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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

THAT THE WORLD  
MIGHT BE  
**SAVED.**

— JOHN 3:17 —



*September 14, 2025*



## Weekly Offering

August 31 & September 7

* St Matthew's	\$ 4,112	8/31
	\$ 6,808	9/7
* St Mary	\$ 2,587	8/31
	\$ 3,072	9/7
* St Francis	\$ 1,489	8/31
	\$ 2,340	9/7

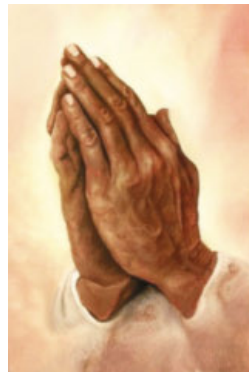
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\* The Sunday envelope, loose and on-line donations. This, and all other sources of income (and expenses) are found in the detailed Profit / Loss Statement listed in the bulletin monthly.

## Diocese Bankruptcy

With the consent of the victims of clerical sexual abuse, the court has approved the diocesan bankruptcy petition—finally.

They will receive some small measure of justice. This sordid chapter in the life of the church is now over



## LITANY Explained

A litany is an ancient form of prayer incorporating repetitive refrains (often "hear our prayer" or "pray for us"). Litanies are used in a variety of liturgical settings and in both private and public acts of devotion.

The basis of the word "litany" comes from the Greek word for "supplication" or "petition." In a litany, the leader will make an appeal or a statement and the congregation will make the response. Litanies can also be said by one person acting as both the leader and the respondent.

Many litanies have been written, including litanies to the Holy Name of Jesus, the Sacred Heart, the Most Precious Blood, litanies appealing to the intercession of various saints, and litanies to the Blessed Mother under her different titles. There are also litanies composed for the attainment of graces and virtues, including the Litany of Humility and the Litany of Trust.



## JOIN THE CIA



**Come to know and experience the touch of Christ**

**The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**  
We will be hosting an *informational meeting* for this years OCIA on **Monday, September 15 at 6pm in St Mary Parish Center in Minoa** (use door at the cemetery end of the building)

**OCIA is for those who would like to become Catholic** from another or no religion,  
**OCIA is for Catholics who missed receiving one or more Sacraments** while growing up,  
**OCIA is for those who want to learn more about the Catholic faith.**

These sessions are low key and it is guaranteed that you will enjoy learning about our Christian faith. If you know someone who may be interested, please pass this information along. Come and check us out for a relaxing evening WITH the Lord. **ALL are invited...**

**Anyone who wants to learn more about our rich Catholic heritage and history is welcome!**

If you have any questions contact Ann or Duane Groesbeck at (315) 510-3157 or [dgroesbeck1@twcny.rr.com](mailto:dgroesbeck1@twcny.rr.com)

**Join the CIA as together we come to know and experience the touch of Christ, serve others and strive to build communities of Faith, Hope and Love**

## FALL Hymn Sing

We welcome parishioners who enjoy singing to join us Monday nights at 6:30pm at St Matthew's Parlor. No sign up needed, just join us at your convenience for singing and fellowship. We will be singing favorite hymns, new hymns, upcoming Mass hymns, seasonal and Christmas hymns. Singers of all capabilities are encouraged to join us. Come any Monday evening that is not a holiday or snow day. Call or see our music director with any questions. Michael McClelland 315-278-7862. We hope to see you soon.

