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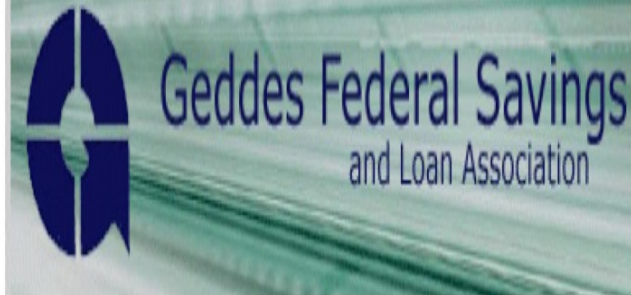
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At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights

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Temptation is common to all people. Right from the beginning, satan has sought to turn people away from God by appealing to the flesh, to our senses and to our pride. It should not surprise us when temptation comes at us either right in our faces or sneaking up from behind. Even Jesus, the Son of God was tempted by the devil. Temptation is not sin, because as Hebrews tells us, Christ was tempted like us in every way but without sin. So we should not feel guilty when the thoughts and desires come. Even when we fall short and give in to temptation, sin is not the end of the story. God still forgives- even when we sin in the same way over and over. The key to overcoming sin and winning through temptation is to know God. Is my love for God greater than my love for sin? When I am more passionate about walking with the Lord, then anything the devil can dish up is meaningless..

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 Food Pantry: Murray Gould, (315) 418-5241
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Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Chapel located to the right
 of the main altar www.katerisyracuse.com

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday, 10 a.m. in-person and on Zoom.
 ASL interpreted.
 Thursday, 9 a.m. in St. Lucy's Kateri Chapel

EVERY WEEK:

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 a.m. - 2 p.m. – Parish Office open (Rectory)
 Tuesday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. – Food Pantry
 Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – Agape Shop open
 Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. – Parish Office open (Rectory)
 Wednesday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. – Food Pantry
 Wednesday, 11 a.m. - Bread of Life, St. Lucy's gym
 Thursday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. – Food Pantry
 Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Parish Office open (Rectory)
 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:

Synodal Listening Session, Feb. 21, from 1:30–3:30 p.m.
 in the church
 March 06 Listening Better to our Fears
 March 21 Nonviolent Action Training for Immigration Reform

This Sunday, 02/15, kindly **bring cans of tuna** for the
 Food Pantry and on **Sunday, 02/22, cans of beans.**
PUSH BACK! on the federal cut-backs.
 Thanks to all who bring items for our neighborhood
 ministry. It really helps!

*Lord Jesus, your gift of the Eucharist is an invitation
 to a deeper relationship with our God. How blessed
 we are to be gathered at your table.*

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Mass Intentions

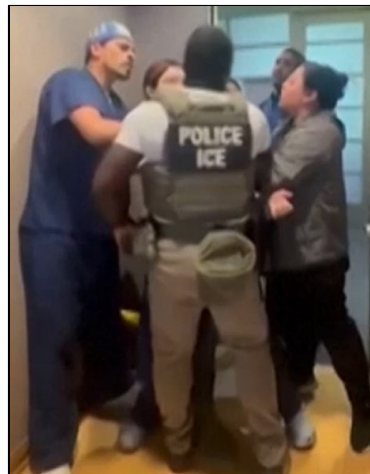
Saturday February 21st– 4:00pm -For Our Parishioners
 Sunday February 22nd-10:00am-For Mary Devon O'Brien
 & Edward O'Brien-Marie & Ed Rothbaler
Thursday 26th –10:00am-For Our Benefactors
 Saturday February 28th– 4:00pm -For Our Parishioners
 Sunday March 1st-10:00am-For For Our Benefactors

Lectors

Feb 21st-Mary Kay Burkett
 Feb 22nd-Tracy DiGenova & Dan Welch

Homilists

February 22nd-Fr. Jim Mathews
 March 1st-Cory Driscoll



There is a group that is forming a new partnership that offers to assist the Catholic Church in organizing a strong response on behalf of migrants & refugees in the country who are threatened with Mass deportation by the US government. It is known as **The Catholic Immigrant Prophetic**

Action Project. The project will directly support dioceses to strengthen the Church's response to Mass deportations. This partnership will develop response plans in the event ICE come to sensitive locations such as schools, churches & hospitals.

Statements for 2025 tax contributions have been mailed. If you have any questions or concerns, please email eli at: info@saintlucys.org

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

Bread of Life - meals served

January 21st	129
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Bulletin Supporter Spotlight

Over the next few weeks I plan on profiling some of the businesses that support St. Lucy's by paying for ads in our bulletin. We truly appreciate you!



