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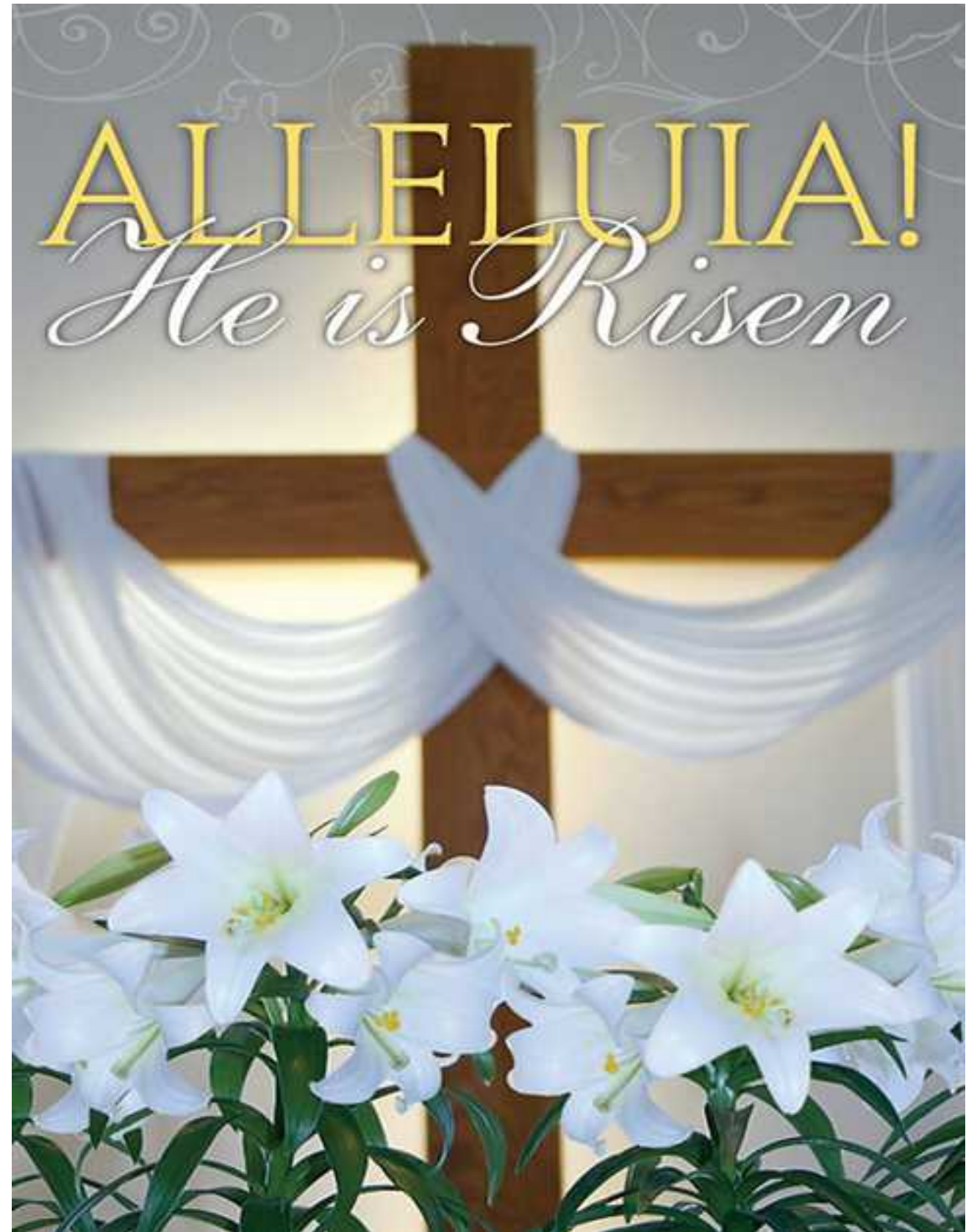


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432 Gifford Street, Syracuse, NY 13204  
 (315) 475-7273 www.saintlucys.org  
 Pastor: Fr. Jim Mathews jdmgolfer@yahoo.com  
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 Margot Grobsmith, Pastoral Associate  
 Food Pantry: Murray Gould, (315) 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. (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**

In memory of **Helen Dayal** (requested by Nicole Bova),  
 and for the people of the Church

**Lectors**

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

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

**Homilist**

**March 29th - Julia Gordon**

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

**General Fund.....\$2,915.00**

**Easter Flowers....\$80.00**

**Religious Ed.....\$5.00**

**Repairs.....\$115.00**

*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!**

For this weekend's Masses, 04/04-05, kindly bring cans  
 of soup for the Food Pantry and for Masses 04/11-12,  
 bags of rice.