We are looking for donations of gift baskets to be raffled off at our upcoming Casino Night on September 27th. We will also accept items to be put into a basket. Please leave at the altar rail.  
Thank you in advance.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
14	<b>15</b> 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store  10-12 Craft Club  10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM  6:30 Parlor Fall Hymn Sing	<b>16</b> 9:30-noon SMFP  1-3 Rosary Makers  5:30-7 Heaven's Pantry  6:30pm SFAPC Choir Practice SMA & SF	<b>17</b> 10-11 / 6-7 Heaven's Pantry  9:30-11:30 and 4-5:30 SFAFP  1-3 Connections  6:30 Men's Grp	<b>18</b> 9:30-noon SMFP  6-8 Women's Group  7pm BINGO	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
<b>21</b> 9:30-Noon (FF) 7-10gr	<b>22</b> 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store  10-12 Craft Club  10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM  6-7 (FF) 1-6gr  6:30 Parlor Fall Hymn Sing	<b>23</b> 9:30-noon SMFP  6:30pm SFAPC Choir Practice SMA & SF	<b>24</b> 3pm Fresh Food Giveaway  6pm Altar Rosary  6:30 Men's Grp	<b>25</b> 9:30-noon SMFP  6-8 Women's Group  7pm BINGO		
<b>28</b> 9:30-Noon (FF) 7-10gr	<b>29</b> 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store  10-12 Craft Club  10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM  6-7 (FF) 1-6gr  6:30 Parlor Fall Hymn Sing	<b>30</b> 9:30-noon SMFP  1-3 Rosary Makers  6:30pm SFAPC Choir Practice SMA & SF	<b>1</b>  1-3 Connections  6:30 Men's Grp	<b>2</b> 9:30-noon SMFP  6-8 Women's Group  7pm BINGO	<b>3</b> 9-noon Adoration	<b>4</b> 3 Pantry Donation Wkend  9am-Noon SM 2nd Time Around Store
					<b>OCTOBER</b>	

# Saint WHO ??

## Saint Albert of Jerusalem Feast Day: September 17

"The sword of the spirit, the word of God, must abound in your mouths and hearts. Let all you do have the Lord's word for accompaniment." Born in Italy in the middle of the 12th century, Albert became a Canon Regular of the Holy Cross, which followed the rule of Saint Augustine. He was elected prior of his community in 1180. Four years later he was appointed Bishop of Bobbio, and the following year Bishop of Vercelli.

A man of diplomacy and skill, Albert had a degree in canon law and was called to serve as a papal diplomat and mediator. He was appointed Patriarch of Jerusalem around 1205. The Kingdom of Jerusalem was a crusader state, but by now the city itself was under Muslim control. Alber took up his residence in the part of Acre, capital of the crusader state.

During this period the hermits who lived on nearby Mount Carmel asked him to write a rule of life for them. The Rule of saint Albert, simple, scriptural and practical, marks the official beginning of the Carmelite order. Albert died in Acre, stabbed in the back by a hospital official whom he had reprimanded and deposed for immoral behavior.





SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025 | ONCENTER, SYRACUSE, NY



15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
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# Mother of Divine Hope

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

- MARIAN MASS
- ROSARY PROCESSION
- CONFESSION
- ADORATION AND BENECTION
- BROWN SCAPULAR ENROLLMENT
- CATHOLIC VENDORS
- STATUE RAFFLE



Antonella Di Piazza, FKMI  
National Director of the Militia of the Immaculate USA.



Fr. Jacinto Mary, FI  
Guardian and novice master at the Mount Saint Francis Hermitage in Maine, ME.



Sr. Pia Jude, SV  
Sister of Life, consecrated to protect the sacredness of life.



Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia  
Bishop of Syracuse.



TO REGISTER 1. Scan the QR code 2. [www.SyracuseCatholicWomen.org](http://www.SyracuseCatholicWomen.org) or 3. Check with your parish for a Table for 10



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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: \$10**  
Buffet included  
For more information call (315) 437-8318  
or e-mail [stmatth1@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:stmatth1@twcnny.rr.com)

Volunteers needed

We are inviting our Tri-Parish women to join us at this year's Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at the OnCenter. The cost is \$65. We are hoping to reserve at least two Tables of Ten so we can enjoy having lunch together during the conference. If you are interested or would like more information, please call or email Barb Falkowski (315-558-0381; [bfalkowski@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:bfalkowski@twcnny.rr.com)) or Terry Edwards (315-656-2708; [twedwards1@aol.com](mailto:twedwards1@aol.com)).

