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August 24, 2025

PSALM 117



Weekly Offering

August 17

- * **St Matthew's** \$ 3,751
- * **St Mary** \$ 3,423
- * **St Francis** \$ 1,246

* 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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FLOCKnotes /
3- Click on St Matthew's, St
Mary & St Francis
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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

	Current Month	Fiscal Yr-to-Date
	Actual	July 24-June 25
Income		
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

	Current Month	Fiscal Yr-to-Date
	Actual	July 24-June 25
Income		
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

	Current Month	Fiscal Yr-to-Date
	Actual	July 24-June 25
Income		
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
24 AUGUST	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	1 LABOR DAY NO Masses Office Closed SEPTEMBER	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 NO Wine & Cheese
7 3 Pantry Donation Wkend	8 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10-12 Craft Club 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM	9 9:30-noon SMFP 6:30pm SFAPC Choir Practice SMA & SF	10 6pm Altar Rosary 6:30 Men's Grp	11 9:30-noon SMFP 6-8 Women's Group 7pm BINGO	12	13

Saint WHO ??

Saint Monica Feast Day: August 27

Raising faithful children is no easy task. For St. Monica, it seemed nearly impossible. Her husband wasn't Christian and often mocked her faith. Their son, Augustine, fell quickly into wild ways. He and his friends drank, stole, and caroused throughout town. Monica never stopped praying for Augustine, no matter how far he strayed. Augustine became swept up in heresy, a false form of Christianity. He lived with a mistress and had a child out of wedlock. All the while, Monica kept praying. Conversion came slowly to Augustine, but at age 32, he was finally baptized. Augustine would go on to

become a priest, then bishop, then world-renowned theologian whose works have stood the test of time. May St. Monica and St. Augustine inspire us to never stop praying for our loved ones.





FAITH FORMATION

We need TEACHERS,
TEACHERS AIDES and
HALL MONITORS

Classes are one day a week~

Grades 1-6

Mondays

6-7pm

Grades 7-10

Sundays

9:30-12 noon

Call The office at (315) 437-8318

CASINO NIGHT

We need volunteers for Casino Night 2025

Dealers, Servers

Raffle Ticket Sales

Set- Up (Friday, September 26)

Clean up after event

(9pm Saturday, September 27)



CASINO NIGHT

Call The office at (315) 437-8318

**Come to our next meeting –Tuesday,
August 26 at 6pm St Matthew's parlor**

OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS ~

Saint Ignatius

Gift of John G. Roder

Location: North side of Saint Matthew's Church

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, was a Basque Spaniard Catholic priest and theologian, who, with six companions, founded the religious order of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), and became its first Superior General, in Paris in 1541.

Ignatius envisioned the purpose of the Society of Jesus to be missionary work and teaching. In addition to the vows of chastity, obedience and poverty of other religious orders of the church, Loyola instituted a fourth vow for Jesuits of obedience to the Pope, to engage in projects ordained by the pontiff. Jesuits were instrumental in leading the Counter-Reformation.

As a former soldier, Ignatius paid particular attention to the spiritual formation of his recruits and recorded his method in the *Spiritual Exercises* (1548). In time the method has become known as Ignatian spirituality. He was beatified in 1609 and was canonized as a saint on 12 March 1622. His feast day is celebrated on 31 July. He is patron saint of the Basque provinces of Gipuzkoa and Biscay as well as of the Society of Jesus. He was declared the patron saint of all spiritual retreats by Pope Pius XI in 1922.

**From the
Business Manager,
Thomas Lupia**



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.

Saint Matthew's Parking Lot

The parking lot at Saint Matthew's Church has recently seen some needed repairs. Two depressions were fixed, one near the handicap parking at the side entrance and the other directly in front of the office which caused a massive pooling problem during rain and snow melt. The depressions were saw-cut and filled. Then the entire parking lot was resealed and the parking lines were repainted. The resealing was handled by Superior Seal and Paving at a cost of \$11,561.

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 25 @ St Mary
11am Kelly McCullough

Wednesday, August 27 @ St Mary
9am Jim Conway ~ Debbie & Walt Gardner

Friday, August 29 @ St Matthew's
9am Bob Kurak ~ Dick & Sally Higgins

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 30 @ St Matthew's
4:30pm Rudy & Rick DeJulio ~ Birthdays / Family
Margaret Kurak ~ Joe Falcone—Fish Cove
John Ryan ~ Joan Decker

Sunday, August 31 @ St. Matthew's
8am Terry Pelose ~ Birthday / Kathy O'Neill
Bob Kurak ~ Pat & Nancy Carguello
Peter Monteleone ~
Angela Bennett & Family

Sunday, August 31 @ St Francis
9:30am Jim Conway ~ Timmins Family
Terry Fitzpatrick ~
Tri-Parish Women's Scripture Group

Sunday, August 31 @ St Mary
11am Josephine & Angelo Campitelli ~
Daughter, Rosina
Patrick Murnane ~ Bev Petterelli
Christopher Hart ~
Linda & Charlotte Diana



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, Enrico Geremia, Terri Gonsiewski, Ryan Hill, Michael 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. Matthew's
Annmarie DelPriore
(Tony & David Satalino)

W O W!!!

SOOOO generous
MISSION APPEAL for
Children's Cancer
Hospital ~

St Francis \$6,335
St Mary \$2,240
St Matthew's \$2,367

GREAT JOB!
Thank you ALL



Faith Formation classes starting SOON

Grades 7-10 starts Sunday, September 21 from 9:30am-noon (includes Mass)
Grades 1-6 starts Monday, September 22 from 6-7pm
at St Mary Parish Center, Minoa

Registration forms available at all 3 churches, parish office or
www.faithalive1.com

Call (315) 437-8318 with questions



FAITH FORMATION

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:

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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
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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



ST MATTHEW
Rosemary
Backenstross
Mike Riley

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Toni Carguello
Kathleen Lanphear

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Joe Group

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