**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."*

**Holy Thursday at St. Lucy's**

Our beautiful Holy Thursday Mass was jam packed with rituals that make our Catholic faith unique and deeply meaningful.



Fr. Jim is blessed by the congregation as he renews his priestly vows.



Re-enactment of Jesus washing the feet of His disciples



The procession of the Holy Eucharist.

In his homily Fr. Jim asked "When was the first Mass?". Most people answered; "The Last Supper". Fr. Jim said that no, the Last Supper was a Passover meal. Jesus and his disciples were Jews. Christianity didn't yet exist. The first Eucharist was celebrated after Jesus' resurrection. It would have been a celebration of re-joining that their Savior who had died was alive again and present to them in this sacrament as he had promised. Today, we share in that joy each time we celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus' eternal gift to us.





## Hope, Healing & Solidarity

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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### 4/17 Healing service for survivors of sexual abuse/loved ones and 4/18 Educational workshop on “Moral injury”

**Syracuse, NY** – Hope, Healing & Solidarity, will hold “Invitation to God’s Healing Grace,” an ecumenical healing service, on April 17, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at **Le Moyne College’s Panasci Chapel**. The event is open to the community, including survivors of clergy sexual abuse, anyone impacted by any form of sexual abuse, loved ones of survivors, and those who wish to stand in solidarity. The event will offer a space for healing in the community and beyond. The service occurs during Sexual Abuse Awareness Month and will include inspirational readings, music and a symbolic ritual.

**Syracuse Bishop Douglas J. Lucia** will share the homily and a blessing at the service. “Bishop Lucia’s presence at this service is an important step in showing that the church is willing to listen, support, and walk alongside survivors. His attendance is not just symbolic—it is a recognition of the harm that has been done and a commitment to fostering a path toward healing and justice,” said Matthew FitzGibbons, event organizer and member of Hope, Healing & Solidarity.

On Sat. April 18, 2026 from 10AM to 3PM, Hope, Healing & Solidarity will present a workshop, including a light lunch, also at **Le Moyne College’s Panasci Chapel**. Dr. Lisa Cataldo (Fordham University Associate Professor of Pastoral Counseling at the Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education) will present ““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. After lunch will be a US preview performance of the play: *The Silencers*, by UK survivor Patrick Sandford, (a sequel to his award winning play: *Groomed*) about those who silence survivors.

These educational events are open to the public, and the media are welcome to attend. Video and audio recording of the service and participants are not permitted. Interviews may be audio or video recorded with permission. For more information contact us through our website: <https://hopehealingandsolidarity.org/>

Survivors, their families, and allies will have the opportunity to connect, find resources, and support one another on their healing journeys.

**About Hope Healing & Solidarity** Hope, Healing & Solidarity was formed in 2023 by local Catholics to promote a culture of human dignity whereby sexual abuse cannot exist in a Catholic environment and to walk with those who have been harmed/wounded by the church’s sexual abuse crisis. Our efforts include serving the needs of those abused, building community, healing and working to better protect our children from harm. For more information about the group visit our website: <https://hopehealingandsolidarity.org/>

*These events are supported in part by the Alden Street Foundation, Syracuse, NY (<https://aldenstreetfoundation.org>)*



**Pope Leo XIV** used his Palm Sunday sermon to take what appears to be a shot at U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth. In his sermon, excerpts of which he published on social media, the pope emphasized Christian teachings against violence while criticizing

anyone who would invoke Jesus Christ to justify a war. **“This is our God: Jesus, King of Peace, who rejects war, whom no one can use to justify war,”** Pope Leo said. **“He does not listen to the prayers of those who wage war, but rejects them.”**

The pope also encouraged followers to “raise our prayers to the Prince of Peace so that he may support people wounded by war and open concrete paths of reconciliation and peace.”

The leader of all U.S. military Catholic chaplains questioned the veracity of America’s war in Iran, saying that while there “was a threat with nuclear arms, it’s compensating for a threat before the threat is actually realized.”



**Archbishop Timothy Broglio**, who heads the Catholic Archdiocese for the Military Services USA, told CBS News’ Ed O’Keefe in an interview that will broadcast Sunday on “Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan” that the war is likely not justified under the Just War Theory.

