One Catholic Family

St Francis St Mary St Matthew

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Weekly Offering

November 1

* St Matthew's	$ 5,424
* St Mary	$ 2,468
* St Francis	$ 1,640

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* The Sunday envelope,looseand on-line donations. This, and all other sources of income (and expenses) are found in the detailed Profit / LossStatementlistedinthebulletinmonthly.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults has begun classes. ALL are welcome. Sit in on a topic that you would like to learn more about or join them all year.

WHEN: Monday
WHERE: St Mary Parish Center
TIME: 6pm

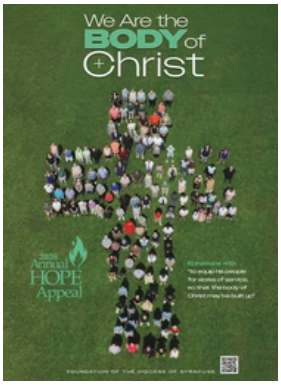
Topic schedule ~

11/9 Who's who in the church & Catholics & pray
11/16 Catholic practices & Catholics & church
11/23 The Sacraments
11/30 Baptism
12/7 Confirmation
12/14 The Eucharists

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ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

HOPE Appeal 2026

GOAL		so far...	%
St Matt's	$ 42,386	$ 33,310	78%
St Mary	$ 24,386	$ 16,985	70%
St Francis	$ 12,634	$ 16,608	132%



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Annual HOPE Appeal

SAINT WHO ???

SAINT MARTIN of Tours

Feast Day: November 11

St. Martin of Tours was born a pagan in what is now Hungary around 316, but he was raised in Italy, where his father, a tribune, was posted. At 15, he was compelled to serve in the Roman military, though he was already a catechumen. There is a popular legend that while on campaign, the saint cut his cloak in half to share with a cold beggar. That night, he dreamed of Jesus and his cloak was restored. He was baptized at 18, and two years later was released from the military; he had refused his battle pay and to fight, saying he was a soldier for Christ. He is the first recognized conscientious objector.

After his release from the military, he became a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers. He worked diligently against the Arian heresy, which denies the divinity of Jesus Christ, and established the first French monastery, a community of hermits near Poitiers in 361.

In 371 he reluctantly became Bishop of Tours. Nearby, he founded a second monastery, Marmoutier, because he preferred the life of a monk; he often retreated. In 384, a popular heresy was infecting the Church in Spain, led by the bishop Priscillian and his followers. The emperor Magnus Maximus became involved, ordering the execution of the heretics. St. Martin opposed the executions and protested the emperor's involvement in Church matters. Unfortunately, the Priscillians were executed anyway.

St. Martin of Tours died in Candes-Saint-Martin, Gaul, in 397. He is notably among the first saints who were not martyred. He is the patron saint of France. St. Martin of Tours, pray for us!

