



St. Lucy's Church

In the Heart of the Near West Side

October & 10th and 11th, 2026
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's gospel, the wedding invitation is extended to anyone and everyone, total strangers, both the good and the bad. It also illustrates the seriousness of responding to God's call and the broad reach of His grace.

The parable of the wedding banquet also assures us that God values every individual, no matter their past or position. His Kingdom is a place where all are invited to join the celebration. This should fill us with hope and inspire us to share His invitation with others. God's banquet is ready, and His doors are open, let's not keep the good news to ourselves.

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Permanent Chaplain: Raymond Misita

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5:00

**Sunday - 10:00 - in person and on Zoom,
ASL interpreted, Gluten-free hosts available**



**This
Sunday!**
**See page 6
for an
important
announcement**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Food Pantry - open to residents in the neighborhood and staffed by volunteers

St. Lucy's Gym

Sundays 11 -12

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays - 11 - 1

Bread of Life - weekly luncheon for neighbors and parishioners

St. Lucy's Gym

Wednesdays - starts at 11am

Agape Shop - gently used items, open to all
422 Gifford in the basement of the school
(ring the bell)

Donations accepted during open hours and on Sundays in the back of church

Wednesdays - 9:30 to 12:30

Catholic Worker on Wheels - breakfast boxes delivered to neighbors

<https://cwonwheels.com/>

Saturdays 8 - 9:30

Parish Office - in the rectory

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 - 3:30

Fridays: 9:30 - 3:00

Contact the Parish Office regarding the sacraments of Christian Initiation, Reconciliation, Anointing the Sick, and Matrimony

St. Lucy's Advocate/Points of Contact for Survivors of Clerical Sexual Abuse

Jim Boone: 315-427-2740, Sue Boone: 315-427-8923

Bulletin items - send information

to mail@syracuseprintingcenter.com by Thursday at noon

At this weekend's Masses, kindly bring boxes of cereal and/or personal care products for the Food Pantry! personal care products include items such as toothpaste, shampoo, dish soap, laundry soap, etc.

PUSH BACK! on the federal cut-backs.

Thanks to all who bring items for our neighborhood ministry. It really helps!



We Are the
BODY of
Christ

"...to equip the saints for
works of ministry,
for building up the
body of Christ" (Eph 4:12)

2026
Annual
HOPE
Appeal



Mass intentions

10/11 - Brian Timmins requested by Cheryl and Tom Goodfellow

10/18 - Rev. James Fritzen requested by Charlene and Pat

10/25 - Brian Timmins requested by Mary Ann Timmins

If no specific intention is mentioned, the Mass is offered for our parishioners

Lectors

Oct. 10 Beth Bentz

Oct. 11 Dan Bassano and Corinne Driscoll

Homilist

Mary Kay Burkett

Save the Dates!

October 18th— Pancake Breakfast

October 15, 2026; 7-8:30PM
Bishop Mark O'Connell, HHS event

October 20th, Deadline to order wreaths

October 24, 2026
Syracuse Catholic Women's Conference
Cathedral of Immaculate Conception and OnCenter.

Sunday, October 25th, Brady Breakfast at the OnCenter



**ST. LUCY'S FALL PANCAKE
BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER
IS SUNDAY, October 18th-
11 AM TO 12:30 PM**

HOT CAKES, SIZZLING SAUSAGE, HOT COFFEE, APPLE CRISP and CONVERSATION - will be ready for you in St. Lucy's Gym. Free-will offering will go to support AMOS Health & Hope's work with the volunteer community-health workers in our sister community, Villanueva, Nicaragua. Event organized by St. Lucy's Justice & Peace Committee.

**The 2026 Christmas-Wreath Order Window is
OPEN For Business Now**

Matteson's Market in the Adirondacks is gearing up to make their beautiful holiday wreaths. Prices will be the same as last year, but Matteson's would like our order before the end of October this year! All wreath-sale profit goes toward St. Lucy's support for AMOS Health & Hope's work in Villanueva, Nicaragua. Please order by October 20th. Wreath sale organized by the Villanueva Steering Committee of St. Lucy's and All Saints.



