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St Francis St Mary St Matthew

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WHOLE BATCH WAS LEAVENED.

— MATTHEW 13:33 —

July 19, 2026



Weekly Offering

July 12

* **St Matthew's** \$4,457

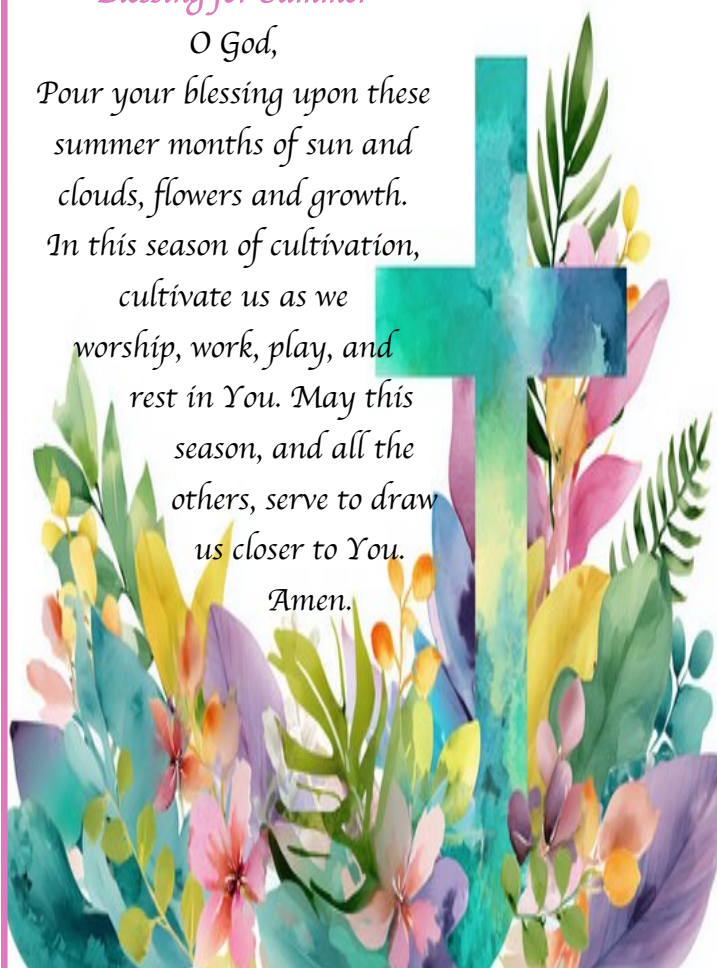
* **St Mary** \$2,515

* **St Francis** \$1,112

* **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.**

Blessing for Summer

O God,
Pour your blessing upon these
summer months of sun and
clouds, flowers and growth.
In this season of cultivation,
cultivate us as we
worship, work, play, and
rest in You. May this
season, and all the
others, serve to draw
us closer to You.
Amen.



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.

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 JAMES
FEAST DAY: July 25

Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.

Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage.



Diocese of Aitape Papua New Guinea

The Diocese of Aitape is home to more than 166,000 Catholics—about 75% of the population—spread across 33 parishes. Our mission territory extends over a vast area of approximately 13,117 km², from coastal regions to steep and forested mountains. Our 21 priests, religious and laity fulfil their duties in a spirit of shared responsibility.

While the Church continues to grow, we face many challenges—difficult terrain, financial struggles, shortage of personnel, malaria, poor communication routes, etc. These hardships often prevent our faithful from receiving the sacraments regularly. At times, our priests must walk for days to reach remote communities.

Our people are materially poor but rich in faith and love for the Church. They generously support the mission with what they have, mainly produce from their gardens, but they are not able to contribute financially. Many of our parish facilities are in very poor condition. In several communities, the Holy Mass is celebrated in simple structures made of bush materials with thatched roofs. There is an urgent need to build more safe and dignified places of worship where the faithful can gather and encounter the Lord. We also need more missionaries. Many young men are willing to discern their vocation to the diocesan priesthood, but we lack the financial means to support their formation.

