



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

September 13, 2026

FORGIVE



“Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.”

MATTHEW 18:21-22



Weekly Offering

September 6

- * **St Matthew's** **Not available at print**
- * **St Mary** **Not available at print**
- * **St Francis** **Not available at print**

* 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

LAST CHANCE ~ The Miracles are only here for a few more days

Saint Mary Parish Center is 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"

FISCAL YEAR July 1, 2026 ~ June 30, 2027

Summary of Income for JULY 2026

St Matthew's Church

	Current Month	Fiscal Yr-to-Date
Income	Actual	JULY 2026
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 19,675	\$ 19,675
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 2,418	\$ 2,418
Other Income	\$ 4,842	\$ 4,842
Total Income	\$ 26,936	\$ 26,936

Expenses

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
Total Expenses	\$ 28,045	\$ 28,045

Net Income for July 26 \$ - 1,109 \$ - 1,109

Summary of Income for JULY 2026

St Mary of the Assumption Church

	Current Month	Fiscal Yr-to-Date
Income	Actual	JULY 2026
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 11,674	\$ 11,674
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 4,273	\$ 4,273
Other Income	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Income	\$ 15,947	\$ 15,947

Expenses

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
Total Expenses	\$ 33,557	\$ 33,557

Net Income for July 26 \$ - 17,611 \$ - 17,611

Summary of Income for JULY 2026

St Francis of Assisi Church

	Current Month	Fiscal Yr-to-Date
Income	Actual	JULY 2026
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 8,976	\$ 8,976
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 348	\$ 348
Other Income	\$ 12,334	\$ 12,334
Total Income	\$ 21,658	\$ 21,658

Expenses

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
Total Expenses	\$ 20,817	\$ 20,817

Net Income for July 26 \$ 841 \$ 841

Saint WHO ??

SAINT LAMBERT
FEAST DAY: September 17

Born in Maastricht in the Netherlands, Lambert grew up in a predominantly pagan area. Despite or perhaps because of this, his parents saw to it that he had serious religious formation. A member of nobility, he was educated at court by his uncle, the saintly bishop Théodard. Prudent, strong, athletic and fond of reading, he became a priest, eventually succeeding Théodard as bishop.

Five years into his episcopacy, he became embroiled in political turmoil and was forced out of his diocese. For seven years he lived as a simple member of a monastic community. During this time, it is said, he obeyed the abbot as carefully as any novice would. When Pepin of Herstal (great-grandfather of Charlemagne) came to power, he recalled Bishop Lambert, who returned to his duties with zeal, including going personally to convert the pagans who remained in his diocese.

Then Pepin began an affair and Lambert came to the court "like another John the Baptist." Pepin's mistress was alarmed that Lambert's correction might prove effective and reportedly asked her friends to kill Lambert. (In addition, some of Lambert's relatives had incurred anger from the court). A group of soldiers broke into Lambert's home, killing him and his companions. Several miracles occurred around his relics and he was swiftly honored as a martyr for martial fidelity.



**Has abortion left you
with a broken heart?**

HOPE AFTER ABORTION
Project Rachel
September 26th

If you or a loved one have had an abortion,
you are not alone. Project Rachel Ministry
supports those who seek hope and healing

after abortion. Contact Project Rachel
Ministry confidentially at: (315) 424-3737 or
<https://syracusediocese.org/project-rachel-ministry>

TRIVIA Night

SEPTEMBER 26TH

\$10/PERSON

6-9PM

AMERICAN LEGION

ARTHUR BUTLER POST 359 135 W MANLIUS ST E SYRACUSE

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 Minis-
ters, Music Ministry (Cantors, Choir Members and Instru-
mental 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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 September
20 9:30-noon RE gr7-10	21 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10-12 Craft Club 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM 6pm RE gr 1-6 6pm OCIA	22 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry	23 3pm SF Fresh Food Giveaway 6:30 Men's Group	24 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 3-4:30 Grief Support 6-8 Wm's Scripture Group 7pm Bingo	25	26 6-9pm TRIVIA NIGHT @ American Legion
27 9:30-noon RE gr7-10	28 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store 10-12 Craft Club 10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM 6pm RE gr 1-6 6pm OCIA	29 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 1-3 Rosary Makers	30 6:30 Men's Group	1 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 3-4:30 Grief Support 6-8 Wm's Scripture Group 7pm Bingo	2 9-Noon Adoration SF Blood Drive October	3 DONATION WEEKEND 9-Noon SM 2nd Time Around Store 5:30 Wine & Cheese