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NEW OFFICE MANAGER APPOINTED

It is with great excitement that we are notifying you that we have offered **Elias (Eli) Foulkes** the position of Office/Financial Manager at St. Lucy's!!! And Eli has accepted!! Mary has decided it is time to back down from this position she has held for some 15 years or more in various capacities! We are grateful to Mary for all her work and her love of St. Lucy's. We had great candidates for the position and are grateful for their interest!

Eli (they/them) comes with an extensive background in technology, is an artist, active volunteer with a non-profit and instrumental in planning a fall conference for 300-500 people, etc., etc. Eli's references were outstanding in relaying Eli's interpersonal gifts, organizational skills, and excitement Eli has relayed to them about this opportunity, etc. We are blessed to have Eli coming onboard as of this Friday (the 13th). There obviously will need to be a time of overlap for Eli and Mary for training. The position is multi-faceted and there is a lot to learn. Eli is bright and will be a quick learner but of course it will take time and our patience to help Eli make this transition! Please feel free to share this exciting news with volunteers in your ministries!

Eli is thrilled to take on this position and feels it a natural fit given their increasing deepening in their faith and commitment to St. Lucy's. We are thrilled to have Eli join us in this important phase for St. Lucy's! Please join us in welcoming Eli to the St. Lucy's team!!

Here is a new, shorter web address to access St. Lucy's Facebook page from your browser. You can also go directly to our page by taking a picture of the QR code below. Thanks to Jill Hurst-Wahl, Craig Polhamus and Cathy Lunetta for recently increasing the content and relevance of our page.

Please check it out.

<https://tinyurl.com/stlucyfb>



By Renee Fox | rfox@syracuse.com

Syracuse, N.Y. -- A few dozen people received Ash Wednesday services in the parking lot outside of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Mattydale. Why there?

"Because of the friends I have that have walked through there and not come back," said the Rev. Beth DuBois, pointing toward the entrance of the ICE building where the Presbyterian leader of the United Church of Fayetteville gathered with Episcopalian and Roman Catholic clergy.

The Rev. DeDe Duncan-Probe, the bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York, organized the service. She prayed for ICE officers working in the Syracuse area to consider the way their operations harm families and the fabric of the community.

"May the Christ who came among us as a refugee, as a child, as one condemned by the powers, fill you with resolve, mercy, and compassion," she said.

Duncan-Probe applied ashes to those who gathered in the icy drizzle under umbrellas and in raincoats. Attendees sang "This Little Light of Mine."

During the 30-minute service, no one from the ICE office came outside.

DuBois read a passage from the book of Isaiah, which calls on followers who are comfortable to sacrifice and help people who are hungry and homeless. DuBois challenged the crowd to take up that effort during the 40-day season of Lent, which started Wednesday.

"(Isaiah)'s talking to people that are in exile, like many of our refugees," said DuBois, adding that the holy day is a time for reflection and change. "So my prayer is that we really do turn things around."

Megan Castellan, a canon in the Episcopal diocese, read from a 1980 sermon from a Roman Catholic saint, who was shot and killed by a death squad in El Salvador. Castellan said she picked the message from Oscar Romero because she sees parallels to how ICE is operating in the U.S.

"That sermon was directed to members of the death squads," Castellan told syracuse.com | The Post Standard. She said Romero urged worshipers to remember they are under no obligation to obey illegal orders.

"The church was calling upon them to stand up, obey their consciences, and do what was right."

