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St Francis St Mary St Matthew
Parish Office 229 W Yates Street E Syracuse, NY 13057
(315) 437-8318 M-Th 9am-4pm Closed Friday
Pastor: Rev Stephen P. Wirkes Dc Dean Brainard Dc Joseph



February 23, 2025

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Give, and gifts will be given to you.”
- Lk 6:38



Weekly Offering

February 16

* **St Matthew's** \$ 3,276

* **St Mary** \$ —
Not available at print time

* **St Francis** \$ —
Not available at print time

* **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.

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Rosemary Backenstross
Jim Donnelly
Mike Riley
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Saint Mary

Dan Barowski
Toni Carguello
Kathy Lanphear
Jim Mostrom

St Francis

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Finance Council receives all bank statements and advises pastor on fiscal matters.

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Trustees and pastor must sign resolutions seeking approval of bishop for any outlay spending over \$25,000.

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 _____



During LENT there will be **ADORATION** at **St Mary** every Friday (except Good Friday) from 9am to 12pm.

Fridays of Lent
Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent ~
Stations of the Cross
St Matthew's @ 12 noon
St Mary @ 12 noon



Come join us every Tuesday, during Lent, to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy, at **St Mary's Church**, in Minoa. We will start on March 4th at 6:30 PM. When Lent is over we will meet every First Tuesday, at 6:30. We will pray for any intentions that you have. All are welcome.



If you have any questions call Donna at 315-656-2402

LENT 2025



Mondays: 6pm Lenten Classes at St Mary Parish Center

Tuesdays: 6:30pm Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet @ St Mary Church

Fridays: 9:30-noon Adoration
12 noon Stations of the Cross

Corporal Works of Mercy

HEADS UP ~ We will start collecting items beginning **March 1—March 8** for **East Syracuse-Minoa / Bridgeport Elementary Pre-k 3-4** programs.

March 15—March 23 for **We Rise Above the Streets**. And **March 29—**

April 6 for **Roberts Elementary School** who lost their summer reading program funding.

More info to follow...



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
23 2pm—Baptisms	24 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM 6pm OCIA SMAPC	25 9:30-noon SMFP 6:30pm SFAPC Choir Practice SMA & SF	26 3pm Fresh Food Giveaway SFAPC 6:30 Men's Grp	27 9:30-noon SMFP 2-4 Craft Club 6-8 Women's Group 7pm BINGO	28	1 3 Pantry Donation Wkend 9am-Noon SM 2nd Time Around Store 5:30 Pre-Lent Bake Sale	
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 6pm OCIA SMAPC 6-7 Rel Ed SMAPC	4 9:30-noon SMFP 1-3pm Rosary Makers 6:30pm SFAPC Choir Practice SMA & SF	5 ASH WED Mass: 9am @ SMA and 12:10pm @SM 1-3 Connections 4:30—7 Fish Fry 6:30 Men's Grp	6 9:30-noon SMFP 2-4 Craft Club 6-8 Women's Group 7pm BINGO	7 Adoration 9am-12pm Noon Stations of the Cross @ SMA and SM 4:30-7 Fish Fry	MARCH	
9 9:30-noon Rel Ed SMAPC 1pm Pressed Flower Class SMAPC	10 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM 6pm OCIA SMAPC 6-7 Rel Ed SMAPC	11 9:30-noon SMFP 6:30pm SFAPC Choir Practice SMA & SF	12 6pm Baptism Class @ SM 6:30 Men's Grp	13 9:30-noon SMFP 2-4 Craft Club 6-8 Women's Group 7pm BINGO	14 Adoration 9am-12pm Noon Stations of the Cross @ SMA and SM 4:30-7 Fish Fry		15 9am-Noon SM 2nd Time Around Store 7pm-9pm Tri- Parish Irish Variety Show



Tri-Parish Irish Variety Show
Saturday, March 15th
7pm to 9pm
St Mary Parish Center

TICKETS at the DOOR \$5

**SONGS / LIMERICKS / AUDIENCE SING—
 ALONG / SKITS and STORIES / AUDIENCE
 IRISH DANCE LESSON....
 RAFFLES & IRISH SWEETS
 ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ALL 3
 PARISHES FOOD PANTRIES.**



In lieu of Wine & Cheese
 on March 1st we will be having our
 'Pre-Lent Bake Sale'.
 Please support our sale
 by baking, buying and
 enjoying all the
 wonderful goodies.



**All are invited to
 EXPLORE, DISCOVER, LEARN**
Join us for Lenten Classes
Mondays @ 6pm
St Mary Parish Center
 (use cemetery side entrance)

- March 3 What is Lent
- March 10 Saying YES to Jesus
- March 17 Take a look at yourself
- March 24 The Nicene Creed
- March 31 The Way of the Cross
- April 7 The Lord's Prayer
- April 14 The Meaning of Holy Week
- April 28 Conversion Process and The
 Laity of the Church
- May 5 Your Special Gifts & Your
 Family Life
- May 12 Your Prayer Life
- May 19 Holiness & Evangelization

Saint WHO??

