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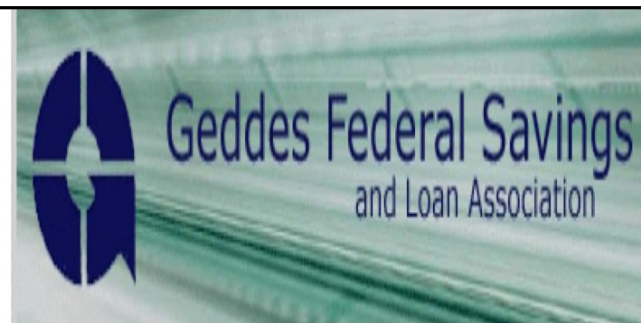
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Today, right after  
10am Mass!  
Our Last Villanueva  
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We'll be serving from 11:00 AM until 12:30 pm.

This fundraiser is a free-will offering to help support **Amos Health and Hope's** community-health work with and by our brothers and sisters in Villanueva, Nicaragua

Our **Blue Moon** menu: regular and gluten-free pancakes, apple crisp, sausages, coffee, and a special cake in celebration of the families and their children whose first communion also takes place on May 31st. Whether in Syracuse or in Nicaragua, we are companions on the journey.

One of the challenges of Trinity Sunday is that people sometimes want it explained to them. The truth is if someone ever tells you they completely understand the Trinity, they probably don't. It's not really about solving a mystery. It is really about coming to know the God who has shown us who He is. This is expressed in the preface of our Mass that says that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are "one God, one Lord... not in the unity of a single person, but a Trinity of one substance." This can sound a little confusing but it is really saying something simple: the Father is God. The Son is God. The Holy Spirit is God. Not three gods—one God. And yet three distinct Persons living in perfect communion. Ultimately it comes down to faith.

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 Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Chapel located to the right  
 of the main altar www.katerisyracuse.com

**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
**Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. in-person and on Zoom.**

ASL interpreted.  
**Thursday, 9 a.m. in St. Lucy's Kateri Chapel**

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**  
 Sunday, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. – Food Pantry  
 Monday, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. – Pickleball, St. Lucy's gym.  
 (Cathy Lunetta, organizer)  
 Monday, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Parish Office open  
 Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Parish Office open  
 (Tuesday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. – Food Pantry  
 Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – Agape Shop open  
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 Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Parish Office open  
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 Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Parish Office open )  
 Friday, 12 noon – Bulletin deadline  
 (mail@syracuseprintingcenter.com)  
 Saturday, 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. – Catholic Worker on Wheels

Send event information to: **Terry Gavagan**  
 (tgavagan@twcny.rr.com)

**Upcoming Events! Save the Date:**  
 Next Bible Study with Jim Bresnahan will NOT meet the usual first Monday of the month but will rather meet the 2nd Monday; that is, Mon June 8 @ 7 PM on zoom.

**Bike for Brady, June 13th**

*"We acknowledge with respect the Onondaga Nation, Firekeepers of the Haudenosaunee, the Indigenous peoples on whose ancestral lands St. Lucy's stands."*

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
 May 30th - Joseph Boys (req. by Sandy Boys)  
 May 31st - SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY]

**LECTORS**  
 May 30 Mary Kay Burkett  
 May 31st the First Communion Kids

**HOMILIST**  
**Fr. Jim**

Our **Kevin Frank** will embark on a **200 mile** bike ride, climbing more than **12,000 feet of elevation** in a one-day ride around Lake Champlain. His goal with this ride is to raise \$40,000 to support the ministries of Brady Faith Center and gather 100 donors! You can donate online at <https://bradyfaithcenter.charityproud.org/Fundraising/P2P/19149> or by sending a check to the Brady Faith Center at 404 South Ave., Syracuse, NY 13204 with Bike for Brady Team Kevin in the Memo Line. Thank you!

**Be part of the St. Lucy's Gift Economy!**  
 At this weekend's Masses, 05/16-17, kindly bring containers of cooking oil for the Food Pantry and for Masses 05/23-24, boxes of cereal or cooking oil. **PUSH BACK!** on the federal cut-backs. *Thanks to all who bring items for our neighborhood ministry. It really helps!*



**Congratulations to Rev. Cornelius Deep on his Ordination to the Priesthood!**

**PEACE PRAYER Saturday, June 6th, 9-10 in the Chapel, at the front and right of the Sanctuary. All Are Welcome!**

**Pope Leo XIV's** first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas, was published on Monday, May 25. It deals not only with artificial intelligence but more widely with digital technology and its impact on the real world we live in. Leo argues Catholic social teaching can help us know how to deal with these technologies and their potential for disruption.

