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St Matthew

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(315) 437-8318 M-Th 9am-4pm Closed Friday

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September 20, 2026

The Lord
is near
to all those
who *call*
upon him.

PSALM 145



Weekly Offering

September 6 & 13

9/6

9/13

* St Matthew's	\$ 6,888	\$ 3,803
* St Mary	\$ 2,306	\$ 2,439
* St Francis	\$ 1,956	\$ 2,360

* 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 Catechism Class

Dear God,
Bless our classroom and
each of us gathered here.
May every moment we spend together
be one of grace.
Be with the Catechist who prepares
and presents —
giving them the right words to convey
Your truth.
Be with the students,
opening their hearts and minds
to learn Your will.
Amen.

*St Matthew's Church
would like to thank the family of
Judy Gardner
for her bequest to our church & food pantry.
May she rest in peace.*

OCIA ORDER of CHRISTIAN INITIATION for ADULTS

Classes are starting Monday, September 21 at
St Mary Parish Center at 6pm
If you know anyone who is interested, please
contact the office at (315) 437-8318

TRIVIA Night

SEPTEMBER 26TH

\$10/PERSON ~ **DINNER INCLUDED**

6-9PM

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PURCHASE TICKETS AT PARISH OFFICE BY 9/20

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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*

On Catechetical
Sunday, we:

... recognize the
Church's mission
to share the Gospel.

... celebrate those
who help others
learn our faith.

... reflect on how
all baptized people
share in the call to
help the world
know Jesus.



Saint WHO ??

SAINT PADRE PIO
FEAST DAY: September 23

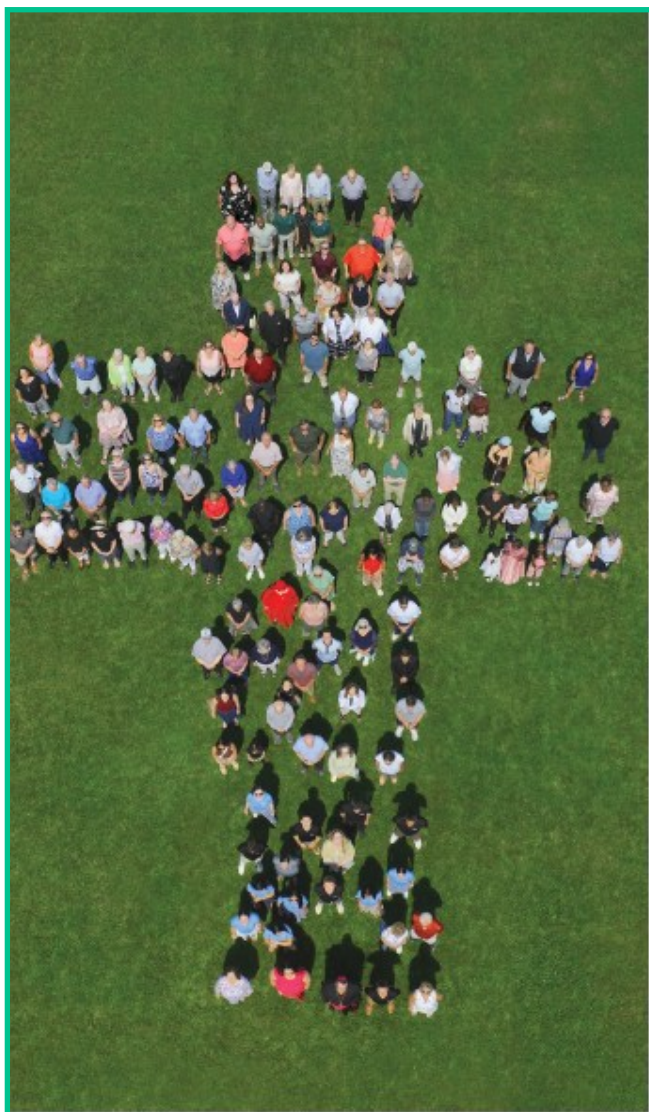
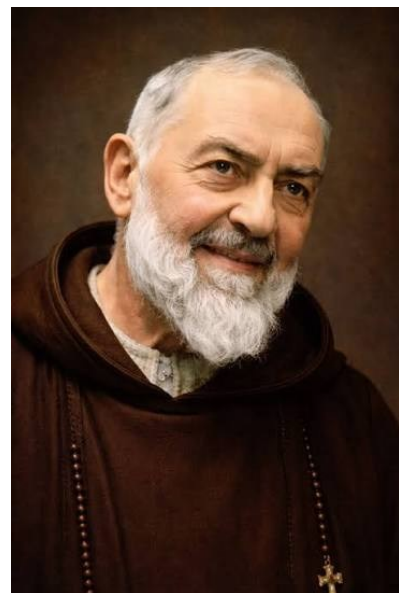
Best known as Padre Pio, St. Pius was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. As a young boy, he suffered many illnesses, including typhoid. He joined the Capuchin Franciscans at 15 and took the name Pius, or "Pio," in honor of Pope Pius I. He was ordained in 1910, and at this time he received the marks of stigmata, the wounds of Christ, but they eventually healed. Frequent illnesses continued to plague him as a young man.

Padre Pio served in the Italian Medical Corps during World War I, but he was discharged early because of illness, which was likely tuberculosis. He was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo. In 1918, while continuing to serve at the friary, the stigmata appeared again, and this time remained until his death.