One of the tenets of Just War Theory, as articulated by St. Augustine, is that war should only be a last resort “in order that peace may be obtained” and not preemptive. “The Lord Jesus certainly brought a message of peace and also, I think war is always a last resort,” Broglio said. He added that the Trump administration “may have information that led them to think that that was the only choice they had. I’m not making a judgment about that, because I really don’t know. But I do think that it’s hard to cast this war, you know, as something that would be sponsored by the Lord.”

Asked by O’Keefe about rhetoric from Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, who has invoked Jesus’ name and called for prayers for service members in relation to the war with Iran, Broglio said casting the war as something that Jesus would justify is “a little bit problematic.”

“I would line myself up with Pope Leo, who has been urging for negotiation,” Broglio said.

Pope Leo XIV, the first American pope, has urged President Trump and other leaders to find ways to reduce the violence in the Middle East and find an “off-ramp” in the war with Iran.

### Final Walt’s Health Update



I originally started writing these weekly narratives about my medical issues in response to the frequent questions I was getting from parishioners who were concerned about my appearance. At first I was reluctant to talk about it but as my condition worsened it became difficult to hide it. I have always tried to handle every-

thing my self and avoided involving others as much as possible. This health crisis has changed that as I was forced to acknowledge the fact that I can’t do it all and accepting the support of others is a good thing.

It’s hard to imagine how I could have gotten through this without the loving embrace of the St. Lucy’s community. We are blessed with many people who have deep faith in the power of prayer, medical professionals who offered advice and guidance and people who shared their own health experiences or those of family members. All of this was extremely helpful to me.

With the successful conclusion to my surgery, I feel like I am reborn. The pain I endured for months has made me more aware of and more sensitive to the needs of others who are suffering. My faith has also strengthened and I am more convinced than ever of the power of intercessory prayer.

I am extremely thankful to everyone who shared this experience with me and am eternally grateful for your support. I plan on using my new found health to do more for others in need. My advice to anyone who has challenges in their life is to reach out to this powerful community. Together, with the help of God, we have the ability to do amazing things.



Palm Sunday procession



The scheduled homilist for the 6pm Tuesday of Holy Week was unable to be there because of the need to care for a family member. Fr. Jim contacted **Nick Salabrici**, more familiar to us as a member of our folk choir, and asked him to fill in and he said yes. Nick began by discussing the flawed nature of Jesus' disciples, and how they received forgiveness even though they hadn't asked for it and didn't know they needed it. That's how God works. He then told of his own life when as a lifelong practicing Catholic, he fell away from the church during his college years, as frequently happens. Unlike most, Nick found the church again several years later once he visited St. Lucy's at the suggestion of a friend. His life hasn't been the same since.

We are glad that St. Lucy's is here to help people who may not relate to the rigid structure they knew as "church."

### Hope, Healing & Solidarity April 2026 Programs



**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

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

Over the next few weeks I plan on profiling some of the businesses that support St. Lucy's by paying for ads in our bulletin. We truly appreciate you!

**Nichols' Supermarket** is a full service grocery store in Liverpool. They offer an extraordinary selection of both brand name and private label items. In addition to all the basics, you will find unique items not available anywhere else in CNY. Just walking through the aisles is an adventure; you always find something new. The staff in all departments are knowledgeable and always ready to help. This customer friendly experience is something that is largely absent in many larger stores today. The employees, (and even the owner, **Mike Hennigan**,) are constantly checking the shelves to make sure they are fully stocked and up to date.

Stop in to get the full experience yourself. Fr. Jim and Sr. Monica are frequent visitors as well as many other St. Lucy's parishioners. There is plenty of parking close to the entrance and even closer handicapped spots are available. Carry out service brings your purchases to your car and no tipping is required. Nichols Discount Liquors is located on the same property and is another nice place to visit.



Full service deli features cold cuts as well as hot and cold prepared food and salads. Store made broccoli and calamari salads are favorites. The staff is super friendly and helpful. You are always welcome to sample any deli item.

Nichols' skilled butchers help make the meat department famous throughout the area.



The fresh produce department has an amazing variety of greens, fruits and vegetables. Everything is checked several times daily for freshness.



Fresh seafood too!



In store bakery features Nichols own Italian bread, rolls and pastries. Di Lauro's Italian bread also available daily.