The first two chapters of the encyclical lay out the history and foundations of Catholic social teaching, which is based on the equal dignity of all human beings and the value of human rights. He explains the principles of Catholic social teaching: the common good, the universal destination of goods, subsidiarity, solidarity and social justice. Following Pope Francis, Leo describes the technological paradigm as "the tendency to let the logic of efficiency, control and profit alone shape personal, social and economic decisions." He warns that "When such power is concentrated in the hands of a few, it tends to become opaque and evade public oversight, increasing the risk of distorted forms of development that give rise to new dependencies, exclusions, manipulations and inequalities." With the principles of Catholic social teaching, Leo says, we must "assess whether the power of digital infrastructures and algorithms truly fosters participation and responsibility, protects the vulnerable, ensures fair access to opportunities and remains directed toward the good of all."

Artificial intelligence should be subjected to an ethical code that reflects criteria of shared social justice, writes Leo. "Otherwise, those who control AI will impose their own moral vision, which will become the invisible infrastructure of these systems." Without some controls, "small but highly influential groups can shape information and consumption patterns, influence democratic processes and steer economic dynamics to their own advantage, undermining social justice and solidarity among peoples." "Justice requires questioning the global distribution of power that decides who in fact can train these models and who is merely subjected to them. Likewise, it means acknowledging that social justice is not only a goal to be safeguarded after technologies are deployed, but a condition that must shape their very design from the outset."

He acknowledges that the church does not have all the answers. There must be a conversation on these issues involving developers, scientists, ethicists, government officials and religious leaders of all faiths. Ultimately, for Leo, "The quality of a civilization is measured not by the power of its means, but by the care it is able to offer."

Join All Saints at the **CNY Pride Parade – June 13, 2026**  
 Now more than ever, our presence matters. All Saints will once again march in the CNY Pride Parade on Saturday, June 13, and our LGBTQIA+ Task Force warmly invites the St Lucy's parish community to walk with us. For years, All Saints has stood as a visible, courageous supporter of our LGBTQIA+ siblings, a parish where welcome is not just spoken but lived. In a moment when LGBTQIA+ people across our region are seeking clear signs of solidarity, our parish's witness carries real weight.



Marching together with Fr. Fred sends a strong, unmistakable message to the wider CNY LGBTQIA+ community: you are beloved, you are seen, and you have a home at All Saints. It also communicates to our diocesan leadership that All Saints and St Lucy's remain steadfast in the Gospel call to justice, dignity, and inclusion.

And it's genuinely a joyful event, a chance to celebrate who we are as parish communities where all are welcome, to show our solidarity with love and laughter, and to stand together in the spirit of community.

The parade kicks off at 11:00 am from the Destiny USA Solar St. parking lot. Please arrive at the staging area by 10:30 am. Parking is available in the Solar St. lot across from the staging area, and carpooling is encouraged. When you arrive, look for the All Saints van to find our group.

All are welcome to join us. Signs and banners are encouraged. Your presence makes a difference.





We were blessed to have the **Branin family** join us for the 5pm Mass last week. They were traveling from their home in Rochester to Boston. If they ever relocate to Syracuse they would be a fine addition to our parish.

### Good News!

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse does not expect to close parishes or lay off employees as it emerges from bankruptcy, officials said.

Other dioceses in New York state and around the country have not been so lucky, with some having to close many churches and schools and lay off workers. Stephen Breen, the diocese's chief financial officer, said he did not think "drastic steps" like those would need to be taken.



