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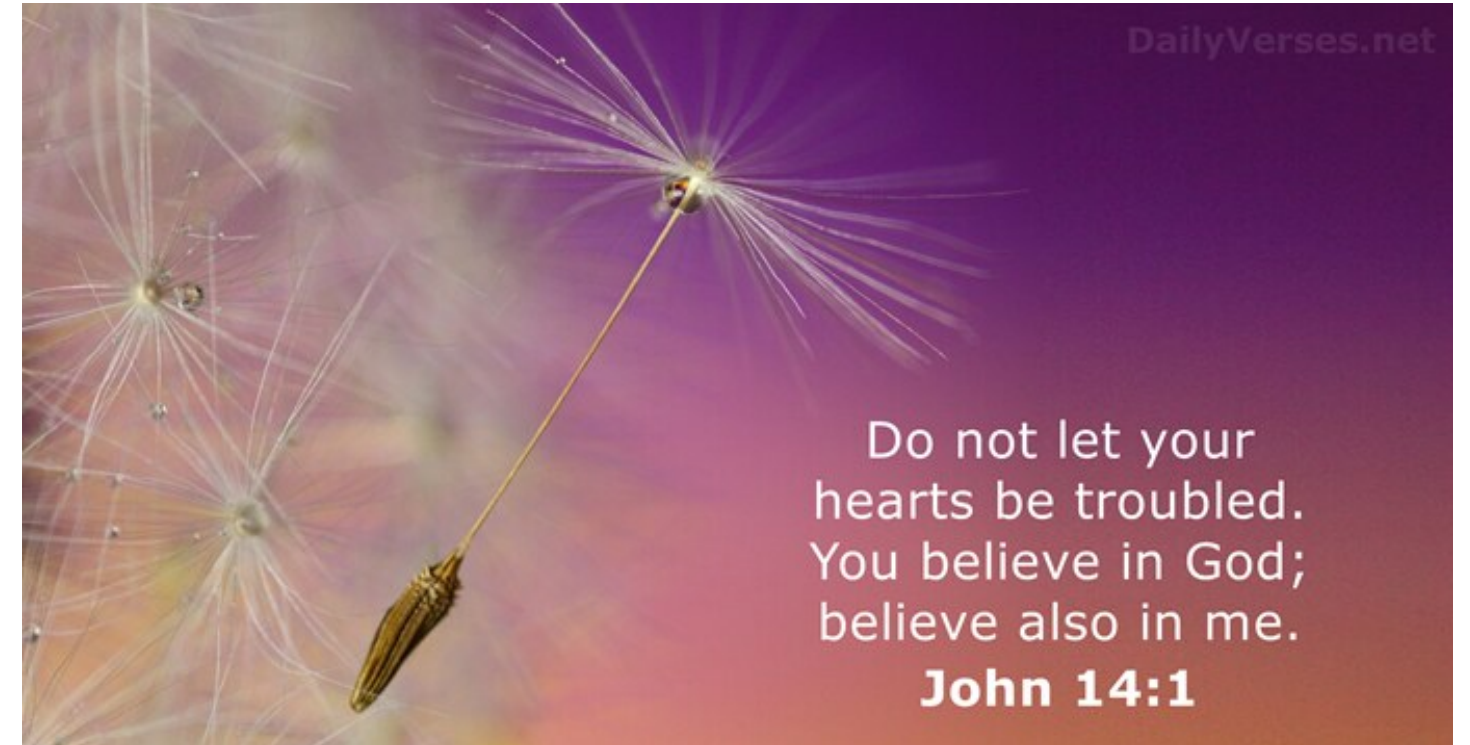
# St. Lucy's Church

*In the Heart of the Near West Side*



**MAY 2ND & 3RD, 2026**  
*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

**John 14:1**

Today's gospel is about Jesus reassuring his disciples, emphasizing the importance of faith in God and promising that those who believe in him will do great works through the power of the Holy Spirit. The disciples, including Peter, John, James, and the others, are listening intently to Jesus' words. They have been with him for years, witnessing his miracles and teachings, but now they sense that something significant is about to happen. Jesus speaks with a calm assurance, telling them not to be troubled, for he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He assures them that they know the way to where he is going, but Thomas expresses his confusion, prompting Jesus to declare, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus declares that seeing Him is equivalent to seeing the Father, highlighting His unity with God and His role as the visible representation of the invisible God. In today's world, characterized by uncertainty and anxiety, the words of Jesus in this scripture offer profound comfort and hope. The assurance of a place in heaven, the exclusive path to God through Jesus, and the revelation of God's nature through Christ provide believers with a firm foundation for their faith. Just as a lost child finds reassurance and guidance in the presence of a parent, Jesus reassures and leads us to the Father, offering comfort and direction in our spiritual journey. Reflecting on these verses reminds us of the profound truths of our faith and the peace that comes from trusting in Jesus.

