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St Francis St Mary St Matthew
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Pastor: Rev Stephen P. Wirkes Dc Dean Brainard Dc Joseph Lupia

August 18, 2024

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHOEVER EATS THIS
BREAD WILL LIVE
FOREVER.

— JOHN 6:58 —



Weekly Offering

August 11, 2024

* St Matthew's	\$ 5,833
* St Mary	\$ 2,616
* St Francis	\$ 2,333

- * The Sunday envelope, loose and on-line donations counted on Monday morning. This, and all other sources of income (and expenses) are found in the detailed Profit / Loss Statement listed in the bulletin monthly.



FYI...



SOLAR ENERGY! YES!!

I had previously told you that all of St Mary's properties had been switched to solar energy. I have now been notified that all of St Matthew's and St Francis are also now on solar power. This is a prudent

step for the environment and should also save us about 10% on all our electric bills.



NEW ROOF! YES!!

We have replaced the roof on the cemetery work / storage shed.

AIR CONDITIONING! YES!!

St Mary's finance council has wanted to install air conditioning in the church for several years. There have been some unavoidable delays. Finally, we have signed a contract with Chiodo A/C. Financial gifts to offset the cost of this worthy investment will be welcomed. Details to follow.



PARKING LOT PAVING! YES !!

We just signed a paving contract for St Francis parking lot. They will repair and replace the very damaged section leading into the parish center lot and the sidewalk on the north side of the church—all for only \$5000. (Not the \$18,000 originally thought). We will mark **four** handicap spaces by the main entrance.



The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
18	19 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store	20 9:30-noon SMFP 1-3pm Rosary Makers 5:30-7 Heaven's Pantry	21 9:30-11:30 & 4-5:30 SFFP 10-11 and 6-7 Heaven's Pantry 1-3pm Connections 6:30 Men's Group	22 9:30-noon SMFP 2-4 Craft Club 6-8 Women's Group 7pm BINGO	23 6pm Wedding Rehearsal	24 1pm Ashe / Hamilton Wedding
25	26 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store	27 9:30-noon SMFP	28 3pm SF Fresh Food Giveaway 6:30 Men's Group	29 9:30-noon SMFP 2-4 Craft Club 6-8 Women's Group 7pm BINGO	30 31 AUGUST	

■ SF Saint Francis	■ SFAPC St Francis Parish Center	■ BFP Bridgeport Food Pantry
■ SMA Saint Mary	■ SMAPC St Mary Parish Center	
■ SM Saint Matthew's		■ SMFP St Matthew's Food Pantry
■ Other	■ Holy Day ~ Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary MASS: 9am @ SMA 12:10pm @ SM	

Adoration ~ First Friday of the month @ SMA Church 9am-3pm

Wine & Cheese ~ First Saturday of the month after 4:30pm mass at SM

Donation Weekend for ALL 3 pantries ~ First weekend of the month :

Bridgeport Food Pantry ~ 3rd Wednesday of the month 9:30-11:30am and 4-5:30pm @ SFA Church
Fresh Food Giveaway ~ 4th Wednesday of the month at SFAPC

St Matthew's Food Pantry & 2nd Time Around Store ~ Store is open every Monday 9am-12:30pm
600 W Manlius Street E Syracuse Pantry—Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30am-noon

Heaven's Pantry ~ 3rd Wednesday of the month 10-11am and 6-7pm @ Minoa Methodist Church

Book Club ~ Every Monday on ZOOM from 10:30-11:30am

Rosary Makers ~ Every other Tuesday @ SMAPC from 1-3pm

Connections / Prayer Shawl / Knitting Club ~ 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at SMAPC

Men's Group / Holy Name of Jesus Men's Ministry ~ Bible study every Wednesday @ SMAPC 6:30pm

Women's Group / Tri-Parish Women's Scripture Group ~ Every Thursday 6:30-8pm

Craft Club ~ Any craft you would like to work on meets every Thursday from 2-4pm

BINGO ~ Every Thursday from April to December @ SFAPC—Starts at 7pm / doors open at 5pm

If you have questions on any of our activities / meetings / events,
please call the parish office for more information at (315) 437-8318.

BINGO at St Francis runs every Thursday from 6pm-9:30pm. The program is always looking for new Volunteers. There are a variety of tasks that need to be done to continue the success of the program. Time commitment can be anywhere from one hour once every 5 weeks to more if you are willing. Tasks can be: Kitchen - prep, cook or serve items; Floor workers - call back number to verify cards, bring prize \$ to winners, wipe down tables at the end; Card Sales - sell game cards to participants; Pull Tab sales - sell game cards to participants; etc. The 2023 Bingo program raised OVER \$45,671.00 dollars! Please see or call Patti Koch (315) 575-5391, or Dave Stevens (315) 264-5764 if you would like to offer some of your time to help out. Just a small bit of your time helps our church.



Thank You



Saint WHO ??

SAINT Charbel
Feast Day: July 24

St. Charbel (May 8, 1828 – December 24, 1898) was born Joseph Zaroun Maklouf in the Lebanese mountain village of Beka-Kafra, the youngest of five children. When he was only three years old, his father died. As a child and youth, he took care of the family cow and spent much of his time in the countryside in quiet contemplation. In fact, he was so pious the villagers called him “the saint.” Against the wishes of his mother and uncle, he left home in 1851, traveling on foot to the Maronite Monastery of Our Lady of Mayfouk to join the monks there. Upon entering the order, the saint chose the name Charbel (or Sharbel) in honor of a second century martyr.