## PEOPLE OF FAITH CAN HELP PREVENT NUCLEAR WAR



An Interfaith discussion presented by  
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and  
University United Methodist Church  
*Led by Diane Swords and Margrit Diehl*

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June 14th, 2026 — 12:00 p.m.-1:15 p.m.  
University United Methodist Church  
1085 East Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY 13210  
*(enter on University Ave.)*

### Saturday, June 6, Bellevue Heights United Methodist Church's 4th Annual DASH FOR DELAWARE Fun Walk/Run!

Enjoy a scenic one-mile fun walk/run around Woodland Reservoir in the Syracuse Strathmore neighborhood while supporting Blessings in a Backpack. Proceeds provide healthy weekend food throughout the school year for every student at Delaware Primary School located on Geddes Street on the Syracuse Near Westside.



Help us fundraise! Ask your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to support this meaningful mission. Raise \$100 or more and be entered into a drawing for a grocery gift card!

Visit [bellevueheights.org](http://bellevueheights.org) to register or make a donation.

Questions? Terry Toscano Shenfeld at [terryshenfeld@gmail.com](mailto:terryshenfeld@gmail.com) 315-289-8505.

Sometimes our scripture readings can be a little confusing because they are only a small part of the larger narrative. Last week's reading from Acts is one such example. We heard that people from all nations were gathered in Jerusalem when the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles. **Jill Hurst-Wahl** explained that the reason all of those diverse people were gathered in one place was for the celebration of Shavuot, when all Jews are required to visit the temple to give thanks for God's gift of the Torah and the commandments.

Jill said that many artists depict the Holy Spirit with flames and gave examples of the transformative power of fire. Sand to glass, purification of gold and even helping **Terri Gavigan** to create delicious soups from simple ingredients.

After listing the 8 most prominent gifts of the Spirit, actually more than 20 are mentioned in the scriptures, Jill challenged each of us to discern what our gift is. She asked us to dispense with the traditional applause after the reflection and to instead spend a few moments in silent prayer asking God what our specific gift is and how we can use it to benefit the universal church.

If you received an answer and would like to share what your gift is and how you will use it, please send it to: [mail@syracuseprintingcenter.com](mailto:mail@syracuseprintingcenter.com) And I will include it in next week's bulletin.

### SUPPORT ST. LUCY'S & ITS MINISTRIES

Every Saturday or Sunday, each of us has the opportunity to contribute whatever we can to keep the lights on, things repaired, and staff working to maintain our buildings and services, and to meet our diocesan responsibilities for insurance, pensions, etc. Whether you attend in-person or via Zoom, thank you for your regular donations to the parish General Fund as well as your donations of time and talent. When you're not able to attend in person, remember you can still put your donation "in the basket" in two ways:

Write a paper check to St. Lucy's Church and mail it to the rectory at 432 Gifford St., Syracuse, NY 13204. Put "General Fund" in the memo line on your check.

Go online at [www.saintlucys.org/contact](http://www.saintlucys.org/contact) to make a secure donation to the General Fund Offertory using the parish Vanco Account.

### German Bishops' Position on Women's Ordination

In May 2026, the German Bishops' Conference (DBK) issued a clear statement supporting the possibility of women's ordination to the diaconate. Bishop Franz Jung of Würzburg said the bishops had "cast a very clear vote in Rome in favor of women's ordination to the diaconate" and urged Pope Leo XIV to decide how to proceed [actsocial.com+1](http://actsocial.com+1). Jung emphasized that the issue remains on the agenda and will not be removed soon.

This position comes amid ongoing tensions with the Vatican. In November 2023, the Vatican, through Cardinal Pietro Parolin, warned German bishops that women's ordination and changes to Church teaching on homosexuality cannot be discussed in the context of the German Synodal Way, as they are matters of universal Church doctrine. The letter reminded bishops that Pope Francis and St. John Paul II have repeatedly affirmed that the Church has "no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women," and that any attempt to ordain women could lead to disciplinary consequences, including excommunication.

Cardinal Gerhard Müller, former Prefect for the Doctrine of the Faith, reiterated in 2019 that ordination to the sacrament of Holy Orders — including deacon, priest, and bishop — is impossible for women, citing the "divine constitution of the Church" and the Council of Trent's teaching that these are degrees of one sacrament.

Despite this doctrinal line, the German bishops' vote reflects a local push within the Church to explore the female diaconate, which would be a step toward ordination but not the full sacramental priesthood. The Vatican's stance, however, remains firm: no change to the current prohibition on female ordination to Holy Orders is possible under current doctrine.