Communion

Question:

Why can't everyone who wants to receive Communion, receive Communion at Mass?

Answer:

Outside of the Church, many organizations have all sorts of requirements for membership: dues, achievements, professional standings, etc. The requirements bring the group together in common purposes and goals. Within the Church, there are also basic "requirements" for receiving the sacraments. As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the true "Bread of Life." It is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. When we receive the Eucharist, we are receiving Jesus. Out of reverence for Christ, only those in union with this teaching and in a state of grace should receive communion. As Catholics, we should abstain from communion if we are in mortal sin.

While we share many articles of faith with our Protestant brothers and sisters, their understanding of this teaching is fundamentally different. For most non-Catholic churches, they do not believe that Christ becomes truly present in the Eucharist. As such, they should not receive communion in a Catholic Church. These differences are greater for people of non-Christian faiths, and even more apparent for those who do not believe in God. Receiving communion is not a right, but a gift to be accepted in humble, trusting faith.

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 at all

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 14 @ St Mary

9am Mary Lavelle

Wednesday September 16 @ St Mary

9am Margie Bowhall

Friday September 18 @ St Matthew's

9am Dominick Forani

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday September 19 @ St Matthew's

4:30pm Frank Settineri ~ Anniversary / Family
George Evans ~

Dean & Sharon Bartholomew

Cindy Salce ~ Shirley Schiltz

Sunday, September 20 @ St. Matthew's

8am Cindy Salce ~ Yandon Family
Rosemary & Al Pisegna ~ Matt
Carolyn Cerio ~ Family

Sunday, September 20 @ St Francis

9:30am Melissa Hart ~

John & Diane Brzuszkiewicz

Robert Smith ~

John & Diane Brzuszkiewicz

Sunday, September 20 @ St Mary

11am Richard Rybak ~ Sharon & John
Sandra VanAuken
Chet Waskiewicz



A candle has been lit at
St. Matthew's for
Lois Vitale
(Brandon Family)



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 Larobardiare,
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 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**



Be the change.
Give blood.



**American
Red Cross**

Blood Drive **St. Francis of Assisi** **Bridgeport**

Parish Center
7820 Bridgeport Minoa Rd
Bridgeport, NY 13030

Friday, October 2, 2026
1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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
Faith Formation Coordinator	Gary Krajacic
Assistant Coordinator	Anne Karkruff
Cemetery Director	Laura Cavanaugh
Music Directors	SM Mike McClelland
	SMA / SF Lynne Stocker

dbrainard@syrdio.org
jlupia@syrdio.org
tlupia@syrdio.org

stmatth1@twcny.rr.com
stmarys2@twcny.rr.com
gkrajacic@syrdio.org
akarkruff@syrdio.org
lcavanaugh@syrdio.org

315-437-8318
315-437-8318
315-437-8318
315-437-8318
c 315-949-0108
315-437-8318
315-437-8318
c 315-254-9804
315-437-8318
c 315-345-8007
c 315-278-7862
c 315-725-8510



PARISH OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS:

(at St Matthew's)

229 W Yates Street

East Syracuse, New York 13057

Parish Office 315-437-8318

E-mail addresses:

St Matthew's

St Mary's

stmatth1@twcny.rr.com stmarys2@twcny.rr.com

St Francis of Assisi

Use either of the above email addresses

Website: www.faithalive1.com

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

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



Made you look.

Advertise here to
reach your local
audience.

Visit 4lpi.com/advertising-solutions

Scan to get
started!



