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St Mary

St Matthew

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Closed Friday

Pastor: Rev Stephen P. Wirkes

Dc Dean Brainard

Dc Joseph Lupia

August 17, 2025



20th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49



Weekly Offering

August 10

- * **St Matthew's** \$ 10,116
- * **St Mary** \$ 2,131
- * **St Francis** \$ 1,762

* 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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in any way we can...**



ALL business matters, anything
to do with our buildings or our grounds ~

Contact Thomas Lupia
at 315-437-8318 during office hours
or 315-949-0108 after hours.

All inquiries, sacraments, education,
registration, etc...

Contact our office staff: JoAnn Binion
and Anne Kolozsvary at 315-437-8318

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Saint Matthew's Church

Join us for our
CASINO NIGHT
Saturday, September 27
6pm to 9pm
American Legion Arthur Butler Post 359
135 West Manlius Street
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TICKETS: Pre-Sale \$10
Buffet included
For more information call (315) 437-8318
or e-mail stmatth1@twcnj.rr.com

Volunteers needed

FISCAL YEAR July 1, 2024 ~ June 30, 2025

Summary of Income for June 2025

St Matthew's Church

Income	Current Month	Fiscal Yr-to-Date
	Actual	July 24-June 25
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 27,005	\$ 302,697
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 1,474	\$ 24,110
Other Income	\$ 13,946	\$ 61,840
Total Income	\$ 42,425	\$ 388,647
Expenses		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 11,330	\$ 152,749
Office / Admin	\$ 2,181	\$ 19,843
Program Services	\$ 53	\$ 15,757
Building & Utilities	\$ 563	\$ 29,549
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 9,223	\$ 110,677
Other Expenses	\$ 888	\$ 10,542
Total Expenses	\$ 24,238	\$ 339,117
Net Income for June 25	\$ 18,187	\$ 49,530

Summary of Income for June 2025

St Mary of the Assumption Church

Income	Current Month	Fiscal Yr-to-Date
	Actual	July 24-June 25
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 15,006	\$ 185,479
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 2,250	\$ 51,569
Other Income	\$ 5,341	\$ 46,278
Total Income	\$ 22,597	\$ 283,325
Expenses		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 8,429	\$ 110,606
Office / Admin	\$ 3,007	\$ 18,385
Program Services	\$ 251	\$ 12,948
Building & Utilities	\$ 3,686	\$ 71,500
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 3,414	\$ 40,964
Other Expenses	\$ 2,798	\$ 41,308
Total Expenses	\$ 21,584	\$ 295,711
Net Income for June 25	\$ 1,013	\$ - 12,386

Summary of Income for June 2025

St Francis of Assisi Church

Income	Current Month	Fiscal Yr-to-Date
	Actual	July 24-June 25
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 12,575	\$ 121,648
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 100	\$ 2,042
Other Income	\$ 11,661	\$ 105,482
Total Income	\$ 24,336	\$ 229,172
Expenses		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 8,450	\$ 123,471
Office / Admin	\$ 2,217	\$ 15,494
Program Services	\$ - 1,734	\$ 7,721
Building & Utilities	\$ 84	\$ 39,943
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 1,306	\$ 15,712
Other Expenses	\$ 515	\$ 51,594
Total Expenses	\$ 10,839	\$ 253,937
Net Income for June 25	\$ 13,497	\$ - 24,765

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
17 AUGUST	18 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10-12 Craft Club 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM	19 9:30-noon SMFP 1-3 Rosary Makers 5:30-7 Heaven's Pantry	20 9:30-11:30 & 4-5:30 Bport FP 10-11 & 6-7 Heaven's Ptry 1-3 Connections 6:30 Men's Grp	21 9:30-noon SMFP 6-8 Women's Group 7pm BINGO	22	23
24	25 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10-12 Craft Club 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM	26 9:30-noon SMFP	27 3pm Fresh Food Giveaway SFAPC 6:30 Men's Grp	28 9:30-noon SMFP 6-8 Women's Group 7pm BINGO	29	30
31 SEPTEMBER	1 MEMORIAL DAY	2 9:30-noon SMFP 1-3 Rosary Makers 6:30 Rosary / Divine Mercy	3 1-3 Connections 6:30 Men's Grp	4 9:30-noon SMFP 6-8 Women's Group 7pm BINGO	5 9-Noon Adoration	6 3 Pantry Donation Wkend 9am-Noon SM 2nd Time Around Store 5:30 Wine & Cheese

Saint WHO ??

Saint Pius X Feast Day: August 21

St. Pius X (1835 – 1914), born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto, was from the Austrian Empire in what is now modern-day Veneto, Italy. He was the 257th Pope and served from 1903 until his death in 1914. St. Pius X's love for the Eucharist was evident from a young age and he carried this devotion throughout his life. As Pope, he emphasized the importance of fostering a personal relationship with Jesus through the Sacrament, advocating for its accessibility to all Catholics, regardless of social status.

