Annual HOPE Appeal

St. Lucy's Church

In the Heart of the Near West Side

November 21st &22nd, 2026
Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sixth century Byzantine mosaic depicting Christ separating the sheep from the goats, in the church of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo in Ravena Italy. The blue angel is possibly the earliest artistic depiction of Satan.

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Parish Business Administrator
email: info@saintlucys.org
Margot Grobsmith, Pastoral Associate
Food Pantry: Murray Gould, (315) 418-5241
Permanent Chaplain: Raymond Misita

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:00
Sunday - 10:00 - in person and on Zoom,
ASL interpreted, Gluten-free hosts available

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

Pickleball Mondays at 4:00

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 - 1:00
Fridays: 12:00 - 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!

Mass intentions

November 22, Rose Anne and Vincent LaValle requested by Teresa LaValle

November 22, Martha Druke by Susan Sprague

December 6 William Dempsey Sr. Family, living and deceased by his granddaughter

December 20 Beth Putnam by Richard Putnam
If no specific intention is mentioned, the Mass is *offered for our. parishioners*

Lectors

November 21 Beth Bentz

Nov. 22 Tracy DeGenova and Debbie Gibson

Homilist

November 21 & 22- Sean Kirst

FROM THE AGAPE SHOP

Unfortunately, the high volume of donations, our limited ability to retrieve donations left in the rear of the church on Sunday, as well as the difficulties posed by folks going through these bags during Mass and whenever the church is open, necessitates our no longer being able to have these donations left in church.

THANKYOU for your generosity, cooperation and support in our efforts to service our community.

DONATIONS are accepted on WEDNESDAY ONLY WHEN THE SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOLS are open from 9:30 to 12:30 in the Agape Shop in the basement of the school building. Please RING THE BELL.

THANK YOU, MERCI, GRACIAS

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.

Important Diocesan Message from Danielle Cummings, Chancellor/Director of Communications for the Diocese of Syracuse.

(Note: This message - sent to Fr. Fred Daley and Fr. Jim Mathews Friday afternoon, Nov. 13, 2026 - arrived too late to get into our bulletin on Nov. 14th -15th. Fr. Jim gave the headline at the weekend masses. Here's the full statement. -Lucy's Transition Leadership Group)

After prayerful reflection, Bishop Lucia has altered his original appointment and named Father Daley and Father Manno to serve in solidum (Canons 542–543) as pastors of All Saints Church, effective January 2, 2027. Father Manno will concurrently serve as pastor of St. Lucy's Church. This arrangement ensures a steady transition for both parishes prior to Father Daley's retirement on June 30, 2027.

Father Manno, whose 12-year term at Holy Family Church and St. Marianne Cope Parish is concluding, requested to serve these two communities out of a strong desire to return to inner-city ministry. He is currently the only other active diocesan priest with experience as an inner-city pastor in Syracuse, having previously served at the former St. James Church (now Our Lady of Hope) on South Salina Street and ministered extensively to the homeless and marginalized throughout the Southside. He looks forward to serving both parishes and beginning the work of the Costello Project, a proposed initiative to strengthen the Catholic Church's commitment to a preferential option for the poor while sustaining a vibrant ministry of presence in marginalized communities.

New Date for 2026 Nicaragua Trip Presentation



Come to Coffee Hour on Sunday, Dec. 6th and hear about the experiences 8 parishioners from St. Lucy's and All Saints who made a mission trip to Nicaragua last September.

You'll hear an update on our Sister Community's network of community-health promoters and the community health issues they're addressing. You'll also learn more about AMOS Health & Hope, the organization that transforms our parish support into life-saving, collaborative, community-based healthcare made possible by community volunteers.

Upcoming Services

Thanksgiving Mass, Thursday, November 26, 2026, at 10:00 am.
If you are attending this Mass, please bring a can of food. This will be in lieu of a collection. A basket will be set up in the back of the Church with a sign that says "Thanksgiving donations."

Penance Service, Monday, December 7, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

There will be no evening Mass on Saturday, December 12, 2026.

Please save the date for a celebration of Fr. Jim's service at St. Lucy's which will be held on **Dec. 13** with Mass followed by a reception in the gym. Dec. 13 is the Feast of St. Lucy's, which makes it a fitting time for this event. Holding the event on Dec. 13 gives us time to extend our honor and praise to Jim before the final Advent services and Christmas. Please sign up in the back of the church so we can plan for food and coffee.