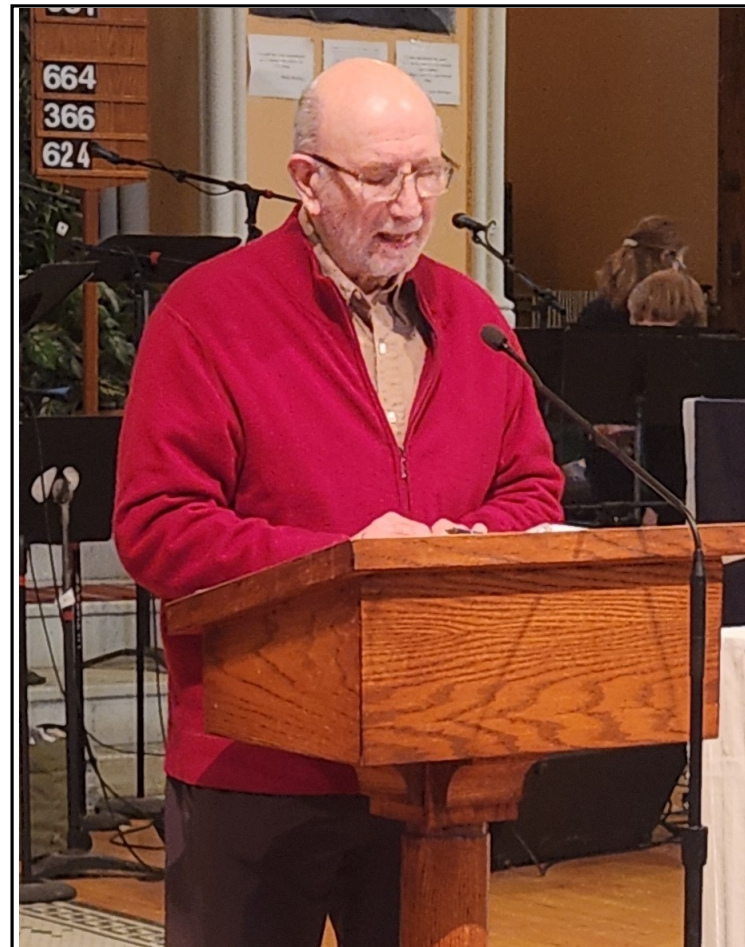
She said there is "no excuse" to treat someone inhumanely, no matter where they're from or "what papers they have."

For DuBois, the work ICE officers are doing inside the building in Northern Concourse, just off state Route 11 (Brewerton Road), is personal. That's where immigrants go for regular appointments concerning their legal status. In recent months, some have gone inside only to be detained.

Through her work distributing food through the Interfaith Community Collective, DuBois has grown close to people who've immigrated to Central New York from places like Colombia. DuBois and her partner, the Rev. Kathleen Waters, have shared birthday and wedding celebrations with the families. The couple's children were adopted from another country.

Some of their friends are queer, she said. That, DuBois added, could be a death sentence if they were sent back to their home country. If that happens, DuBois and her partner are prepared to become legal guardians for the children left behind, she said.

"But, that's why we're here," she said. "To pray that we all take care of each other, to offer hope and community solidarity."



Bob Sackel's reflection last weekend focused mainly on the Gospel message of Matthew 5:17-37, and nd important message it is. In it Jesus states that He did not come to abolish the Law, but to fulfill it..He then explains what fulfilling the Law really means. Bob says; "I believe Jesus teaches us non-violent resistance. How do I live non-violent resistance? How do I remain faithful to Jesus' teachings of non-violence and yet cry out and resist the evil of our times?"

Maybe we begin with a righteous anger? Maybe we begin with lamenting? Maybe anger and lament are two sides of the same coin. For much of my journey I As Dorothy Day put it, we must cry out against injustice or by our silence consent to it."

Bob went on to compare the law of Jesus, the law of love, to what our current political leaders are doing. Hatred, revenge and retaliation seem to be the norm in many situations.

After his first presentation of this reflection, Bob asked Fr. Jim if he thought it was too political. Fr. Jim replied; "No, if we don't hear this message from the pulpit, where will we hear it. Indeed.

Collection for Feb 14th & 15th

General Offertory	\$5,299
Gifts	\$1,055
Repairs	\$388
Religious Education	\$135
Rent-N/A	\$45
Vanco	\$854

In the reading for the Mass on Friday, February 19th, the prophet Isiah foretells the message of Jesus. I guess that's why he's called a prophet!

These words are a perfect summary of what it means to be a Christian and what God requires of us.

Thus says the Lord GOD:

Cry out full-throated and unsparingly,
lift up your voice like a trumpet blast;
Tell my people their wickedness,
and the house of Jacob their sins.

They seek me day after day,
and desire to know my ways,
Like a nation that has done what is just
and not abandoned the law of their God;
They ask me to declare what is due them,
pleased to gain access to God.

"Why do we fast, and you do not see it?
afflict ourselves, and you take no note of it?"

Lo, on your fast day you carry out your own pursuits,
and drive all your laborers.

Yes, your fast ends in quarreling and fighting,
striking with wicked claw.

Would that today you might fast
so as to make your voice heard on high!
Is this the manner of fasting I wish,
of keeping a day of penance:

That a man bow his head like a reed
and lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Do you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

This, rather, is the fasting that I wish:

releasing those bound unjustly,

untying the thongs of the yoke;

Setting free the oppressed,

breaking every yoke;

Sharing your bread with the hungry,

sheltering the oppressed and the homeless;

Clothing the naked when you see them,

and not turning your back on your own.

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your wound shall quickly be healed;

Your vindication shall go before you,
and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer,
you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am!

