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St Francis St Mary St Matthew

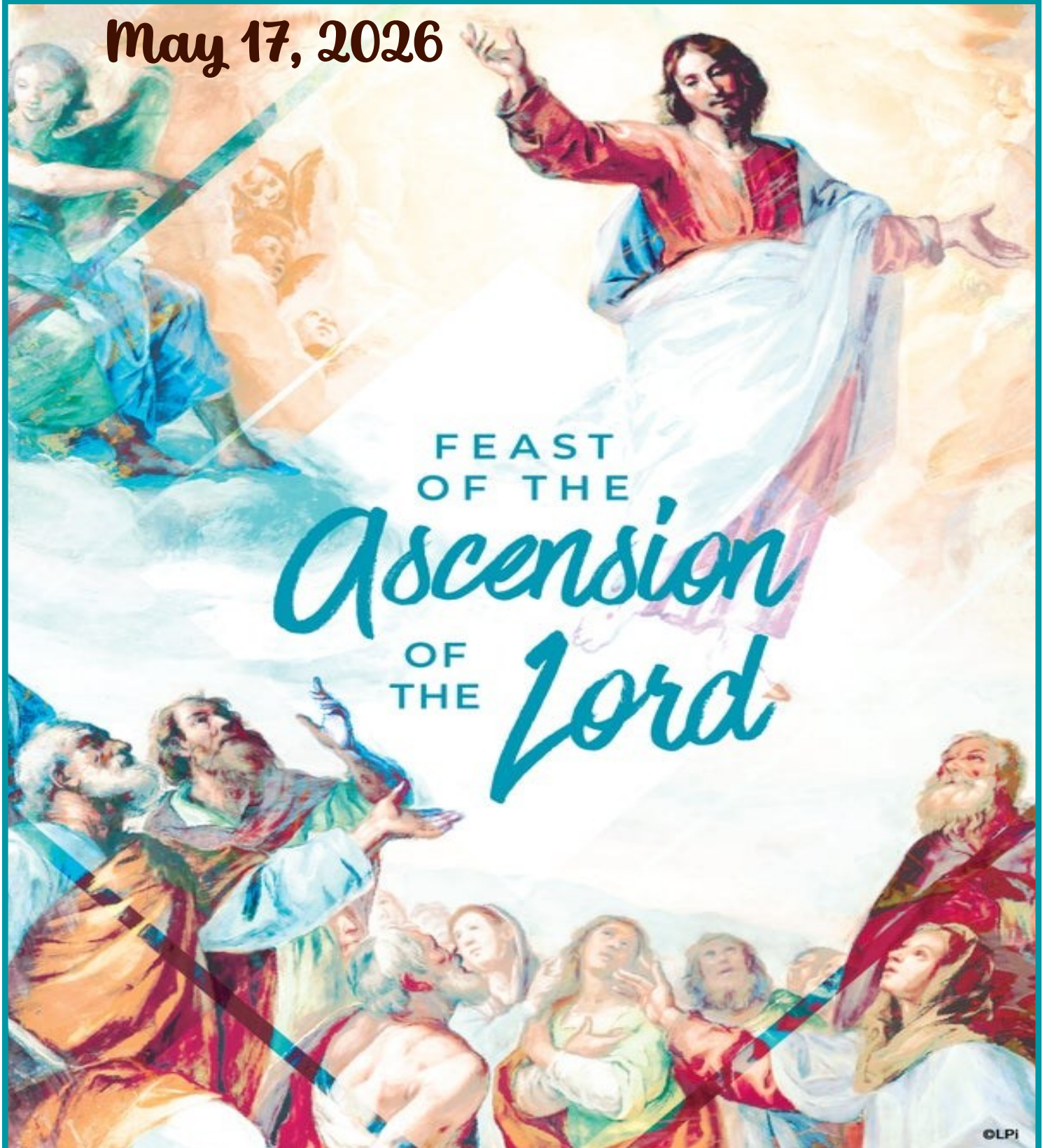
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Weekly Offering

May 10

* **St Matthew's** \$ 4,650

* **St Mary** \$ 1,749

* **St Francis** **Not available at print**

* 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.



