

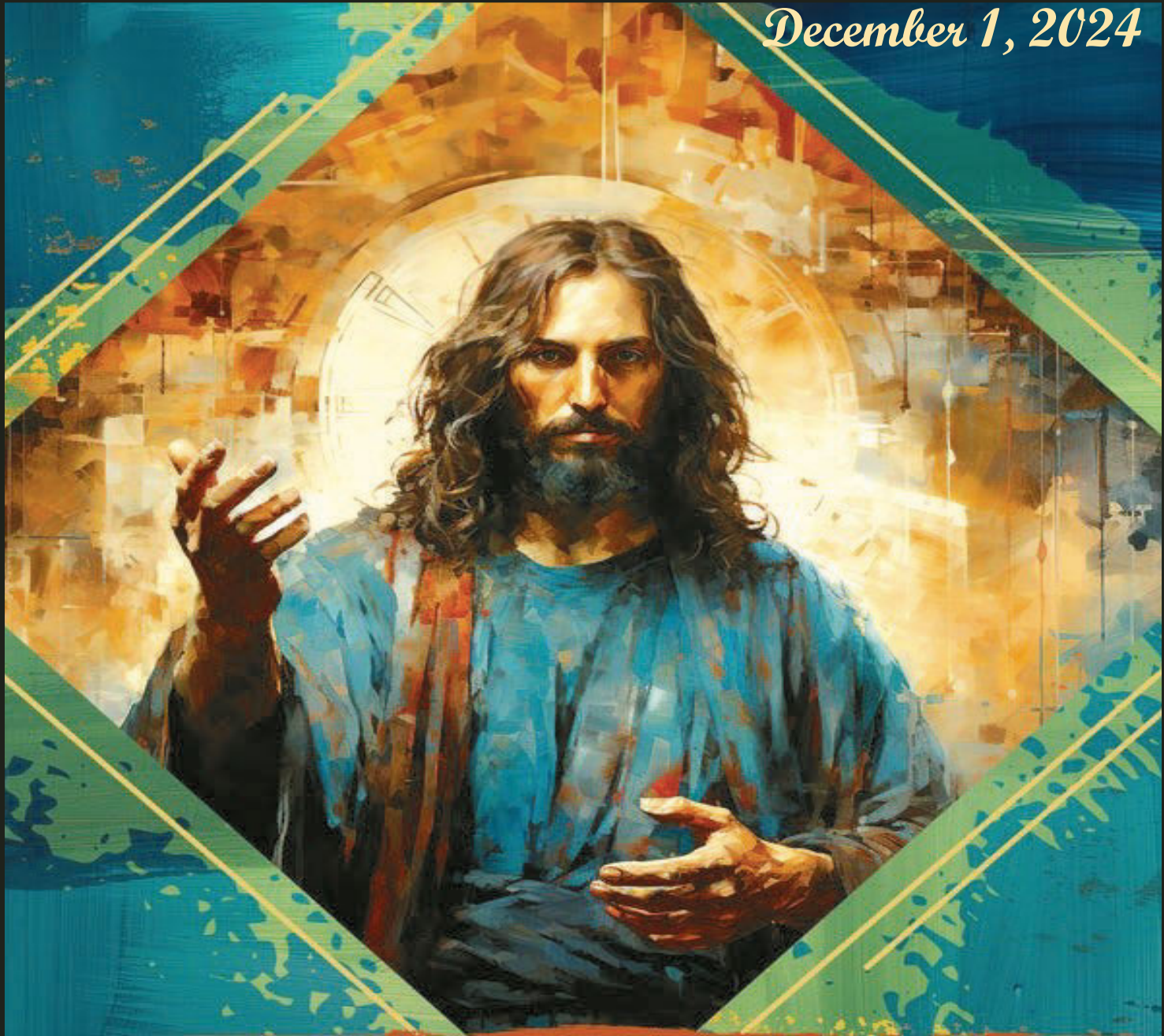


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Pastor: Rev Stephen P. Wirkes Dc Dean Brainard Dc Joseph Lupia

December 1, 2024



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” - Lk 21:27



Weekly Offering

November 17, 2024

- * St Matthew's \$ 5,332
- * St Mary \$ 2,258
- * St Francis \$ 1,562

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



FAITH IN ACTION
Live Love. Give Love.
Please take a pledge card from Church today

	GOAL	PLEGGED	%
St Mary	\$ 23,006	\$ 25,215	109.60%
St Francis	\$ 12,032	\$ 9,075	75.42%
St Matt's	\$ 40,368	\$ 36,813	91.19%

The HOPE Appeal supports:

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| Catholic Charities | Formation for Ministry |
| Asian & Spanish Ministries | Catholic Sun, TV |
| Catholic Deaf Ministry | Hospital Ministry |
| Social Action Ministry | Pastoral / Rel Support |
| Jail Ministry | Liturgy & Worship |
| Cathedral Emergency Svcs | Catholic Cemeteries |
| Tuition Assistance | Charismatic Renewal |
| Family Respect Life | Commission on Women |
| Marriage Tribunal | Vicar for Parishes |
| Lay Leadership | Cathedral Support |
| Seminarian, Clergy, Deacon Education | |

