



## One Catholic Family

St Francis

St Mary

St Matthew

Parish Office

229 W Yates Street

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Pastor: Rev Stephen P. Wirkes

Dc Dean Brainard

Dc Joseph Lupia

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# September 6, 2026

IF TODAY YOU  
HEAR GOD'S  
VOICE, HARDEN  
NOT *your*  
*hearts.*

PSALM 95



## Weekly Offering

August 30

- \* **St Matthew's**      \$ 3,924
- \* **St Mary**              \$ 1,697
- \* **St Francis**         \$ 2,980

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\* 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.

### Finance Councils

#### *Saint Matthew's*

Kelly Fairchild  
Jim Donnelly  
Rosemary Backenstross (trustee)  
Mike Riley (trustee)

#### *Saint Mary*

Dan Borawski  
Jim Mostrom  
Toni Carguello (trustee)  
Kathy Lanphear (trustee)

#### *Saint Francis*

Laura Cavanaugh  
Darlene Cristantielli  
Joe Group (trustee)  
Toni Brazell (trustee)

# Here for YOU



The parish office will be closed on  
Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>  
in observance of labor day

## FISCAL YEAR July 1, 2026 ~ June 30, 2027

### Summary of Income for JULY 2026

#### St Matthew's Church

|                               | Current Month     | Fiscal Yr-to-Date |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                               | Actual            | JULY 2026         |
| <b>Income</b>                 |                   |                   |
| Sacrificial Giving            | \$ 19,675         | \$ 19,675         |
| Auxiliary Receipts            | \$ 2,418          | \$ 2,418          |
| Other Income                  | \$ 4,842          | \$ 4,842          |
| <b>Total Income</b>           | <b>\$ 26,936</b>  | <b>\$ 26,936</b>  |
| <b>Expenses</b>               |                   |                   |
| Payroll & Benefits            | \$ 13,490         | \$ 13,490         |
| Office / Admin                | \$ 1,334          | \$ 1,334          |
| Program Services              | \$ 1,185          | \$ 1,185          |
| Building & Utilities          | \$ 1,604          | \$ 1,604          |
| Diocesan Assessments          | \$ 9,582          | \$ 9,582          |
| Other Expenses                | \$ 850            | \$ 850            |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>         | <b>\$ 28,045</b>  | <b>\$ 28,045</b>  |
| <b>Net Income for July 26</b> | <b>\$ - 1,109</b> | <b>\$ - 1,109</b> |

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### Summary of Income for JULY 2026

#### St Mary of the Assumption Church

|                               | Current Month      | Fiscal Yr-to-Date  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                               | Actual             | JULY 2026          |
| <b>Income</b>                 |                    |                    |
| Sacrificial Giving            | \$ 11,674          | \$ 11,674          |
| Auxiliary Receipts            | \$ 4,273           | \$ 4,273           |
| Other Income                  | \$ 0               | \$ 0               |
| <b>Total Income</b>           | <b>\$ 15,947</b>   | <b>\$ 15,947</b>   |
| <b>Expenses</b>               |                    |                    |
| Payroll & Benefits            | \$ 11,695          | \$ 11,695          |
| Office / Admin                | \$ 1,491           | \$ 1,491           |
| Program Services              | \$ 474             | \$ 474             |
| Building & Utilities          | \$ 10,795          | \$ 10,795          |
| Diocesan Assessments          | \$ 3,471           | \$ 3,471           |
| Other Expenses                | \$ 5,632           | \$ 5,632           |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>         | <b>\$ 33,557</b>   | <b>\$ 33,557</b>   |
| <b>Net Income for July 26</b> | <b>\$ - 17,611</b> | <b>\$ - 17,611</b> |

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### Summary of Income for JULY 2026