Our 1st Communicants



Hail Mary, Explained

The words of the Hail Mary — undoubtedly the most recognizable Catholic prayer after the Lord's Prayer — are deeply rooted in scripture. The opening lines of the prayer are taken from the words of the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation — "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee." This line is known as the Angelic Salutation. The following words — "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus" — echo the sentiments expressed by Elizabeth at the Visitation.

The Angelic Salutation is regarded as the earliest devotional prayer to Mary, since it forms the very first words spoken to her as the Mother of God, but Catholics did not begin to utilize the Hail Mary prayer in its current form until around the 11th century.

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Our Teachers

To choose topics for the entire school year, weekly meetings with students (adults and children), to preparing materials, hand-outs, video presentations, to running the class, urging discussions, explaining topics and answering questions. This is the 'Gift of Teaching' that many of our parishioners have, along with the teaching assistants, parent observers and hall monitors. They are HEROES in our PARISHES.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS team: Annie and Duane Groesbeck, Greg Macidyn, Dan Borawski

FAITH FORMATION (Grades 1-10): Director—Gary Krajacic, Assistant Director—Anne Karkruff and of course THE TEACHERS

Sincere thanks for all you do!



Interested in helping share the faith? Contact the office at (315) 437-8318

Saint WHO??

SAINT GODRIC
FEAST DAY: May 21

Godric was born in Norfolk, shortly after the Norman Conquest. Vigorous and enterprising, he became a successful merchant and a skilled seaman. He sought the protection of the saints on his journeys and would often visit their shrines. A visit to the place where Saint Cuthbert had lived as a hermit inspired in Godric a longing for a similar life.

With the practicality of a savvy trader, he began to use his temporal goods to pursue spiritual ones. He became an avid pilgrim, journeying to Jerusalem, Compostela, Rome and elsewhere. A second journey to Jerusalem included his elderly mother. It is said that she chose to go barefoot and he frequently carried her.

Eventually, he donated his wealth and became a hermit at Finchale, near Durham Cathedral, where his heavenly friend Saint Cuthbert was buried. Here, it is said, his counsel was sought by Thomas Becket, Pope Alexander III and other notables.

His few short songs, composed during this eremitical life, are the oldest English songs for which the original music was written down. One is a rollicking hymn in honor of Saint Nicholas, patron of sailors. Two others are said to have been given to him in vision: his sister's hymn of thanksgiving as she entered heaven and a prayer for assistance dictated by our Lady. Their heavenly origin is easy to accept: they are hauntingly beautiful



The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who fled
to thy protection, implored thy help,
or sought thy intercession, was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. to thee do I come,
before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer me.
Amen

YOUR HEARTS OVERFLOW WITH LOVE



We are proud to announce that we
received checks, from the diocese,
for exceeding our HOPE Appeal goals.
St Matthew's received \$ 13,537
St Francis received \$ 9,618
St Mary received \$6,863

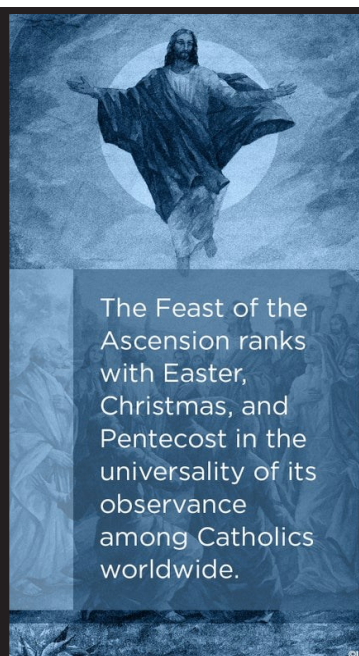


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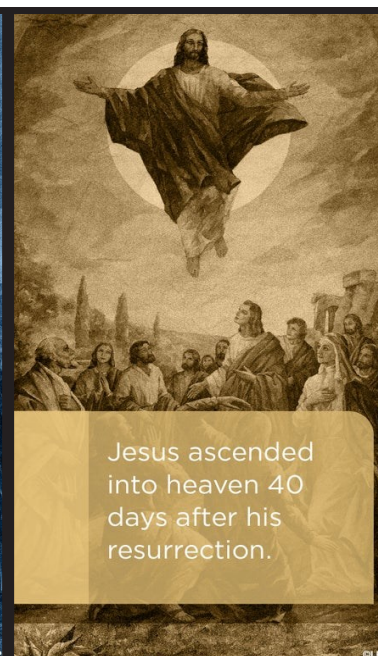


The Ascension is described in Acts 1:9

"As they were
looking on, he
was lifted up,
and a cloud took
him from their
sight."



