



One Catholic Family

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

December 15, 2024



"HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FIRE."
- LK 3:16

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Weekly Offering

December 1, 2024

* St Matthew's	\$ 6,247
* St Mary	\$ 3,087
* St Francis	\$ 2,096

* 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	PLEGDED	%
St Mary	\$ 23,006	\$ 30,430	132.27%
St Francis	\$ 12,032	\$ 9,850	81.87%
St Matt's	\$ 40,368	\$ 40,068	99.26%

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 |
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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.

FISCAL YEAR July 1, 2024 ~ June 30, 2025

Summary of Income For October 2024 St Matthew's Church

Income	Current Month Actual	Fiscal Yr-to-Date July 24-Oct 24
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

Income	Current Month Actual	Fiscal Yr-to-Date July 24-Oct 24
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

Income	Current Month Actual	Fiscal Yr-to-Date July 24-Oct 24
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

- 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	
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 Give Away 6:30 Men's Gr	19 9:30-noon SMFP 2-4 Craft Club 6-8 Women's Group 7pm BINGO	DECEMBER		
22	23 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM	24 4pm CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS @ SM	25 CHRISTMAS O F F I C E C L O S E D 		26	27	28
O F F I C E	30 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM	31	1 JANUARY		2	3 9-3 Adoration @ SMA	4 3 Pantry Donation Wkend 5pm Wine & Cheese

Saint WHO??

SAINT Adelaide Feast Day: December 16

Adelaide was a Burgundian princess. Born in 931, she was betrothed to the prince of a neighboring region as part of a peace treaty. She was two when the contract was made and at sixteen she was married to Lothair, king of Italy. The couple had one daughter, but then Lothair died. His rival (and possibly murderer) tried to force Adelaide to wed his son, but she refused.

One account says that she escaped from prison but became entrapped in a bog. In a moment of despair, she encountered Otto the Great, king of Germany, who not only rescued her but fell in love with her at first sight. The two were married and had five children together. Otto became Holy Roman Emperor.

After twenty years of marriage, Otto died. Adelaide left the court, fleeing conflicts with her son and daughter-in-law. However, with the help of wise counselors, she succeeded in being reconciled to them. Eventually she became a regent of the empire, which she ruled until her grandson came of age. Then Adelaide left to devote her time to the establishment of churches and religious houses. She died on December 16, 999 in a monastery she had helped establish. She is the patron saint of second marriages.





It's Time to Decorate!

And Saint Mary church is in need of some elves to help her get ready for Christmas. Decorate tree and sanctuary on Saturday, Dec 21 and

Christmas flowers will be done on Monday, December 23. Call Barb Falkowski at (315) 558-0381

St Matthew's Giving Tree is now up!

We are looking for gift cards from Wal-Mart 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.



Give a gift that matters!

Give the gift of life this Christmas with the American Red Cross. Visit us on **December 19** at our **Blood Drive** at St. Patrick's Parish Center, Chittenango and help save lives with your blood donation. Go to St. Patrick's website at www.stpatrickschittenango.com to schedule your appointment today!

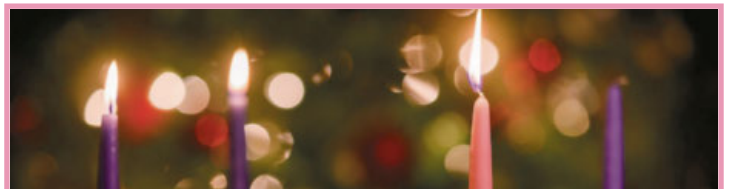


American Red Cross

Prayer for the third week of Advent Prayer with St. John the Baptist

Through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, help us to remember the least fortunate, and how caring for them shares in the caring of the beloved Christ-child.

Bring Your generosity into our community.
Amen.



The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday and is marked by the lighting of a pink candle on the Advent wreath. The candle represents joy and anticipation for Christmas, and symbolizes a shift from penitential reflection to joyful anticipation.