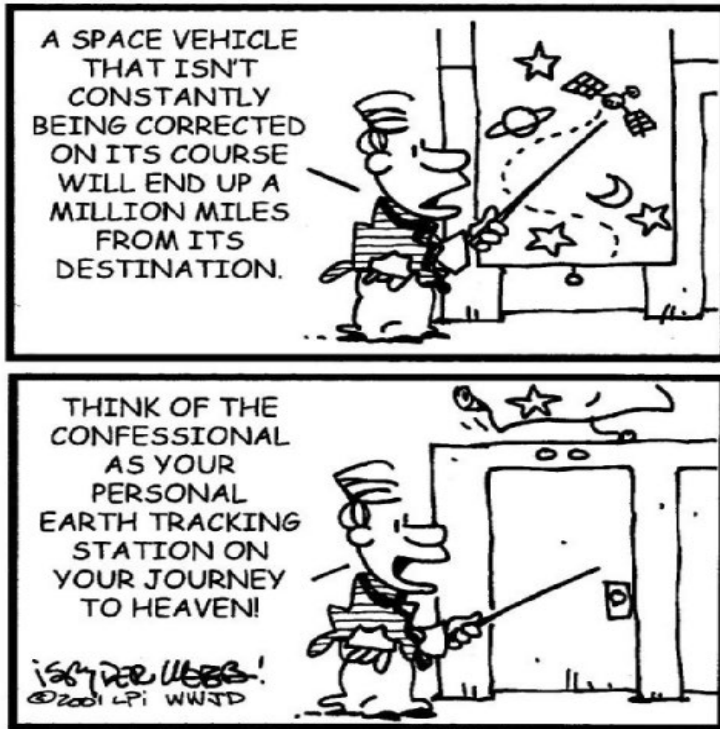
One of St. Pius X's most significant contributions to the Church was the role he played in lowering the age of eligibility for First Communion. Recognizing the significance of early spiritual formation, he sought to enable children to receive the Eucharist as soon as they reached seven years old. He believed that children could experience the profound graces of the Eucharist, grow in their faith at an early age, and that the reception of Holy Communion regularly in a child's life would set the foundation for a lifetime of spiritual growth.

His papacy was also marked by his efforts to combat the rising tide of modernism — a movement that challenged traditional Catholic teachings. He wrote an encyclical entitled "Pascendi Dominici Gregis," subtitled "On the Doctrines of the Modernists," condemning modernist errors and safeguarding the integrity of Church doctrine. His commitment to preserving the traditional scope of Catholicism, especially the teachings of Christ's true presence in the Eucharist, earned him the epithet "Pope of the Eucharist."

Despite his rejection of modernism, St. Pius X was the first Pope to use a typewriter for his encyclicals, signaling an embrace of modern technology during his time as Pope. St. Pius X, Pope of the Eucharist, pray for us!



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Mary's Flower Gardeners could use your help!

We could use help with maintaining some of our flower gardens. If you have a love of flowers and want the gardens to continue looking nice, please consider helping out. Please call Barb Falkowski at 315-558-0381 as soon as possible. Thanks!!



**From the
Business Manager,
Thomas Lupia**



**Unexpected Expense at
Saint Francis**

Our neighbors who bought the former rectory contacted us. They were experiencing repeated flooding in their basement, coming up from the drain. It caused a lot of damage. Blanding Plumbing discovered that when the rectory was built, water discharge was connected to the storm drain near the church, with a pipe going underneath the driveway and lawn. When there is a large amount of rain or melting snow that pipe sends water back into their basement.

The piping going into the storm drain has been cut, capped and sealed with cement. The cost was \$4,200. The diocese told us it was our responsibility and had to be done. I wish to keep you informed.

Altar Safety at St Matthew's

The altar steps at St Matthew's are steep and the floor is marble. To ensure the safety and ease of access for everyone Fr Wirkes has asked me to contact Raulli & Sons, a professional contact of John Backenstross, to create and install four more handrails in the sanctuary. They will match the ones near the pulpit and priest's chair. Two will be placed on the steps leading to the Tabernacle, and two will be placed at the communion rail on the final step from the sanctuary to the floor. The total cost is \$ 7,420.

JOB OPENING ~ APPLY NOW

Volunteering at church BINGO is more than just lending a hand— it's a rewarding way to support our parish, build friendships and strengthen our faith community.

Our bingo program has been a major source of financial support for the parish, as noted in the monthly statements seen in the bulletin. We're incredibly grateful for the dedicated volunteers who have made this success possible. However, due to recent life changes and health concerns, we've lost 5-6 key volunteers. **We are now in urgent need of new helpers to keep the program running strong.**

The time commitment is flexible— some roles require as little as **one hour every 5 weeks**, while others allow for more involvement if you are willing.

