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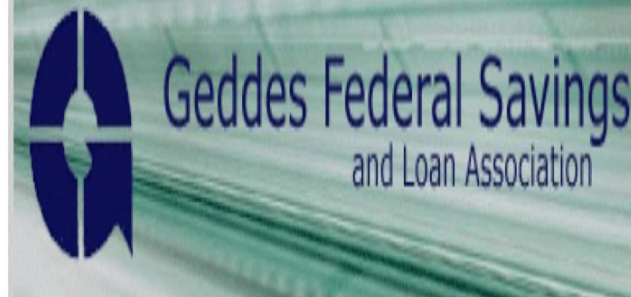


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THURSDAY, APRIL 16 | 5:30 - 8 PM  
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The story of Doubting Thomas reminds us of the struggle many people face in their faith journey. It is natural to have doubts and questions, and this passage demonstrates how Jesus compassionately addresses those concerns. When Jesus appeared to His disciples after His resurrection, He offered them peace and showed them His wounds as evidence of His victory over death. Thomas, however, was not present during this encounter and expressed skepticism when told about Jesus' appearance. He demanded physical proof, stating that he would not believe unless he saw and touched Jesus' wounds.

In response to Thomas' doubts, Jesus graciously appeared to him, offering the physical evidence he sought. Upon seeing and touching Jesus, Thomas' doubts were erased, and he proclaimed his belief in Jesus as Lord and God. This passage emphasizes the importance of faith – believing without seeing. Jesus acknowledges the challenge of believing without tangible evidence, yet He also blesses those who are able to maintain faith without sight.

432 Gifford Street, Syracuse, NY 13204  
(315) 475-7273 www.saintlucys.org  
Pastor: Fr. Jim Mathews jdmgolfer@yahoo.com  
Parish Business Administrator: **eli Foulkes** (New)  
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  
of the main altar www.katerisyracuse.com

#### MASS SCHEDULE:

##### Saturday, 5:00 p.m. (New Time)

Sunday, 10 a.m. in-person and on Zoom.  
ASL interpreted.

Thursday, 9 a.m. in St. Lucy's Kateri Chapel

#### EVERY WEEK: (Please note new hours for the Parish Office)

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, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Parish Office open**

**Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 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, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Food Pantry

Wednesday, 11 a.m. - Bread of Life, St. Lucy's gym

**Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Parish Office open**

Thursday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Food Pantry

**Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Parish Office open )**

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:

**April 16th: Hope & Dignity Fundraiser to benefit  
Housecalls for the Homeless and In My Father's  
Kitchen. Drumlins Country Club**

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#### Mass Intentions

Mass Saturday, April 11th, is to be celebrated for the in-  
tention of Gloria B. Morris (req. by Jimmins family)  
and Joseph Barry (req. by Beth Bentz).

Mass on Sunday, April 12th is for our parishioners

#### Lectors

**4/04 (Sat, 6PM) - Jane Hugo & Beth Bentz**

**4/05 (Sun) - Tracy DiGenova & Ralph Bova**

#### Collection for March 29th & April 1st

**General Fund: \$3071.00**

**Easter: \$1676.00**

**Repairs: \$231.00**

**Coffee Hour: \$39.00**

**Total - \$5017.00 Thank you for your continued support**

#### Bible Study with Jim Bresnahan on Monday, April 13 @ 7 PM on zoom

Peter Sarver is managing the zoom sessions,  
so please email him:

**stlucys.syracuse@gmail.com** if you are inter-  
ested in joining the group.

*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.*

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

At this weekend's Masses, 04/11-12, kindly bring bags  
of rice for the Food Pantry and for Masses 04/18-19,  
personal hygiene items. PUSH BACK! on the federal cut  
-backs.

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

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

#### A beautiful Easter Service!



On behalf of the Parish Council, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to making Holy Week, from Palm Sunday through Easter morning, so prayerful and vibrant. The St. Lucy's community was truly alive and active, thanks to the collective work and talents of many. Special thanks go out to our music ministry, lectors, homilists, eucharistic ministers, the entire liturgy committee and Father Jim.

We also want to recognize **Maureen Lasda** for preparing our newest members, **Eli and Connor**. Finally, a special note of appreciation to **Margot Grobsmith**, whose tireless efforts were instrumental in holding every piece together throughout the week.

## Bulletin Supporter Spotlight

Over the next few weeks I plan on profiling some of the businesses that support St. Lucy's by



**Mario & Salvos Pizzeria**, located at 4326 E. Genesee St. in Syracuse, has been in business for 33 years. They pride themselves on using fresh, high-quality ingredients and traditional pizza-making methods. Several of their recipes are family recipes from Sicily, including their marinara sauce and meatballs.

The business has been consistently recognized as a top pizza shop in the city, most recently when **Syracuse.com** ranked them **#1** in their CNY Pizza Tour in 2024.

Maria Boemi, Mario's daughter and Lauren DiMarco, Gus' daughter.

They love our customers and Mario and Gus have built connections with so many people over the years. They love to see

people come in who used to come when they were young, who now bring their kids!



Owners Gus and Mario



Head pizza maker ("pizzaiolo") Tony Oliveri.



The Aging Services Coalition of Greater Syracuse Presents

# Age Well Day

@St. Lucy's Church

Join us and learn about **money-saving programs and benefits** that can support you as you age.