SAINT WILLIGIS
Feast Day: February 23

A man of humble origins, Willigis was ordained a priest and became a canon of the cathedral in Hildesheim, Germany. He worked for three consecutive regimes, supporting rulers who became known for their personal holiness. In 971, Emperor Otto II appointed Willigis chancellor of Germany and in 973 he made him archbishop of Mainz. After Otto's death, Willigis crowned his young son Otto III, and advised Otto's mother, Saint Adelaide, who ruled as regent. When the younger Otto died while still in his twenties, Willigis worked to ensure the accession of Henry of Bavaria as emperor. Both Henry and his wife, Cunegund are venerated saints.

Beyond his involvement with these holy monarchs, Willigis undertook impressive works in his own diocese. He constructed many roads and bridges. True to his episcopal motto—"By art to the knowledge and service of God" - he built or embellished a number of churches, including the cathedral church of Mainz. This church caught fire and burned to the ground the very day of its consecration. Undaunted, Willigis began immediately to rebuild.



Because Willigis died before the new church was completed, his remains were interred instead at St Stephen's, the church he had named "the Empire's place of prayer."

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MURDER MYSTERY

DINNER THEATRE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!
 "Murder on the Miss Fortune"
 written / directed by our very own
 Anne Kolozsvary

Friday, June 6th
 Dinner 6pm
 Play 7pm
 St Mary Parish Center

 **DONATION WEEKEND**
March 1/2
 At ALL 3 parishes

**WINE & CHEESE cancelled for
 Saturday, March 1**
PRE-LENT BAKE SALE instead
 After 4:30pm Mass at St Matt's 

 **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
Sunday, March 2
 8:30am—12:30pm
 at St Mary Parish Center

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

Monday, February 24 @ St Mary
9am For the Unborn

Wednesday, February 26 @ St Mary
9am Dee Buell

Friday, February 28 @ St Matthew's
9am William Light ~ Donna

Weekend Mass Schedule

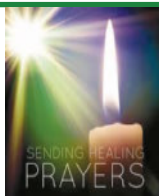
Saturday March 1 @ St Matthew's
4:30pm Rudy DeJulio ~ 24th Anniversary / Family
Tom Clark ~ Anniversary / Loretta
Pro Populo

Sunday, March 2 @ St. Matthew's
8am Art & Pat Bintz ~ Terry & Joan Dooher
MartBeth Coniglio ~ Dadey Family
Edward James Bayly ~ Mary Carlile

Sunday, March 2 @ St Francis
9:30am Pro Populo
Patricia Spencer ~
Michael & Rita Ennamorato
M/M Michael Timmins ~
Ed & Helen Timmins

Sunday, March 2 @ St Mary
11am Robert Kelly ~
Kathy Nisiewicz & Donna Schreck
Intentions of Bev Petterelli ~
Altar Rosary Group
Lawrence Casciano ~
5th Anniversary / Toni

PLEASE PRAY
FOR OUR
RECENTLY DECEASED



A candle has been lit at
St. Matthew's for
Angela Anastas



Angela Anastas, Fred Bennink, Helen Berger,
Frank & Sandy Bryant, 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, Frank Miller, Andrew Paulus,
MaryJo Russell, Pat & Chuck Samora,
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



The St. Francis Bingo program is required to share a yearly financial report to the parish.

First of all, the program is always looking for new
Volunteers. There are a variety of tasks that need to
be done to continue the success of the pro-
gram. Time commitment can be anywhere from one
hour once every 5 weeks to more if you are will-
ing. Tasks can be: Kitchen - prep, cook or serve
items; Floor workers – call back number to verify
cards, bring prize \$ to winners, wipe down tables at
the end; Card Sales – sell game cards to participants;
Pull Tab sales – sell game cards to participants; etc.

If you are already a Bingo volunteer, Thank
You! We can't do it without your help. Your acts of
kindness may look small, but their impact on our Par-
ish finances is enormous - **the 2024 Bingo program
including the Kitchen and Pull Tab sales, raised
OVER \$58,198.00**

dollars! {Bingo = \$42,79.41, Pull Tab = \$9,956 and the
Kitchen \$6,451 from April 4,2024- December 19,
2024}

Volunteering will not make you a millionaire finan-
cially, but it will make you a billionaire in terms of
God's blessings. Please see or call Patti Koch (315)
575-5391, or Dave Stevens
(315) 264-5764 if you would like to offer some of your
time to help out.



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Music Directors	SM Mike McClelland SMA / SF Lynne Stocker		315-278-7862 315-725-8510	


**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 —

PARISH OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS:
(at St Matthew's)
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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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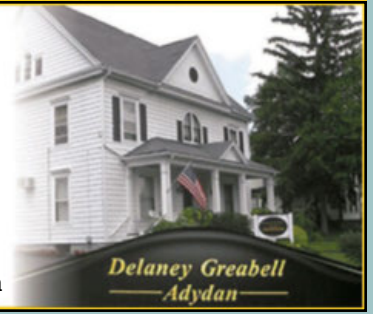
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