Many faithful came to see him at the friary; his days were long, beginning with Mass at 5 a.m., then hearing confessions all day with breaks to bless the sick. A simple man, content to do God's will on earth and with the ardent desire to serve the sick and poor in whom he saw Christ, he urged a hospital, Casa

Sollievo della Sofferenza (House for the Relief of Suffering), to be built in San Giovanni Rotondo. It opened in 1956.

Padre Pio died at the age of 81 in 1968, and in 2002 Pope John Paul II proclaimed him "St. Pio of Pietrelcina." St. Pius of Pietrelcina, pray for us!



We Are the
BODY of
+ Christ

Kickoff Weekend is here!!

Your gift to the HOPE Appeal supports 26 diocesan ministries. From faith formation for our children to providing food and basic necessities for those in need, your support impacts individuals and families in our parish and others across our diocese.



**Together we are building
the Body of Christ!**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
20 9:30-noon RE gr7-10 September	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
4 DONATION WEEKEND 8:30-12:30 Pancake Breakfast 9:30-noon RE gr7-10 2pm Blessing of the Animals	5 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	6 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry	7 1-3 Prayer Shawl 6:30 Men's Group	8 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 3-4:30 Grief Support 6-8 Wm's Scripture Group 7pm Bingo	9	10

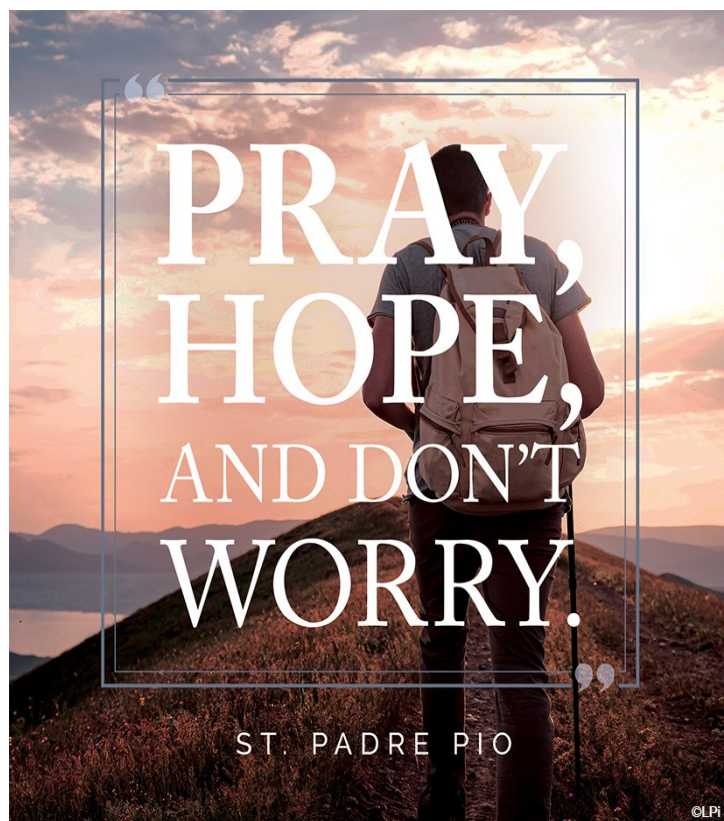
SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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.



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

Monday September 21 @ St Mary

9am Helen Stanley

Wednesday September 23 @ St Mary

9am Richard Spagnolo

Friday September 25 @ St Matthew's

9am Molly Mahoney ~ Ashe Family

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday September 26 @ St Matthew's

4:30pm Cindy Salce ~

Dean & Sharon Bartholomew

Cindy Makowski ~ BE & MP

Jonathon Earnshaw

Sunday, September 27 @ St. Matthew's

8am Cindy Micho ~ Merino & Darlene

Florence Rosaschi ~ Merino & Darlene

Sandy VanAuken ~ Gumpfer Family

Sunday, September 27 @ St Francis

9:30am Scott & Sharon Piwinski ~

Jim & Pat Piwinski

Robert Smith ~

John & Diane Brzuszkiewicz

Joyce Pennucci ~ Marie Pennucci

Sunday, September 27 @ St Mary

11am Joyce McDonough ~ Family

Dan Rufo ~ Caroline

Gary Gajewski ~ Family



**PLEASE PRAY
FOR OUR RECENTLY
DECEASED**

**Peter Nagurney
Rev James Fritzen
Msgr James O'Brien**

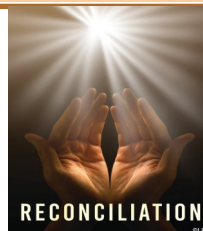
PRAYER *Requests*

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 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, Stacey,
Helen Timmins, Dennis Van Auken

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

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

Sundays @ St Mary after
11am Mass



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

Please remove your
decorations and
potted plants from
the graves of your
loved ones in the
cemetery by
October 15th to
expedite Fall clean-
up. Anything left
on graves after
October 15 is
subject to being
disposed of by the
cemetery staff.
Thank you for your
assistance with
this.



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Deacon	Dc. Joseph Lupia, Jr.
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Administrative Assistant	Anne Kolozsvary
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Assistant Coordinator	Anne Karkruff
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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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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
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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



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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

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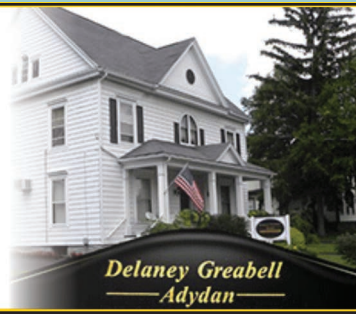
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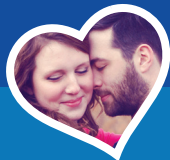
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