We truly need people like you. Please prayerfully consider joining our bingo volunteer team. For more information or to sign up, contact:

Dave Stevens 315-264-5764

Patti Koch 315-575-5391



Together, we can keep this vital ministry thriving. Thank you for your support!

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

Monday, August 18 @ St Mary
11am Patricia Hedrick

Wednesday, August 20 @ St Mary
9am Wayne Ashe ~ Family

Friday, August 22 @ St Matthew's
9am Dooher Family ~ Terry Dooher

Weekend Mass Schedule

SPECIAL MASS

Saturday, August 23 @ St Matthew's
11am Bishop Grimes Class of 1975
Memorial Mass~ 50th Anniversary



Saturday, August 23 @ St Matthew's
4:30pm Margaret Kurak ~
Patrick & Nancy Carguello
John Ryan ~ *Binion Family*
Peter Monteleone ~ *JoAnn & Brent*

Sunday, August 24 @ St. Matthew's
8am Pro Populo
Jack Dooling ~
Kerry Burns, Ryan, KC & Doug Miller
Joseph DiGristina ~
Cabot Cheese Employees

Sunday, August 24 @ St Francis
9:30am Mary F O'Neil ~ *Timmins Family*
June Mertz ~ *Cavanaugh Family*
Terry Fitzpatrick ~
Dean & Sharon Bartholomew

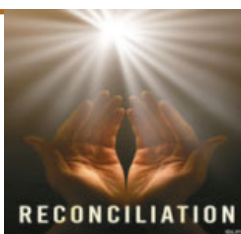
Sunday, August 24 @ St Mary
11am Rybak Family ~ *Sharon & John Rybak*
Patrick Murnane ~
Tri-Parish Women's Scripture Group
Jim Conway ~
Dean & Sharon Bartholomew



Angela Anastas, Johannah Bailey, Bernie Beck,
Fred Bennink, Helen Berger, Frank & Sandy Bryant,
Nancy Cassella, Michelle Cayea, Tiffany Conboy,
Chuck Davidson, Charlotte Diana, James, Pat &
Debora Dygert, Teddy Emch-Paone, Chuck Gaspe,
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Lavelle, Michael & Brian Lynch, Sam Magari, Anne
Marie & Michael Maskulinski, Anne McCarthy,
Joan Moore, Florence Palmiere, Andrew Paulus,
MaryJo Russell, Pat & Chuck Samora, Katherine
Sears, 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)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Kelly McCullough



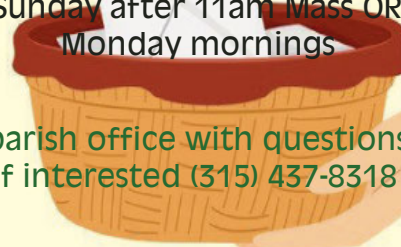
ANOTHER VOLUNTEER JOB OPPURTUNITY

WHO: Sunday collection counters
needed (at least 4)

WHERE: St Mary Church

WHEN: Sunday after 11am Mass OR
Monday mornings

Call parish office with questions or
if interested (315) 437-8318



Pastor	Rev Stephen P. Wirkes
Deacon	Dc Dean Brainard
Deacon	Dc. Joseph Lupia, Jr.
Business Manager and Buildings / Grounds	Thomas Lupia
Administrative Assistant	JoAnn Binion
Administrative Assistant	Anne Kolozsvary
Faith Formation Coordinator	Gary Krajacic
Assistant Coordinator	Anne Karkruff
Cemetery Director	Laura Cavanaugh
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	SMA / SF Lynne Stocker

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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 —

PARISH OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS:

(at St Matthew's)

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St Matthew's St Mary's

stmatth1@twcny.rr.com 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
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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

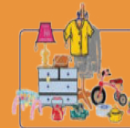
600 W Manlius Street 315-438-8635

PANTRY HOURS:

T / Th 9:30am-noon

2nd TIME AROUND STORE HOURS

Mondays 9am ~ 12:30pm



PARISH TRUSTEES

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CIS

Rosemary
Stocker

ST MARY

Toni Carguello

ST FRAN-

Mike

Finance Councils

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Backenstross
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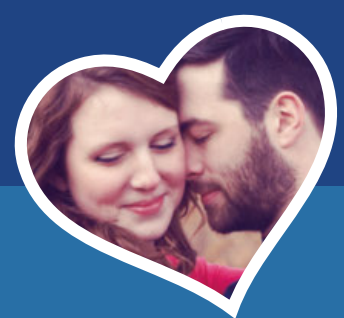
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