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

Monday, December 16 @ St Francis
9am Joyce McDonough ~ Family

Wednesday, December 18 @ St Mary
9am Tri-Parish Women's Scripture Group

Friday, December 20 @ St Matthew's
9am Caroline Floor ~ Linda & Bud Floor & Family

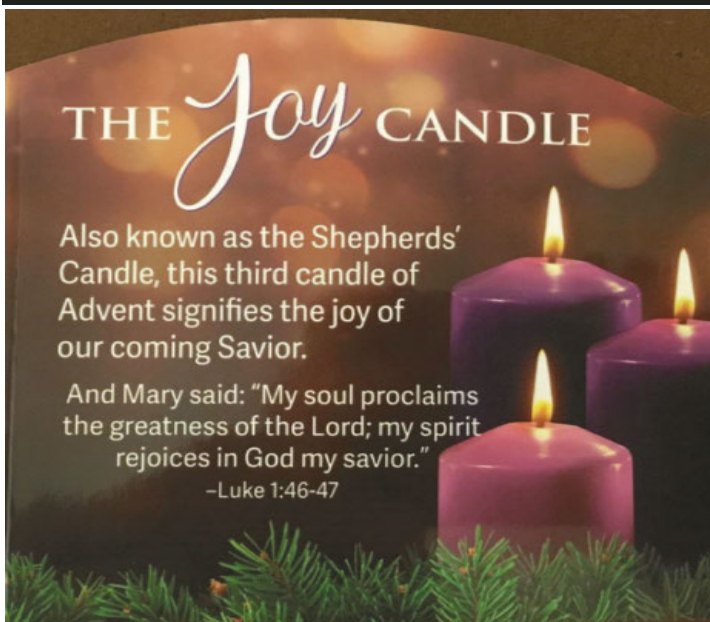
Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday December 21 @ St Matthew's
4:30pm Pro Populo ~ For the People
Eugene Scarsciotti ~ Mom
Deceased of Boland, Karkruff &
Winchell Families ~ Family

Sunday, December 22 @ St. Matthew's
8am Stephen & Julia Bednar ~ John & Family
Brian Wall ~ Family
Jack & Mike Russell ~ Family

Sunday, December 22 @ St Francis
9:30am Ken Viertel ~ Brandon
Dan Rufo ~ Caroline
Rosaria Carella ~ Jeff and boys

Sunday, December 22 @ St Mary
11am Fran Barone ~ Rosie
Antonio DiGiacomo ~ Rosina
Charles Keast ~ Wife



THE Joy CANDLE

Also known as the Shepherds' Candle, this third candle of Advent signifies the joy of our coming Savior.

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior."
-Luke 1:46-47

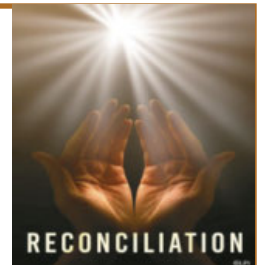
In Our Thoughts & Prayers



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)

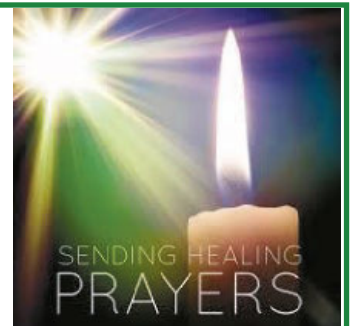
Saturdays @ St Matthew's
3:30-4:15pm
Sundays @ St Mary
after 11am mass



A candle has been lit at
St. Matthew's for
Betty Temple
Birthday / Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED **Joseph Quigley**

Please pray for all our de-
ceased family and friends
during this
holiday season.



If you would like to request specific dates for Mass intentions (i.e. anniversary, birthday), please call or send your request at least **3-5 months** in advance. If preferred Mass dates and times are unavailable, the **next** available

MEMORY CANDLE

Would you like a candle lit for the week in memory of a loved one? Call the office at (315) 437-8318
Available at all 3 churches.



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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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(at St Matthew's)
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Parish Office 315-437-8318
E-mail addresses:
St Matthew's *stmatth1@twcny.rr.com* St Mary's *stmarys2@twcny.rr.com*
St Francis of Assisi
Use either of the above email addresses
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**
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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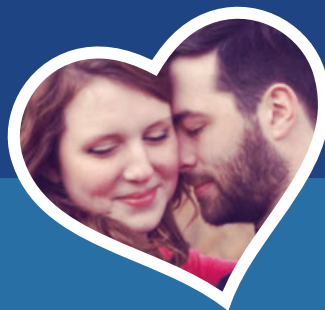
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