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St Mary

St Matthew

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Pastor: Rev Stephen P. Wirkes

Dc Dean Brainard

Dc Joseph Lupia

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July 12, 2026



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

- Mt 13:3, 7-9



Weekly Offering

June 28 & July 5

* St Matthew's	\$ 3,839	\$ 4,153
* St Mary	\$ 3,301	\$ 2,824
* St Francis	\$ 1,922	\$ 2,953

* 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.



Thanks to an anonymous donor, we have a new outdoor mat at Saint Mary Church.

Thank you for your generosity!

Gramma, so today, in church a guy in a dress tried to drown me.

And, I kid you not, my family just stood there taking pictures!



Words to heal the soul

Own A Image for the use of
Words to heal the soul

FISCAL YEAR July 1, 2025 ~ June 30, 2026

Summary of Income for MAY 2026 St Matthew's Church

	Current Month Actual	Fiscal Yr-to-Date MAY 2026
Income		
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 25,176	\$ 286,367
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 2,046	\$ 25,621
Other Income	\$ 15,281	\$ 57,622
Total Income	\$ 42,502	\$ 369,609
Expenses		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 9,015	\$ 132,883
Office / Admin	\$ 1,237	\$ 22,656
Program Services	\$ 2,064	\$ 14,965
Building & Utilities	\$ 2,320	\$ 74,818
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 9,354	\$ 102,544
Other Expenses	\$ 1,404	\$ 11,956
Total Expenses	\$ 25,393	\$ 359,821
Net Income for May 26	\$ 17,109	\$ 9,788

Summary of Income for MAY 2026 St Mary of the Assumption Church

	Current Month Actual	Fiscal Yr-to-Date MAY 2026
Income		
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 33,406	\$ 189,340
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 7,767	\$ 60,556
Other Income	\$ 0	\$ 59,705
Total Income	\$ 41,174	\$ 309,601
Expenses		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 8,480	\$ 103,624
Office / Admin	\$ 1,062	\$ 18,297
Program Services	\$ 433	\$ 16,690
Building & Utilities	\$ 7,750	\$ 179,590
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 3,563	\$ 39,195
Other Expenses	\$ 58	\$ 41,170
Total Expenses	\$ 18,309	\$ 398,566
Net Income for May 26	\$ 22,865	\$ - 88,964

Summary of Income for MAY 2026 St Francis of Assisi Church

	Current Month Actual	Fiscal Yr-to-Date MAY 2026
Income		
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 11,782	\$ 120,965
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 680	\$ 11,428
Other Income	\$ 12,048	\$ 104,742
Total Income	\$ 24,510	\$ 237,135
Expenses		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 8,984	\$ 112,077
Office / Admin	\$ 544	\$ 14,269
Program Services	\$ 70	\$ 18,455
Building & Utilities	\$ 2,716	\$ 60,070
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 1,386	\$ 15,249
Other Expenses	\$ 2,082	\$ 29,645
Total Expenses	\$ 15,783	\$ 249,765
Net Income for May 26	\$ 8,727	\$ - 12,630

Saint WHO??

SAINT HENRY
FEAST DAY: July 13

Saint Henry was born in 972 to Henry, Duke of Bavaria, Germany, and his wife Gisela of Burgundy. Saint Henry's early life was permeated with Christianity, among those who guided his education was Bishop Wolfgang of Ratisbon, who became a saint himself. In 995, Saint Henry succeeded his father as Duke of Bavaria, and in 1002, upon the death of his cousin, Otho III, he was elected emperor. In 1014, Saint Henry undertook the long journey from Germany to Rome to be crowned Holy Roman Emperor by Pope Benedict XIII.

In 1022 Saint Henry assisted Pope Benedict VIII in holding the Council of Pavia, which promoted clerical celibacy and sought to end simony (the buying and selling of ecclesiastical goods and offices). During his reign, Saint Henry used his wealth and position for the Church. He confirmed Benedict's authority over Rome, was a patron of churches and monasteries, supported the Cluniac Reforms, restored episcopal sees, and founded the Diocese of Bamberg where he built a cathedral.

Saint Henry was married to Cunigunde of Luxembourg, to whom he was incredibly devoted. Although disputed by some historians, some stories of the couple's marriage report they took vows of chastity because their union was childless.

Saint Henry died in July of 1024 and was canonized in 1146 by Pope Eugene III.



Forgiveness, Explained!

The virtue of forgiveness is described to us in detail by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 18, when he tells Peter that he must forgive his brother "not seven times, but seventy-seven times" before relating the parable of the unforgiving servant. Here we see that exercising forgiveness is an absolute requirement of the Christian life. What we have received from God through no merit of our own, we must likewise extend to others.

Forgiveness is love in action — and as is the case with most virtues, if we find it hard to practice, that means we're doing it right. The Catechism says that forgiveness "bears witness that...love is stronger than sin" (CCC 2844) and points out that it "is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession." (CCC 2843)

Parish Ministries—Please Help

As we prepare for the upcoming year, we are compiling a list of all ministries across our three parishes. If you help lead a ministry, please send us a brief description of **what your ministry does, who it serves and when you meet** or contact **Dan Borawski at (315) 254-4488**.

