



One Catholic Family

St Francis

St Mary

St Matthew

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Closed Friday

Pastor: Rev Stephen P. Wirkes

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Dc Joseph Lupia

Parish Website: www.faithalive1.com

August 30, 2026



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TAKE UP HIS CROSS.

— MATTHEW 16:24 —



Weekly Offering

August 23

- * **St Matthew's** \$ 4,005
- * **St Mary** \$ 1,886
- * **St Francis** \$ 1,370

* 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.

A kick-off planning meeting for the **Election Day Spaghetti Dinner at St. Francis** will be held on **Sunday, August 30 after the 9:30am Mass.**

We always need volunteers so please plan on attending to see what you can do to help. Thank you.



The Miracles are Coming

Saint Mary Parish Center will be showing over 50 displays of the Eucharistic Miracles as catalogued by Saint Carlos Acutis
September 10-16
10am—7pm

Acutis is the first millennial to become a Catholic saint, and has been referred to as the "patron saint of the Internet" and "God's influencer"

VOLUNTEERS are needed to sit with the displays—contact Dan Borawski at (315) 254-4488



TRIVIA Night

Trivia Night Committee is looking for volunteers to help out on the evening of the event

September 26 AND for donations of pasta salad and cookies.

Please contact the office at (315) 437-8318 Monday thru Thursday from 9-4pm if you can help out in any way.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

GREETERS, USHERS and those involved in **HOMEBOUND MINISTRY**. must complete Safe Environment training by September 30, 2026.

PLEASE NOTE: the following liturgical ministries should have already completed the required Safe Environment training and criminal background check in accordance with their previously established deadlines: Eucharistic Ministers, Music Ministry (Cantors, Choir Members and Instrumental Members), Sacristans, Adult Altar Servers, Liturgical Ministry Leaders and Lectors / Readers.

Any current liturgical ministries who have not completed these requirements by September 30, 2026, will need to temporarily step aside from their ministry until they are in compliance, in keeping with Bishop Lucia's directive and diocesan policy. Please contact the office with any questions (315) 437-8318 or stmarys2@twcny.rr.com.



Safe Environment

Women's Bible Study at St Patrick's Church in Chittenango

Are you ready to journey through the Book of Hebrews?

Starting September 22 @ 7pm
Blessed is She Women's Group
will be offering

Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant

An 8 session video based study led by Catholic Biblical scholars Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, that explores one of the most theologically rich books of the New Testament.

The Book of Hebrews reveals the depth of God's plan of salvation and the meaning of the New Covenant fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

To sign-up for the study and get directions to our meeting room contact Blessed is She at BlessedisShe.stpats@gmail.com

Participants will need to purchase their own study guide from AscensionPress.com

Saint WHO ??

SAINT GREGORY the Great
FEAST DAY: September 3

Saint Gregory the Great lived in a most turbulent time. There were devastating episodes of plague, the sacking of Rome and the breakdown of strong Roman rule, invasions by Lombards and Franks, floods, and a widening gap between imperial Byzantium and the Roman Church. Born around 540 into a noble Roman family, Saint Gregory was probably trained in law, and started his public service as a Prefect of Rome. However, upon the death of his father, he converted his family home to a monastery, where he resided as a monk. He built six more monasteries in Sicily and one in Rome.

Often called the father of the medieval papacy and Apostle of the English, Saint Gregory was named Pope by acclamation in 590. Although he was reluctant to assume this post, preferring the cloistered life, his accomplishments were many. He was an extremely capable manager of Church estates and tenants and is known for his reform of the liturgy. He was instrumental in the consolidation of papal power and led the fight against the many heresies promoted by small Christian groups at the time. Through his prolific correspondence he oversaw monastic life, curtailing the power of grasping bishops, correcting abuses, and enforcing discipline. He was particularly concerned with the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his monastery to evangelize there.

Saint Gregory died in 604 and was sainted immediately. He is one of four key doctors of the Western Church. Among the miracles attributed to him is a Eucharistic miracle in which the woman who prepared the bread for communion laughed at the consecration, denying the transformation of the bread to the real presence of Jesus. Saint Gregory prayed for the Lord to show the congregation the truth and confirm their belief. The piece of bread transformed into a piece of flesh and then returned to bread, reforming the woman, and strengthening the faith of all. St. Gregory the Great, pray for us!