SINGING FOR HUNGER

6th Annual Heaven's Pantry Benefit



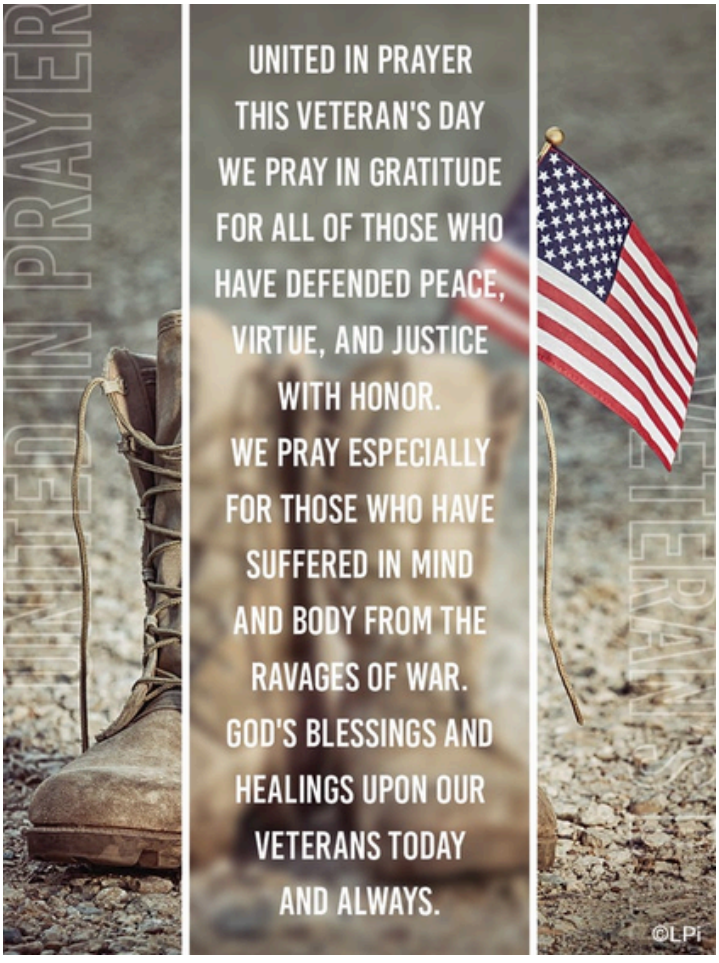
St Mary's Parish Center
Sunday, November 15
2-4pm
FREE admission



Performances by: 'Songs by Jeneane"
and "Half a Cup of Coffee"
featuring Jeffrey Kerr, Paul Cassidy
Sam Snyder

FREE WILL OFFERINGS ACCEPTED

Blessed is She Women's Group invites women to renew in the peace and joy of the Advent Season. Join us for our annual Advent by Candlelight on December 5. We will enjoy an evening of reflection, fellowship and good food in St Patrick's Parish Center, Chittenango, beginning at 5pm. Bring a friend and a dish to share - an appetizer or dessert. Please contact us to RSVP or questions: blessedisshe.stpats@gmail.com





Fall has arrived and so has the time for planning St Matthew's Food Pantry Thanksgiving Distribution. We will be needing turkeys, stuffing, gravy, canned sweet potatoes and brownie mix. Any of these items along with WalMart, Aldi or Wegman's gift cards for fresh produce or the meat of their choice will be a great help. We will begin the Thanksgiving Distribution on Tuesday, November 3rd. Your participation has always been a great help and much appreciated by the volunteers and the recipients.

In December our households will receive their regular week's worth of food along with extras for a nice Christmas dinner. Each child, approximately 300, will get a $25 gift card. WalMart is most popular! The Christmas Distribution starts December 1st and is done by December 22nd. Anything you can donate is a great help and much appreciated.

The store and pantry will be closed December 23rd and will reopen on Monday, January 4th.

Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

St Matthew's is looking for
people interested
in being part of the 'Social Committee'
Call the office today ~
(315) 437-8318
Come join the activities!

We would like to form a new ministry at St. Mary's called "Martha's Ministry at St. Mary's." This ministry would be a group of men and women volunteers who would give the church a full cleaning once a month. If you are interested in helping, or would like more information, please call Barb Falkowski at 315-558-0381

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

Monday, November 9 @ St Mary
9am Kathy & Andy Crandall

Wednesday, November 11 @ St Mary
9am ALL Our Veterans

Friday, November 13 @ St Matthew's
9am Frank & Catherine Zangrilli ~ John & Family

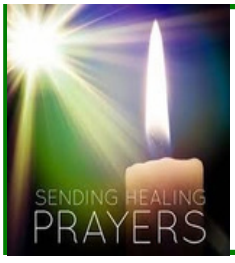
Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday November 14 @ St Matthew's
4:30pm Frances K Donnelly ~ Birthday / Family
David Gagnon ~ Pat Greis
Dennis Otts ~ Binion Family