Congratulations to **Nancy Linton**, grandmother of superstar **Jalen Brunson**, point guard for the NY Knicks who won this 1st Easter division finals since 1999. Brunson, who was selected to be the captain of the Knicks was named as

the MVP for the play-offs. Jalen's career includes 2 NCAA championships while playing for Villanueva. He was also named Player of the Year and the recipient of the prestigious James Naismith Award. He emerged as one of the most celebrated players in college basketball history. In addition he achieved nearly every major national award before declaring for the NBA. It should not be the lost that Jalen received his degree in business in just 3 years.

**Well done Jalen - Go Knicks!**

Father Jim



**50 mile Bike Ride - 8am**  
**25 mile Bike Ride - 9am**  
**10 mile Group Ride - 10am**  
**2 Mile Creek Walk 10:30am**

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**St. Lucy's Pastoral Council Minutes  
 Wednesday, May 20, 2026**

**Present:** Margot Grobsmith, Nancy Linton, Kip Hargrave, Jim Mulder, Lorrie Ager, Jill Hurst-Wahl, Cathy Lunetta, Maureen Lasda, Fr. Jim Mathews, Nicole Massenzio, Peggy Harper, Julie Forget, Mary Phillips,  
 Guest - Walt McDermott

1. Welcome and Prayer - Jill
2. Bob Menotti - hospitalized on Tuesday due to issues with his esophagus. Currently receiving hospice care (Update - Bob passed away on Monday. His service is at St. Lucy's on June 5th, calling hours at 10:00 followed by mass at 11:00)
3. Acceptance of minutes -
4. Pastor's Report - Fr. Jim
  - a. Fund raiser - on target
  - b. Roof on Food Pantry - being fixed a week from today.
  - c. Fr. Fred Manara got a call from the Bishop that he needs to retire - he is turning 90
  - d. Dogs barking at mass - Liturgy has the spirit of a family gathering. Liturgy should be spontaneous like a picnic. Don't want to have to make a rule. Is it reasonable to ask someone to leave? The situation last weekend was resolved and hopefully will not occur again. Dogs definitely need to be on a leash.
5. Pastoral Associates Report - Margot Grobsmith
  - a. Update on Costello Project - a deadline of June 15th has been set to finish the document and to be presented to the Bishop on the 22nd. The question is whether the parish actually knows what this is. Kip will speak at mass on June 7th.
  - b. Faith Formation options - Margot and Julie Gordon have done a good deal of thinking and planning. On Saturday, June 20th, there will be a gathering for parents for next year's youth. The plan is face to face classes here at least twice a month beginning in the fall. They have consulted with people interested in teaching. The room could be divided so there could be 3 classes at one time.
  - c. Safety issues at Bread of Life -there have been fights and people passed out. The question was asked if we need to rethink security? The sense is that there are no more problems than a year ago and the steps that have been taken are positive.
6. Finance Report - Peggy Harper
  - a. raises suggested for staff - 3% in July.
  - b. "Are we ok?" asks Jim. If we consider the investments, we are in good shape. Ordinary collection is down so \$50,000 will be taken out of investments to do repairs.
  - c. Fabius St - it was a mess behind the church! Thanks to the city and Corey it has been cleaned up. A suggestion was made to install lights in the back.
  - d. Eli is doing great. They did the financial report.
7. Unfinished Business
  - a. Security Committee - an informal assessment was done and a committee is needed to put some things into practice. Looking for people to step-up to this task.

Listening report update - The decision was made to not disseminate at this time due to the Costello Project.
8. New Business
  - a. Retreat - decision to put this off for a bit
  - b. Request to rehang the Sinners Welcome banner
    - i. Is this an opportunity to make another statement? The decision was made to replace the banner. Walt will make one.
  - c. New Council members - to be chosen on Sunday
9. Next meeting - Wednesday, June 17th, 6:00 - Jim's home. 522 N. Orchard Rd. Cookout - hot dogs, hamburgs, salads, salt potatoes
10. Closing Prayer - Cathy

**Hope Courage**  
**RESISTANCE**  
 Syracuse Community Choir  
 SUMMER SOLSTICE CONCERT  
**Sunday, June 7, 2026 4pm**  
 Tucker Missionary Baptist Church  
 515 Oakwood Ave. Syracuse, NY 13205

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**Rae Sunshine**

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