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To our
1st Communicants
and Confirmands

Congratulations!





Weekly Offering

St Matthew's NEEDS*	\$ 7,738
May 5	\$ 6,921

St Mary NEEDS*	\$ 5,595
May 5	\$ 3,701

St Francis NEEDS*	\$ 4,383
May 5	\$ 2,496

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

Thank you to all our parishioners who donated during our Lenten Corporal Works of Mercy drives.

Donations of food items were donated to our three food pantries the first two weeks of Lent.

The second two weeks was for "In My Father's Kitchen." The following donations were received:

- \$845 in gifts cards.....mostly Dunkin' Donuts.
- A \$50 Check
- (47) pkgs of trial-size wipes
- (2) large pkgs of wipes split into small plastic bags of 20 each
- (8) small sunscreen spray cans
- (2) bug repellent spray cans
- (2) rain pouches
- (7) pairs of black socks

Donations for the third two weeks were for Sarah's Guest House. There were five full tables of donations.



DO YOU LOVE FLOWERS AND TAKING CARE OF THEM?

We are looking for assistance with planting flowers, watering, and maintaining the cemetery Blessed Mother Grotto, the cemetery Crucifix Garden, the Infant Cemetery, the walkway between the parking lots, and the front of the church and rectory house. Please contact Barb Falkowski at 315-558-0381 to find out what is involved. We could sure use your help!



BABY SHOWER

Our annual **Tri-Parish Baby Shower** is coming up to coincide with Mother's Day and the month of Mary. We will be organizing a collection of gifts this year for ***Birthright of Onondaga County***. Any donation big or small is greatly appreciated. Birthright is a pro-life resource center for pregnant women and new mothers in need.

Spring Wish List:

Baby bottles and baby wash, pacifiers, sippy cups, sleepers (newborn and preemies), onesies (preemie-3 months and 18-24 month), newborn sweaters and hats, plush blankets & umbrella strollers, Walmart gift cards for food and formula, personal care items for mothers (shampoo, conditioner, bodywash, toothpaste / toothbrush), infant boy outfits—newborn, 0-3 months only, diapers—NB and size 1, wipes.

Please place donations in designated crib/boxes in each church starting May 11th. Thank you for your generosity. Questions? Please call Betsy Mostrom 315-637-4611 or 315-345-9982.



The Story of Fatima ... “Pray the rosary everyday, I am the Lady of the Rosary.”

During World War I, Pope Benedict XV made repeated but forlorn pleas for peace, and finally in May 1917, made a direct appeal to the Blessed Mother to intercede for peace in the world. Just over a week later, Our Lady began to appear at Fatima, Portugal to three shepherd children, Lucia dos Santos, age 10, and her cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, ages nine and seven. Fatima was a small village about 70 miles north of Lisbon.

The Angel of Portugal

However, in the spring of the previous year, 1916, the children had their first supernatural encounter as a means of preparing them for their meetings with the Queen of Heaven. As they were looking after their sheep one day they saw a dazzlingly beautiful young man, seemingly made of light, who told them he was the Angel of Peace. He invited them to pray with him.

Later on in the summer, the Angel again appeared to the children and encouraged them to pray and make sacrifices as a way of drawing down peace on their country. In the autumn, the children again saw the Angel as they were looking after the sheep. He appeared before them holding a chalice in his hands, above which was suspended a host from which drops of blood were falling into the chalice. The Angel left the chalice suspended in the air and prostrated himself before it in prayer. He taught them a prayer of Eucharistic reparation.

He then gave the host to Lucia and the chalice to Francisco and Jacinta, saying: “Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, horribly outraged by ungrateful men. Repair their crimes and console your God.” Then he prostrated himself again in prayer before disappearing. The children did not tell anyone about these visits of the Angel, feeling an interior necessity to keep quiet about these events.