To Order at Church: Use the wreath-order sheet on the table behind the pew in the back of the church. Prices are: Small - \$25, Medium - \$30, and Large - \$35. Make checks out to St. Lucy's Church -Write "wreaths" in memo line.

To Order By Email: email Jane Hugo at janehugo102@gmail.com. Please put "Wreath Order" in the subject line and include your phone number in your order message.

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.



"Televised Mass is an important part of my day. I can't go to church because of my condition and this makes me feel connected to God and to my community."

Your gift to the HOPE Appeal supports Catholic TV and 26 diocesan programs and ministries.



Our goal for this year's Hpoee Appeal is \$23,200. Please give generously.



One of the many great things about St. Lucy's is that people know it as a place where all are truly welcome and anyone can visit and immediately become a part of our celebration. Last weekend we were honored that Rita Paniagua, President of the Syracuse Common Council joined us at Mass.

We were also blessed a visit from Rick Hatem and his wife, Ulyana Roy, who is from the Ukraine. Rick correctly pointed out that we were displaying the Ukrainian flag improperly, with the logo turned horizontally instead of vertically. Thanks to Dr. Dave for fixing it immediately.



Blessings on all the people of St Lucy's and many thanks for all your prayers and support for the people of Ukraine,

Rick & Ulyana

Update on the work of the Committee on Protection of Children and Young People for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Syracuse, NY, October 15, 2026; 7-8:30PM, Syracuse, NY

The Hope, Healing and Solidarity coalition, <https://hopehealingandsolidarity.org/>, with promotional collaboration from the Syracuse Diocese, is pleased to welcome **Bishop Mark O'Connell**, chair-elect of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Protection of Children and Young People (CPCYP) and Bishop of Albany NY, for a public presentation on the recent work of the CPCYP, from 7 to 8:30PM at the Spiritual Renewal Center, (1342 Lancaster Ave, Syracuse, NY 13210.) The presentation will be followed by a question/answer period and discussion. There will be a brief reception afterwards, with light refreshments. Bishop John Bonnici, Bishop of Rochester and a member of the CPCYP, plans to attend, along with key staff from the Rochester Diocese.



At their June 2026 meeting, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB,) voted to approve the first substantive revisions to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (the "Dallas Charter") since 2018. "I look forward to a meaningful discussion to educate attendees and provide an update about the recent work of the Committee on Protection of Children and Young People (CPCYP,)" stated Bishop O'Connell. "Why is this important?" asks Mike Koplinka-Loehr, survivor and co-facilitator of The Hope, Healing and Solidarity coalition, <https://hopehealingandsolidarity.org/>. "This presentation and discussion provides a rare opportunity for upstate NY residents to hear first-hand about the work of the Committee on Protection of Children and Young People."

Syracuse **Bishop Douglas Lucia** welcomed the Albany Bishop with a statement: "I am most grateful that Bishop Mark has accepted the invitation of the Hope, Healing, and Solidarity Coalition to speak in Syracuse on his role and the role of USCCB Committee on Protection of Children and Young People (CPCYP). I look forward to his presentation and presence among us."

The Syracuse diocese completed the nearly 6-year bankruptcy process in late February 2026. Bishop Douglas J. Lucia wrote a Feb. 25 letter to diocesan faithful describing the "journey of reparation" begun in June 2020, to address "the pain and mistreatment experienced by survivors/victims of sexual abuse at the hands of those entrusted with their care." In the letter he apologized to survivors and the entire "diocesan family" and expressed his "genuine sorrowfulness and a firm resolve to ensure that future generations do not experience this scourge." "While the financial settlement was necessary, it is not sufficient to address the moral injury suffered by the survivors and all Catholics throughout this crisis. It is just the beginning of a long-term commitment by all of the faithful for healing and safeguarding. There is a road of recovery ahead for every one of us – together," stated Meg Krantz, Hope, Healing and Solidarity member.

