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— JOHN 2:7 —

January 19, 2025



Weekly Offering

January 12

- * **St Matthew's** \$ 5,986
- * **St Mary** \$ 2,818
- * **St Francis** \$ 2,108

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St Matt's **St Mary** **St Francis**

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Martin Luther King Jr. (born **Michael King Jr.**; January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) was an American Baptist minister, activist, and political philosopher who was one of the most prominent leaders in the civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination in 1968. King advanced civil rights for people of color in the United States through the use of nonviolent resistance and nonviolent civil disobedience against Jim Crow laws and other forms of legalized discrimination. A black church leader, King participated in and led marches for the right to vote, desegregation, labor rights, and other civil rights. He oversaw the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott and later became the first president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). . King was one of the leaders of the 1963 March on Washington, where he delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. The civil rights movement achieved pivotal legislative gains in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

King was jailed several times. FBI agents investigated him for possible communist ties, spied on his personal life, and secretly recorded him. On October 14, 1964, King won the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality through nonviolent resistance. In his final years, he expanded his focus to include opposition towards poverty and the Vietnam War. In 1968, King was planning a national occupation of Washington, D.C., to be called the Poor People's Campaign, when he was assassinated on April 4 in Memphis, Tennessee. James Earl Ray, a fugitive from the Missouri State Penitentiary, was convicted of the assassination, though the King family believes he was a scapegoat. After a 1999 wrongful death lawsuit ruling named unspecified "government agencies" among the co-conspirators, a Department of Justice investigation found no evidence of a conspiracy.¹ The assassination remains the subject of conspiracy theories. King's death was followed by national mourning, as well as anger leading to riots in many U.S. cities. King was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2003. Martin Luther King Jr. Day was established as a holiday in cities and states throughout the United States beginning in 1971; the federal holiday was first observed in 1986. The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., was dedicated in 2011.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
19	20 OFFICE CLOSED 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM	21 9:30-noon SMFP 1-3 Rosary Makers 5:30-7pm Heaven's Ptry 6:30pm SFAPC Choir Practice SMA & SF	22 9:30-11:30 & 4-5:30 SFFP 10-11 & 6-7 Heaven's Ptry 6:30 Men's Group	23 9:30-noon SMFP 2-4 Craft Club 6-8 Women's Group 7pm BINGO	24	25 JANUARY
26 9:30-noon Rel Ed SMAPC Gr 7-10 1pm Baptism	27 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM 6-7pm @ SMAPC Gr 1-6 Rel Ed	28 9:30-noon SMFP 6:30pm SFAPC Choir Practice SMA & SF	29 1-3 Connections 6:30 Men's Gr	30 9:30-noon SMFP 2-4 Craft Club 6-8 Women's Group 7pm BINGO	31	1 3 Pantry Donation Wkend 5:30 Wine & Cheese

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BLOOD DRIVE
St Francis of Assisi Parish Center, Bridgeport
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WINTERFEST

St Francis Parish Center
 January 26, 2025
 Noon-2pm

Time to cook up your best batch of Chili, Soup/ chowder or Mac-n-Cheese
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Children's Christmas Pageant

The Christmas Eve Vigil Mass was blessed with a living nativity of our own little angels. They were wonderful.



After assessing attendance, from now on: **MONDAY** and **Wednesday** Mass will be held at **St Mary Church** in Minoa at **9am**. **FRIDAY** mass will remain at St Matthew's Church.
Fr. Wirkes



CALLING ALL ACTORS...

We would like to put on the play "Murder on the Miss Fortune" that our very own Anne Kolozsvary wrote and will direct. If we have any aspiring actors out there (16 or older) who would like to be on stage or even behind the scenes please come to an introductory meeting on Thursday, January 23 at 6pm at St Mary Parish Center. Come see what it's all about.

