	\$ 6,813
Total Income	\$ 31,841	\$ 130,635
Expenses		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 9,914	\$ 56,905
Office / Admin	\$ 1,959	\$ 12,463
Program Services	\$ 898	\$ 7,072
Building & Utilities	\$ 7,580	\$ 46,161
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 3,034	\$ 18,204
Other Expenses	\$ 1,032	\$ 4,847
Total Expenses	\$ 24,417	\$ 145,651
Net Income for Dec 23	\$ 7,424	\$ - 15,651

Summary of Income For December 2023 St Francis of Assisi Church

	Current Month	Fiscal Yr-to-Date
Income	Actual	July 23-Dec 23
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 12,555	\$ 65,037
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 60	\$ 2,757
Other Income	\$ 8,586	\$ 62,940
Total Income	\$ 21,201	\$ 130,734
Expenses		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 9,564	\$ 59,020
Office / Admin	\$ 928	\$ 8,998
Program Services	\$ 4,598	\$ 11,640
Building & Utilities	\$ 7,058	\$ 19,879
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 1,072	\$ 6,432
Other Expenses	\$ 1,260	\$ 13,654
Total Expenses	\$ 24,480	\$ 119,623
Net Income for Dec 23	\$ - 3,279	\$ 11,112

OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS ~ Saint Stephen
In memory of Mrs Fred Kanaley and daughter, Margaret
Location: South Side of Church—Saint Matthew's

Saint Stephen was one of the first ordained deacons of the Church. He was also the first Christian martyr. The Greek word from which we derive the English word martyr literally means witness. In that sense, every Christian is called to bear witness to Jesus Christ, in both their words and their actions. Not all are asked to shed their blood. Those who do shed their blood for the faith are the greatest of witnesses. They have been especially honored since the very beginning of Christianity. Stephen was so conformed to Jesus in his holy life that his martyrdom was both a natural and supernatural sign of his love for the Lord. It also inspired the early believers as they faced the first round of brutal persecution.

His behavior, even forgiving those who were taking his life while he was being stoned to death, was a beautiful reflection of how conformed he truly was to the Lord Jesus Christ. It is recorded in Chapter 7 of the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 7:54-60), which immediately follows the Gospels in the New Testament.

HELP US HELP THE HUNGRY!

In this time of high inflation and rising food prices, our three food pantries need help. They must purchase food which is not donated.

This is how you can help:
Bridgeport ~ St Francis Put cash or checks payable to **BRIDGEPORT FOOD PANTRY** in Sunday collection basket.

Minoa ~ St MARY Put cash or checks payable to **HEAVEN'S PANTRY** in Sunday collection basket.

E Syracuse ~ St Matthew's
 Put cash or checks payable to
ST MATTHEW'S FOOD PANTRY
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Donations may also be mailed to the parish of at:
 229 W Yates Street
 East Syracuse, NY 13057

Many more people need our help during this difficult time.

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



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.



THIS DRIVE WILL RUN THROUGHOUT LENT

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



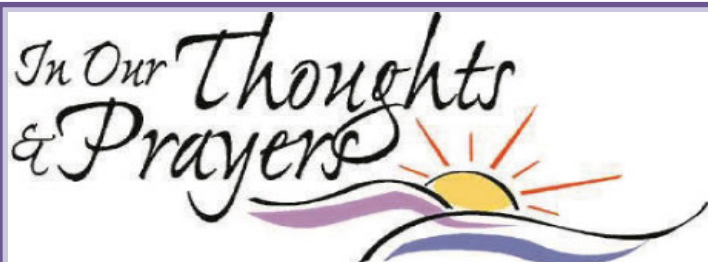
Jerome Emiliani lay chained in the dark dirty dungeon. Only a short time before he had been a military commander for Venice in charge of a fortress. He didn't care much about God because he didn't need him -- he had his own strength and the strength of his soldiers and weapons. When Venice's enemies, the League of Cambrai, captured the fortress, he was dragged off and imprisoned. There in the dungeon, Jerome decided to get rid of the chains that bound him. He let go of his worldly attachments and embraced God.

When he finally was able to escape, he hung his metal chains in the nearby church of Treviso -- in gratitude not only for being freed from physical prison but from his spiritual dungeon as well.

After a short time as mayor of Treviso he returned his home in Venice where he studied for the priesthood. The war may have been over but it was followed by the famine and plague war's devastation often brought. Thousands suffered in his beloved city. Jerome devoted himself to service again -- this time, not to the military but the poor and suffering around him. He felt a special call to help the orphans who had no one to care for them. All the loved ones who would have protected them and comforted them had been taken by sickness or starvation. He would become their parent, their family.