Connect with community resources:

- Affordable food
- Homeowner support
- Health and Medical support
- Financial help
- Transportation
- And more!

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### Where:

St. Lucy's Church  
432 Gifford St,  
Syracuse, NY 13204

### Questions?

Beth Bentz  
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(315)935-6544

Jessica Luis  
jluis@ifwcny.org  
(315)449-3552 ext.210

### When:

April 16, 2026  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The Aging Services Coalition is a project of



## Hope, Healing & Solidarity April 2026 Programs



Monthly Men's Clergy Sexual Abuse Survivor Support group via zoom, 2nd Tues. of ea. month, 1:00pm.

Contact: 607-592-8437: Mike

Michael Koplinka-Loehr: [mak11@cornell.edu](mailto:mak11@cornell.edu)

Jim Boone: [jboone13066@gmail.com](mailto:jboone13066@gmail.com)

Matt FitzGibbons: [fitzmkdlc@gmail.com](mailto:fitzmkdlc@gmail.com)

**Survivor Healing Service (ecumenical)** April 17, 2026 (Friday) 6:30pm  
Lemoyne College, Panasci Chapel (1419 Salt Springs Road, Syracuse, NY 13214)

- There will be time for prayer and a safe space for healing in the community and beyond. The service will offer survivor perspectives, inspirational readings, music, and a candlelit healing ritual. Bishop Lucia will be in attendance.

**Workshop: Moral Injury** April 18, 2026 (Saturday) 10:00am – 3:00pm  
Lemoyne College, Panasci Chapel (1419 Salt Springs Road, Syracuse, NY 13214)

10:00AM: "Moral injury and moral healing - recovery after betrayal" specifically in regard to sexual abuse within faith communities. Breakout groups will include skills for listening to survivors.

**Presented by:** Lisa Cataldo (Fordham University Associate Professor of Pastoral Counseling at the Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education)

- 12:00pm: light lunch provided
- 1:00PM: North American preview of the play: *The Silencers*, by Patrick Sandford, sequel to award winning play: *Groomed*
- 2PM: talk-back and consolidation of workshop highlights, building momentum toward action.

**"Blue Sunday" Mass for Healing** April 26, 2026 (Sunday) 2:00pm  
Roman Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (259 East Onondaga St., Syracuse, NY 13202)

- The Mass is part of the "journey of reparation," a diocesan pledge to assist with healing, is held during National Child Abuse Prevention Month and serves as a day of prayer for those affected by abuse.

**Officiated by:** Bishop Lucia

**Sponsored by:** Syracuse Roman Catholic Diocese

For more information: visit [www.hopehealingandsolidarity.org](http://www.hopehealingandsolidarity.org)

These events are supported in part by the Alden Street Foundation, Syracuse, NY

(<https://aldenstreetfoundation.org>)



## Parish Council Update

The Parish Council met after mass on Mar. 29 in the Rectory with 14 people in attendance.

The Council received a brief update on a Parish Fundraiser which will be held on Sept. 24 in the gym. A committee has formed and is working on the details.

The Dorothy Day Dinner is being postponed to spring 2027. A committee will be formed to organize that event.

The Council discussed a proposal from the Racial Equity Committee on new text which would replace the acknowledgement of the Onondaga Nation which is printed each week in the bulletin. The committee worked on this last fall and hosted soup supper discussions in October in order to receive input. Questions and comments from the Council will be shared with the Racial Equity Committee as they continue to work on this.

Margot Grobsmith and Kip Hargrave gave an update on the Costello Project, which is a proposed collaborative been St. Lucy's, All Saints Church, the Brady Faith Center, the Spiritual Renewal Center, and the Ignatian Volunteer Corps. Danielle Cummings, who is Chancellor for the Syracuse Diocese, has provided input to the group which will help guide the proposal being developed for Bishop Lucia. The Council acknowledged that more information about this collaborative needs to be made available to everyone at St. Lucy's and in multiple formats. Ideas where suggested, which the Parish Council co-presidents (Cathy Luentta and Jill Hurst-Wahl) will follow-up on.

The next Parish Council meetings will be on Apr. 22, May 20, and June 17 at 6 p.m. in the Kateri Chapel.



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*VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Leo XIV celebrated his first Easter Mass as pontiff with a call Sunday to lay down arms and seek peace to global conflicts through dialogue, but he departed from a tradition of listing the world's woes by name in the Urbi et Orbi blessing from the loggia of St. Peter's Basilica. Leo, the first U.S.-born pope, emphasized Easter's message of hope as a celebration of Jesus' resurrection after being crucified.*

*"Let us allow our hearts to be transformed by his immense love for us! Let those who have weapons lay them down! Let those who have the power to unleash wars choose peace! Not a peace imposed by force, but through dialogue! Not with the desire to dominate others, but to encounter them!" the pope implored.*

*With the U.S.-Israeli war on Iran in its second month and Russia's ongoing campaign in Ukraine, Leo acknowledged a sense of indifference "to the deaths of thousands of people ... to the repercussions of hatred and division that conflicts sow ... to the economic and social consequences they produce." Without mentioning the wars by name, Leo quoted his predecessor, Pope Francis, who during his last public appearance from the same loggia last Easter reminded the faithful of the "great thirst for death, for killing, we witness each day."*