

St. Lucy's Church

In the Heart of the Near West Side

**August 8th & 9th, 2026
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Preparation for Fr. Jim's Retirement

A group met on July 16th and 30th to discuss how to prepare the parish for Fr. Jim's retirement. The group consisted of the four parish trustees, the two co-presidents of the Parish Council, the head of the finance committee, the Parish Associate and Fr. Jim.

In mid to late August, the group will give the parish an update on our discussions and plans to date.

Call Kip Hargrave, Parish Trustee, at 315-382-6443 with questions or comments.

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

Today's gospel is a powerful reminder of the importance of faith and trust in times of doubt and difficulty. When Peter sees Jesus walking on the water, he wants to join him and walks towards him on the water. He then starts to doubt and fear sets in, and begins to sink. Jesus immediately reaches out his hand and saves him as he cries out to Jesus for help in that moment. Like Peter, we may face moments of doubt, fear, and uncertainty in our lives. But it is during those times that we must remember to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and trust in his power to save us. This story teaches us the importance of trusting in Jesus in all circumstances, even when things seem impossible or when we feel like we are sinking. It serves as a reminder that with faith and trust in Jesus, we can overcome any challenge that comes our way.

Surrounding ourselves with a community like St. Lucy's can also help us keep our faith strong during life's storms. We can find comfort and strength in knowing that we are not alone in our struggles by sharing our burdens with others and receiving their support and encouragement. Together, we can lean on each other and lift each other up in faith.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5:00

Sunday - 10:00 - in person and on Zoom,

ASL interpreted, Gluten-free hosts available

Full weekly schedule on page 2.

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 - open to all ages and abilities

St. Lucy's Gym

Mondays - 4:00 - 6:00

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 - 3:30

Fridays: 9:30 - 3:00

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

Bulletin items - send information

to mail@syracuseprintingcenter.com by Thursday at noon

Be part of the St. Lucy's Gift Economy!

At this weekend's Masses, 08/08-09 jars of
peanut butter for the Food Pantry and for

**Masses 08/15-16, cans of tuna and for 08/22
-23, cans of beans.**

PUSH BACK! on the federal cut-backs.
Thanks to all who bring items for our
neighborhood ministry. It really helps!

Mass intentions and Offertory

Are not available this week.

They will be in the next bulletin.

Lectors

August 8 Beth Bentz

August 9 Cathy Lunetta and Margot Grobsmith

Homilists

August 8th– Margot Grobsmith

August 9th

Fr. John Brawthwart, SJ

August 15th & 16th

Jane Hugo

*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.*

We at St. Lucy's promise to be responsible caretakers of the Earth – both with our church grounds and the lands we individually impact. We commit ourselves to a path of truth, respect, and repair. We resolve to confront our ignorance and resistance, striving to become better stewards of God's Creation by learning from the wisdom of our Indigenous neighbors.

We recognize and respect the Two Row Wampum* as a living treaty between sovereign nations. We support the Onondaga Nation in their pursuit of justice, including legal remedies for land claims and the fight against discrimination in employment, housing, education, health care, and the criminal justice system..



We were blessed last week to have been visited by **Sr. Pat McMahon**, a Franciscan from Niagara Falls. Her order, the **Sisters of Penance and Christian Charity**, was founded in the Netherlands in 1835. She spoke on behalf of **Fran-**

ciscan Mission Service, who prepares and supports lay Catholics for two-year international, one-year domestic and 1-2 week short-term mission service opportunities in solidarity with impoverished and marginalized communities across the globe.

Sr. Pat gave two examples of individuals who were called to serve. One woman who was a highly accomplished corporate executive had her life disrupted by Covid and the sudden death of her husband. Feeling a lack of purpose in her life, she felt called to become a missionary for the sisters and served several years. Fr. Jim invited Sr. Pat to give the final blessing.

MISSION STATEMENT

As Franciscan followers of Christ, we build partnerships with Catholic women and men who are inspired to live and serve in solidarity with economically poor communities across the globe – and to bring the transformative experience of mission to North American societies and churches as advocates for peace, justice, reconciliation and care of creation.

If you would like more information about the program, go to:
franciscanmissionservice.org

Many thanks to:



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SERVICE HANDYMAN

For his generous donation of supplies and labor to create two Faith Formation rooms for our fall session.