While advance registration is not required to attend the presentation, it is recommended to plan for space requirements. Visit events at: <https://www.spiritualrenewalcenter.com/>.

For further information, contact:

Co-facilitators of the Hope, Healing and Solidarity coalition, <https://hopehealingandsolidarity.org/>,

- Dale Avers, 315-415-8436 (cell), daleavers@gmail.com

- Mike Koplinka-Loehr, Cell #: 607-592-8437, mak11@cornell.edu

Community News and Events

Sat., Oct. 17 Noon-4:30pm: St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity (406 Court Street) International Food Festival #16! In the Parish Center. Delicious foods, raffles prizes, baked goods and good family fun. All samples are \$2. Kitchen will serve hot dogs \$3, hamburger's \$4, served with chips. Fried dough: 1/\$2; 6/\$9. Raffles: 1/\$1; 6/\$5; 15/\$10. .

St. Matthew's Episcopal church in Liverpool offers 2 healing Masses on Wednesdays, at noon and 6 pm. 900 Vine St., Liverpool.

ST. MARY'S OF LAKE PRESENTS



Join us for an unforgettable

OKTOBERFEST

CELEBRATION

OCT 17 FOLLOWING THE 4:30 P.M. MASS

Traditional German food and beverages. Fun for all ages!

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Scan the QR Code to RSVP or Call the Office

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Oct. 7, 2026	Brighter Days
Oct. 21, 2026	Deep Hurt
Nov. 4, 2026	Road to Recovery
Nov. 18, 2026	Anger
Dec. 2, 2026	Grief and Depression
Dec. 16, 2026	Loneliness

If you are interested in joining the meetings, learning more, or talking one-on-one, contact the Family/Respect Life Office at pjowett@syrdio.org or (315) 472-6754 opt-9

 **Office of Family/Respect Life Ministry**
Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse
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 **The HOPE Appeal**

SAVE THE DATE:

Syracuse Catholic Women's Conference
Cathedral of Immaculate Conception and OnCenter.

October 24, 2026

7:30–10 am Benediction and Marian Mass followed by Rosary Procession
10:30-4 pm. Speakers, Venders, lunch, Confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration Chapel, Statue Raffle

REGISTER: www.SyracuseCatholicWomen.org
check payable for \$65 to: Diocese of Syracuse noting Women's Conference by **10/16/26**

COFFEE HOUR PASSING ON

The physical management of coffee hour on Sundays has to pass to new hands. I cannot stand, carry or walk well enough to do the chores associated with coffee hour for a very extended period of time. My knee has to be replaced and the prosthetic I have in that knee is infected. I have to stay off it. That's all I can say.

Moving forward I still have the phone list of Helpers and Bakers who make coffee hour such a joy. I can keep managing the weeks or I can pass the list on.

Texting the Helpers and Bakers just means I can fill a schedule for weekly operations.

That is job #1. Contacting the volunteers.

In order to get the big percolator working I have to get to church by 9:15 am on Sundays which allows enough time for the coffee and also provides opportunity for the bakers to drop off their tasty contributions. With the help of others, the tables are wiped down. Drink tables set up with sweeteners, cups and paper ware. Generally we have all the baked goods plated and stored on trays to easy set up before Mass. At noon we begin to clear things away. We try to be out of there by 1 pm.

That is job #2. Arriving early, staying late.

Looking over the inventory so we have the plates, cups, napkins, teas and coffee, and baggies for leftovers and cleaning products. Shopping for anything that is required and bringing it in to church hall. I buy things on my own credit card and turn in the receipts to church office for reimbursement. Other people donate items they pay for themselves as a contribution.

That is job #3. Shopping and turning in receipts.

It is important to look happy. I revived coffee hour almost two years ago when people were wringing their hands about the re-election of Demented Don. There is work to be done. In our communities and beyond in Syracuse, the county and the state. Reform is needed everywhere. We cannot afford to back off, wear down, isolate ourselves with only hours of TV-news watching. Coffee hour is more than friending, it is the way we organize ourselves to face the week.