**All Parish Members are invited to attend:
Altar Rosary Society Christmas Banquet
Wednesday, December 4th
St Francis Parish Center @ 6 p.m.**

Please bring: a \$10 wrapped gift with a Spiritual Theme to exchange, a dish to pass (appetizer, side dish, or dessert), and a \$5 donation. To *reserve your spot & reveal your dish to pass, please email diane52@gmail.com, or call/text Diane Brzuszkiewicz (315) 559-0076

*Please RSVP by December 1st

Menu: Chicken Riggies and Antipasto provided Appetizers, sides, and desserts supplied by the good cooks in attendance!

Advent Wreath

Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreathes adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas.



St Matthew's Giving Tree is now up!

We are looking for gift cards from Wal-Mart, Wegmans and Target. All other will also be accepted but there are numerous clients that do not drive - please keep this in mind. Any denomination is greatly

appreciated. We will be handing out food and gifts through December 19th (when the pantry / store closes until the new year). So please put your donations in the collection basket ASAP. The volunteers and our patrons thank you for all your support. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



- 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

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 3 Pantry Donation Wkend Breakfast w/ Santa 8:30-12:30 SMAPC	2 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM 6-7 Rel Ed SMAPC Grade 2 ONLY (Reconciliation)	3 9:30-noon SMFP 6:30pm SFAPC Choir Practice SMA & SF	4 1-3 Connections 6pm SFAPC Altar Rosary Banquet 6:30 Men's Grp	5 9:30-noon SMFP 2-4 Craft Club 6-8 Women's Group Safe Environment Class @ SMAPC 7pm BINGO	6 7 9A-3P Eucharistic Adoration <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: purple;">DECEMBER</div> 4:30pm Celi / Brozaitis wedding 5:30 Wine & Cheese	
8 9:30-noon Rel Ed SMAPC	9 OFC CLOSED 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM 6-7 Rel Ed SMAPC Grade 2 ONLY	10 9:30-noon SMFP 1-3 Rosary Makers 6:30pm SFAPC Choir Practice SMA & SF	11 9:30-11:30 & 4-5:30 SFFP 6:30 Men's Grp	12 9:30-noon SMFP 2-4 Craft Club 6-8 Women's Group 7pm BINGO	13	14 KofC Button Sale
15 KofC Button Sale After all masses 9:30-noon Rel Ed SMAPC	16 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM 6-7 Rel Ed SMAPC	17 9:30-noon SMFP 5:30-7pm Heaven's Ptry 6:30pm SFAPC Choir Practice SMA & SF	18 1-3 Connections 10-11 & 6-7 Heaven's Ptry 6:30 Men's Gr	19 9:30-noon SMFP 2-4 Craft Club 6-8 Women's Group 7pm BINGO	20	21

Saint WHO ??

SAINT Nicholas of Bari Feast Day: December 6



St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 – December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution. According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys. Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT





Election Day Lunch / Dinner Report

Thank you and congratulations to two successful election day events. St Francis of Assisi Spaghetti dinner made a profit of over \$9,000 from 50/50 raffles, basket raffles, bake sale, 'Betty's Pies' and dinner sales. Great job everybody.

St Mary / St Matthew's Fish Fry did well also making almost \$3,000 serving dinners only. A lot of work goes into both of these events and we appreciate our chairpersons, volunteers, cooks / bakers, servers, set-up and cleaning crew, and the students that made election day lunch / dinner a wonderful success.



BLOOD DRIVE

St Francis of Assisi Parish Center Bridgeport

7820 Bridgeport Minoa Road
Friday, December 6, 2024
1:30pm to 6pm

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org
use sponsor code St Francis to schedule your

Our Favorite Volunteer ~ Seth Ezzo

Volunteering and working hard all around town.
Great Job SETH!



We would like to thank everyone that donated sheets and towels for our veterans. The response was overwhelming and the veterans were ecstatic to receive them. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

CATHOLIC EXCHANGE

Now open at St Mary's Church in the handicap entrance and within the basement.



Do you have extra books, statues, pictures or any other religious items that you no longer use and would like to share with others? We now have a place where you can bring them. Please make sure that they are in good condition and follow the Catholic traditions.

BLESSED BRUNCH

Ladies, you are invited to a Blessed Brunch. Come celebrate Advent with Blessed is She!

December 7th
10am
St Patrick's Parish Center

Murray Dr Chittenango
RSVP to blessedishe.stpats@gmail.com
Bring a friend and a dish to share.

It's Time to Decorate!

And Saint Mary church is in need of some elves to help her get ready for Christmas. Date and time to be determined. Call Barb Falkowski at (315) 558-0381



Christmas Eve Children's Pageant

Tuesday, December 24th
4pm Mass
Saint Matthew's Church

Sign-up is now open for the Children's Pageant. We need soldiers, towns people, shepherds, a tax collector, angels and a Holy Family.