May 13, 1917

On May 13, 1917, the three children took their flocks out to pasture in the small area known as the Cova da Iria (Cove of Peace). After lunch and the Rosary they suddenly saw a bright flash of something like lightning, followed quickly by another flash in the clear blue sky.

They looked up to see, in Lucia’s words, “A lady, clothed in white, brighter than the sun, radiating a light more clear and intense than a crystal cup filled with sparkling water lit by burning sunlight.” The children stood there amazed, bathed in the light that surrounded the apparition as the Lady smiled and said: “Do not be afraid, I will not harm you.” Lucia, as the oldest, asked her where she came from.

The Lady pointed to the sky and said: “I come from heaven.” Lucia then asked her what she wanted. “I have come to ask you to come here for six months on the 13th day of the month at this same hour. Later, I shall say who I am and what I desire. And I shall return here yet a seventh time.”

Lucia then asked if they would go to heaven and was told “yes,” she and Jacinta would go to heaven, but Francisco would need to say many rosaries first. The Lady then said: “Are you willing to offer yourselves to God and bear all the sufferings He wills to send you as an act of reparation for the conversion of sinners?”

Lucia, speaking for all three, readily agreed. “Then you are going to have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your comfort.”

Lucia recounted that at the same moment she said these words the Lady opened her hands and streamed a “light” on the children that allowed them to see themselves in God. The Lady finished with a request: “Say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and the end of the war.” With that she began to rise into the air, moving towards the east until she disappeared.

The children got together and tried to think of ways they could make sacrifices as the Lady had asked, resolving to go without lunch and to pray the full Rosary. Francisco and Jacinta received more support from their parents than Lucia, but the attitudes of the local inhabitants ranged from skepticism to utter contempt, and the children thereby suffered many insults. They would have much to suffer, just as the Lady had told





Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of
mercy, hail, our life, our
sweetness and our hope.

To thee do we cry, poor
banished children of Eve;
to thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this
vale of tears.

Turn then, most gracious
Advocate, thine eyes of mercy
toward us, and after this our
exile, show unto us the blessed
fruit of thy womb, Jesus,
O merciful, O loving, O sweet

Virgin Mary!

Amen

FISCAL YEAR July 1, 2023 ~ June 30, 2024

Summary of Income For March 2024 St Matthew's Church

	Current Month Actual	Fiscal Yr-to-Date July 23-Mar 24
Income		
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 32,204	\$ 244,202
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 2,690	\$ 24,871
Other Income	\$ 5,398	\$ 28,710
Total Income	\$ 40,292	\$ 297,783
Expenses		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 11,398	\$ 115,064
Office / Admin	\$ 1,188	\$ 13,208
Program Services	\$ 3,376	\$ 53,361
Building & Utilities	\$ 2,476	\$ 30,478
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 9,479	\$ 85,308
Other Expenses	\$ 2,188	\$ 8,659
Total Expenses	\$ 30,104	\$ 306,078
Net Income for Mar 24	\$ 10,188	\$ - 8,295

Summary of Income For March 2024 St Mary of the Assumption Church

	Current Month Actual	Fiscal Yr-to-Date July 23-Mar 24
Income		
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 22,421	\$ 146,823
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 3,534	\$ 43,998
Other Income	\$ 15,609	\$ 30,717
Total Income	\$ 41,564	\$ 221,538
Expenses		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 7,924	\$ 90,753
Office / Admin	\$ 766	\$ 17,342
Program Services	\$ 1,511	\$ 10,996
Building & Utilities	\$ 5,614	\$ 59,446
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 3,034	\$ 27,305
Other Expenses	\$ 11,126	\$ 22,566
Total Expenses	\$ 29,975	\$ 228,410
Net Income for Mar 24	\$ 11,589	\$ - 6,872