**LISTENING BETTER
PERSONAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR
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Many of us are going through difficult times, whether it is personal illness or grief OR heightened anxiety due to societal turmoil OR an economic crisis, just meeting the rising costs of living. We need to be there for one another as such experiences pile up and drive us to an unsettling state of affairs where coping is a daily challenge. For those of us who are elderly, loneliness accentuates our losses. You may find the aging process to be disturbing along a number of life's edges. How prepared are you to help others with sensitivity and compassion for life's struggles. Could you be a better listener for family & friends and others in the congregation?

LISTENING BETTER is a six-session program to improve your understanding of self and others by enhancing your listening skills and expanding your knowledge of human dynamics. The group will meet on zoom from 3:30-5:00 PM on a series of Fridays. Participants will be limited to 12 persons who will be expected to attend all 6 gatherings.

- Mar 06 listening Better to our Fears
- Mar 13 Listening Better to our Life Transitions
- Mar 20 Listening Better to our Losses
- Mar 27 Listening Better to Others
- Apr 03 Listening Better to God
- Apr 10 Listening Better to our Traditions

St. Lucy's is organizing a formal Visitors Team for Persons who are sick or near the end of life. If you wish to consider becoming a member of the Visitors Team, "Listening Better" is an opportunity to better prepare yourself for this special ministry. The program will be facilitated by Peter Sarver, a community social worker for 50 years. He is an active member of St. Lucy's as editor for St. Lucy's News, member of our Justice & Peace Committee, and an occasional homilist. He serves as volunteer Coordinator for the CNY Interfaith Racial Equity Network.

There is no cost for the program. Members of St. Lucy's Community can enroll in the program by sending an email to stlucys.syracuse@gmail.com with the message "Register for Listening Better."

Charles Major Memorial Scholarship



Fr. Major was one of the founders of Operation Southern (now Northern) Comfort. He was a visionary, a participative leader and a true friend to all. He graduated from LeMoyné College and

served the school in a variety of roles. The Charles Major Memorial Scholarship was established to honor Fr. Major's memory and to continue his legacy of service and community engagement.

To apply for this scholarship, go to: financialaid@lemoyne.edu

***Bible Study with Jim Bresnahan on Mon
March 02 @ 7 PM on zoom
We will resume our study of the Gospel of
John at verse 45 of chapter 6.***

Our New Church Directory is Online!
You can access the directory today by going to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com We would like to encourage everyone to put their picture on their directory listing. You can add your own photo or see Walt at Mass and I can take your photo and add it right away! Let's keep our St. Lucy's family connected.

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." -St. Mother Teresa

Walt's Health/Heart Surgery Update

The word for today is insurance. My providers ordered 2 tests, a heart catheterization and an endoscopic echocardiogram, as a prerequisite to my valve replacement surgery. Both must first be approved by insurance. As of Saturday, only the catheterization has been authorized. Pending the results of the tests, the final surgery must also be approved before it can even be scheduled.

So for now, I wait. My herbal remedies for my edema are not working as quickly as I had hoped, so now I have gone back to my prescribed medications in addition to my supplements. The swelling in my legs is still painful and makes sleep nearly impossible. I greatly concern me that while a remedy is in sight, it is being delayed by the insurance company. Meanwhile, my other organs continue to be damaged by lack of blood flow from my weakened heart. It's a sad state of affairs when insurance company decisions take precedence over physicians recommendations.

My very wise co-worker, Terri, said I should put a disclaimer in these messages saying that I am not a medical professional and any choices I make apply only to myself. Always consult with your own provider in making any lifestyle changes or supplementation.



Here is a woman who wears her "Ordain Women" badge and really means it! **Jeanine Pietro Shanley** has a master's degree in theology and has performed many duties in parishes over the years. Her true goal and vocation is to enter a seminary and be ordained a priest. Unfortunately, the current hierarchy of our church will not allow that. We all know that this situation must and will change. Hopefully it will be sooner rather than later.

Spring Pancake Breakfast Coming March 1, 2026

It's been a tough winter, but St. Lucy's Justice & Peace Committee and our parish volunteers have just the thing to help you make it to spring — HOT CAKES, APPLECRISP, SAUSAGES, COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP!

Join us on Sunday, March 1, 2026 in St. Lucy's Gym for the Justice & Peace pancake breakfast to support Amos Health and Hope's community-health work in Villanueva, Nicaragua. We'll be serving from 11:00 AM until 12:30 pm. This fundraiser is a free-will offering. Let's help each other make it through the winter and our Nicaraguan friends stay healthy!



Last Sunday we had a visit from Cooper. He is the new puppy of Kelly, Judy Kremin's daughter. He was a little loud at times but he is still very young after all.