**Bible Study with Jim Bresnahan this Monday, April 13 @ 7 PM on zoom**  
Peter Sarver is managing the zoom sessions, so please email him:  
[stlucys.syracuse@gmail.com](mailto:stlucys.syracuse@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining the group.

**Jail Ministry's Annual Movie Night Featuring "No Greater Love" See page 4 for more information**



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## The Alden Street Foundation

<https://aldenstreetfoundation.org>

Boys sexually abused as children continue to suffer throughout their lives. We are supporting **Hope, Healing, and Solidarity** — a CNY organization dedicated to raising awareness of this issue and to restoring the faith of communities shattered by scandal.

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 Parish Business Administrator: **eli Foulkes** (New)  
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 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.** 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:**

**Jail Ministry's Annual Movie Night Featuring "No Greater Love"**  
**Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 6:00PM – 9:00PM**

**All Saints Elementary Plant Sale**  
**Order Deadline May 5th**

**Bike for Brady, June 13th**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

May 2nd - [Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]  
 May 3rd - Delia Marie Franklin & Harold Franklin (req. by Sandra Franklin)  
 May 9th - [Special Requiem indicated; else Mass for the People]  
 May 10th - Kate Kelly Spicer (req. by Gary Spicer)

**LECTORS**

**May 2nd - Beth Bentz**  
**May 3rd - Nicole Massenzio, Beverly Hayes**

**HOMILISTS**

**May 3rd - Kip Hargrave**  
 May 10th - Erin Moore

*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, 05/02-03, kindly bring cans of tuna for the Food Pantry and for Masses 05/09-10, cans of beans. PUSH BACK! on the federal cut-backs.  
*Thanks to all who bring items for our neighborhood ministry. It really helps!*

*Live without pretending, love without depending, listen without defending and speak without offending.*

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

If you would like your plants at Mass next Sunday instead of picking them up at the school, see Walt or call/text: 315-491-1165. Thank you for supporting this wonderful school in our community

**All Saints Elementary Mother's Day Plant Sale**  
**Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** (Rain date Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>)  
**Pre-Order ONLY**

**COST:** Plants are \$28.00 each or 2 for \$50.00  
 Money must accompany orders (cash, check, Paypal). Please make checks out to All Saints Elementary.  
 \*\*\* Orders can be made online using *Paypal* by going to [www.allsaintselementary.net](http://www.allsaintselementary.net).  
 There will be a \$2.00 additional charge for online orders.

**Orders due no later than Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**FREE delivery for 5 or more plant orders (15 mile max).**  
*Otherwise orders should be picked up at All Saints on Thursday between 12:00PM - 5:30PM*

Delivery Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your Support.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (All Saints affiliation) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

- Pre-order hanging baskets color preference (no guarantees)
- \_\_\_\_\_ # Petunia - A \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ # Million Bells - B \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ # Verbena - C \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ # Begonia - D \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ # Bacopa - E \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ # Geranium - F \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ # Fuschia - G \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ # New Guinea Impatien - H \_\_\_\_\_



Listen and silent are spelled with the same letters.  
 One of the sincerest forms of respect is actually listening to what another have to say.

**Coffee Hour will go on May 3 but not on May 10, Mother's Day.**

I considered having coffee hour on Mother's Day but I do not have enough help and it would be an extra burden on me. So I am appealing to you all.



The volunteer bakers are magnificent and we all benefit from the variety and quality of those baked donations. The home-baked goods are the "Cherry on the Top" of coffee hour. The baking stars are **Terry Gavan** and **Patti Ashmore** who bring something almost every week. But it's a long list of bakers who bring such wonderful gifts. **Kathy Alger** and **Sue Petraroni** are the heroes this week. Frequent bakers are Eleanor Maine, Joan Carroll, **Corrine Driscoll**, **Colleen Snow**, **Karen Campbell**, **Sue Chasse**, all have brought delicious things lately and many others contributed last year.

Where I need more help is for setting up before Mass. Two great volunteers, **Nicole Massenzio** and **John Sexton** are so adept at set up I can miss a Sunday and coffee hour still goes on. Two excellent ladies, **Linda Scotese** and **Jody Keegan** always help clean up.

But these helpers are not enough. I am there 99% of the time and I can do all the set-up and clean-up myself but it is very tiring when only one person does the work. Please consider helping with set-up and see if you like it enough to agree to doing it one Sunday a month. I am usually there and it's a very chatty setting with many bakers and kids wandering through the basement. Kip often checks in to see if we need any help and even Snake comes through checking the light switches. I get in around 9:15. Here are the tasks. Check the tables to be sure they are clean. Make coffee in the big urn and water for tea. Set up the serving tables with creamer, sugar etc. Portion out the baked goods on trays so they can be served right after Mass. In addition, now the coffee cup ladies come down and set out some cups and the washing station for people to wash their cups before they leave. It's an easy service and everybody, even me, loves it. But it's a little too much for the crew we have. Consider helping once to see if you like it. Talk to me on Sunday if you think you have an interest.

