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St Francis

St Mary

St Matthew

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October 11, 2026

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

COME TO THE FEAST.

— MATTHEW 22:4 —





Weekly Offering

October 4

* St Matthew's	\$ 6,148
* St Mary	\$ 2,673
* St Francis	\$ 1,973

* 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), Jim Mostrom (trustee)

Saint Francis

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



We Are the
BODY of
Christ

GOALS

St Francis	\$ 12,634
St Mary	\$ 24,386
St Matthew's	\$ 42,386



Together we are building
the Body of Christ!

Thank You to ALL who
helped make
TRIVIA NIGHT
a success.
We made over \$2200.
Your willingness to
support our parish is
truly appreciated.



FISCAL YEAR July 1, 2026 ~ June 30, 2027

Summary of Income for AUGUST 2026 St Matthew's Church

	Current Month Actual	Fiscal Yr-to-Date AUG 2026
Income		
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 25,564	\$ 45,239
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 2,402	\$ 4,820
Other Income	\$ 4,636	\$ 7,809
Total Income	\$ 32,601	\$ 57,868
Expenses		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 10,259	\$ 23,749
Office / Admin	\$ 2,163	\$ 3,497
Program Services	\$ 510	\$ 1,695
Building & Utilities	\$ 3,111	\$ 4,715
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 9,549	\$ 19,131
Other Expenses	\$ 861	\$ 1,711
Total Expenses	\$ 26,453	\$ 54,499
Net Income for AUG 26	\$ 6,148	\$ 3,370

Summary of Income for AUGUST 2026 St Mary of the Assumption Church

	Current Month Actual	Fiscal Yr-to-Date AUG 2026
Income		
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 13,740	\$ 25,413
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 1,861	\$ 6,134
Other Income	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Income	\$ 15,601	\$ 31,547
Expenses		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 12,618	\$ 24,313
Office / Admin	\$ 2,710	\$ 4,200
Program Services	\$ 1,202	\$ 1,677
Building & Utilities *	\$ 44,224	\$ 55,019
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 3,471	\$ 6,942
Other Expenses	\$ 1,181	\$ 6,812
Total Expenses	\$ 65,406	\$ 98,963
Net Income for AUG 26	\$ - 49,805	\$ - 67,416

* Comfort Window—rectory \$ 7,381 / Gym repair \$ 31,800

Summary of Income for AUGUST 2026 St Francis of Assisi Church

	Current Month Actual	Fiscal Yr-to-Date AUG 2026
Income		
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 12,211	\$ 21,187
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 546	\$ 894
Other Income	\$ 19,057	\$ 29,721
Total Income	\$ 31,814	\$ 51,803
Expenses		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 13,205	\$ 25,549
Office / Admin	\$ 1,654	\$ 2,455
Program Services	\$ 839	\$ 1,161
Building & Utilities	\$ 4,986	\$ 6,787
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 1,939	\$ 3,879
Other Expenses	\$ 3,480	\$ 7,166
Total Expenses	\$ 26,104	\$ 46,997
Net Income for AUG 26	\$ 5,710	\$ 4,806

Saint WHO ??

SAINT Feast Day:

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) was born Margaret Alacoque in a small village in France. After her father died when she was eight years old, she was sent to a convent school run by the Poor Clares where she became bedridden with rheumatic fever. For four years she was confined to her bed until she made a vow to Mary, Mother of God, to consecrate herself to religious life. Following this vow, her health was restored. Throughout her childhood and early adulthood, Margaret continued to have religious visions of Jesus.

In 1671, at age 24, Margaret entered the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary and took the name Mary when she professed her vows. During her time in the convent, she had series of mystical experiences — most notably, her encounters with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. According to her accounts, Jesus appeared to her and revealed his Sacred Heart, burning with love for humanity and instructed her to devote herself to adoration of the Eucharist every Thursday night during a holy hour which she immediately incorporated into her routine. He also instructed her to celebrate a new feast, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

St. Margaret Mary dedicated herself to promoting the feast and adoration of the Eucharist. Her visions and messages were met with skepticism initially, but she trusted God's guidance. In 1688, just two years before she died, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was celebrated for the first time in the Church's liturgical calendar. Eventually, her holy hour of adoration also became a popular tradition among Catholics worldwide.



Want some light exercise?

Come walk with the Golden Age Senior Group

Where: St Mary Parish Center GYM
600 N Main Street, Minoa

When: Monday, Wednesday & Friday
1-2pm

Meet up with friends or meet new ones.
Hope to see you there!



Bring Your Creativity to Life! Basket Donations Needed for Our Spaghetti Dinner

Our annual
Election Day Spaghetti Dinner

is just around the corner on

Tuesday,

November 3, 2026, at

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center!

This wonderful tradition
is all about coming together as a
community, and our basket raffle is always
a highlight of the event.

