



One Catholic Family

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

February 2, 2025



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

“Behold, this child is destined for the
fall and rise of many in Israel.” - Lk 2:34



Weekly Offering

January 26

- * **St Matthew's** \$ 5,105
- * **St Mary** \$ 2,900
- * **St Francis** \$ 1,755

* **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.



If any St. Francis parishioners are in need of prayers, there is a new person to contact: Marilyn Dempster @ 315-633-2438.

Thursday night BINGO at St Francis will continue through the winter! 7pm in the parish center.



SAINT BLAISE
Blessing of the Throats
after 9am Mass at
St Mary Church
Monday, February 3



ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION LETTER: if you need a copy of your total contributions for 2024 for tax purposes, please fill out the form below, place it in the collection basket, and one will be mailed to you. **PLEASE do not submit a request by phone.** If this form is not submitted, you will *not* receive a letter automatically. Statements will go out starting February 1, 2024.

Thank you for your consideration.

St Matt's

St Mary

St Francis

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

ENVELOPE NUMBER _____

The Knights of Columbus will be taking pizza orders after masses on the weekends of February 1/2 and 8/9. They will sell cheese pizza for \$13 or pepperoni pizza for \$14. Pizza will be delivered after masses on March 15/16.

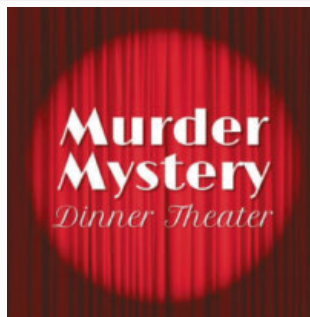


Do you have a sewing machine that you aren't using?



Used sewing machines are being collected and given to new refugee women along with sewing notions and fabric. Those who don't know how to sew are being taught. They meet on Thursday from 12:15 to 2:45pm at 501 Park St on the north side of Syracuse. Contact **Jennifer Roberts Crittenden at 315-345-9217** with any questions or to donate a machine, notions or fabric or to become a basic sewing teacher. The project is called **Women Transcending Boundaries ~ www.wtb.org.**

CALLING ALL ACTORS...



We are 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 the next meeting will be on **Wednesday, Feb 5th at St Mary Parish Center.** Come see what it's all about.

RAFFLE BASKETS

Our Lenten Fish Fry Committee is looking for donations of raffle baskets. Any theme... Coffee, Chocolate, Toys, Games, Crayola, Tea, Sports, Easter, wine, baking, soup, crafts, nail polish / makeup, donate to a lottery basket. The possibilities are endless. Drop off at tri-parish office during office hours [M-TH 9am-4pm] or at Mass on the weekends. Thank you for your help.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 3 Pantry Donation Wkend KofC Breakfast 8:30-12:30 SMAPC 9:30-noon Rel Ed SMAPC	3 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM 6-7 Rel Ed SMAPC	4 9:30-noon SMFP 1-3pm Rosary Makers 6:30pm SFAPC Choir Practice SMA & SF	5 1-3 Connections 6:30 Men's Grp	6 9:30-noon SMFP 2-4 Craft Club 6-8 Women's Group 7pm BINGO	7 Adoration 9am-3pm SF Blood Drive 1:30-6pm	<h1>February</h1>
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16 WINTER BREAK	17 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM OFFICE CLOSED President's Day	18 9:30-noon SMFP 1-3 Rosary Makers 6:30pm SFAPC Choir Practice SMA & SF	19 10-11 & 6-7 Heaven's Ptry 9:30-11:30 & 4-5:30 Bport FP 1-3 Connections 6:30 Men's Grp	20 9:30-noon SMFP 2-4 Craft Club 6-8 Women's Group 7pm BINGO	21	
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**SAINT MATTHEW'S
Food Pantry &
2nd Time Around Store
600 West Manlius St E Syracuse**

St Matt's 2nd Time Around Store: The store—which supports the pantry has been popular thanks to donations of good, clean clothing, housewares, linens, nick knacks and jewelry. Just like every other business, our costs are going up. We are presently open
 Monday mornings from 9am to 12:30pm.
As of February we will also open on the first AND third SATURDAY of each month from 9am to noon.
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Crafter's Get Ready!
 We will be doing another craft project on ...

**SUNDAY, March 9th
St Mary Parish Center—Minoa
1pm and the cost is \$40**

RIGHT MIND SYRACUSE will be hosting our project. They travel to different locations to teach all sorts of crafts and have tons of wonderful ideas. We have chosen a Pressed Flower Wall Art Workshop.

All reservations must be made and paid for by Wednesday, February 26th. Please call the parish office to reserve your spot today.
 (315) 437-8318



OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS ~
Saint Catherine
Gift of Ignatius Kanka and family
Location: North side of Saint Matthew's Church

Saint Catherine of Alexandria is a canonized saint in the Catholic Church who, per Christian tradition, was martyred around 305 in Alexandria, Egypt. The young saint was born around 287 in Alexandria, Egypt. At that time, Alexandria was one of the finest cities in the world, and a center of learning and culture as well as faith.

Christian tradition states she was of noble birth, possibly a princess. As a member of the nobility, she was also educated and was an avid scholar. Around the age of fourteen, she experienced a moving vision of Mary and the infant Jesus, and she decided to become a Christian.

