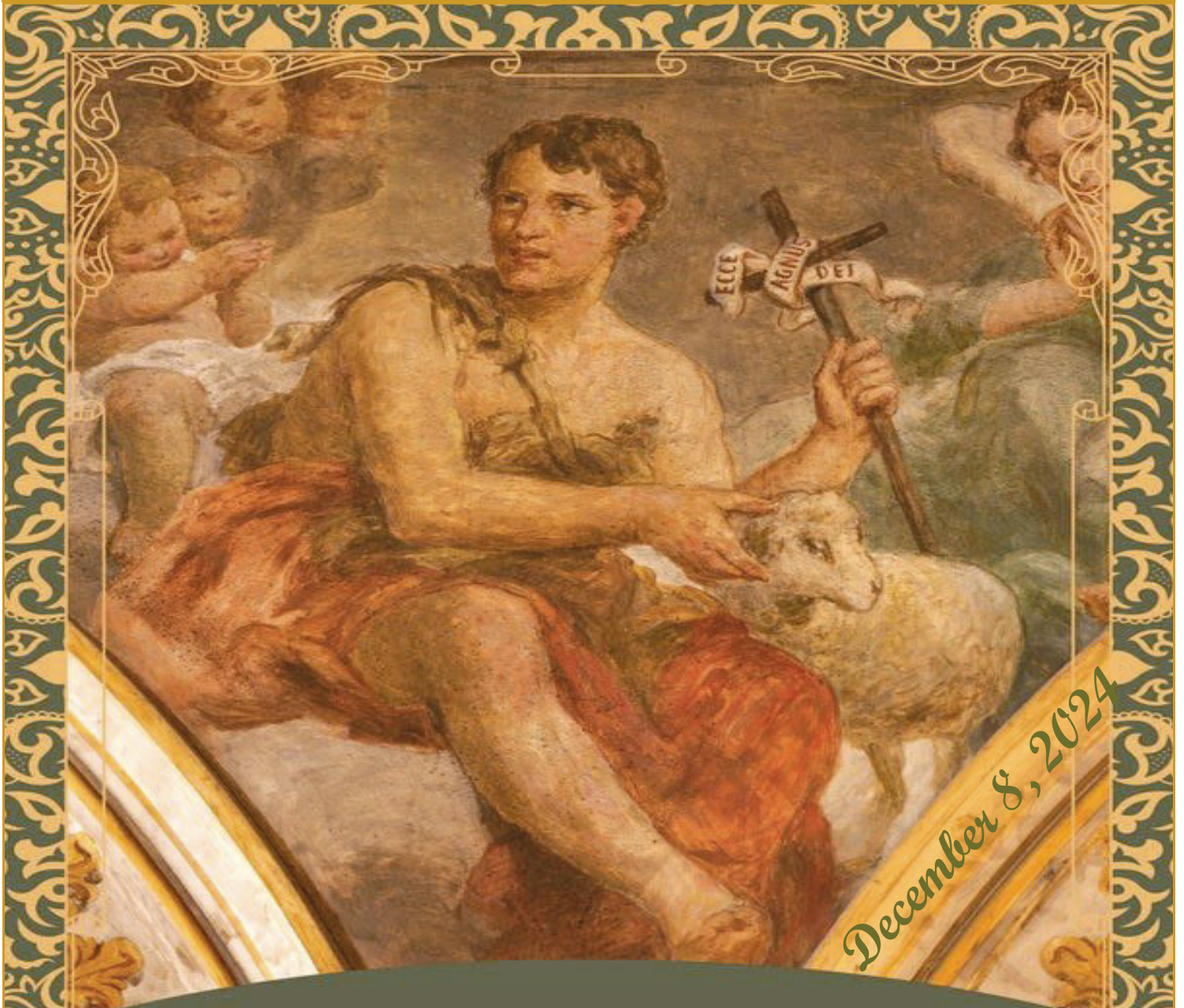




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December 8, 2024

• SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT •

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD.



Weekly Offering

November 24, 2024

- * St Matthew's \$ 3,719
- * St Mary \$ 3,614
- * St Francis \$ 1,625

* 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	PLEDGED	%
St Mary	\$ 23,006	\$ 29,270	127.23%
St Francis	\$ 12,032	\$ 9,850	81.87%
St Matt's	\$ 40,368	\$ 39,668	98.27%

The HOPE Appeal supports:

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| Catholic Charities | Formation for Ministry |
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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 you support. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



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.

- SF Saint Francis ■ SFAPC St Francis Parish Center ■ BFP Bridgeport Food Pantry
- SMA Saint Mary ■ SMAPC St Mary Parish Center ■ SMFP St Matthew's Food Pantry
- SM Saint Matthew's
- 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
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
22	23 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM	24 O F F I C E 4pm CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS @ SM	25 CHRISTMAS 	26	27	28 DECEMBER

Saint WHO ??