Using his own money, he rented a house for the orphans, fed them, clothed them, and educated them. Part of his education was to give them the first known catechetical teaching by question and answer. But his constant devotion to the suffering put him in danger too and he fell ill from the plague himself. When he recovered, he had the ideal excuse to back away, but instead his illness seemed to take the last links of the chain from his soul. Once again he interpreted his suffering to be a sign of how little the ambitions of the world mattered.

He committed his whole life and all he owned to helping others. He founded orphanages in other cities, a hospital, and a shelter for prostitutes. This grew into a congregation of priests and brothers that was named after the place where they had a house: the Clerks Regular of Somascha. Although they spent time educating other young people, their primary work was always Jerome's first love -- helping orphans.



Helen Berger, Karolyn Samora Bogdan, Margie Bowhall, Frank & Sandy Bryant, Dee Buell, Nancy Cassella, Michelle Cayea, Joanne Colosi, Maryanne Cook, Jerome Cooley, Kathy Dailey, Chuck & Nancy Davidson, James & Pat Dygert, Teddy Emch-Paone, Frances Funke, Chuck Gaspe, Enrico Geremia, Bob Keltz, Lori Koegel, John & Rosemary Luke, Sam Magari, Anne McCarthy, Josie Mills, Andrew Paulus, Pat Piwinski, Mary Rovall, Pat & Chuck Samora, Richard Spagnolo, Helen Timmins, Sandy & Dennis Van Auken, Chet Waskiewicz

If you would like to request specific dates for Mass intentions (i.e. anniversary, birthday), please call or send your request at least **3-6 months** in advance. If preferred Mass dates and times are unavailable, the **next available** Mass time will be scheduled.



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.



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

Monday, February 5 @ St Francis

9am **NO MASS**

Wednesday, February 7 @ St Mary

9am **NO MASS**

Friday February 9 @ St Matthew's

9am **NO MASS**

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday February 10 @ St Matthew's

4:30pm **Paul Alexander ~**

2nd Anniversary / Brother & Sisters

Selma & Lou Cafarchio ~ Dean & Sharon

Betty Temple ~ Minnick Family

Sunday, February 11 @ St. Matthew's

8am **Frances K Donnelly ~ Family**

Henry Pfaff ~ Florence & Gloria

Fred Caccamo ~

Sunday, February 11 @ St Francis

9:30am **Ed & Beryl Donnelly ~ Theresa & Norma**

Donald Conley ~ Friends at St Francis

Jim Chavoustie ~ Deb & Ed Audley

Sunday, February 11 @ St Mary

11am **Pro Populo**

Steven Sidmore ~ Mom

Benny Pantoliano ~ Wife Janet

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 resched-
uled 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**

Hank Skurpski
Friar Nevin Hammom OFM Conv

A candle has been lit at
St Mary's for

Ina A Davis

(Ina Simiele, Sharlita Bell & Niles Bell)



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

Rick DeJulio
(Jo)

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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ENVELOPE NUMBER _____

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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 —

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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.

HELP OUR



You can make cash or
check donations
payable to specific pantry
and drop in collection basket
or mail to parish office at
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Bridgeport Food Pantry
at St Francis Church
3rd Wednesday of the month
9:30-11:30am & 4-5:30pm
FRESH FOOD GIVEAWAY
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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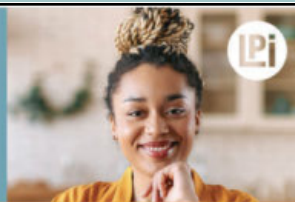
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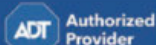
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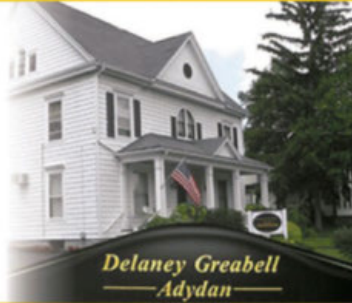
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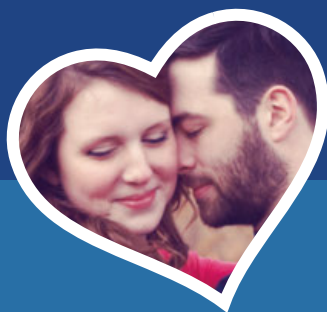
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