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St Francis St Mary St Matthew

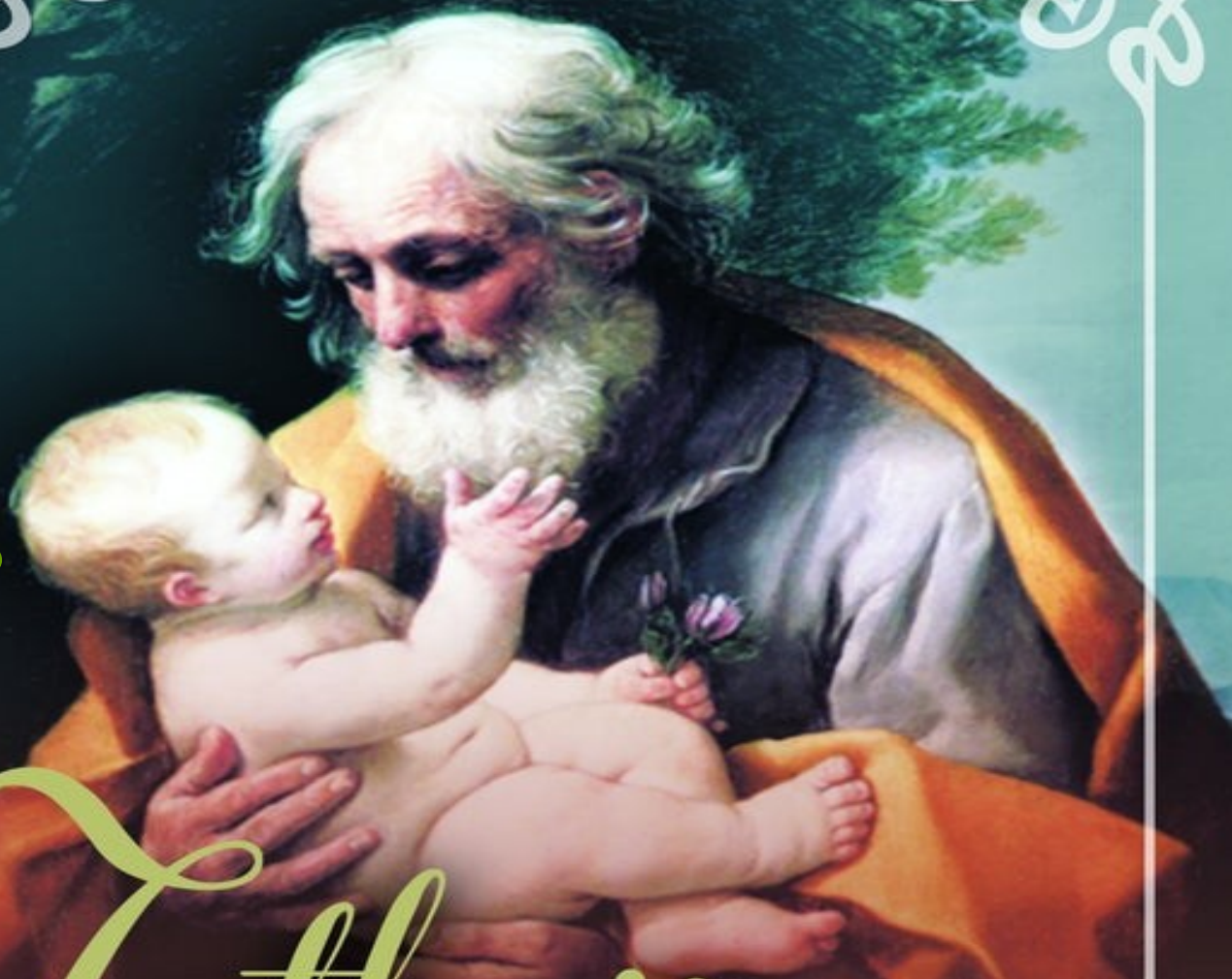
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Parish Website: www.faithalive1.com

June 21, 2026



Father's DAY

Defend, O most watchful guardian
of the Holy Family, the chosen children
of Jesus Christ. —Pope Leo XIII



Weekly Offering

June 14

- * **St Matthew's** \$ 7,831
- * **St Mary** \$ 1,695
- * **St Francis** \$ 1,364

 * 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.

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

65 YEARS

- Rev. Msgr. George F. Sheehan
- Rev. Thomas P. Fitzpatrick
- Rev. Richard P. Morissette

60 YEARS

- Rev. John J. Smegelski
- Rev. Joseph F. Kehoe
- Rev. Phillip A. Hearn
- Rev. James H. Carey

50 YEARS

- Rev. Dennis J. Hayes
- Rev. John R. Delorenzo
- Rev. Edmund A. Castronovo
- Rev. Thomas P. Durant
- Rev. Msgr. Neal E. Quartier

40 YEARS

- Rev. Clarence F. Rumble
- Rev. Innocent E. Onyenagubo
- Rev. Severine P. Yagaza
- Rev. Msgr. Francis A. Osei-Nyarko
- Rev. Corey S. VanKuren
- Rev. John P. Donovan

25 YEARS

- Rev. Richard P. Prior, Jr
- Rev. Mark P. Kaminski
- Rev. John W. Canorro
- Rev. John D. Manno

2026 Priests Jubilees

Bridgeport's St Francis of Assisi Church 75th Anniversary

Catholic families from Bridgeport celebrated Holy Mass at St Mary's in Minoa until Sunday, June 22, 1947, when approximately 20 life-long residents attended mass at the Bridgeport fire barn and continued there during the summer months. A meeting was held at the fire barn in the summer of 1950 and the decision was made to purchase 2.53 acres of the Russell farm to build a mission church attached to St Mary's.