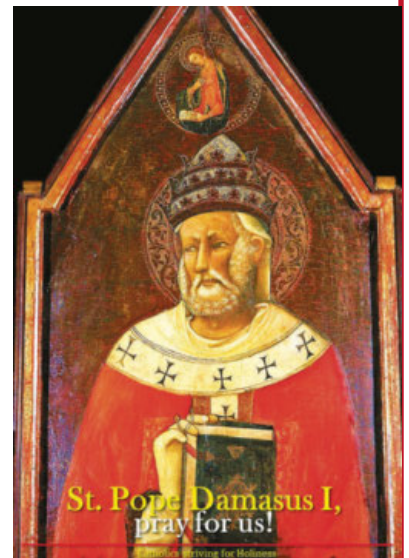
SAINT Damasus Feast Day: December 11

Saint Damasus served as bishop of Rome for 18 years as Pope Damasus I (366-384). He had to endure significant controversy early in his pontifical reign when a factional group of bishops insisted that their chosen claimant, Ursinus, was the true pope. Both sides resorted to violence before the issue was decided in favor of Damasus. He went on to make the unification of the Church a central focus of his papacy and fervently fought to counter any division caused by the many heretical teachings of his time.

While he was pope, Christianity was declared the official religion of the Roman Empire and Rome's authority in the Church was decided by a synod that Damasus called in 382. This synod established Rome as the direct descendant of the Church founded by the apostle Saint Peter, the apostolic see, and put an end to confusion stemming from Constantinople, which some were already calling 'The New Rome'.

To further unify the Church, Damasus introduced Latin as the principle liturgical language and commissioned his secretary, Saint Jerome, to compile and revise the various translations of the Bible into one official translation to be used by the entire Church: The Latin Vulgate. This successfully preserved the original Scriptures by making them more accessible to the average Christian.

A writer and poet himself, Saint Damasus lives on in history through his many epigrams and verse inscriptions that can be found on the Roman catacombs that he restored during his papacy. Saint Jerome described his friend, Pope Damasus, as being "an incomparable person, learned in the Scriptures, a virgin doctor of the virgin Church, who loved chastity and heard its praises with pleasure."





On December 8, we honor Mary, our Mother. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Catholic feast celebrating Mary's conception without sin. Even though this feast day occurs in the liturgical season of Advent, which prepares for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother, St. Anne.

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception asserts that, "from the first moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was, by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of Mankind, kept free from all stain of original sin."

The observance of this feast began with a Papal encyclical by Pope Pius IX, when he formally defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, *INEFFABILIS DEUS*, on December 8, 1854. Several years later, in 1858, the Blessed Mother gave her name to St. Bernadette at Lourdes stating, "I am the Immaculate Conception."

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

Join 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



**FISCAL YEAR
July 1, 2024 ~ June 30, 2025**

**Summary of Income For October 2024
St Matthew's Church**

	Current Month Actual	Fiscal Yr-to-Date July 24-Oct 24
Income		
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 23,349	\$ 93,047
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 2,802	\$ 9,465
Other Income	\$ 3,529	\$ 23,169
Total Income	\$ 29,680	\$ 125,681
Expenses		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 12,954	\$ 53,903
Office / Admin	\$ 1,725	\$ 7,958
Program Services	\$ 9,054	\$ 28,005
Building & Utilities	\$ 6,524	\$ 10,727
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 9,223	\$ 36,892
Other Expenses	\$ 1,070	\$ 3,351
Total Expenses	\$ 40,549	\$ 140,836
Net Income for Oct 24	\$ - 10,869	\$ - 15,155

**Summary of Income For October 2024
St Mary of the Assumption Church**

	Current Month Actual	Fiscal Yr-to-Date July 24-Oct 24
Income		
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 13,834	\$ 53,297
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 5,929	\$ 15,501
Other Income	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Income	\$ 19,764	\$ 68,797
Expenses		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 9,001	\$ 39,460
Office / Admin	\$ 1,838	\$ 6,020
Program Services	\$ 588	\$ 4,655
Building & Utilities	\$ 6,836	\$ 27,746
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 3,414	\$ 13,655
Other Expenses	\$ 582	\$ 1,866
Total Expenses	\$ 22,258	\$ 93,401
Net Income for Oct 24	\$ - 2,494	\$ - 24,604

**Summary of Income For October 2024
St Francis of Assisi Church**

	Current Month Actual	Fiscal Yr-to-Date July 24-Oct 24
Income		
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 9,160	\$ 38,702
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 50	\$ 17
Other Income	\$ 9,528	\$ 35,587
Total Income	\$ 18,738	\$ 74,460
Expenses		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 9,856	\$ 41,586
Office / Admin	\$ 1,285	\$ 5,653
Program Services	\$ 806	\$ 2,466
Building & Utilities	\$ 6,140	\$ 20,509
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 1,303	\$ 5,237
Other Expenses	\$ 1,665	\$ 8,870
Total Expenses	\$ 21,056	\$ 84,322
Net Income for Oct 24	\$ - 2,318	\$ - 9,862