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

Date	Room 1	Room 2
Nov. 22	Lorrie	Jim
Nov. 29	Julia	Nancy

For those of you thinking about developing your skills as catechetical leaders, please contact dcummings@syrdio.org to join the upcoming Diocesan cohort.

Peg does it again! And so do you!

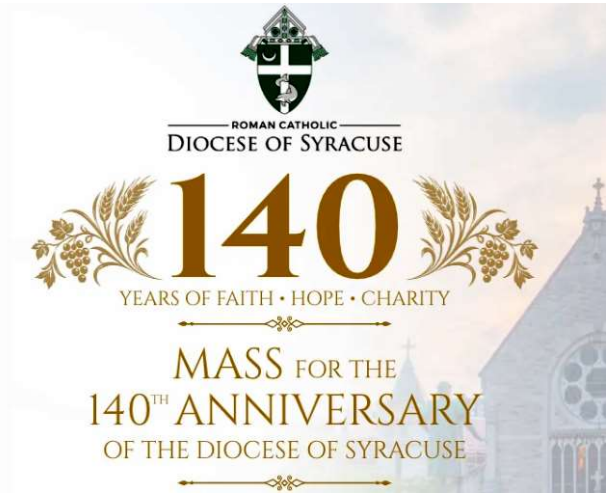




We are thrilled to report that **$2200** was raised through Peg Barnett's always incredibly diverse and generous sale of her handcrafted items! This goes a long way toward helping our commitment to our health support program in Villanueva, Nicaragua. We are grateful to this crew of people who set up and to those who likewise helped take it down.

And we are most grateful to all of you who support this mission through buying these items and often times making extra donations. Your generosity really makes a difference and it is a sign of our ongoing outreach from St. Lucy's to the rest of the world! Thank you so very much!

Community News and Events



On November 26, 2026, the Diocese of Syracuse will mark 140 years since its founding in 1886. As we celebrate this milestone, we give thanks for the generations of faithful who have helped build and sustain our local Church through their faith, service, and dedication to Christ's mission.

Throughout our history, the Holy Eucharist has remained at the heart of our journey, uniting us as the Body of Christ in Central New York. It is fitting, then, that we gather around the Table of the Lord as one diocesan family to celebrate this special anniversary.

Bishop Douglas J. Lucia invites all the faithful to join him for a special Mass of Thanksgiving in celebration of the 140th Anniversary of the Diocese of Syracuse.

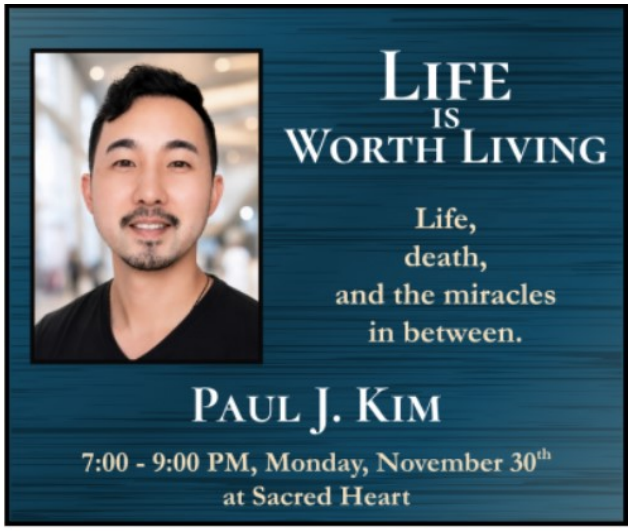
140th Anniversary
Mass of Thanksgiving
Sunday, November 22, 2026 | 2:00 PM
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Syracuse, New York

The Mass is open to all, and no registration is required. Those unable to attend in person are invited to join us through the livestream on the Diocese of Syracuse YouTube channel.



FIRST SATURDAY CHURCH TOURS: Our Pope Leo proclaimed Jan. 10, 2026, through Jan. 10, 2027 as a special Jubilee "Year of Saint Francis," commemorating the 800th anniversary of the Saint's passing in 1226. In honor of this special jubilee, all are invited to discover our local Assumption Church, home to Franciscan friars since 1859, one of Syracuse's most beautiful and historic churches. Tours begin at 9am in the Grotto. The guide for the tour is **Fr. Nader Ata, OFM Conv.,** pastor of Assumption Church. He is extremely knowledgeable and will answer any questions. All are welcome.

