



One Catholic Family

St Francis

St Mary

St Matthew

Parish Office 229 W Yates Street E Syracuse, NY 13057

(315) 437-8318 M-Th 9am-4pm Closed Friday

Pastor: Rev Stephen P. Wirkes Dc Dean Brainard Dc Joseph Lupia

Parish Website: www.faithalive1.com

June 28, 2026

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TAKE UP YOUR
CROSS.

MATTHEW 10:38



Weekly Offering

June 21

* **St Matthew's** \$ 3,294

* **St Mary** \$ 2,417

* **St Francis** \$ 1,173

* 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.



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

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

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.

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.

Saints Joachim & Anne GRANDPARENTS OF JESUS MODELS OF FAITH



FEAST DAY - JULY 26

PRAYING LIKE SAINTS ANNE AND JOACHIM: A GUIDE FOR MODERN GRANDPARENTS

Join us on Friday, July 24, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at St. Mary's Parish Center for a special gathering dedicated to the vital role of grandparents. During this event, we will watch a video, participate in a prayer service, learn specific prayers you can pray daily, and pray the Rosary together.

Following our session, we will gather for a fellowship Potluck Salad Luncheon. *Please bring your favorite salad to share with the group! Beverages and dessert will be provided.* To ensure we have enough seats, supplies, and table space ready for everyone, please submit your RSVP by Monday, July 20, 2026.

How to RSVP:

Email: ppowers15@twcny.rr.com

Call or Text Pat: 315-575-5324

This event is sponsored by members of the Altar Rosary Society

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



You come from dust
You will return to dust

That's
Why

I DON'T DUST

It could be someone I know

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@ SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH



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5:15pm ~ 6pm

1/2 chicken / salt potatoes / roll

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 JUNE	29 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10-12 Craft Club 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM	30 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry	1 1-3 Prayer Shawl JULY 6:30 Men's Group	2 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 3-4:30 Grief Support 6-8 Wm's Scripture Group 7pm Bingo	3 9-noon Adoration	4 Donation Weekend 5:30 Wine & Cheese
5 Donation Weekend	6 Parish Office Closed 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10-12 Craft Club 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM	7 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 1-3 Rosary Makers	8 6:30 Men's Group	9 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 3-4:30 Grief Support 6-8 Wm's Scripture Group 7pm Bingo	10	11 East Syracuse Fireworks
12	13 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10-12 Craft Club 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM	14 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 6-7 Baptism Class 6:30 Rosary / Divine Mercy	15 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	16 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 3-4:30 Grief Support 6-8 Wm's Scripture Group 7pm Bingo	17	18 9-Noon SM 2nd Time Around Store



**A Blessing
for our
Military Service
Members:**

Lord God,
we are ever
mindful of the
cost paid for
the liberty we
possess, we ask
that you bless
the members of
our armed forces.

Give them courage,
hope, and strength.
May they ever
experience your
support, love,
and healing.

Be their
power and
protector, leading
them from
darkness to light.
AMEN

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

Monday June 29 @ St Mary

9am **Melissa Hart** ~ *Jane Fitzgerald*

Wednesday July 1 @ St Mary

9am **Jim Conway** ~ *Jane Fitzgerald*

Friday July 3 @ St Matthew's

9am **NO MASS**

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday July 4@ St Matthew's

4:30pm **Florence Palmiere** ~ **Sally Higgins**
Anne Civilella ~

Special Intention / Son Mike

Charlotte Alexander ~

Dom & Valerie Cambareri

Sunday, July 5 @ St. Matthew's

8am **Esther Miller** ~ *Pam Dooling*

Banazck & Patrizio Families ~

Bill & Peggy Banazck

Joyce McDonough ~ *JP*

Sunday, July 5 @ St Francis

9:30am **William Wallace** ~ *Ed & Helen Timmins*

Jim MacAdam ~ *Family*

Melissa Hart ~

Dean & Sharon Bartholomew

Sunday, July 5 @ St Mary

11am **Kathryn Putnam** ~ *Minnick Family*

Michael Sanson Jr ~ *Family*

Fran Lenkiewicz ~

Dean & Sharon Bartholomew



A candle has been lit at
St. Matthew's for
Kathy Crandall

A candle has been lit at
St Mary's for
Angela Anastas



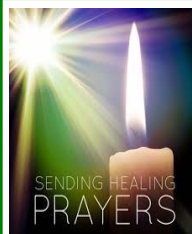
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James, Pat & Debora Dygert, Teddy Emch-Paone,
Erica, Chuck, Dean Genese, Enrico Geremia,
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John Petrilli, Jim Piwinski,
Pat & Chuck Samora, Katherine Sears,
Marsha Shoemaker, Richard Spagnolo, Stacey,
Helen Timmins, Sandy & Dennis Van Auker,
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**

“One flag,
one land,
one heart,
one hand,
one nation
evermore!”

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

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Deacon	Dc. Joseph Lupia, Jr.
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Administrative Assistant	Anne Kolozsvary
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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



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Bridgeport Food Pantry
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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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MONDAY EVENINGS

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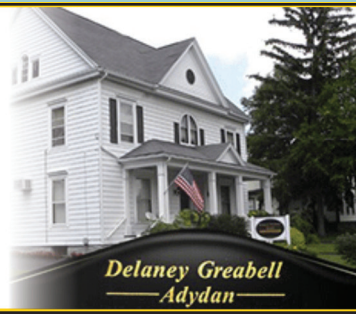
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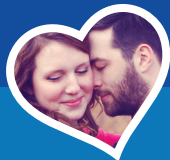
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