Architect Frank Broderick designed the church with overall Colonial features, including one center aisle and an all knotty pine wooden interior, with a block foundation and clapboard exterior. McKay Construction Co of Oneida, broke ground on January 4, 1951 and the Church building was completed in June of that same year. An aluminum handicap ramp was installed this year to replace the old wooden one.

On June 18, 1951 over 250 people overflowed the little church for its blessing by Syracuse Bishop Rev Walter A Forey and its mass, celebrated by Rev Francis Edic, a Provincial of the Order founded in the 13th Century by St Francis. A Holy Mass was celebrated each Sunday in Bridgeport from then on. Severing ties to St Mary in October 1953. St Francis of Assisi became a parish in its own right.

On June 1, 1952, six children received their First Holy Communion in the new church from Father Engelbert Eichenlaub, the first parish administrator. They were Susan Brown, Dianne Hart, Rose Anne McDonald, Carol Ann Benn and Michael Egan.

Special services were held on Sunday, January 10, 1954 at 7:45pm to honor the establishment of the first St Francis of Assisi Altar Rosary Society for women. Up until that time, it had been an auxiliary of the Holy Name Society, now exclusively for men. The first Altar-Rosary Society was formed under Pope Leo XIII in 1898.

Approximately 4.5 acres of land adjacent to the church site, was purchased from Mr Russell during Father Dunstan's administration (1954-1960), for construction of a rectory that became home for the priests. The rectory was sold to a private family in July of 2022. An additional 14 acres was purchased in May 1959, extending the church property to the Bridgeport Cemetery. *(continued on next page)*

SAINT Josemaria Escriva
FEAST DAY: June 26

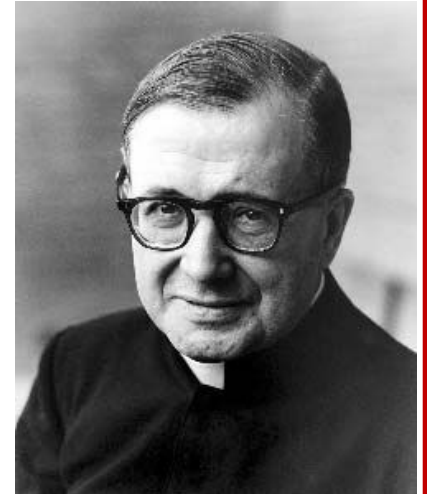
Saint WHO ??

A native of Barbastro, Spain, Josemaria Escriva was born to a family that saw many hardships. Three sisters died within three years and his father suffered financial ruin. On Christmas in his sixteenth year, Josamaria saw the frozen footprints left in the snow by the bare feet of a Carmelite friar. "I began to have an inkling of what Love is," he later said, "to realize that my heart was yearning for something great, for love." He entered the seminary and was ordained in 1925 at the age of twenty-three.

Three years later, his frequent searching prayer before the Blessed Sacrament bore fruit in an inspiration for a new apostolate to lead others to seek holiness in everyday life through the sanctification of worldly work. This "Work of God," Opus Dei, took shape over the next several years. Around 1933, he began offering classes in Christian formation to the college students who were following him. Around this time, he began writing the spiritual notes that became *The Way*.

Amid the violence of the Spanish War and despite the suffering of frequent misunderstanding, Josemaria maintained his focus. Opus Dei expanded to include the Priestly Society of the Holy Cross and a worldwide reach that today spans five continents.

In 1954, Josemaria experienced a miraculous cure of his diabetes and he is invoked by those who suffer this disease.



Saint Francis—continued...

As the congregation grew, a need for more room was determined and a Parish Center was built in 1992. A 9:30am holy mass is now celebrated in the parish center every Sunday. The parish center also serves the community with these events: Altar Rosary meetings and banquets, Red Cross Blood Drives, Bingo, Election Day Spaghetti Dinners, funeral luncheons, February Winterfest, coffee hour after mass and a rental facility for birthday parties, baby and bridal showers etc. The community food pantry still operates out of the little church.

We have been blessed over the years and grateful to have many dedicated pastors assigned to St Francis of Assisi parish, who have served and guided us faithfully, Including our present day pastor, Rev Stephen P Wirkes who is also the pastor of St Mary of the Assumption in Minoa and St Matthew's Church in East Syracuse.