Support Our Advertisers!

PARKWAY PIZZA


WINGS • SUBS • SALADS
332 Costello Pkwy, Minoa
656-9000

Advertise in Our Church Bulletin!

Contact Jay Schwartz

Jschwartz@4LPi.com
(800) 477-4574 x6801



**We're Hiring Ad
Sales Executives**

- Paid Training
- Full-time with Benefits

Visit www.lpicommunities.com/careers

Never miss our bulletin!

Get this bulletin
delivered straight to
your inbox every week.

Scan to subscribe on
parishesonline.com





INJURED?

Ask DAN SMITH

Nicholas, Perot, Smith, Welch & Smith
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Parishioner & President of N.P.S.W.S
Auto Injuries ~ Nursing Home Neglect
Workplace Injuries ~ Medical Errors
Social Security/Disability

(315) 453-9426 • Toll Free: (800) 248-2827
www.askdanfree.com

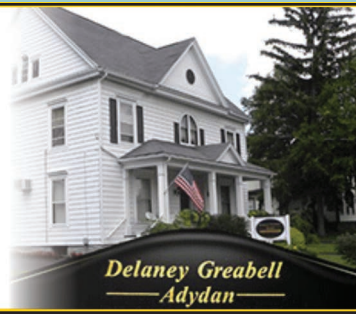
Proudly Serving the East Syracuse &
surrounding Community Since 1915

315-437-3521

Mark C. Bentz, Parishioner

TRADITIONAL FUNERALS,
CREMATIONS AND
PREARRANGEMENTS

www.delaneygreabelladydanfh.com



Delaney Greabell
—Adyan—

Does your
organization need
a newsletter?

We'll cover the
printing costs!

Learn more at
lpicommunities.com



Famous Harris Dry Cleaners and Laundromat

2203 W. Genesee St.
Syr., NY 13219

315-468-6291
harrisccleaners.net

EDMOND J THEOBALD FINANCIAL SERVICES

*Investment Planning
for Families & Businesses*

5793 Widewaters Pkwy
Syracuse, NY 13214
315-449-0970 • Cell: 315-391-9155
etheobald@hazardsiegel.com
Registered Representative of and securities offered through
Hazard & Siegel Inc. Member FINRA/SIPC

Senke's **CNY** Garage
Door
"The Garage Door Store" EST 1974

Family Owned and Operated
**Repairs • Installation
Wholesale**

6255 Old Fremont Rd, E Syracuse
656-3690 622-1270
fax: 656-3691

www.senkes.com **LifeMaster**

JOHN'S SERVICE CENTER

Quality Auto Service
All Types of Auto Repair
TIRES • BATTERIES • TOWING
422 Kinne St.
463-1080

Crowley Insurance Agency, Inc.

202 N. Center Street
East Syracuse, NY
Complete Insurance Services
437-2983
www.crowleyinsurance.com

Affordable McLaughlin & Kehoe INSURANCE

AUTO - HOME
AMKagency.com
437-2821

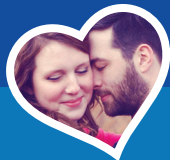
Since 1932 *Karl Lutz* Monument Company, Inc.

2718 James Street
Syracuse, NY 13206
Phone: 315-463-0621
Fax: 315-463-7703
e-mail: karl@lutzmonuments.com
www.lutzmonuments.com

Little
space.
Big
impact.

Advertise here
Call 800-950-9952

catholicmatch®
New York



CatholicMatch.com/NY

IF YOU LIVE ALONE

MDMedAlert!™

\$1 Less Than
a day

- ✓ Ambulance/Police
- ✓ Family/Friends
- ✓ GPS & Fall Alert*

CALL NOW! 800.890.8615 md-medalert.com



TRAUB

Est. 1855

FUNERAL HOME, INC.

Caring Affordable Service

Central Square | (315)668-2688
Bridgeport | (315)633-2511
traubfh.com | traubfh@gmail.com



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

St. Matthew's, Syracuse, NY

06-0321