



## *One Catholic Family*

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

IT MAY BEAR  
FRUIT IN THE  
**FUTURE.**

— LUKE 13:9 —

*March 23, 2025*



## Weekly Offering

March 16

- \* **St Matthew's**                   \$ 3,871
- \* **St Mary**                         \$ 4,941
- \* **St Francis**                   \$ 1,397

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\* **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.**

### Finance Councils

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|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>St Matthew's</b> | <b>Saint Mary</b> | <b>St Francis</b> |
| Rosemary            | Dan Barowski      | Laura             |
| Backenstross        | Toni Carguello    | Cavanaugh         |
| Jim Donnelly        | Kathy Lanphear    | Darlene           |
| Mike Riley          | Jim Mostrom       | Cristantielli     |
| Jean Sajna          |                   | Joe Group         |
|                     |                   | Mike Stocker      |

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

### PARISH TRUSTEES

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|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>ST MATTHEW'S</b> | <b>ST MARY</b>    | <b>ST FRANCIS</b> |
| Jean Sajna          | Toni Carguello    | Mike Stocker      |
| Mike Riley          | Kathleen Lanphear | Joe Group         |

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



Dear Jesus,  
You are the Good Shepherd and  
have chosen His Holiness Pope Francis  
to shepherd your people on earth.  
Please hold him close to your Sacred Heart.  
Comfort him in his distress and heal him.  
We trust completely in your Divine Will. Amen

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

### Summary of Income for February 2025 St Matthew's Church

	Current Month Actual	Fiscal Yr-to-Date July 24-Feb 25
<b>Income</b>		
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 18,888	\$ 199,062
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 921	\$ 15,833
Other Income	\$ 2,084	\$ 35,144
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 21,893</b>	<b>\$ 250,039</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 9,676	\$ 106,825
Office / Admin	\$ 1,590	\$ 13,860
Program Services	\$ 1,749	\$ 56,339
Building & Utilities	\$ 3,316	\$ 19,973
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 9,223	\$ 73,785
Other Expenses	\$ 472	\$ 5,753
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 26,026</b>	<b>\$ 276,536</b>
<b>Net Income for Feb 25</b>	<b>\$ -4,134</b>	<b>\$ -26,496</b>

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### Summary of Income for February 2025 St Mary of the Assumption Church

	Current Month Actual	Fiscal Yr-to-Date July 24-Feb 25
<b>Income</b>		
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 11,925	\$ 119,997
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 3,215	\$ 34,621
Other Income	\$ 0	\$ 4,585
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 15,140</b>	<b>\$ 159,204</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 8,514	\$ 75,859
Office / Admin	\$ 1,265	\$ 11,782
Program Services	\$ 453	\$ 8,403
Building & Utilities	\$ 5,717	\$ 52,156
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 3,414	\$ 27,309
Other Expenses	\$ 1,130	\$ 8,730
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 20,493</b>	<b>\$ 184,239</b>
<b>Net Income for Feb 25</b>	<b>\$ -5,353</b>	<b>\$ -25,035</b>

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### Summary of Income for February 2025 St Francis of Assisi Church

	Current Month Actual	Fiscal Yr-to-Date July 24-Feb 25
<b>Income</b>		
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 7,189	\$ 79,512
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 405	\$ 690
Other Income	\$ 3,075	\$ 71,078
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 10,668</b>	<b>\$ 151,281</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 11,245	\$ 86,362
Office / Admin	\$ 1,118	\$ 11,020
Program Services	\$ 633	\$ 7,935
Building & Utilities	\$ 3,540	\$ 33,326
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 1,303	\$ 10,475
Other Expenses	\$ 5,302	\$ 41,839
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 23,142</b>	<b>\$ 190,958</b>
<b>Net Income for Feb 25</b>	<b>\$ -12,474</b>	<b>\$ -39,677</b>