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

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Monday, December 9 @ St Mary

9am **Bob Kelty** ~ *Trapper's Pitch Club*
Mary & Al Highway ~ *Pat Powers*

@ St Matthew's

12:10pm **Lawrence Brenner** ~ *Carol Falkowitz*
Mary H Rovall ~ *Vince & Carol Bonvino*

Wednesday, December 11 @ St Mary

9am **Bob Kelty** ~ *Dean & Sharon Bartholomew*
Donald Oot ~ *Family*

Friday, December 13 @ St Matthew's

9am **Pro Populo** ~ *For the People*
Karolyn Samora Boadan ~ *M/M Ed Timmins*
Dooher / Durand Family ~ *Terry Dooher*

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday December 14 @ St Matthew's

4:30pm **John Thornton** ~
Dean & Sharon Bartholomew
Jason Coughlin ~ *Mom*
Betty Temple ~ *Birthday / Family*

Sunday, December 15 @ St. Matthew's

8am **William Ott** ~
1st Anniversary / Paul & Anne Witz
John Bertrand ~ *Mona Bertrand*
Don Raesky ~ *Chuck Greiner*

Sunday, December 15 @ St Francis

9:30am **Andrew Braungard** ~ *Helen & Ed Timmins*
John & Jim Behr ~ *Mom & Wife*
Peter Allman ~ *Family*

Sunday, December 15 @ St Mary

11am **William Adams & Catherine Wojtaszek** ~
Jennie Adams Family
Chris Bergan ~ *Mom & Tony*
Angela Carella ~ *Anniversary / Family*

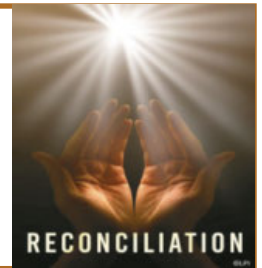
In Our Thoughts & Prayers



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



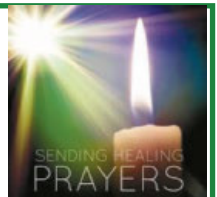
A candle has been lit at **St Mary's** for
Ina A Davis
Ina Simiele, Sharlita Bell & Niles Bell



A candle has been lit at
St. Matthew's for
Al Pisegna
1st Anniversary / Family

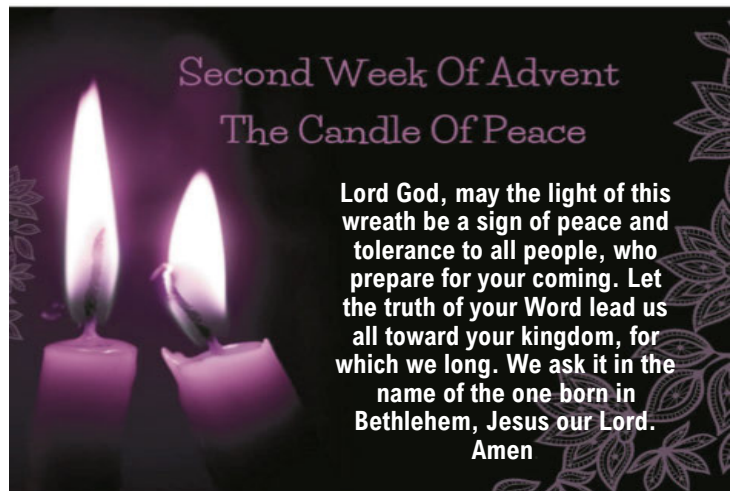


**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR
RECENTLY DECEASED**
Mike Russell



Second Week Of Advent The Candle Of Peace

Lord God, may the light of this
wreath be a sign of peace and
tolerance to all people, who
prepare for your coming. Let
the truth of your Word lead us
all toward your kingdom, for
which we long. We ask it in the
name of the one born in
Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord.
Amen



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**St Mary's CEMETERY
OFFICE HOURS**
@ St. Mary's Parish Center
MONDAY EVENINGS
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Laura Cavanaugh @ 315-345-8007



 **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**
Monday ~ Thursday 9am ~ 4pm
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Website: www.faithalive1.com

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**
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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
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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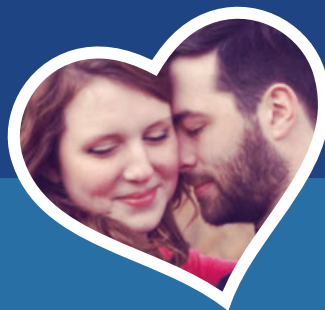
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