In 1853, St. Charbel joined the Monastery of St. Maron at Annaya where he professed his final vows and was ordained 1859. He lived and worked at the monastery until 1875 when he requested to go live as a hermit like his maternal uncles. Initially denied the request, he was granted permission after the lamp in his cell miraculously burned for hours without oil. In his life as a hermit, St. Charbel practiced severe bodily mortifications, eating and sleeping little, wearing a hair shirt, and sleeping on the hard ground. He performed many miraculous works in his lifetime, was renowned for healing, casting out demons, and levitating during prayer.

St. Charbel had a deep personal love of God’s Eucharistic presence, and it was while he was saying Mass at the age of 70, as he held up the host, that he suffered a stroke and died several days later. Millions have visited his tomb and sought and received his intercession, even those of other faiths. Pope Paul VI beatified St. Charbel in 1965 and canonized him 12 years later. He is the patron of Lebanon. St. Charbel Maklouf, pray for us!



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
The Fullness of Life

Like any other child of the ‘90s raised by budget-conscious parents, I’ve spent my fair share of Sunday mornings in line at an Old Country Buffet, hot plate in hand. Kids ate for chump change on Sundays, and I never left that fine establishment without getting our money’s worth. I always came away stuffed to the gills. But I never, ever remember feeling satisfied.

In fact, if I recall correctly, most of the time I felt rather empty. I was always thinking about the food I didn’t get to eat — whatever I couldn’t fit on my plate, or whatever they were bringing out from the kitchen just as we were about to leave.

As I’ve gotten older, it’s a feeling I’ve encountered again and again, and not just at buffets. Haven’t we all? The people you think are perfect reveal themselves to be deeply flawed. The things you want the most are never as satisfying to possess as they are to long for. The experiences you anticipate the most end up being letdowns, when instead it’s the ordinary moments — maybe even the hard moments, the painful moments — that stand out, that become cherished memories.

Today’s scripture readings equate wisdom and fullness with an acceptance of something that makes no sense, that defies scientific explanation, cultural norms, and even common sense: the Real Presence of our God in the Eucharist.

Is it strange to believe that we are consuming the Body and Blood of Christ in our worship, and that only by doing so will we ever achieve everlasting life?

Perhaps. But we are asked to do many strange things as Christians. We are asked to love when we do not feel like loving, when the object of that love has not earned it. We are asked to forgive even when the recipient of that forgiveness does not seek it or merit it. We are asked to believe, in moments when belief feels impossible.

Socrates says that the only wisdom is in knowing that you know nothing. Perhaps the only spiritual fullness is in knowing that there is only emptiness to be had here in this world, that there is no physical experience or indulgence that can really make you feel satisfied and strong. That the only food that really nourishes you in a way that lasts is a small white Host you can barely taste on your tongue.

“My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.” — John 6:55

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

Monday, August 19 @ St Francis
9am For the Unborn

Wednesday, August 21 @ St Mary
9am For all priests

Friday August 23 @ St Matthew's
9am Mary, Ed & Pat Higgins ~ Family

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday August 24 @ St Matthew's
4:30pm Anne & Michael Civiletti ~
Special Intention / Art Civiletti
Dora & Noah Bertrand ~ Mona Bertrand
John Bertrand ~ Mona Bertrand

Sunday, August 25 @ St. Matthew's
8am Rick DeJulio ~ Birthday / Jo
Mary Jordan Cotter ~ Amy Palmer
Catherine A Hrynyk &
Mary Arlene Cuddy ~
Mel & Buke Babikian

Sunday, August 25 @ St Francis
9:30am Pat Barrett ~ Carol & Dale
Rita Smith ~ Brooke Levandowski

Sunday, August 25 @ St Mary
11am John Regan ~
1st Anniversary / Wife Rosette
Christopher Bergan ~ Mom & Tony
Arlene Neyhart ~ Joan Duda

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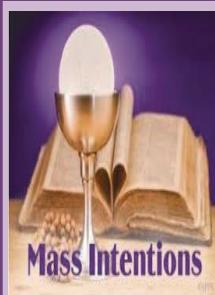
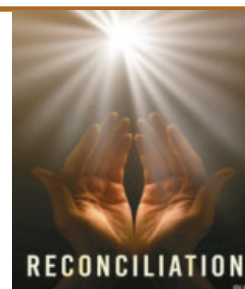
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Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

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



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.

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

Marty Satalino
(wife Carmella)



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED



*Banns of Matrimony:
at Saint Matthew's*

*(3) Kristen Ashe /
Robert Hamilton*



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MONDAY EVENINGS

6pm~ 7pm or by appointment

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday ~ Thursday 9am ~ 4pm

OR by appointment —

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St Francis of Assisi

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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
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Bridgeport Food Pantry

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3rd Wednesday of the month

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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

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2nd TIME AROUND STORE HOURS

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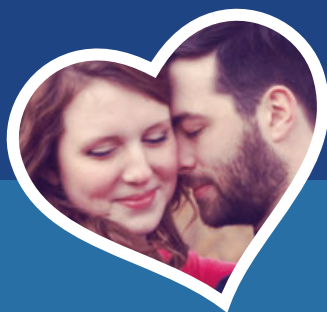
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