The Feast of the
Ascension ranks
with Easter,
Christmas, and
Pentecost in the
universality of its
observance
among Catholics
worldwide.



Jesus ascended
into heaven 40
days after his
resurrection.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
17	18 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10-12 Craft Club 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM 1-2 Walkers	19 9--:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 6:30 Rosary/ Divine Mercy	20 9:30-11:30 / 4-5:30 SF Pantry 10-11 / 6-7 Heaven's Pantry 1-2 Walkers 1-3 Prayer Shawl 6:30 Men's Group	21 9--:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 3-4:30 Greif Support 6-8 Wm's Scripture Group 7pm Bingo	22 1-2 Walkers	23
24	25 Memorial Day Office Closed	26 9--:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 1-3 Rosary Makers 6:30 Rosary/ Divine Mercy	27 1-2 Walkers 3pm SF Fresh Food 6:30 Men's Group	28 9--:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 3-4:30 Greif Support 6-8 Wm's Scripture Group 7pm Bingo	29 1-2 Walkers	30 M A Y
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The time is NOW!

Tickets are being sold through the parish office. Call (315) 437-8318 for a reservation. This year's production:

"Restaurant Wars"

Friday, June 5

AND

Saturday, June 6

St. Mary's Parish Center

Dinner will be served at 6pm with the play to following at 7pm. Tickets are \$30 Cash / Check made out to St Mary Church). Get your tickets early and be prepared for an evening of good food and excellent entertainment! Ciao!

Food servers needed for both nights. Please call the office to volunteer. (315) 437-8318

Tri-Parish Grief Support Group

We have formed a grief support group to accompany those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The group will meet

**every Thursday
3-4:30pm**

St Matthew's Parlor

If you are interested in attending please call the rectory office at (315) 437-8318 to register in advance. Peace & blessings ~ Tri-Parish Grief Support Team

Our flowers need your help

We are in desperate need of help with planting flowers and maintaining the grounds at both St Matthew's & St Mary Church and cemetery. Any help that you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Barb Falkowski at (315) 558-0381 to help out at St Mary or the office at (315) 437-8318

to help out at St Matthew's. Let's make our churches beautiful again. Thank You!



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

Monday May 18 @ St Mary
9am The Priests of our Diocese

Wednesday May 20 @ St Mary
9am **NO MASS—James DeShaies Funeral**

Friday May 22 @ St Matthew's
9am Stephen & Julia Bednar ~ John & Family

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday May 23 @ St Matthew's
4:30pm Lura Anna Bitterman ~ Family
Florence Palmiere ~ Altar Rosary Society
Mary Casciano ~ Family

Sunday, May 24 @ St. Matthew's
8am Karl Crossing ~ Family
Temporal Issues ~ MP
Jack Dooling ~ 1st Anniversary / Family

Sunday, May 24 @ St Francis
9:30am Deceased Morris Family ~
Ed & Helen Timmins
Marie Behr ~ Jack & Sharon Martin
Clayton Wood ~ Mills Family

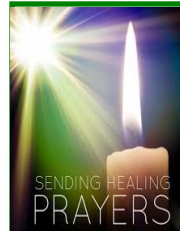
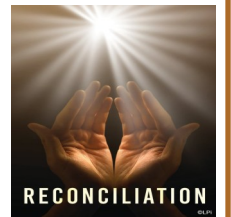
Sunday, May 24 @ St Mary
11am Michael Theobald ~ Lisa Tily
Mary Procopio ~ Kathy & Joe Lupia
Bev Ziegler ~
Dean & Sharon Bartholomew