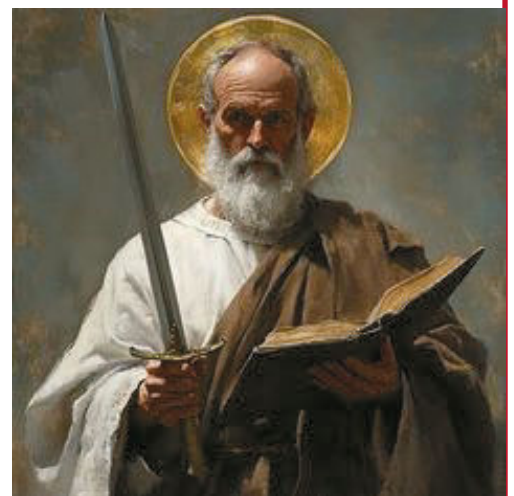
SAINT PAUL January 25: The Conversion of Saint Paul

Saint WHO ??

St. Paul the Apostle (c.4-c.64) was named Saul of Tarsus before his conversion. He was born to a devout Jewish family who followed strict Pharisaic traditions for generations. He spoke Greek and was formally educated in Jewish culture, scripture, and traditions. As an adult he worked as a tentmaker as well as an enforcer for the Jewish leadership in their efforts against new Christian converts. He is known to have taken an active part in the stoning of St. Stephen, the first martyr, and considered himself to be a shining example of Judaism.

Saul's conversion to Christianity took place while he was traveling to Damascus to persecute Christians there. According to Scripture, "a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'" (Acts 9:3-4). Stricken blind by the vision, Saul continued to Damascus where he was healed and immediately began meeting with other disciples in the area and preaching that Jesus is Lord. He changed his name to the Roman version of Saul, Paul, after his conversion because it was more common among the Gentiles.

For years he traveled all over the region starting churches and preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles. Paul's letters to the communities he served make up thirteen of the books of the New Testament today. His writings encourage new believers to learn about Jesus through Scripture and prayer, partaking in the Eucharist, and serving those in need. He was eventually beheaded as part of systematic executions of Christian leaders in Rome. St. Paul is known as the Apostle to the Gentiles, and the most prolific Christian missionary of all time. St. Paul, pray for us!



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

Monday, January 20 @ St Francis
9am **NO MASS ~ Office Closed**

Wednesday, January 22 @ St Mary
11am **Peg Rybinski ~ Happy 100th Birthday**

Friday, January 24 @ St Matthew's
9am **Diane E Welsh ~ Kay & Chuck Palmer**

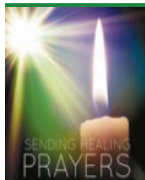
Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday January 25 @ St Matthew's
4:30pm **Frank Czarnecki ~**
20th Anniversary / *Wife Noreen*
Rick DeJulio ~ 1st Anniversary / Jo
Eugene Scarsciotti ~
6th Anniversary / *Greg & Denise Karandy*

Sunday, January 26 @ St. Matthew's
8am **Carmela Laury ~ Birthday / Angela & Jim**
Brian Wall ~ Anniversary / Family
Jack Russell ~ Anniversary / Family

Sunday, January 26 @ St Francis
9:30am **Vito & Jennie Ennamorato ~**
Mike, Rita & Peter

Sunday, January 26 @ St Mary
11am **Michael Rybak ~ Mom & Dad**
Robert Kelly ~
Anne Kolozvary & JoAnn Binion
Marie Tobin ~ Anniversary / Family



**PLEASE PRAY
FOR OUR
RECENTLY DECEASED**

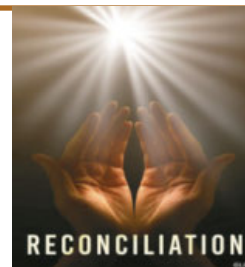
I want to thank you for the many Christmas cards and gifts you sent me (both edible and monetary). It is a joy for me to serve all of you in our journey of faith. God bless you all, Fr Wirkes



Fred Bennink, Helen Berger,
Frank & Sandy Bryant, Dee Buell, Nancy Cassella,
Michelle Cayea, Joanne Colosi,
Tiffany Conboy, James, Pat & Debora Dygert,
Teddy Emch-Paone, Louise Flynn, Chuck Gaspe,
Terri Gonsiewski, Sam Magari, Anne McCarthy,
Josie Mills, Andrew Paulus, Bev Patterelli
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*)



“As the family goes,
so goes the nation,
and so goes the
whole world
in which
we live.”
ST. JOHN PAUL II



**Day of Prayer
for the Legal
Protection of
Unborn Children**

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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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