Summary of Income For March 2024 St Francis of Assisi Church

	Current Month Actual	Fiscal Yr-to-Date July 23-Mar 24
Income		
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 12,587	\$ 94,773
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 30	\$ 3,773
Other Income	\$ 0	\$ 64,289
Total Income	\$ 12,617	\$ 162,836
Expenses		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 9,330	\$ 90,415
Office / Admin	\$ 1,881	\$ 13,613
Program Services	\$ 616	\$ 14,921
Building & Utilities	\$ 1,854	\$ 25,869
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 1,072	\$ 9,648
Other Expenses	\$ 2,222	\$ 17,469
Total Expenses	\$ 16,974	\$ 171,936
Net Income for Mar 24	\$ - 4,357	\$ - 9,100

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

Monday, May 13 @ St Francis
9am **NO MASS**

Wednesday, May 15 @ St Mary
9am Intentions of Tri-Parish Women's
Scripture Group

Friday May 17 @ St Matthew's
9am Daniel Michael Mahoney ~
Joyce Dempster & Family

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday May 18 @ St Matthew's
4:30pm Dick & Sally Nemeti ~
Joanne & Jerry Gavenda
Rick DeJulio ~
Dean & Kathy Needle & Family
Mary Patricia Scagni ~ *Brandon Family*

Sunday, May 19 @ St. Matthew's
8am Stephen & Julia Bednar ~ *John & Family*
Lance Hinman ~ *Barbara Hinman*
Lori Koegel ~ *Mike & Sue Rauer*

Sunday, May 19 @ St Francis
9:30am Corrin Putnam ~ *Helen & Ed Timmins*
Kathryn Melnick ~
Dean & Sharon Bartholomew
Christopher Bergan ~ *Mom & Tony*

Sunday, May 19 @ St Mary
11am Anne Bitterman ~ *Bitterman Family*
Joe Lupia ~ *Speedy Recovery /*
Tri-Parish Women's Scripture Group
Steve Billington ~ *7th Anniversary / Family*



Helen Berger, Karolyn Samora Bogdan, Margie Bowhall, Frank & Sandy Bryant, Dee Buell, Nancy Cassella, Michelle Cayea, Joanne Colosi, Chuck & Nancy Davidson, James, Pat & Debora Dygert, Teddy Emch-Paone, Frances Funke, Chuck Gaspe, Enrico Geremia, Carol Kelsey, Bob Kelty, John & Rosemary Luke, Sam Magari, Anne McCarthy, Josie Mills, John Mirabito, Andrew Paulus, Pat Piwinski, Mary Rovall, Pat & Chuck Samora, Al Smith, Richard Spagnolo, Helen Timmins, Sandy & Dennis Van Auken, Chet Waskiewicz



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

Mary Patricia Scagni
(Brandon Family)



A candle has been lit at
St Mary's for

Ina A Davis
(Ina Simiele, Sharlita Bell & Niles Bell)



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

<p>Sacrament of Penance (Confession)</p> <p>Saturdays @ St Matthew's 3:30-4:15pm</p> <p>Sundays @ St Mary after 11am mass</p>	<p>RECONCILIATION</p>
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	<p><i>Banns of Matrimony:</i> <i>at Saint Matthew's</i> <i>(1) Danielle Owens /</i> <i>David Vigliotti</i></p>
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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 229 W Yates Street East Syracuse, NY 13057




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




PARISH TRUSTEES

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Mike Riley	Kathy Lanphear	Joe Group
Jean Sajna	Jim Mostrom	Mike Stocker

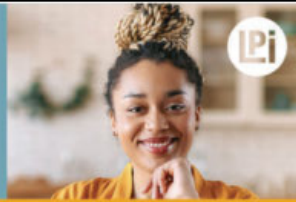


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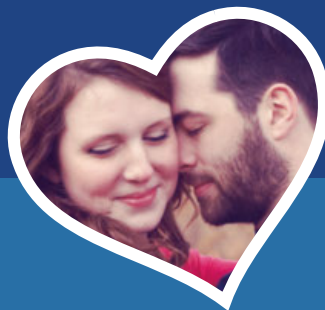
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