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Luke 23:35-43 is about Jesus being crucified alongside two criminals, one of whom acknowledges Jesus' innocence and asks to be remembered by him when he comes into his kingdom, to which Jesus responds by promising the criminal entry into paradise that very day, highlighting the theme of redemption and the inclusive nature of God's grace. The story of the repentant thief serves as a powerful illustration of the transformative power of Jesus' grace. Regardless of our past mistakes or shortcomings, we are never beyond the reach of His love and forgiveness. Just as the thief found new life and hope in Jesus' promise of paradise, we too can experience a fresh start and the assurance of eternal life through faith in Him. The invitation to turn to Jesus, receive His mercy, and embrace His promise of salvation echoes through the ages, offering hope to all of us who seek Him. As we reflect on this profound interaction at the cross, may we find comfort in the assurance that Jesus is ever-present, ready to extend His hand of mercy and welcome us into His kingdom of grace and love.



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Sunday, December 14th at 2 PM.
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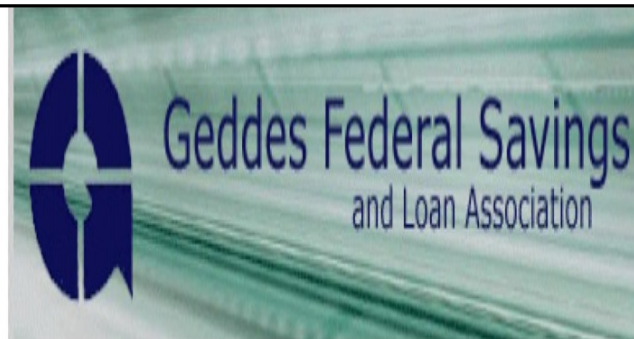


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[Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Chapel](#) located to the right of the main altar www.katerisyracuse.com

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:
The St. Lucy's gift give-away program will be Saturday, December 6th from 9:00-12:00.

Lessons and Carols Service 2025 Please join us on Sunday, December 14 at 2:00pm

Be part of the St. Lucy's Gift Economy!
This Sunday, 11/23, kindly bring a jar of peanut butter for the Food Pantry and on Sunday, 11/30, a can of tuna PUSH BACK! on the federal cut-backs. Thanks to all who bought personal hygiene items and/or Thanksgiving canned goods last Sunday. It really helps!

Mass Intentions

Saturday November 22nd-4:00pm-For Our Parishioners
Sunday November 23rd-10:00am-For Margaret Mathews Nier(16th Anniversary) Sister of Fr. Jim-Miranda Caitlin
Thursday November 27th –10:00am-Happy Thanksgiving
Saturday November 29th-For Our Parishioners
Sunday November 30th-10:00am-For Living & Deceased Parishioners-Jeanne Vuillemot

Lectors

Nov. 22nd-Mary Czelusniak
Nov 23rd-Nicole Maasenzio & Beverly Hays

Homilists in November

Nov 22nd & 23rd-Kip Hargrave
Nov 29th & 30th-Keith Patrick



The Hope Appeal Goal for St. Lucy's is **\$21,887**. Donations received to date are **\$20,650** from **29** donors. Additional donations needed is **\$1,237** You may bring your completed pledge card to Mass, drop it by the parish office or use the return envelope with your letter. You can also make a gift online on the diocesan website at www.syrdio.org/hopeappeal, or scan the QR code



We're almost there!

Prayerfully consider making a gift that is meaningful to you. Please help us meet our goal.

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

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON SUNDAYS ONLY
Please proceed up the left side aisle where there will be a separate minister.

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

Bread of Life - meals served	
11/05	143
11/12	130
11-19	158

The legacy of our own **Jim Carroll**, who died this past June, will live on as the **Carroll College of Arts and Sciences**



Our Vision is to seek and to reveal the humanity of the world, and to instill in our students a sense of wonder, a passion for life-long learning, and a deep commitment to the common good. Our devotion to cura personalis will propel the Carroll College of Arts and Sciences forward as a preeminent and comprehensive liberal arts hub.



Our Church Directory is Online!

We now have 68 of our families actively using our online directory, including 12 using the mobile app. It's a great convenience to have the contact information of your fellow parishioners instantly available on our phones or computers. And the information is always up to date, unlike a printed directory. We need everyone to sign up and review their information.

You can access the directory today by going to: members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and enter your email address as listed in the directory. Click on "Send Secure Sign-In Link." Then check your email and click on the "Log in to Instant Church Directory" button found in your email. A free mobile app is also available in the Apple® App Store and the Google Play™ Store. Just search for "**Instant Church Directory**" to download.

Important: Your email address must be listed in the directory before you can log in.