Although she was a teenager, she was very intelligent and gifted. When the emperor Maxentius began persecuting Christians, Catherine visited him to denounce his cruelty. Rather than order her execution, Maxentius summoned fifty orators and philosophers to debate her. However, Catherine was moved by the power of the Holy Spirit and spoke eloquently in defense of her faith. Her words were so moving that several of the pagans converted to Christianity and were immediately executed.

Unable to defeat her rhetorically or to intimidate her into giving up her belief, the emperor ordered her to be tortured and imprisoned.

Catherine was arrested and scourged. Despite the torture, she did not abandon her faith. Word of her arrest and the power of her faith quickly spread and over 200 people visited her. According to some legends, the emperor's own wife, Valeria Maximilla was converted by Catherine. The emperor eventually executed his own wife over her conversion. However, this is not mentioned in the historical record and may be a legend. It is believed that Maximilla was alive and with her husband at the Battle of the Milvian Bridge in 312, seven years after the death of Catherina.

Following her imprisonment, Maxentius made a final attempt to persuade the beautiful Catherine to abandon her faith by proposing marriage to her. This would have made her a powerful empress. Catherine refused, saying she was married to Jesus Christ and that her virginity was dedicated to him.

The emperor angrily ordered her to be executed on a breaking wheel. The breaking wheel is an ancient form of torture where a person's limbs are threaded among the spokes and their bones are shattered by an executioner with a heavy rod. It is a brutal punishment that results in a slow and painful death, normally reserved for the worst criminals.

When Catherine was presented before the wheel, she touched it and a miracle occurred that caused the wheel to shatter.

Unable to torture her to death, the emperor simply ordered her beheaded. One account claimed that angels took her body to Mt. Sinai. In the sixth century, the Emperor Justinian ordered a monastery established in her name. The monastery, Saint Catherine's, remains to this day and is one of the oldest in the world.

Saint WHO ??

SAINT LUKE the Younger February 7

The son of Greek farmers, Luke was born around 896 on the beautiful island of Aegina in southern Greece, but was forced to flee to the mainland by Saracen raiders. Luke showed an early disposition to the ascetic life and his extreme generosity was a challenge for his parents. He gave away his clothes and shoes and planted half the family's seed in the fields of the poor.

After his father died, Luke wanted to be a hermit, but his mother was strongly opposed to him leaving. Twice he tried to run away. The first time he was mistaken for a runaway slave, captured and returned to his mother. Next he joined some traveling monks, who helped him enter a monastery. But the abbot had a dream of Luke's mother sorrowfully asking for her son, and sent him home again.

Finally, Luke's mother gave him permission to go. He built a hermitage and threw himself into a life of prayer and fasting, sleeping in a trench to remind himself of death. He became known as a holy man and a miracle worker. It is said that Luke was forced to relocate several times, either by attacking armies or by the crowds who came for his help. His hermitage became known as Soterion (Place of Healing) and remains a pilgrimage site to this day.



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

Monday, February 3 @ St Mary
SAINT BLAISE ~
Blessing of the throat to take place
after mass
9am Joyce McDonough ~ JP

Wednesday, February 5 @ St Mary
9am Margie Bowhall ~ Jack & Kathy Staub

Friday, February 7 @ St Matthew's
9am Angela Carella ~ Jo

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday February 8 @ St Matthew's
4:30pm John & Martha Newell ~
Charlette Swirko & Family
Vincent Stagnitta ~
Joe Falcone & Fish Cove
Jim & Fannie DeBartolo ~ Dawn

Sunday, February 9 @ St. Matthew's
8am Anthony Marra ~ Debra Marra
Peggy & Frank Hahn ~ Family
Carl Zaepfel ~
12th Anniversary / Daughters

Sunday, February 9 @ St Francis
9:30am Intentions of the Altar Rosary Group
Rod & Renee Carlson ~
William & Lori Lawless
Arpad Kolosvary ~
7th Anniversary / Anne

Sunday, February 9 @ St Mary
11am Thorpe Family ~ John & Sharon
George Wood ~ Family
Pro Populo



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



**PLEASE PRAY
FOR OUR
RECENTLY DECEASED**
Norman Fredericks
Rev Walter Florczyk

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.
Fr. Wirkes





A candle has been lit at
St. Matthew's for
Bernice Pisegna
(Family)

Single grave	\$ 1,100
Single Cremation Grave	\$ 750
Columbarium Niche (holds 2 urns)	\$ 3,100

Contact Laura Cavanaugh at (315) 345-8007

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grant unto them O Lord..."

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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
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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




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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
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PANTRY HOURS:
T / Th 9:30am-noon
2nd TIME AROUND STORE HOURS
Mondays 9am ~ 12:30pm




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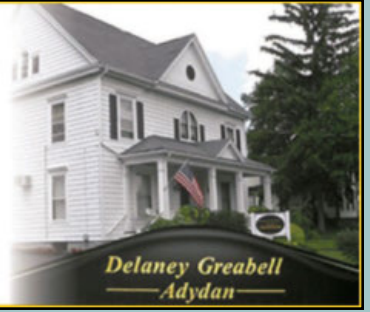
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