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY						
<b>23</b> 9:30-noon Rel Ed SMAPC  1pm—Baptisms	<b>24</b> 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store  10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM  6pm OCIA SMAPC  6-7 Rel Ed SMAPC	<b>25</b> 9:30-noon SMFP  6:30 Rosary / Divine Mercy  6:30pm SFAPC Choir Practice SMA & SF	<b>26</b>  3pm Fresh Food Giveaway SFAPC  6:30 Men's Grp	<b>27</b> 9:30-noon SMFP  2-4 Craft Club  6-8 Women's Group  7pm BINGO	<b>28</b> 9-12 Adoration Noon Stations of the Cross @ SMA and SM  4:30-7 Fish Fry	<b>29</b> 9am-noon SM 2nd Time Around Store  10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM  6pm OCIA SMAPC  6-7 Rel Ed SMAPC	<b>30</b> 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store  10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM  6pm OCIA SMAPC  6-7 Rel Ed SMAPC	<b>1 APRIL</b> 9:30-noon SMFP 1-3 Rosary Makers  6:30 Rosary / Divine Mercy  6:30pm SFAPC Choir Practice SMA & SF	<b>2</b>  1-3 Connections  5:15 Soup & Scripture @ 1st UMC Minoa 6:30 Men's Grp	<b>3</b> 9:30-noon SMFP  2-4 Craft Club  6-8 Women's Group  7pm BINGO	<b>4</b> 9-12 Adoration Noon Stations of the Cross @ SMA and SM  1:30-6 SF Blood Drive  4:30-7 Fish Fry	<b>5</b> 9am-noon SM 2nd Time Around Store  1st Communion Retreat  Donation Wkend  5:30 Wine & Cheese
<b>9</b> 9:30-noon Rel Ed SMAPC	<b>10</b> 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store  10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM 6pm OCIA SMAPC  6-7 Rel Ed SMAPC	<b>11</b> 9:30-noon SMFP  6:30pm SFAPC Choir Practice SMA & SF	<b>12</b>  6pm Baptism Class @ SM  6:30 Men's Grp	<b>13</b> 9:30-noon SMFP  2-4 Craft Club  6-8 Women's Group  7pm BINGO	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>						



**BLOOD DRIVE**  
 St Francis of Assisi  
 Parish Center  
 7820 Bridgeport Minoa Road  
 Bridgeport, NY 13030  
  
**Friday, April 4, 2025**  
**1:30pm to 6pm**  
  
 Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit  
[RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and  
 enter St Francis to schedule an appointment.



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



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

## Corporal Works of Mercy

**HEADS UP** ~ We are collecting items for:  
**We are collecting:**



**March 29—April 6**

**New reading books for ages 4 thru 13**

**Roberts Elementary School** who lost their summer reading program funding. Roberts K-8 School is a public school located in Syracuse, NY, which is in a mid-size city setting. The student population of Roberts K-8 School is 615 and the school serves PK-8. At Roberts K-8 School, 5% of students scored at or above the proficient level for math, and 13% scored at or above that level for reading. The school's minority student enrollment is 81%.

## Saint WHO??

**SAINT Braulio of Zaragoza**  
**Feast Day: March 26**

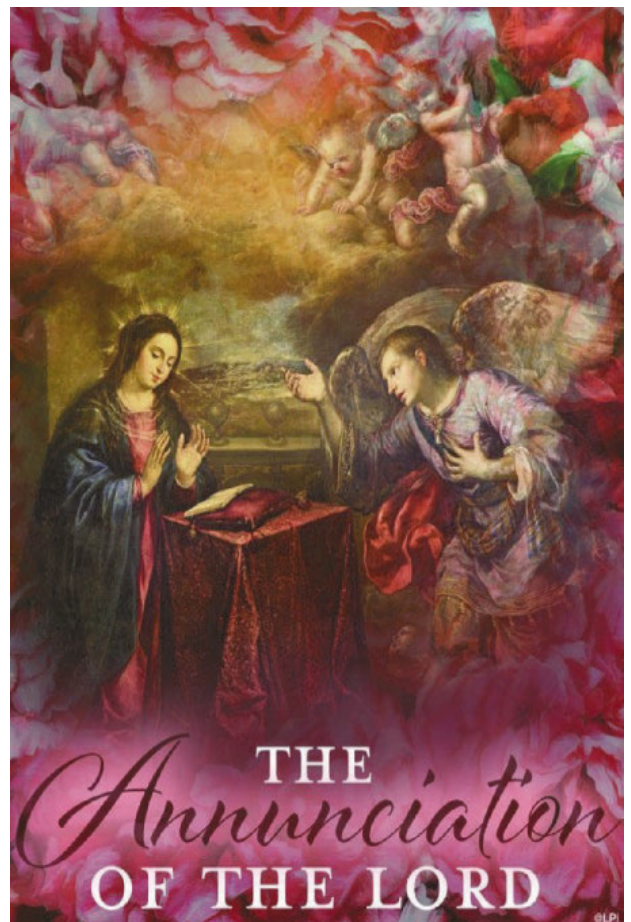
Braulio came from a noble family in Spain. He grew up in the household of his brother, the Bishop of Zaragoza, and in 631 succeeded him. In the face of the Arian heresy that had taken hold of many, Braulio offered careful and consistent teaching. His desire for the salvation of souls sprang from a deep attachment to the person of Christ. To keep himself fit for his service, Braulio chose to live poorly. His dress was plain and his food plainer; anything extra was given to the poor.