We would like to encourage everyone to put their picture on their directory listing. I know that I recognize many people at Mass but sometimes have trouble remembering their correct names. If their picture is in the directory, I can go home and look them up so I'm ready next time! 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 and engaged.



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CNY Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition presentation

Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 7pm

Perspectives from the three Abrahamic Traditions shared by CNY faith leaders:
Jim Brule ~ Judaism
David Pasinski ~ Christianity
Magda Bayoumi ~ Islam
Live Music by The Cadleys

May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society
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For more information contact: Meg Ksander (315) 395-9308

Creation Prayer
From "Creation Prayer," Jesuit Resource (Xavier University)

God our Father,
you created the world and sent your own Son to live among us, made of the same stuff, breathing the same air, marveling at sunrise and sunset just as we do.

Help us to participate in the life around and within us as your life, as you living in us and we living in you and in each other.

God of love and life, restore us to your peace, renew us through your power and teach us to love all that you have created and to care for the earth as your gift and our home.

– The Earth Community: In Christ through the Integrity of Creation

After reading last week’s gospel, **Bob Sackel** felt sad. The message that Jesus was giving his disciples was decidedly negative. Instead of promising glorious rewards for following Him, he said they would be betrayed, persecuted and even imprisoned. Not exactly the kind of sales pitch you would expect to hear from someone encouraging you to follow them. Upon further reflection, Bob realized that Jesus was simply telling the truth and giving us this truth is an act of love. As a prophet, Jesus knew what was to come and by sharing that reality with us He is encouraging us to not lose hope.

This reflection led Bob to the unanswerable question that we all have asked: “how can there be a god of love when there is so much pain, suffering, injustice, floods, earthquakes, wars, personal crisis and personal crosses.” We face a dilemma in trying to understand a God who is both all powerful and at the same time very vulnerable. There is no question that Jesus was vulnerable when he suffered and died on the cross. Bob said that one of the ways we imitate Jesus is to recognize and accept our own vulnerability. This allows us to fully accept Christ’s teachings and put our faith into action by helping those even more vulnerable than ourselves. Meet the day with love. We need both contemplation and action.

In conclusion, Bob read a quote from Sr. Helen Pregean:

For now, it’s all about riding the life river, wherever it leads, full throttle, no holds barred. One thing I love about Jesus’ spirit is that he was always talking about really living, being truly alive.
Sister Helen Prejean “River of Fire”

Whatever happens to you, accept it, and in the uncertainties of your humble state, be patient, since gold is tested in the fire, and the chosen in the furnace of humiliation. Trust him and he will uphold you, follow a straight path and hope in him.
Ecclesiasticus 2:3-5

Pope Leo XIV on Nigeria: ‘Christians and Muslims have been slaughtered’

“I think in Nigeria, in certain areas, there is certainly a danger for Christians, but for all people. Christians and Muslims have been slaughtered,” he said, addressing a question from EWTN News about the safety of Nigerian Christians on Nov. 18. “There’s a question of terrorism. There’s a question that has to do a lot with economics, if you will, and control of the lands that they have,” the pope continued. “Unfortunately, many Christians have died, and I think it’s very, it’s important to seek a way for the government, with all peoples, to promote authentic religious freedom.”

A new report has found that ethnic and religious violence in Nigeria has claimed the lives of nearly 56,000 people in the West African country over four years — and the victims were disproportionately Christian. The proportional loss for Christians, however, was much higher in the states where the attacks occurred. In terms of state populations, the report found that Christians were 6.5 times more likely to be killed in the violence. Similarly, when accounting for state populations, Christians were 5.1 times more likely to be victims of abduction.

In the latest incident more than 200 pupils were kidnapped by gunmen from a Catholic school in central Nigeria on Friday, the second mass school kidnapping in a week.



This is just another example of the challenges people around the world face for simply following their faith. While Jesus foretold of these things happening, it is still very difficult to understand why they do. The challenge for us is to alleviate suffering to the best of our abilities, whether it’s on Gifford St or thousands of miles away. Prayer, action and trust in the Holy Spirit is essential.

Collection Last Weekend

General Offertory	\$1,997
Gifts	\$3,750
Zoom	\$50
Repairs	\$205
Rent-N/A	\$15
Flowers	\$20
Vanco	\$1,029



Parishioners who plan on attending Thanksgiving Mass at 10 am on Thursday are asked to share Holiday Blessings with our neighbors at St.

Lucy's by donating a canned or packaged food item. We will have the food items blessed at Mass. There will be a box on the food pantry shelf in the foyer of church marked Thanksgiving Blessings.