#### St Francis of Assisi Church

|                               | Current Month    | Fiscal Yr-to-Date |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                               | Actual           | JULY 2026         |
| <b>Income</b>                 |                  |                   |
| Sacrificial Giving            | \$ 8,976         | \$ 8,976          |
| Auxiliary Receipts            | \$ 348           | \$ 348            |
| Other Income                  | \$ 12,334        | \$ 12,334         |
| <b>Total Income</b>           | <b>\$ 21,658</b> | <b>\$ 21,658</b>  |
| <b>Expenses</b>               |                  |                   |
| Payroll & Benefits            | \$ 12,343        | \$ 12,343         |
| Office / Admin                | \$ 802           | \$ 802            |
| Program Services              | \$ 321           | \$ 321            |
| Building & Utilities          | \$ 1,800         | \$ 1,800          |
| Diocesan Assessments          | \$ 1,939         | \$ 1,939          |
| Other Expenses                | \$ 3,611         | \$ 3,611          |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>         | <b>\$ 20,817</b> | <b>\$ 20,817</b>  |
| <b>Net Income for July 26</b> | <b>\$ 841</b>    | <b>\$ 841</b>     |

# Saint WHO??

**SAINT PETER CLAVER**  
**FEAST DAY: September 9**

Born in Catalonia, Spain, in 1580, St. Peter Claver studied first at the University of Barcelona and then joined the Jesuits. He became friends with fellow brother St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, who encouraged him to be a missionary in the New World. Accordingly, St. Peter went to Cartagena, a city in present-day Colombia, where he was ordained in 1615.

Cartagena was a center for the slave trade, and the young missionary knew where he could best serve God. He proclaimed himself, "the slave of the Negroes forever." As ships would arrive with their human cargo, Saint Peter and a group of interpreters would rush into the hold with food and medicines. When the slaves were moved to pens to await sale, the saint continued to work among them, communicating God's love with acts of generosity and teaching the Catholic faith.

He also led missions in the interior, refusing the hospitality of plantation owners and preferring to stay in the slave quarters. He organized charitable societies and is said to have baptized and catechized more than 300,000 enslaved persons.

St. Peter Claver died on September 8, 1654. He was canonized with his friend St. Alphonsus Rodriguez in 1888 by Pope Leo XIII. He is the worldwide patron saint of African Americans and of enslaved peoples.



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**PATRIOT DAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**



## TRIVIA Night

**SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**\$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*

### 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](mailto:stmarys2@twcny.rr.com).



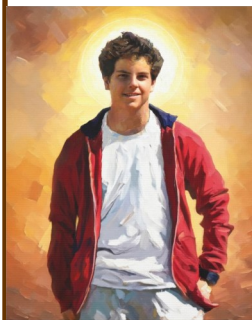
| SUNDAY                              | MONDAY                                                                                                                                 | TUESDAY                                                                                 | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                               | THURSDAY                                                                                                         | FRIDAY                                                      | SATURDAY                                                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>6</b><br>Donation Weekend        | <b>7</b><br><b>Labor Day</b>                                                                                                           | <b>8</b><br>9-:30-Noon<br>SM Food Pantry<br><br>6:30 Rosary /<br>Divine Mercy           | <b>9</b><br><br>6pm SF Altar Ro-<br>sary<br>6:30 Men's Group                                                            | <b>10</b><br>9-:30-Noon<br>SM Food Pantry<br>3-4:30 Grief<br>Support<br>6-8 Wm's Scripture<br>Group<br>7pm Bingo | <b>11</b><br><b>Patriot Day</b>                             | <b>12</b><br><br><b>September</b>                       |
| <b>13</b>                           | <b>14</b><br>9am-12:30<br>SM 2nd Time<br>Around Store<br>10-12 Craft Club<br>10:30am SF Book<br>Club ZOOM                              | <b>15</b><br>9-:30-Noon<br>SM Food Pantry<br>1-3 Rosary Makers<br><br>6-7 Baptism Class | <b>16</b><br>9:30-11:30 / 4-5:30<br>SF Pantry<br>10-11 / 6-7<br>Heaven's Pantry<br>1-3 Prayer Shawl<br>6:30 Men's Group | <b>17</b><br>9-:30-Noon<br>SM Food Pantry<br>3-4:30 Grief<br>Support<br>6-8 Wm's Scripture<br>Group<br>7pm Bingo | <b>18</b><br>4-7 FISH FRY<br>to kick off<br>Faith Formation | <b>19</b><br>9-Noon<br>SM 2nd Time<br>Around Store      |
| <b>20</b><br>9:30-noon<br>RE gr7-10 | <b>21</b><br>9am-12:30<br>SM 2nd Time<br>Around Store<br>10-12 Craft Club<br>10:30am SF Book<br>Club ZOOM<br>6pm RE gr 1-6<br>6pm OCIA | <b>22</b><br>9-:30-Noon<br>SM Food Pantry                                               | <b>23</b><br>3pm SF Fresh Food<br>Giveaway<br>6:30 Men's Group                                                          | <b>24</b><br>9-:30-Noon<br>SM Food Pantry<br>3-4:30 Grief<br>Support<br>6-8 Wm's Scripture<br>Group<br>7pm Bingo | <b>25</b>                                                   | <b>26</b><br>6-9pm<br>TRIVIA NIGHT @<br>American Legion |