In life, the only control we have is what we give away.

The Agape Shop

We appreciate all who bring CLEAN AND RE-PAIRED donations to preserve the dignity of our customers.

WE CANNOT ACCEPT OR USE: any electronic, furniture, sports equipment, wheelchairs, walkers or other types of medical equipment, exercise equipment, tools of any kind, liquids of any kind, cribs or mattresses, fabric, novels or religious books, NO BED PILLOWS

WE WILL GRATEFULLY ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING: women's, men's & children's clothing, shoes & boots, curtains (No drapes), linens & towels, household flatware, pots/pans, glasses, dishes, etc., small table lamps, SMALL electrical appliances, games, puzzles, toys WITH ALL THE PIECES as well as batteries, seasonal decorations (Christmas, Thanksgiving etc BUT NO CHRISTMAS TREES), children's books & college text-



This Saturday, August 8th, we joyfully celebrate the 7th Anniversary of Bishop Douglas J. Lucia's Ordination and Installation as the 11th Bishop of Syracuse.

Over the past seven years, Bishop Lucia has walked alongside the people of our diocese with faith, compassion, and a deep love for Christ and His Church. He has encouraged us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, to care for one another, and to go out as missionary disciples, sharing the hope of the Gospel in our families, parishes, schools, and communities.

As we celebrate this special milestone, we invite you to join in a Spiritual Bouquet for Bishop Lucia. Consider offering a Rosary, Mass intention, Holy Hour, or another spiritual sacrifice for him, and let us know by completing the form below. We will gather these offerings and present them to Bishop Lucia as a reminder of the prayers and gratitude of the faithful throughout the Diocese of Syracuse.

May God continue to bless Bishop Lucia with wisdom, strength, good health, and joy as he shepherds the Diocese of Syracuse, and may the Holy Spirit continue to guide him in all that lies ahead.

Community News and Events



American Martyr: The Stanley Rother Story gives eloquent testimony to the courage, faith and dedication of an otherwise very ordinary man who loved passionately the people entrusted to his care and placed their welfare ahead of his own. An excellent documentary and an inspiring witness to the power of faith and love when put to the test in a time of extreme danger.

Showing August 25 & 26th at the Regal Destiny Cinema at 7:00 and the Marcus Syracuse Cinema at 7:15



Join St. Matthew's as we gather in faith and community to celebrate the **Feast of Mary, the Virgin Mother of Jesus**. Come together for a meaningful Mass honoring Mary, followed by a potluck cook-

out where everyone is welcome! Bring a dish to share (optional) and enjoy fellowship with neighbors and friends.

All are welcome. No exceptions.

Saturday, August 15, 5:00 PM 7:30 PM

Empty Bowls



**EXCITING
New Venue for 2026
Everson Museum of Art**
401 Harrison Ave. Syracuse, NY

**Friday, September 25
11 am - 2 pm**

Choose from **100's** of handmade bowls
• Soups provided by local restaurants
• Bread provided by Pastabilities

Proceeds benefit the Interreligious Food Consortium (IFC) helping feed those in need in our community.



ifccny.org



"Until there are no more empty bowls"

Syracuse Shakespeare In the Park is presenting a **FREE** production of **THE TAMING OF THE SHREW** in Thornden Park on Sunday August 9 at 2:00 PM. Also Friday August 14 at 5:30 PM, Saturday August 15 at 5:30 PM and Sunday August 16 at 2 P M.

BRAINPLAY Senior Technology & Connection Series

3 Free Sessions • Lunch Included • No Experience Needed

This September, we are happy to be introducing the first ever Senior Technol-

ogy & Connection Series! Brought to you by AmeriCU Credit Union. The Onondaga County Department of Adult and Long Term Care Services has collaborated with ELITE Gaming to bring 3 sessions of fun activities tailored to Seniors. Food is provided, no experience is needed, and it's free to join!

September 3rd: The first session consists of a more introductory breakdown of daily tech navigation. Teach participants the basics, as well as internet safety, and getting comfortable with devices.

September 10th: The second session consists of podcasting and storytelling, as well as other games and activities! Participants can share childhood memories, life lessons, or anything they'd like to talk about. They will receive a recording afterward to share with family and friends.

September 17th: The third session contains drone activities and interactive STEM experiences to give people something new to see! You can sign up for one, two, or all three sessions! Spots are limited.