SAVE THE DATE



Lessons and Carols Service 2025

Please join us on **Sunday, December 14** at 2:00pm for the annual Lessons and Carols service, held at Erwin First Methodist Church on the corner of Euclid Ave. and Westcott St. You'll hear scriptural readings; seasonal choral and instrumental music; and sing Christmas carols. *All are welcome.*



2025 Christmas-Wreath Delivery & Pick-Up Schedule Set

Thanks to all of you who ordered Christmas wreaths in support of the AMOS Villanueva, Nicaragua health project.

The wreaths are arriving on Monday morning, November 24, 2025. Please come and get your wreaths at the rectory garage on one of the following days:

Monday, November 24th between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm.
Saturday, November 29th between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm
Sunday, November 30th between 11:00 am and 1 pm

How much are the wreaths?
Small - \$25; Medium - \$30; Large - \$35
We'll accept cash or checks for payment. Please make checks out to St. Lucy's Church and write "wreath sale" on the check memo line. Questions? Call or text Jane Hugo at 315-481-8794

“The best way to show my gratitude is to accept everything, even my problems, with joy.”

St. Teresa of Calcutta:

The St. Lucy's gift give-away program will be **Saturday, December 6th from 9:00-12:00.**



If you would like to contribute you can send a check addressed to rectory and in memo put Christmas Give-away. Also just drop check in collection basket during mass. If people want to donate new items that is also welcomed. **Contributions maybe dropped off before or on the day of the event.**

We will be setting up on Friday the 5th from 8:30-12:00. If there are any questions, please reach out to Nick Salibrici at 315-748-1428. Looking forward to another great event. Big shout out to everyone who has already been helping!

“Gracias” from Villanueva Committee!

THANK YOU to all supporters of **Peg Barnett’s** annual craft sale that yielded about **\$2400** for our Villanueva project- now through AMOS! Peg’s great creativity year after year has been responded to so well by your continued generosity. It means so much in making our commitment to our sister community. We can never thank her enough!

Thank you likewise to **Keith Patrick** for his artifacts that yielded some **\$100** in free will offerings.

Finally, thanks to the many who helped with the set up and take down of all of Peg’s crafts in record time!

This support of our friends means so much in keeping us connected to the rest of our struggling world and we are very grateful for everyone’s role in making this happen!

“Gracias a todos!”



Founded in 2007 and inspired by the spirit of the former St. Andrew the Apostle RC Parish, the Alden Street Foundation is a community-based organization dedicated to bringing hope, dignity, and opportunity to those who need it most.

Through partnerships with local agencies across Onondaga County, the Foundation supports programs that feed families, mentor youth, provide health-care, build homes, offer counseling and job training, assist refugees, and foster understanding across cultures—helping meet essential needs every day.

We invite you to learn more about our work, read our 2024 Annual Report, and consider supporting our mission with a financial contribution. Please visit: aldenstreetfoundation.org.

Together, we can help build a more compassionate and resilient Syracuse—where every neighbor has the chance to live with dignity and hope.

Thank you,
The ASF Board of Directors

Christmas is coming and the second edition of **St. Lucy's Bread of Life Cookbook** makes a great Christmas gift! Cost is \$25. Order forms are available in the welcoming area or email Terry Gavagan at: tgavagan@twcny.rr.com.

Parish Council Update

Parish Council met on Nov. 19 in the Kateri Chapel with 11 Parish Council members in attendance along with Fr. Jim, Peggy Harper (St. Lucy’s treasurer), Margot Grobsmith (Pastoral Associate).

A recurring topic has been St. Lucy’s responsibility to comply with Diocesan requirements for creating an environment that prevents sexual abuse, supports victims and survivors, responds promptly to allegations, and ensures accountability. St. Lucy’s continues to work closely with the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment to protect both children and vulnerable adults from harm. The ongoing discussion of this has helped us educate ourselves as a Council and ensure that we comply with the Diocesan Child and Youth Protection Policy.

To maintain a safe environment, we are required to do two things:

- 1. Safe Environment Training: A growing number of parish volunteers must now complete a two-hour training. Eucharistic ministers are required to attend by December 31, 2025, and other liturgical ministers will complete training in 2026. This program teaches how to recognize predatory behaviors, uphold proper boundaries, and foster a culture of awareness, knowledge, and vigilance for all entrusted to our care.
- 2. Report Allegations: If there is an allegation of abuse, the Parish needs to follow the Safe Environment Policies, which include contacting the police. We also consult with the Office if a known offender seeks to join our community, so we understand how to ensure the safety of our congregants.

We recognize that each of us shares responsibility for fostering a welcoming and supportive environment at St. Lucy’s, free from abuse. The Parish Council is grateful for the work of the Office of Safe Environment in helping us fulfill this commitment.

The Parish Council will not meet in December. Our next meeting will be Jan. 21, 2025, at 6 p.m. in the Kateri Chapel. Please use the Church’s rear entrance.

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