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JANUARY 10TH & 11TH, 2026
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."



We are approaching our 2nd year anniversary of Pickleball here at St. Lucy's and what a group we have! If your New Year's Resolution included getting fit, having fun or meeting new people, this is the place. Join us Mondays from 4 to 6. No experience needed.



Possible Trip to Nicaragua
Attention travelers! Are you interested in traveling in the fall to Nicaragua to be a part of our mission to support our brothers and

sisters in Villanueva? It's a life changing experience that offers a first-hand view of our brigadistas providing health care through the AMOS organization. Join the Villanueva Steering Committee for an informational meeting at the All Saints Parish Center at 1342 Lancaster Ave. on January 18, 2026 @ 1:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Bread of Life - meals served

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Here are some organizations we supported in 2024: Jail Ministry, Housecalls for the Homeless, three food pantries (incl. Lucy's), Building Men Program, Catholic Worker on Wheels.

**If you would like to place an ad in the bulletin,
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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 (Rector)
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 (Rector)
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 (Rector)
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:
January's Parish Council meeting will be on **TUESDAY, Jan. 20, 6 p.m.** in the Kateri Chapel.

This Sunday, 01/11, kindly bring a box of pasta for the Food Pantry

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday January 10th– 4:00pm -For Pat Bergan & family-Friends at St. Lucy's

Sunday January 11th-10:00am-For Pat Bergan & family-Friends at St. Lucy's

Thursday January 15th –10:00am-For Our Benefactors

Saturday January 17th– 4:00pm -For Our Parishioners

Sunday January 18th-10:00am-For Beth Putnam-Richard Putnam

Lectors

Jan 10th-Beth Bentz
Jan 11th-Dan Bassano & Tom Anderson

Homilists

Jan 11th-Monica Nortz
Jan 18th-Peggy Thompson

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White Poverty; that's right, WHITE poverty. According to Rev Dr William J. Barber II, "I sound the alarm about white poverty because I'm convinced that we can't expose the peculiar exceptionalism of America's poverty without seeing how it impacts the very people that our myths pretend to privilege." Barber's 2024 book White Poverty will be the object of discussion for the Race Matters Book Club on Mon Jan 26 @ 7 pm on zoom.

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

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 this table.

In today's gospel reading, Jesus chooses to be baptized by John the Baptist, marking a pivotal moment in His life. This act symbolizes His willingness to humble Himself and identify with humanity in preparation for His ministry. It demonstrates Jesus' obedience to God's will and His role as the Savior of mankind. Jesus' affirmation as God's Son serves as a powerful declaration of His divine nature. This moment marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and sets the stage for the miraculous works and teachings that will follow. God's proclamation not only validates Jesus' identity but also foreshadows the incredible impact He will have on the world.

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Maryknoll Statement on U.S. Military Intervention in Venezuela

WASHINGTON, D.C.—We witness with profound sorrow and alarm the reports of U.S. military strikes on Venezuelan soil and the forced removal of its leadership. We ask all people to join us in prayer for the safety of our brothers and sisters in Venezuela and for the wisdom of our leaders who hold the lives of so many in their hands.

Our friendship with the people of Venezuela is rooted in the Gospel's call to peace and the defense of human dignity. While we have long advocated for justice and the relief of suffering for the Venezuelan people, we believe that violence and unilateral military intervention are never the path to reconciliation. The bombardment of military bases and the capture of President Nicolás Maduro violate U.S. and international law, and risk igniting a wider conflict that will displace thousands and claim the lives of the most vulnerable—the poor families in the barrios of Caracas and rural communities throughout Venezuela.

As a U.S.-based Catholic organization, we echo the words of Pope Leo XIV, who has consistently called for dialogue over force. We urge the United States to cease all military operations immediately to prevent further loss of life, respect international law and the sovereignty of nations, and pursue multilateral diplomacy in addressing the crisis in Venezuela. We call on Congress to assert its constitutional responsibility by invoking the War Powers Resolution to stop any further military action by the Administration in the region.

The Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns (MOGC) represents Maryknoll missionaries, who are Catholic men and women serving in impoverished communities around the world. The MOGC provides analysis and advocacy on issues of justice, peace and the integrity of creation that affect the countries and communities where Maryknoll missionaries serve. ###

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<https://tinyurl.com/stlucyfb>



Ed Hicks was joined by his son JJ at Mass last Sunday. We hope he enjoyed the experience and becomes a regular visitor!