Dorothy Money

**Important Announcement from Parish Leadership**

As a parish and as individuals, we strive to respond to community needs through listening, information sharing, and prayer, and when we can, with financial or material support.

On April 14, 2026, Fr. Jim and Pastoral Associate Margo Grobsmith met with the parish trustees, the chair of the Finance Committee, and the Co-Chairs of the Parish Council to discuss how to handle requests from individuals or groups to the parish to take up a second collection or to make a plea for funds.

The leadership reviewed and reaffirmed the parish's long-standing practice of only having second collections when requested by the Diocese or when approved by the pastor in consultation with the trustees to respond to urgent humanitarian needs (e.g., wars, natural disasters, etc.).

Individuals wanting to ask the parish community for funds for themselves or other groups must first speak directly with Fr. Jim, who will consult with parish leadership. Appeals for money from the pulpit or at any parish-sponsored event, need the approval of the pastor beforehand.

Of course, when individual parishioners feel moved to respond to needs that they learn about from neighbors or fellow parishioners, they should continue to do so.

**CONTRIBUTIONS April 25th / 26th**

- General - \$3804.75
- Gifts - \$3100.00
- Reigious Ed. - \$110.00
- Repairs - \$219.00
- Coffee Hour - \$63.00
- [Catholic] Home Missions - \$25.00

We exceeded our Hope Appeal 2025 goal by \$13,131.00 which will be returned to the parish. Pretty impressive for a "small" church. Thank You for your generosity.



The church generally recommends that homilies are to be about the scripture readings for that day. At St. Lucy's, we sometimes stray from that edict. True to his training, Dave Pasinski not only followed this rule, but expanded on it. To help us better understand the meaning of the Gospel and to put it in context, Dave read several more verses that the church had omitted from that day's reading.

And speaking of context, David always tries to explain what the scriptures meant in terms of the society and culture at the time they were written. As Fr. Jim quipped "I haven't seen too many sheep on Gifford Street."

Shepherds were not looked up to in Jesus' time. Dave said it might have been similar to how we might think of sanitation workers today; they perform a useful, necessary service but not something to aspire to. That Jesus chose to designate Himself as the Good Shepherd is remarkable but also consistent with His practice of interacting with the common people, not society's elites.

Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, distinguishes Himself from a hired hand since he willingly guides and protects His sheep, (us), from harm, even to the point of sacrificing His own life.



**Saturday, June 13 2026**  
**7:30am-1:30pm**

- 50 mile Bike Ride - 8am**
- 25 mile Bike Ride - 9am**
- 10 mile Group Ride - 10am**
- 2 Mile Creek Walk 10:30am**

**Brady Farm**  
**150 Ford Ave**

**Anthony's Story**

His name is Anthony, and he has a new home.

He resides in a nursing home, located in Rome.

He was living in a shelter and was attacked.

His brain was damaged and some parts will never come back.

He is only fifty five, and this is how he's left.

All because he was a victim of an assault & a theft.

So count your blessings as you lay down to rest.

Some lives are challenging, but all lives are blessed.

Do what you can to brighten someone's day.

Let them know you care in any possible way.

B. Hodgson

*This poem was written by Barbara Hodgson about her brother-in-law, Anthony Hodgson*



**Pope Leo XIV** prayed Monday in the Vatican with the **Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally**, and vowed to keep working to overcome differences “no matter how intractable they may appear,” in a historic meeting with the first female leader of the Church of England and spiritual leader of the global Anglican Communion. The encounter between Christianity’s two most famous religious figures would have been unthinkable just a few years ago, given the divisions between their two churches over women’s ordination in general and Mullally’s appointment in particular.

Leo acknowledged that “new problems” in their relationship had been added onto “historically divisive issues.” But he nevertheless vowed to continue the tradition of past popes to continue to try to reunite the churches. Anglicans split from Rome in 1534, when English King Henry VIII was refused a marriage annulment. Despite a formal theological dialogue that began in the 1960s, big differences remain, especially over the Church of England’s decision to ordain women. The Roman Catholic Church reserves the priesthood for men. Leo quoted the late Pope Francis as telling Anglican primates that “it would be a scandal if, due to our divisions, we did not fulfill our common vocation to make Christ known.”