Next tour date: Saturday, December 5th



Monday, November 30, 2026

7:00PM – 9:00PM

EVENT LOCATION

Free Admission

Sacred Heart Church
8229 Brewerton Road
Cicero, NY 13039

St. Lucy's XMas Gift Give-away

Friday, December 4th 8:00-12:00
Set-up for the event in the gym

Saturday, December 5th 8:00-9:00
Final set-up and preparation

Saturday, December 5th 9:00-12:00
Xmas Gift Give-away

If anyone has any questions, please contact Nick Salibrici at 315-748-1428.

Christmas Wreath Delivery Update

Matteson's Market in the Adirondacks tells us that our wreaths will be here in time for distribution beginning the weekend of Dec. 5-6th or possibly just after Thanksgiving. Stay tuned. Watch for messages about pick-up dates in St. Lucy's e-newsletters and in the bulletin on Nov. 28-29th and/or Dec. 5-6th.

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 to make a secure donation to the General Fund Offertory using the parish Vanco Account.

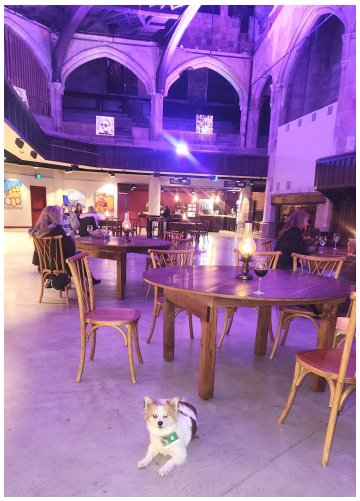


2026 CNN Hero of the Year: CNN Heroes has recently announced the five finalists for 2026 CNN Hero of the Year. One of these finalists is our friend **Andrew Lunetta**, founder and Executive Director of A Tiny Home for Good. As many know, A Tiny Home for Good has a mission of ending homelessness in Syracuse by building quality homes on vacant lots or renovating derelict properties. Each unit is rented to an individual or family who has faced homelessness. Andrew's creation of this Syracuse-based nonprofit has built 23 tiny homes and refurbished almost two dozen other properties for people experiencing homelessness. Let us unite and vote for Andrew for 2026 CNN Hero of the Year – which can bring up to $100,000 to this important ministry! Vote here: 2026 CNN Hero of the Year voting | CNN. You can also access this link on our website at www.allsaintssyracuse.org NOTE: You get 10 votes every day. Voting ends on Nov. 29th with the winner announced on Dec. 5th at 8pm!

Syracuse, along with many other cities across our very wealthy country, has a serious homeless problem. As many of you know, gema and I have spent the last few months visiting with people living on the street. I offer what support I can but the most important part of this is simply acknowledging them as fellow children of God. Gemma's unconditional love can bring a little joy into their lives. As we walk through the city at various times of the day and night, I am struck by the contrast between the poverty and suffering on the streets and the evident prosperity of others around them.

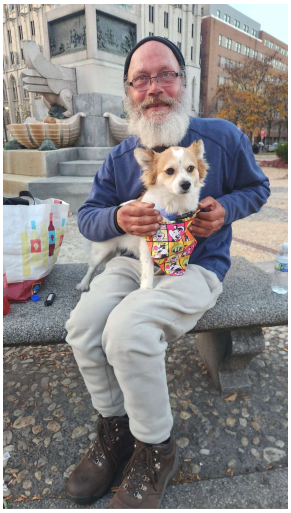


One of the many encampments around the city where people "live." I spoke with the man who resides there. He said he was doing OK but felt very sad about his situation.



Just a few hundred feet away is the luxurious Mitzpah.

We need to do better. As Catholic Christians, we are called to minister to the poor among us. At St. Lucy's we are doing things to make a difference. Recently my friend Scott started an initiative to provide sleeping bags to those without shelter to help them survive the cold months. The response to this request has been overwhelming. **Tim Maguire** collected many new and lightly used bags and delivered them to Plymouth Church for distribution to those in need. **Judy Frank** had collected a lot of blankets and winter jackets and asked me to put them to good use. I went to the Catholic Charities hospitality center across from the cathedral. As I was unloading my car, people came over and I was able to give them items directly before bring the rest into the center. This is an example of St. Lucy's parishioners putting their faith into action and making an immediate difference in the lives of these "hidden Christs" among us.



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We sponsor the annual Lessons and Carols celebration at Erwin First United Methodist Church, 920 Euclid Ave., Syracuse. All are welcome. Please join us on Sunday, December 13, 2026 at 3:00 pm