That is job #4. Don't give up.

I will still come because I love it. I can text and manage the schedule from my chair. Or I can give the whole list over to someone else. I just cannot do the physical labor. Not for now.

If coffee hour has to stop for a long while, that can happen. It can be revived again. I would be sorry to miss it but not the end of all life as we celebrate it at St. Lucy's.

I am glad to talk to anybody about your thoughts or ideas on this.

Dorothy
315-727-8034

2026-27 Faith Formation Schedule for St. Lucy's

Date	Room 1	Room 2
Oct. 11	No Class, Indigenous Peoples' Day	
Oct. 18	Julia	Nancy
Oct. 25	Lorrie	Jim
Nov. 1	Julia	Nancy

Blessing of the Animals on St. Francis Day.

Last weekend St. Lucy's held blessings in recognition of St. Francis' love for all of God's creation. Fr. Jim read a beautiful prayer for the event.



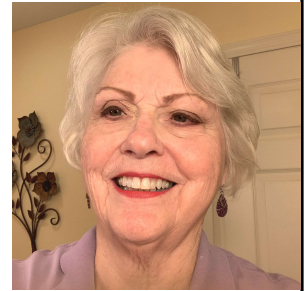
Later that day, Gemma and I went to the Fransiscan Church of the Assumption for their blessing. Fr. Nader even blessed some cats.



Parishioner Spotlight

Marty Ours

Marty was looking for a new parish because she found the churches in her community too conservative. She began her search by browsing the internet and talking with neighbors and friends. Fortunately, she spoke with a neighbor who volunteered at St. Lucy's, working in the kitchen and giving parishioners free haircuts. That conversation inspired Marty to choose St. Lucy's as her home parish. She remains at St. Lucy's because she believes its mission aligns with the Bible.



Marty has a daughter, Marybeth, and a son, Dan, who lives in Texas.

She recently joined the liturgy committee and volunteers at the food pantry. Marty is an active member of AARP and of the Salina Democratic Committee. She enjoys golfing, painting, walking, reading, and watching sports. Marty is actively involved in many activities at her senior residence community, especially the games.

A few interesting facts about Marty include her world travels, her provision of in-home elder care for family members, and her work with Village representatives to convert a village property into an independent residence for seniors who valued their independence.

When asked what she envisioned for the future of St. Lucy's, Marty replied that its mission continues.

Marty has spent much of her life serving people in the Village of Liverpool. She has shifted much of her volunteer work to the Saint Lucy's community. We are fortunate to have Marty as a member of our parish, and I am lucky to have her as a friend.



Beverly Hays

Beverly came to St. Lucy's through a friend's help. Unhappy with her current parish, she received a business card for St. Lucy's from a friend who knew of her situation. She decided to investigate the parish and has been at St. Lucy's ever since. Beverly stays at St. Lucy's because of the people. She has two sons and five grandchildren.

Beverly states that she is a happy person. She is an active member of the liturgy committee and, when she feels up to it, helps at the food pantry. Beverly states that she loves the food pantry volunteers and the people who use the service. She enjoys watching sports, especially lacrosse. Her wish for the future of St. Lucy's is that it will continue its mission of serving God's people.

This past year, I have been fortunate to get to know Beverly. She is a gift to the Saint Lucy's community and a wonderful friend.

Beth Bentz



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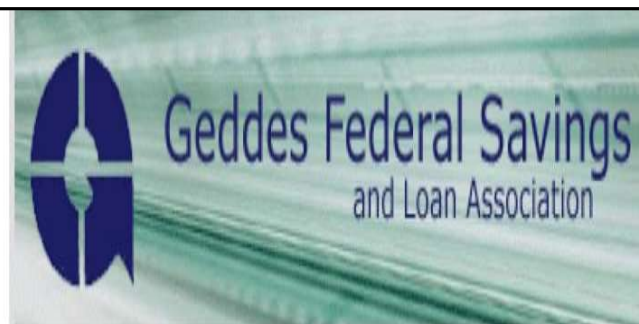


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