*“In the face of inhuman violence, deep division, and rapid societal change, we must keep telling a more hopeful story: that every human life has infinite value because we are precious children of God; that the human family is called to live as sisters and brothers,” she said. “We must therefore work together for the common good — always building bridges, never walls; that the poorest among us are closest to the heart of God.”*  
Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally,

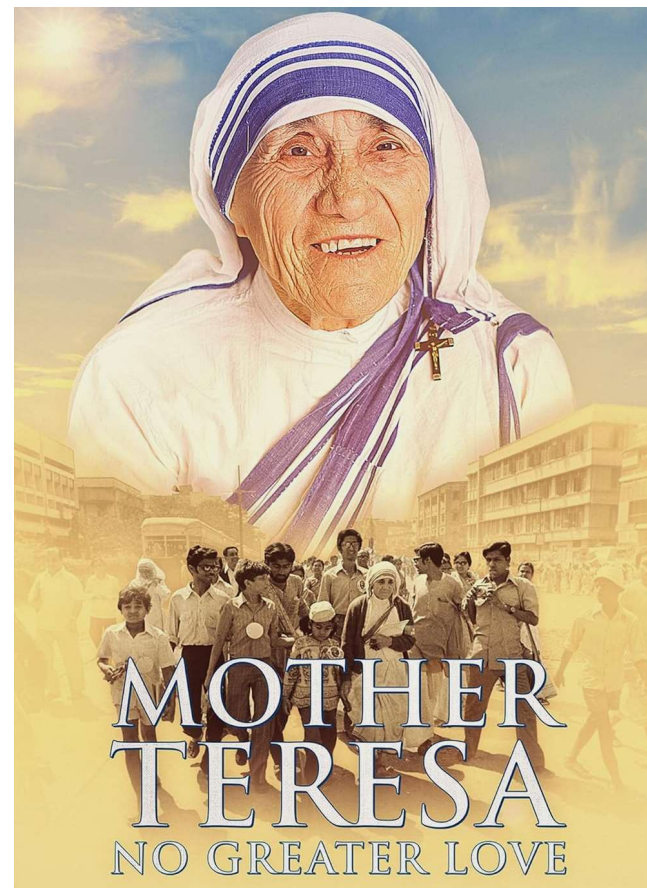
## Jail Ministry's Annual Movie Night Featuring "No Greater Love"

As we celebrate Jail Ministry's 50th Anniversary in 2026, Please join us for our annual movie screening. This year's movie tells the inspirational story of Saint Mother Teresa, in "No Greater Love." Snacks will be served during the feature. A brief reception with refreshments will follow. While there is no cost to attend the event, please consider supporting Jail Ministry's Envelope Challenge. In honor of Jail Ministry's 50th Anniversary, we week to raise \$11,325 through this fundraiser. Visit [jailministrysy.org](http://jailministrysy.org) to participate.

Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 6:00PM – 9:00PM

**Free Admission**

Park Central Presbyterian Church  
504 East Fayette Street, Syracuse, NY 13202  
Keith Cieplicki, 315-680-3466



**You're Invited to Eat Drink Pray with the Sisters of St. Francis!**

Join the Sisters of St. Francis on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> (6 – 8 pm) at Timber Banks Clubhouse (3536

Timber Banks Pkwy. , Baldwinsville NY) for a fun-filled evening at our annual Eat Drink Pray Food & Wine Celebration! This year's event celebrates the Jubilee Year of St. Francis with a Rustic Franciscan Meal. You'll enjoy delicious foods, wines and music inspired by the Umbrian region of Italy — plus a great auction and our Sisters' warmest hospitality. All proceeds benefit the retirement care of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities. Tickets: \$100.00 per person. To reserve yours, visit [www.sosf.org](http://www.sosf.org) or call 315.380.0150.

**Saturday, May 16, 9am-3:30pm**

All Saints Parish & Syracuse Cultural Workers will host a NONVIOLENCE ACTION TRAINING.

Designed for community members who want to deepen their understanding of non-violent campaigns and prepare for thoughtful, disciplined participation within the context of immigration reform. The training will focus on the principles and practices of nonviolent action, personal readiness, and the shared responsibility that comes with collective efforts for justice. More details about the agenda and logistics will follow — please consider participating! Contact our Dale Avers with questions or concerns: 315-415- 8436 or [daleavers@gmail.com](mailto:daleavers@gmail.com)

This is **Gemma**, (pronounced like gemstone). She was surrendered when her caretaker fell on hard times and realized that she was no longer able to care for her. To have to



make that choice is both difficult and courageous. By placing Gemma with a responsible, caring rescue organization, in this case **Rescue Love** in Liverpool, she ensured that her beloved dog would have a full and healthy life. At 3 years old, she is the youngest dog I've ever had. I've always preferred to adopt older dogs because they are often more difficult to place and deserve a chance to enjoy their later years. I also wanted to avoid having a dog that would outlive me. It looks like now I may be forced to continue on for at least another 15 years. I'm sure having Gemma will make that possible.

[www.rescuelovecny.org](http://www.rescuelovecny.org)