TRIVIA Night

SEPTEMBER 26TH

\$10/PERSON

6-9PM

AMERICAN LEGION

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PRIZES / FOOD / RAFFLES / COMMUNITY

PURCHASE TICKETS AT PARISH OFFICE BY 9/20

229 W YATES ST

M-TH 9AM-4PM

*Tickets will be sold after masses at St Matthew's
and at St Mary on Aug 30 or at St Francis on Sept 13*



Our mission is to be a reminder of God's love. We pray these works of our hands from our hearts provide peace, hope, joy and comfort to all who receive them. This group gathers the first and third Wednesday of each month at 1pm at SMA parish center.

All are welcome.

We provide yarn, knitting needles, crochet hooks, patterns and encouragement and will help you learn or re-learn to knit or crochet. If you are unable to join our gatherings, you can create shawls or lap robes at home and drop them off at the parish office.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10-12 Craft Club 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM	1 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 1-3 Rosary Makers September	2 1-3 Prayer Shawl 6:30 Men's Group	3 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 6-8 Wm's Scripture Group 7pm Bingo	4 9-Noon Adoration	5 9-Noon SM 2nd Time Around Store Donation Weekend
6 Donation Weekend	7 Labor Day	8 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 6:30 Rosary / Divine Mercy	9 6pm SF Altar Rosary 6:30 Men's Group	10 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 3-4:30 Grief Support 6-8 Wm's Scripture Group 7pm Bingo	11	12
13	14 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10-12 Craft Club 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM	15 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 1-3 Rosary Makers 6-7 Baptism Class	16 9:30-11:30 / 4-5:30 SF Pantry 10-11 / 6-7 Heaven's Pantry 1-3 Prayer Shawl 6:30 Men's Group	17 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 3-4:30 Grief Support 6-8 Wm's Scripture Group 7pm Bingo	18 4-7 FISH FRY to kick off Faith Formation	19 9-Noon SM 2nd Time Around Store Donation Weekend

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*Friday, September 18 from 9 AM until 5 PM
Saturday, September 19 from 9 A.M. until 3 P.M.*

*It will be held at Vollmer's Greenhouse
across from the cemetery on Route 298 in Collamer.*

*This "GIGANTIC" and "AWESOME"
sale will offer a wide variety of great bargains
from nearly new to nearly antique.*

*There will also be a food counter and a bake sale so
shoppers can snack while searching for treasures.*

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

Monday August 31 @ St Mary

9am Cindy Salce

Wednesday September 2 @ St Mary

9am Wayne Ashe ~ Wife & Family

Friday September 4 @ St Matthew's

9am Rev John Mikalajunas

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday September 5 @ St Matthew's

4:30pm Infant Hudson Strodel ~

Grandparents & Parents

Sandy Hough ~

Dean & Sharon Bartholomew

Gerry Whalen ~

Dean & Sharon Bartholomew

Sunday, September 6 @ St. Matthew's

8am Alice M Gratzner ~ Family

Tara DiLaura ~ Peter DiLaura

William Vogt ~ Kathy O'Neill

Sunday, September 6 @ St Francis

9:30am Kathy Panebianco ~ Jack & Sharon Martin

Ellen Micho ~ John & Diane Brzuszkiewicz

Cindy Salce ~

Mike, Rita & Peter Ennamorato

Sunday, September 6 @ St Mary

11am Bury family ~ Daughters

Gaetano & Maria Carbone ~ Family

Chester Waskiewicz ~

Thomas & Suzette Greiner



A candle has been lit at
St. Matthew's for
Cindy Salce
(Tri-Parish Staff)

A candle has been lit at
St Mary's for
Ina A Davis

(Ina Simiele, Sharlita Bell & Niles Bell)



PRAYER Requests

Chris & Mary Ashe, Angela Anastas, Johannah Bailey,
Bernie Beck, Fred Bennink, Helen Berger,
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, Tom Loughlin,
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

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

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

Sundays @ St Mary after
11am Mass



Banns of Matrimony: at Saint Matthew's

Daniel Jurenko / Eileen Collins



Grief Support Group
Will NOT meet on September 3rd
but will reconvene
after Labor Day, September 10

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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Finance Councils

Saint Matthew's

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Saint Mary

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Toni Carguella (trustee)

Kathy Lanphear (trustee)

Saint Francis

Laura Cavanaugh

Darlene Cristantielli

Joe Group (trustee)

Toni Brazell (trustee)

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



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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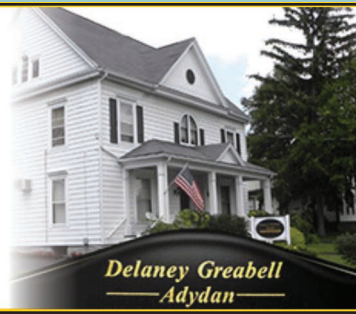
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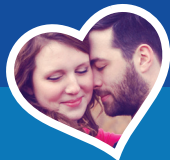


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