This event is held in the basement of the Atrium building downtown, so parking is limited.

Call (315) 435-2362 Ext. 4942 to sign up.

Hope to see you there!

InterFaith Works of CNY, The Lender Center for Social Justice, and Hendricks Chapel at Syracuse University are reaching out to local faith communities to invite you to our **first annual Faith Expo**. We are gathering local leaders to explore how we can better support our neighborhoods together. **Wednesday, August 12, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Hendricks Chapel, Syracuse University **Free** (Includes a complimentary light breakfast and lunch)

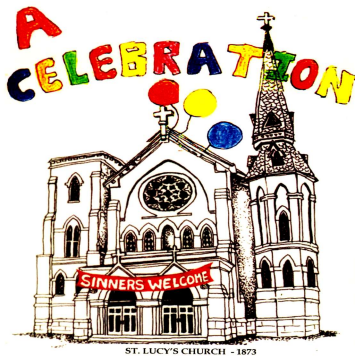
Identify unique strengths and challenges when addressing critical human needs like housing, food, health, and employment. Inspire collective action for social good and highlight the vital role faith plays in uplifting our region.



Fr. Jim wore his **new stole** last weekend. It is the perfect color for ordinary time. The stole was a gift from eli, imported from Ireland.



St. Lucy's parishioners carried a banner in the procession marking the anniversary of the dropping of two atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.



*Sip, Support & Celebrate
St. Lucy's*

SAVE THE DATE:
The St. Lucy's fundraiser will be on
Thurs Sept 24,
from 5:00-7:30
pm.
The cost will be
\$50 per person and
\$75 per couple.

We are looking for people willing to help with some tasks for the event.

People can contact me
at: cdriscoll61@icloud.com
if they are interested.
Corinne Driscoll

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.

Our **Christmas Giving Program** is requesting secure storage space (about the size of a 1 car garage) to store the thousands of Christmas presents. If you have or know of a space,
Contact —Nick 315- 748-1428
Or Marie—315- 657-2415

Last Saturday, August 1st, we took a tour of **Assumption Church** on N. Salina St. It is the oldest parish in Syracuse, founded in 1845. They were originally part of the Diocese of Albany since the Syracuse diocese didn't exist at that time. The current building was constructed in 1865. Just to put things in historical perspective, the U.S president at the time was Abraham Lincoln!

Our guide for the tour was **Father Nader Ata, OFM Conv.**, the pastor of the parish. He was very knowledgeable giving us a lot of information about the history of the parish and the building. For example that the iconic twin towers were added in 1872, 7 years after the main structure. There have been several remodeling and renovations over the years, some in response to Vatican II.

It is inspiring to see this result of the faith that these German immigrants had to build such a beautiful place of worship. The sacrifices they made and talents they shared are something we need to remember as we practice our Catholic faith today.

The ministries at Assumption seem aligned to ours here at St. Lucy's. Care for the poor and feed the hungry. The parish operates the Assumption Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen, the Franciscan Place chapel at Destiny USA, as well as their **Poverello Health Center** to serve those who are unable to afford medical care.

The next scheduled tours are Saturday, September 5th and Saturday October 3rd at 9am.

I highly recommend that you take advantage of this opportunity to learn about faith, history and service.

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The architectural details are amazing!



Electric lighting was first added in 1910.



Francis, patron saint of the order.



St. Francis saw all living creatures as his sisters and brothers.



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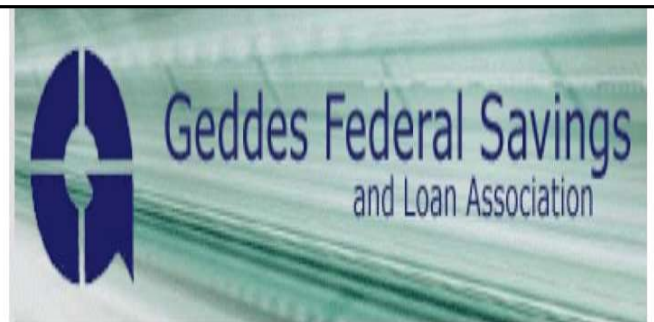


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St. Peter into space for
a much-needed food pantry on the
Syracuse Northside. We responded with
a grant of \$7,000.*