This information will help us highlight our ministries at upcoming parish events and ensure parishioners know how to get involved.

Thank you for all you do to support the life and mission of our parishes.



REQUEST A MASS INTENTION



When requesting a mass for a loved one, please keep in mind that weekend masses may already be booked as far as 3-5 months out. If this is the case, we will schedule the next available mass.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For the Chicken BBQ—call the office 315-437-8318

DRIVE-THRU BBQ @ SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH



PRE-SALE ONLY

Saturday, July 25 \$15

5:15pm ~ 6pm

1/2 chicken / salt potatoes / roll

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purchase tickets at the parish office
229 W Yates Street East Syracuse
Monday—Thursday 9am-4pm
(315) 437-8318

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 J U L Y	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
19 Last day to buy BBQ tickets	20 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10-12 Craft Club 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM	21 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 1-3 Rosary Makers	22 3pm SF Fresh Food Giveaway 6:30 Men's Group	23 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 3-4:30 Grief Support 6-8 Wm's Scripture Group 7pm Bingo	24 10am-1pm Praying Like Saints ...Grandparents SMAPC	25 5:15—6pm BBQ Chicken
26	27 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10-12 Craft Club 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM	28 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry	29 6:30 Men's Group	30 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 3-4:30 Grief Support 6-8 Wm's Scripture Group 7pm Bingo	31	1 9-Noon SM 2nd Time Around Store Donation Weekend

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@twcnj.rr.com

Call or Text Pat: 315-575-5324

This event is sponsored by members of the
Altar Rosary Society

Saints Joachim & Anne GRANDPARENTS OF JESUS MODELS OF FAITH



FEAST DAY - JULY 26

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

Monday July 13 @ St Mary
9am Peace in the Ukraine

Wednesday July 15 @ St Mary
9am Charles & Ellen Collier ~
Jack Campbell & Family

Friday July 17 @ St Matthew's
9am Anita Hogan ~ Jo

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday July 18 @ St Matthew's
4:30pm Jane Engelbrecht ~ Birthday / Family
Florence Palmiere ~ Railroad Friends
Henry Butler ~ Dave & Sue Corbett

Sunday, July 19 @ St. Matthew's
8am Angela & Joseph Carella ~ Family
Rosemary & Al Pisegna ~ Family
Toni, Joe, Barbara & Del ~ Family

Sunday, July 19 @ St Francis
9:30am William & Marion Ginter ~
Jack Campbell & Family
Carol Maher ~ Cavanaugh Family
Melissa Hart ~
Cavanaugh & McNally Families

Sunday, July 19 @ St Mary
11am Jack DeShaies ~ Janet Pantoliano
Tom Marko ~
Dean & Sharon Bartholomew
Rita Matthes ~ Bonnie McAleer



A candle has been lit at
St. Matthew's for
Lillian Schmidt
(Daughter Cindy & Family)

A candle has been lit at
St Mary's for
Benny Pantoliano
(Wife Janet)

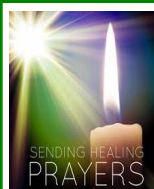


PRAYER Requests

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, Ken Loope, Michael & Brian Lynch,
Sam Magari, Rita Matthes, Mike McBride, Mia,
Joan Moore, Agnes Murnane, 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

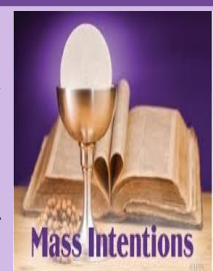
Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

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



**PLEASE PRAY
FOR OUR RECENTLY
DECEASED**
Richard Spagnolo
Sandra Hough
Chester Waskiewicz

If you would like to request specific
dates for Mass intentions (i.e.
anniversary, birthday), please call or
send your request at least **3-5**
months in advance. *If preferred*
Mass dates and times are
unavailable, the next available Mass
time will be scheduled.



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

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
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	SMA / SF Lynne Stocker

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St Mary's

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St Francis of Assisi

Use either of the above email addresses

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Finance Councils

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Saint Francis

Laura Cavanaugh

Darlene Cristantielli

Joe Group (trustee)

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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
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or mail to parish office at
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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 OFFICE HOURS

Monday ~ Thursday 9am ~ 4pm

OR by appointment

St Mary's CEMETERY OFFICE HOURS

@ St. Mary's Parish Center

MONDAY EVENINGS

6pm~ 7pm or by appointment

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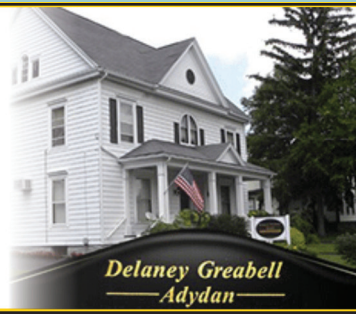
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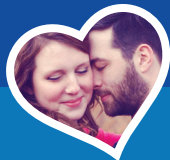
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