Contact the parish office at (315)437-8318
Or sign-up with Anne Karkruff at Faith Formation



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

Monday, December 2 @ St Francis

9am **NO MASS**

Wednesday, December 4 @ St Mary

9am **NO MASS**

Friday, December 6 @ St Matthew's

9am **NO MASS**

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday December 7 @ St Matthew's

4:30pm For the Intentions of Anne Civiletta ~

Son—Michael Civiletta

Alex Wisniewski ~ Family

Brian Crull ~ Mary Kelly & Donald

Sunday, December 8 @ St. Matthew's

8am **Karen Fullana ~ Joe, Alyssa, Joey, Milani**

Frank Verzino ~ Friends at Barrett—Dewitt

Robert Ferri ~ Kathy O'Neill

Sunday, December 8 @ St Francis

9:30am **Daniel Alberico ~ Jack & Sharon Martin**

John Touchette ~ Cavanaugh Family

Carolyn Cristantielli ~ Randy Calamari

Sunday, December 8 @ St Mary

11am **Margery Mozo ~ Toni & Hap Carguello**
Paul Todd ~

Suzanne Retschle, Tom & Sandy Fields

Chuckie Palmisano ~ Wojtaszek Family

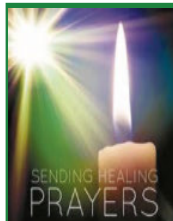
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, December 9 @ St Mary

9am **Bob Kelty ~ Trapper's Pitch Club**

12:10pm **Lawrence Brenner ~ Carol Falkowitz**

Mary H Rovall ~ Vince & Carol Bonvino



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR
RECENTLY DECEASED**

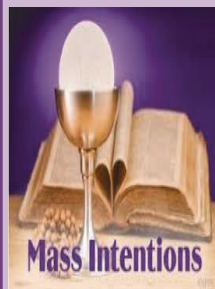
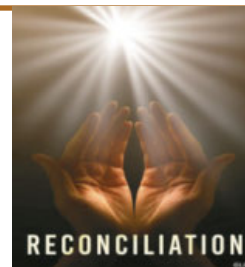
In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Fred Bennink, Helen Berger, Margie Bowhall,
Frank & Sandy Bryant, Dee Buell, Nancy Cassella,
Michelle Cayea, Joanne Colosi,
Tiffany Conboy, James, Pat & Debora Dygert,
Teddy Emch-Paone, Louise Flynn, Chuck Gaspe,
Sam Magari, Anne McCarthy, Josie Mills,
John Mirabito, Andrew Paulus,
MaryJo Russell, Pat & Chuck Samora,
Al Smith, Richard Spagnolo, Helen Timmins,
Sandy & Dennis Van Auken, Chet Waskiewicz

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.

Banns of Matrimony: at Saint Matthew's

(3) *Stephanie Celi /*
Benjamin Brozaitis

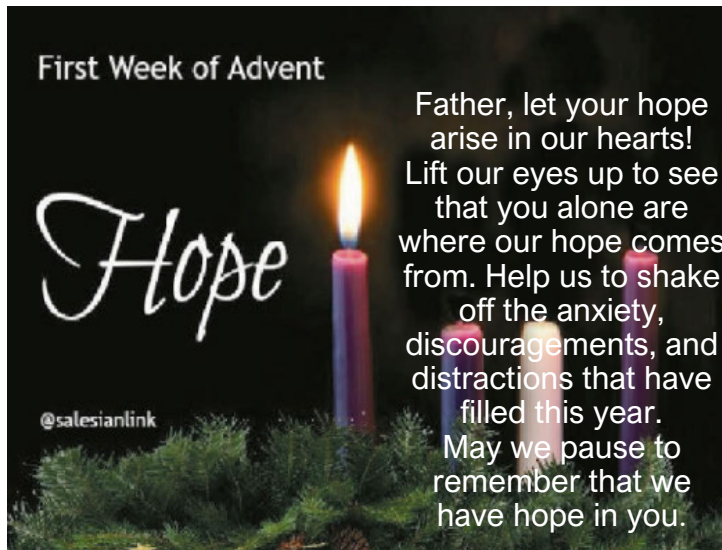


First Week of Advent

Hope

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Father, let your hope
arise in our hearts!
Lift our eyes up to see
that you alone are
where our hope comes
from. Help us to shake
off the anxiety,
discouragements, and
distractions that have
filled this year.
May we pause to
remember that we
have hope in you.



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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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St Francis of Assisi
Use either of the above email addresses
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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




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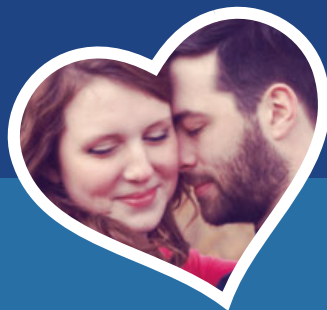
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