We need your help to make it spectacular!

Partner up with a friend or a ministry,
gather your family, or channel your own
favorite hobbies to build a fun, themed
gift basket filled with new items.

Your creativity will bring so much joy to
your fellow parishioners!

Donation Deadline: Please bring your
completed baskets to St. Francis
by Sunday, October 25, 2026.

Basket Ideas: Consider fun themes like a cozy
movie night, Italian dinner essentials, a coffee
lover's collection, or local sports gear. Any
theme, any size—we welcome your creativity!

Thank you for your wonderful generosity and
continued support of our parish
community!

Questions? **Contact Pat** at
ppowers15@twcnny.rr.com **or**
Patti at pkoch@twcnny.rr.com.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11 October	12 OFFICE CLOSED for Columbus Day / Indigenous People's Day	13 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 1-3 Rosary Makers 6-7 Bapt Class 6:30 Rosary / Divine Mercy	14 6pm Altar Rosary Living Rosary 6:30 Men's Group	15 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 3-4:30 Grief Support 6-8 Wm's Scripture Group 7pm Bingo	16	17 9-Noon SM 2nd Time Around Store
18 9:30-noon RE gr7-10	19 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	20 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry	21 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	22 9-:30-Noon SM Food Pantry 3-4:30 Grief Support 6-8 Wm's Scripture Group 7pm Bingo	23	24
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**THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS
DEDICATED TO THE
MOST HOLY ROSARY**

*Celebrating the 2026 Jubilee Year of
Saint Francis of Assisi*

In honor of the Franciscan Jubilee Year marking the 800th anniversary of our patron saint's passing, the Altar Rosary Society invites everyone in our 3 Parishes to participate in a **Living Rosary**.

When: Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM

Where: St Francis of Assisi Parish Center / Outdoors at Mary's Shrine. (In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the church).

Note: PLEASE BRING a lawn chair for outdoor seating

We need **50 "Living Beads"** to take turns leading the first half of the Hail Mary and placing a flower at the statue of Mary. Flowers are provided.

Let us lift our prayers to Mary who intercedes for us to her Son, Jesus.

All are welcome. Light refreshments will follow in the Parish Center. For more information contact: Pat Powers at Ppowers15@twcny.rr.com or 315-575-5324.



**16TH ANNUAL SYRACUSE
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

Saturday, October 24, 2026

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception /
The OnCenter

7:30am—4pm

\$65 (limited seating)

Contact Barb Falkowski with questions or to register
(315) 558-0381

Make me an instrument of your peace.
JUBILEE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS



CONGRATULATIONS
to
SUSAN FUKES
commissioning by
Bishop Lucia.
Gary Krajacic
looking on as
sponsor.

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

Monday, October 12 @ St Mary

9am **NO MASS**

Wednesday, October 14 @ St Mary

9am **NO MASS**

Friday, October 16 @ St Matthew's

9am **NO MASS**

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday October 17 @ St Matthew's

4:30pm Eugene Scarsciotti ~ Birthday / Love Mom
Rodney Sutherland ~

Birthday / Julie & Ricch Gratien

Stefano Gilona ~ Dom & Val Cambareri

Sunday, October 18 @ St. Matthew's

8am Cosimo & Josephine Muolo ~

James Paone Jr

Nancy Zaepfel Bush ~

6th Anniversary / Sisters

Penny Zaepfel & Catherine Curtin ~

Anniversary / Daughters

Sunday, October 18 @ St Francis

9:30am John Epolito ~ Family

Sunday, October 18 @ St Mary

11am Charles Keast ~ Family

Anne Bitterman ~ Birthday / Family

Please remove your decorations
and potted plants from the
graves of your loved ones
in the cemetery by

October 15th

to expedite Fall cleanup.

Anything left on graves

after October 15

is subject to
being disposed of by
the cemetery staff.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

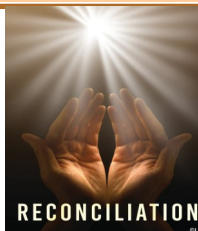
PRAYER Requests

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, Mary Zion

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 PRAY
FOR OUR RECENTLY
DECEASED**

Carol Canorro

*Banns of Matrimony:
at Saint Matthew's
Desiree McGarrity /
Allen Hamilton*



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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

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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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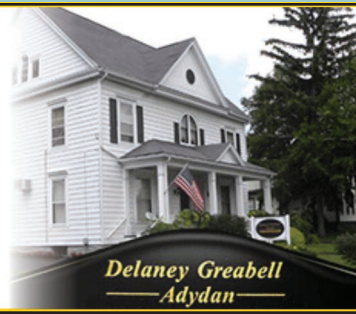
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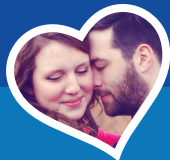
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