Despite these challenges, the Diocese is engaged in education, healthcare, vocational training, care for school dropouts, and pastoral and evangelization programs. These ministries are vital signs of Christ's presence among our people, and we seek your help to sustain and strengthen them. We have dedicated the years 2025 and 2026 as Years of Eucharistic Renewal in the diocese. We are called to give Jesus to others. As the people of the Eucharist, you too can be part of our humble effort to give Jesus to our people. We humbly ask for your prayers and financial support. Every gift, no matter how small, makes a real difference. "Acts of love and kindness never die, but in the lives of others they multiply".

May God bless you abundantly and reward your generosity. Yours in Jesus Christ

Most Rev. Siby Mathew Peedikayil, HGN
Bishop of Aitape

*Fr Biju will be presiding at all Masses
the weekend of July 25-26.
He will be telling you his story.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
19 Last day to buy BBQ tickets JULY	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 10-1pm @SMAPC Grandparents (see below)	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 5:30 Wine & Cheese
2 Donation Weekend AUGUST	3 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10-12 Craft Club 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM	4 9--:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 1-3 Rosary Makers	5 1-3 Prayer Shawl 6:30 Men's Group	6 9--:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 3-4:30 Grief Support 6-8 Wm's Scripture Group 7pm Bingo	7 9-Noon Adoration	8

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@twcnny.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 20 @ St Mary

9am Sandy Hough

Wednesday July 22 @ St Mary

9am Chester Waskiewicz

Friday July 24 @ St Matthew's

9am Frank Colosi ~ 1st Anniversary / Children,
Grand Children & Great Grandchildren

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday July 25 @ St Matthew's

4:30pm Anne DeJulio ~ Birthday / Jo
Rocco Cambareri ~ Mimma
Florence Palmiere ~ Railroad Friends

Sunday, July 26 @ St. Matthew's

8am William Light ~ Wife Donna
David Brandon ~ Mom & Dad
Angela & Joseph Carella ~ Family

Sunday, July 26 @ St Francis

9:30am Anne Gowin ~ Toby Gowin
Deceased Collier, Campbell, Ginter
Families ~ Jack Campbell & Family

Sunday, July 26 @ St Mary

11am Steven Sidmore ~ Mom
Verna Mae Gordon & Mother ~
Daughter, Beverly
Bill Levett ~ McPike Family



A candle has been lit at
St. Matthew's for
Sandy Hough

A candle has been lit at
St Mary's for
Chester Waskiewicz



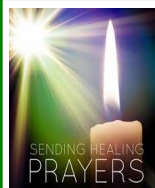
PRAYER Requests

Chris & Mary Ashe, Angela Anastas, Johannah Bailey,
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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 Larobardiare,
Jack Law, Ken Loope, Michael & Brian Lynch,
Sam Magari, Mike McBride, Mia,
Joan Moore, Agnes Murnane, James Owen,
Andrew Paulus, Bev Petterelli, John Petrilli,
Jim Piwinski, Pat & Chuck Samora,
Marsha Shoemaker, Richard Spagnolo, Stacey,
Helen Timmins, Sandy & Dennis Van Auken,
Chet Waskiewicz

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

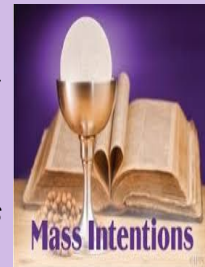
Saturdays @ St Matthew's
3:30-4:15pm

Sundays @ St Mary after
11am Mass



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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
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Administrative Assistant	Anne Kolozsvary
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Assistant Coordinator	Anne Karkruff
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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
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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

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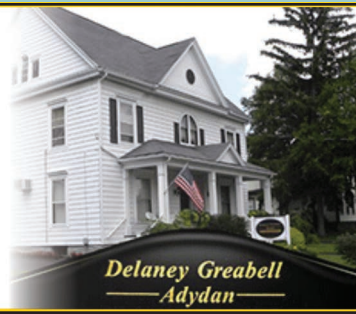
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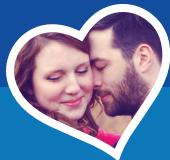


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