Sunday, November 15 @ St Matthew's
8am Sandy Hough ~ Tom & Letha Duncan
Michael Yandon ~ Family
Joe Frio ~ Family

Sunday, November 15 @ St Francis
9:30am Kathy Panebianco ~ Timmins Family

Sunday, November 15 @ St Mary
11am Veronica Fukes ~ Children
Thorpe Family ~ Sharon & John

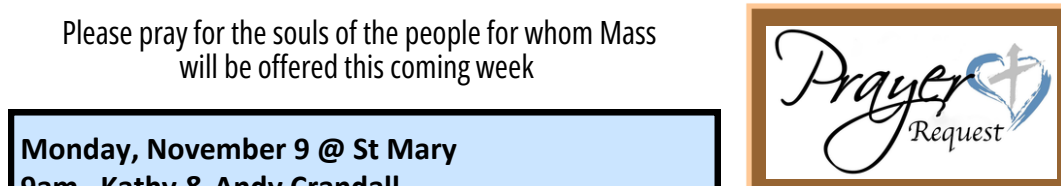


PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Helen Gray
Judith Stoecker
Donald Roller Sr



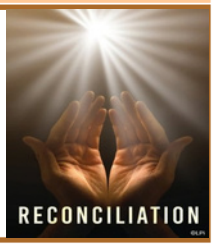
A candle has been lit at St Matthew's for Mia (Angela)



Angela Anastas, Chris & Mary Ashe, Johannah Bailey, Bernie Beck, Fred Benninck, 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, Steve Salce, Pat & Chuck Samora, Marsha Shoemaker, Helen Timmins, Dennis VanAuken, 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

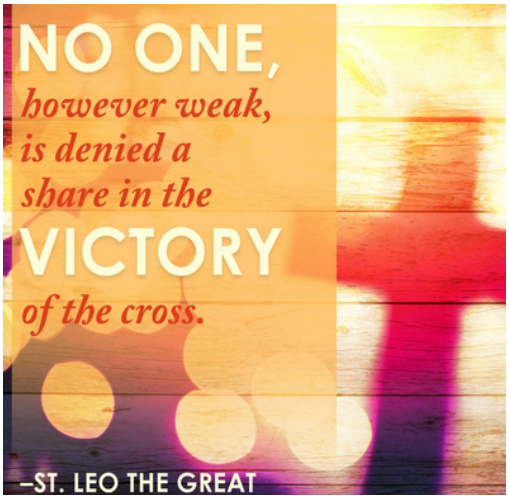
Have you experienced the loss of a loved one? Let us grieve with you. Try our grief support group. We meet

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







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HELP OUR



You can make cashor 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

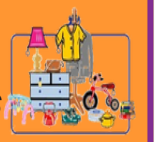
HEAVEN's PANTRY
at Minoa United Methodist Church
3rd Wednesday of the month
10-11am & 6-7pm



St Matthew's2ndTimeAround Store / Food Pantry
600 W ManliusStreet 315-438-8635



PANTRY HOURS:
T/Th 9:30am-noon
2nd TIME AROUND STORE HOURS
Mondays 9am ~ 12:30pm



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.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday~ Thursday 9am ~ 4pm
OR by appointment

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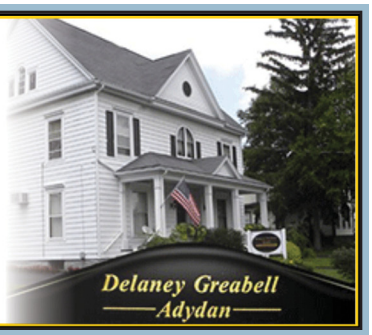
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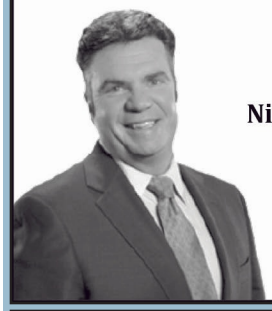


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