### Labor Day Blessing

Dear God, We thank You for this Labor Day. Bless the men and women who serve in our workforce, and grant them strength and protection in their work. Bless, too, those who courageously seek to build fairer and more just working environments for all our brothers and sisters. Bless all of us as we gather to rest and recreate during this holiday weekend. Amen.

### 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 Sept 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.

**MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

**@ 6pm in St Matt's Parlor**

**Please come ~ it will be fun!**

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

**Monday September 7 @ St Mary**

9am **NO MASS**

**Wednesday September 9 @ St Mary**

9am **Ralph & Christine Burbank ~ Toni Carguello**  
**Mike LaValle ~ Anne Kolozsvary**

**Friday September 11 @ St Matthew's**

9am **Cindy Salce ~**  
*Mary, Jessica & Joseph Warren*  
**William F Walker ~**  
50th Anniversary / Sons

## Weekend Mass Schedule

**Saturday September 12 @ St Matthew's**

4:30pm **Sandy & Scott Crandall ~**  
**Mimma Cambareri**  
**Deanna Linneman Cooper ~ Family**  
**Tommy Russell ~ Greg Heidelberger**

**Sunday, September 13 @ St. Matthew's**

8am **Kristen Woodmansee ~ Mom**  
**Danny O'Neill ~ Love Neice Kathy**  
**Pauline O'Donnell ~ Jean**

**Sunday, September 13 @ St Francis**

9:30am **Kathy Panebianco ~ Ennamorato Family**  
**Joseph Tront ~ Tom & Kathy Mills**

**Sunday, September 13 @ St Mary**

11am **Michael Theobald ~ Aunt Mary**  
**Joe Law ~ John & Patty Johnston**  
**Diana Family ~ Charlotte & Linda**



A candle has been lit at  
**St. Matthew's** for  
**Ken, Bruce & Marjorie Viertel**  
(Family)

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, Dennis Van Auker

### Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

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



### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED



*Grief Support Group*  
*Will start back up*  
*after Labor Day,*  
*Thursday, 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<br>Buildings / Grounds | Thomas Lupia           |
| Administrative Assistant                    | JoAnn Binion           |
| Administrative Assistant                    | Anne Kolozsvary        |
| Faith Formation Coordinator                 | Gary Krajacic          |
| Assistant Coordinator                       | Anne Karkruff          |
| Cemetery Director                           | Laura Cavanaugh        |
| Music Directors                             | SM Mike McClelland     |
|                                             | SMA / SF Lynne Stocker |

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St Francis of Assisi

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#### Saint Francis

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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



#### 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

Laura Cavanaugh @ 315-345-8007

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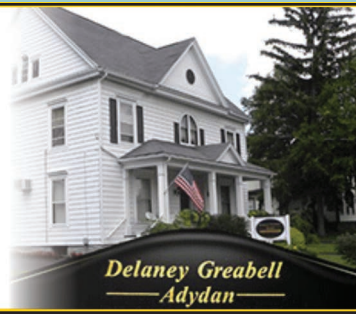
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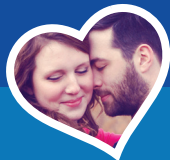
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