Chris & Mary Ashe, Angela Anastas, Johannah Bailey, Bernie Beck, Fred Bennink, Helen Berger, William Bogt, Frank & Sandy Bryant, Nancy Cassella, Tiffany Conboy, Chuck Davidson, Charlotte Diana, James, Pat & Debora Dygert, Teddy Emch-Paone, Erica, Chuck, Dean Genese, Enrico Geremia, Terri Gonsiewski, Jeanine Gottfried, Ryan Hill, Jim Ippoliti, Lisa Lamphear, Trace Larobardiere, Jack Law, Michael & Brian Lynch, Sam Magari, Mike McBride, Mia, Joan Moore, Andrew Paulus, Bev Petterelli, John Petrilli, Jim Piwinski, Pat & Chuck Samora, Katherine Sears, Richard Spagnolo, Stacey, Helen Timmins, Sandy & Dennis Van Auken, Chet Waskiewicz

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

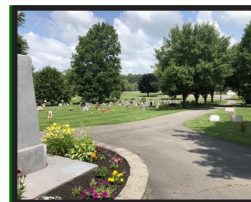
Saturdays @ St Matthew's
3:30-4:15pm
Sundays @ St Mary after
11am Mass



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

James DeShaies

A candle has been lit at
St. Matthew's for
Joan Sommers
(Anne)

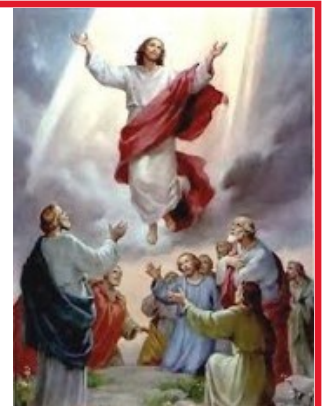



Please note ~
there are NO cemetery office
hours on MAY 18 or 25

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Where did he go? Many times when we think of those who have died, we imagine escape from this world to a purely spiritual place. Jesus' Ascension can leave us in a place of confusion. What happens to Jesus? And why does this matter to us?

The Ascension has been confirmed in the Creed for two millennia. In Jesus' Ascension, we're invited to consider our own ultimate end. Regardless of death's reality now, we believe in the resurrection of the body and the reunification of body and soul. One day, earth and heaven will meet perfectly and without end. We anticipate this "new heaven and a new earth" at every Mass and throughout the beauty, truth, and love of the Church and her members. Today, celebrate a foreshadowing of the fullness we all await!



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for
YOU**

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



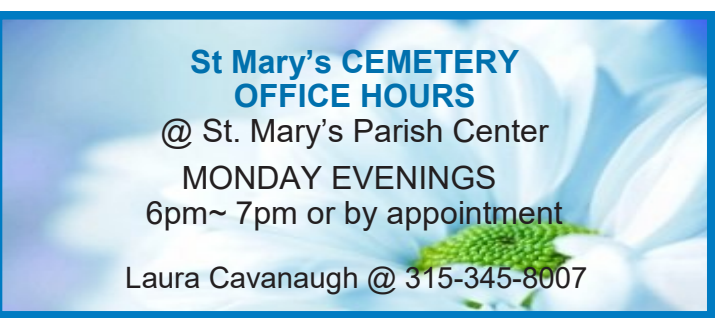
St Matthew's 2nd Time Around Store / Food Pantry
 600 W Manlius Street 315-438-8635

PANTRY HOURS:
 T / Th 9:30am-noon
2nd TIME AROUND STORE HOURS
 Mondays 9am ~ 12:30pm




PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday ~ Thursday 9am ~ 4pm
OR by appointment —

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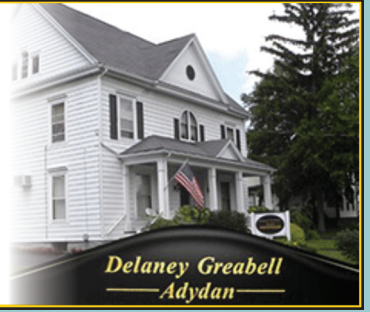
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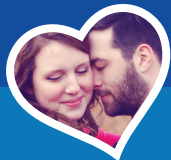
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