## **Saint Matthew's Pantry / 2nd Time Around Store**

Would like to thank ALL the generous donations that have been coming into the store. We have new items weekly! Come in and take a look for yourself—you may find a great treasure or two.

The store sells your donations at extremely affordable prices and with the money collected purchases food from the Food Bank and gives it to our patrons who are in need.

Donations may be dropped off during hours of operation:

Monday 9am-12:30pm  
Tues/Th 9:30-Noon  
and 1st/3rd Sat of the month  
9am-noon



**Please do not leave donated items if no one is available to receive them.**

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

**Monday, September 15 @ St Mary**

9am **NO Mass—Priest Convocation**

**Wednesday, September 17 @ St Mary**

9am **NO Mass—Priest Convocation**

**Friday, September 19 @ St Matthew's**

9am **John Greis ~ Binion Family**

## Weekend Mass Schedule

**Saturday, September 20 @ St Matthew's**

4:30pm **Nancy & George Hollenbeck ~**

*Kathy O'Neill*

**Frank Colosi ~ Dan & Fran Monti**

**Frank Settineri ~ Anniversary / Family**

**Sunday, September 21 @ St. Matthew's**

8am **ProPopulo ~ For the People**

**Frank Colosi ~ Rosie Barone**

**Brian Wall ~ Wife & Daughters**

**Sunday, September 21 @ St Francis**

9:30am **Jim & John Behr ~ Mom**

**Howard & Marie Mertz ~**

*Cavanaugh Family*

**John Mudge ~ Eric & Kristen Devendorf**

**Sunday, September 21 @ St Mary**

11am **Michael Rybak ~ Mom & Dad**

**Michael Dixon ~ Anne Kolozsvary**

**Jim Conway ~ Ashe Family**

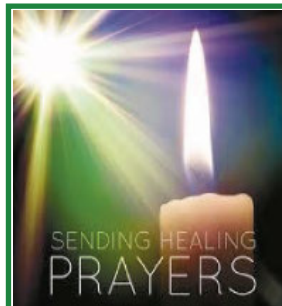
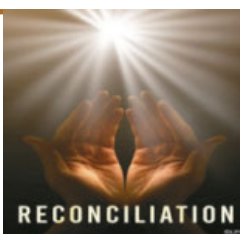


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### Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

Saturdays @ St Matthew's  
3:30-4:15pm

Sundays @ St Mary  
after 11am mass



**PLEASE PRAY  
FOR OUR  
RECENTLY DECEASED**

**Peg DiMartino  
David Utt**



## FAITH FORMATION

**Faith Formation classes starting SOON**

Grades 7-10 starts Sunday, September 21  
9:30am-noon (includes Mass)

Grades 1-6 starts Monday, September 22  
6-7pm

at St Mary Parish Center, Minoa

Registration forms available at all 3 churches,  
parish office or [www.faithalive1.com](http://www.faithalive1.com)  
Call (315) 437-8318 with questions



A candle has been lit at

**St Mary's** for

**Ina A Davis**

*(Ina Simiele, Sharlita Bell & Niles Bell)*

A candle has been lit at

**St. Matthew's** for

**AnnMarie Delpriore**

*(Tony & David Satalino)*





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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

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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  
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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

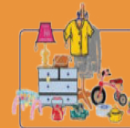
600 W Manlius Street 315-438-8635

### PANTRY HOURS:

T / Th 9:30am-noon

### 2nd TIME AROUND STORE HOURS

Mondays 9am ~ 12:30pm



### PARISH TRUSTEES

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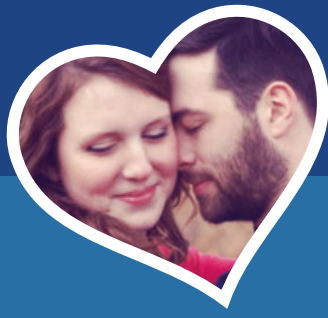


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