When Braulio preached, it was said, his people saw the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove perched on his shoulder. Forty-four of his letters have come down to us: they show a man with a warm heart, ready to console. He brought this same affection to his friendship with Saint Isidore, the Bishop of Seville. Braulio encouraged Isidore to write his encyclopedic *Etymologies*, a repository of ancient wisdom and learning. Braulio's account of the life of Saint Emilian shows his own personal understanding of and commitment to silent prayer. Drawing always from this inner source, he continued to lead others until death in 651.

"Let all our love be directed to Christ," he once wrote to his sister, "all our energies channeled into serving him, so that interiorly we may be consoled by him who suffered for us and will never leave us to ourselves."



- MONDAY** Lenten Classes at SMAPC @6pm (use cemetery entrance)
- TUESDAY** Rosary / Divine Mercy at SMA @ 6:30pm in the Church
- WEDNESDAY** Men's Bible Study at SMAPC @ 6:30pm
- THURSDAY** Tri-Parish Women's Scripture Group at SMAPC @ 6pm
- FRIDAY** Adoration at SMA Church 9am to Noon
- Stations of the Cross  
St Matthew's ~ Noon  
St Mary Church ~ Noon
- Fish Fry at SMAPC 4-7pm



THE  
*Annunciation*  
OF THE LORD

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

Monday, March 24 @ St Mary  
9am **NO MASS**

Monday, March 26 @ St Mary  
9am **NO MASS**

Friday, March 28 @ St Matthew's  
9am **NO MASS**

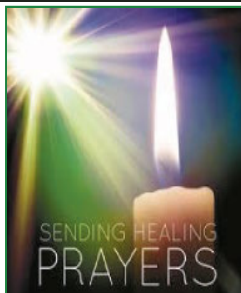
## Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday March 29 @ St Matthew's  
4:30pm Nicholas Fukes ~ *Children*  
Pro Populo  
Irene Jasniok ~ *Family*

Sunday, March 30 @ St. Matthew's  
8am Mike Russell ~ *Sandy Wall*  
Nick Bonacci ~ *Wife Florine*  
Henry & Mary Pfaff ~ *Family*

Sunday, March 30 @ St Francis  
9:30am Pro Populo

Sunday, March 30 @ St Mary  
11am Sandra Macidyn ~  
*Tri-Parish Women's Scripture Group*  
Anna May Rockburn ~  
*Dolores Oot & Family*  
Michael Rybak ~ *Mom & Dad*



PLEASE PRAY  
FOR OUR  
RECENTLY DECEASED

**Arnold Bitterman**

A candle has been lit at **St Mary's** for  
**Harold Decker**  
(Mike Decker)



Angela Anastas, Fred Bennink, Helen Berger,  
Frank & Sandy Bryant, Tony Buffa, Nancy Cassella,  
Michelle Cayea, Tiffany Conboy, Chuck Davidson,  
James, Pat & Debora Dygert, Teddy Emch-Paone,  
Louise Flynn, Chuck Gaspé, Terri Gonsiewski,  
Peggy Kurak, Brian Lynch, Sam Magari, Anne Marie  
Maskulinski, Michael Maskulinski, Anne  
McCarthy, Frank Miller, Joan Moore, Florence  
Palmiere, 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



Saint Matthew's



Saint Mary

HELP Bishop Lucia and the clergy serve  
you better in nourishing your faith.  
Please take the on-line survey for  
your parish.



Saint Francis

**LENTEN FISH FRY**  
Every Friday during Lent  
including Good Friday  
at St Mary Parish Center  
4 to 7pm



Pastor	Rev Stephen P. Wirkes		315-437-8318	
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Administrative Assistant	Anne Kolozsvary	stmarys2@twcny.rr.com	315-437-8318	
Buildings / Grounds	Tom Lupia		315-437-8318	
Faith Formation Coordinator	Gary Krajacic	gkrajacic@syrdio.org	315-254-9804	
Assistant Coordinator	Anne Karkruff	akarkruff@syrdio.org	315-437-8318	
Cemetery Director	Laura Cavanaugh	lcavanaugh@syrdio.org	315-345-8007	
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)  
229 W Yates Street  
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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](http://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




**PARISH TRUSTEES**

<b>ST MATTHEW</b> Jean Sajna Mike Riley	<b>ST MARY</b> Toni Carguello Kathleen Lanphear	<b>ST FRANCIS</b> Mike Stocker Joe Group
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