O Sacred Heart of Jesus,
filled with infinite love,
broken by our ingratitude
and pierced by sins, yet loving us
still, accept the consecration we make to
You of all that we are all we have.
Take every faculty of our souls and
bodies, only day by day
draw us nearer and nearer to
Your Sacred Heart, and there, as we shall
bear the lesson, teach us Your
Holy Way.

Amen



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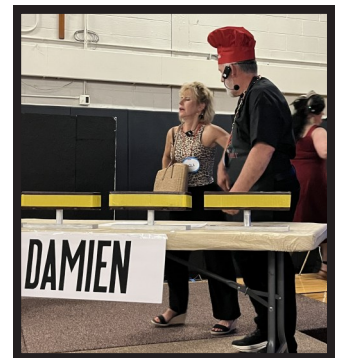
by JULY 16th

purchase tickets at the parish office
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Monday—Thursday 9am-4pm
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
14 JUNE	15 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10-12 Craft Club 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM	16 9--:30-Noon SM Food Pantry	17 9:30-11:30 / 4-5:30 SF Food Pantry 10-11 / 6-7 Heaven's Pantry 1-3 Prayer Shawl 6:30 Men's Group	18 9--:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 3-4:30 Grief Support 6-8 Wm's Scripture Group 7pm Bingo	19 Juneteenth	20 9-Noon SM 2nd Time Around Store
21 K of C - Birthright Collection Father's Day	22 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10-12 Craft Club 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM	23 9--:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 1-3 Rosary Makers	24 3pm Fresh Food Give away 6:30 Men's Group	25 9--:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 3-4:30 Grief Support 6-8 Wm's Scripture Group 7pm Bingo	26	27
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Congratulations & Thank You to the cast and crew of "Restaurant Wars" for a wonderful show!

"Song and Dance Storm the Stage!" - Broadway Reviews
"5 Star laugh-a-thon" - Variety Magazine



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

Monday June 22 @ St Mary
9am Rita Matthes ~ Bonnie McAleer

Wednesday June 24 @ St Mary
9am Melissa Hart

Friday June 26 @ St Matthew's
9am James Quinn

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday June 27 @ St Matthew's
4:30pm Anne DeJulio ~ 9th Anniversary / Family
Veronica Fukes ~ Children
Selma & Lou Cafarchio ~ Toni & Hap

Sunday, June 28 @ St. Matthew's
8am Patti Sardella ~ Pam Dooling
Richard Fillinger ~
Gail & Michael O'Donnell
Mark Pisegna ~ Family

Sunday, June 28 @ St Francis
9:30am Rev Nevin Hammon & rev Richard Sturtz ~
Ed & Helen Timmins
Michael Rybak ~ Mom & Dad
Marie Behr ~ Suchewski Family

Sunday, June 28 @ St Mary
11am Michael Theobald ~ Faith Formation
Selma & Lou Cafarchio ~ Sister Toni
Patty Congdon ~ Janice & Joe Procopio

A candle has been lit at
St Mary's for
William Levett



Banns of Matrimony:
at Saint Matthew's

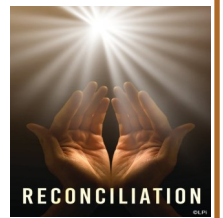
Kara Jaquin / Vincent Barry Jr

PRAYER Requests

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, Rita Matthes, Mike McBride, Mia, Joan Moore, James Owen, Andrew Paulus, Bev Petterelli, John Petrilli, Jim Piwinski, Pat & Chuck Samora, Katherine Sears, Marsha Shoemaker, 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


Melissa Hart
James Quinn

A candle has been lit at
St. Matthew's for
Angela & Joseph Carella
(Family)



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**Here
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



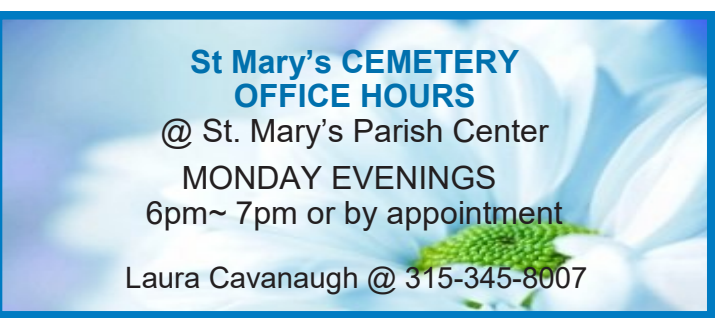
St Matthew's 2nd Time Around Store / Food Pantry
 600 W Manlius Street 315-438-8635

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




PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday ~ Thursday 9am ~ 4pm
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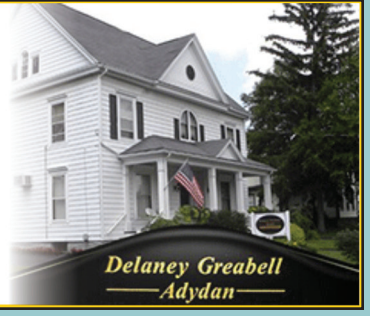
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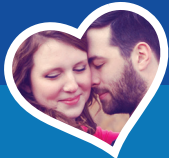
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