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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

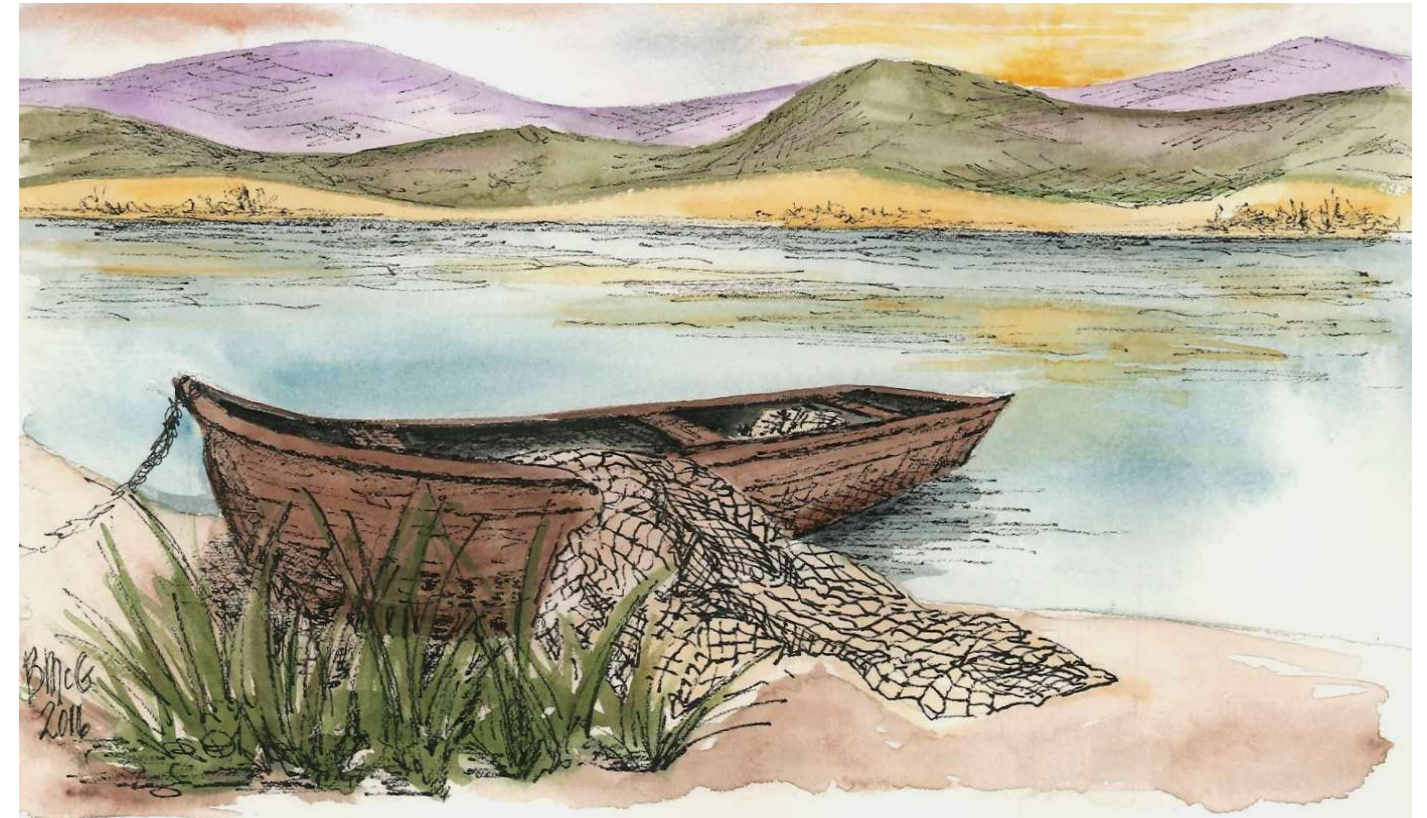
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Just as the early Christians gathered  
in fellowship, so do we at Coffee  
Hour in the basement after Sunday  
Mass. It is reminiscent of an ancient  
marketplace, welcoming everyone.  
Whether you're young and lively,  
haughty, homeless, a suburbanite, a  
hypocrite, or sweet and loving—  
everybody comes. There is no  
agenda for Coffee Hour—just hot  
drinks, sweets, and engaging conver-  
sations. This is the time to chat with the people you worship beside every week about the ordinary things: the weather, the kids, the news, the city, each other, and our many needs. Coffee Hour might be a place to solve problems or just to set up playdates and get-togethers. You might find anyone there. **All are welcome.**





Mass Intentions

Saturday January 25th-4:00pm-For Our Parishioners  
Sunday January 26th-10:00am-Our Benefactors  
Thursday January 30th-For Our Benefactors  
Saturday February 1st-4:00pm-For Our Parishioners  
Sunday February 2nd-10:00am-Joseph Collier-Paul Witjung

Today's gospel makes it sound as if one day Jesus shows up and immediately we walk away from our old life and leave everything behind. That's how St. Matthew describes it happening for Peter and Andrew, James and John.

There are probably as many ways of being called, finding Jesus, being found by Jesus, as there are people. It is unique and personal to each one of us. The point, however, isn't how it happened but that it did happen and it continues to happen. It's never a once and for all, finally and forever, kind of thing. Our entire life is a conversion. We are always being converted, shaped and formed, into the likeness of Jesus. Over and over again Jesus comes to us saying, "Follow me."

The turning points of our lives bring us face to face with Jesus and they come in lots of ways. Sometimes they come as we planned, worked, and hoped for. Other times they are completely unexpected and take us by surprise. Sometimes they bring us joy and gladness. Other times we are filled with sorrow and loss. Sometimes they affirm everything we thought and believed. Other times they leave us confused and not knowing what we believe.

To respond to God's call is not always a bed of roses, it's full of trials, and as the saying goes: "To follow Jesus is always right but it is not always easy."

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

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Parish Business Administrator: Mary Fitzgerald

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Permanent Chaplain: Raymond Misita

Parish Office Monday 9-2, Wednesday 10-2, Friday 10-1.

**Bulletin deadline: Friday by Noon**

**Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Chapel located to the right**

**of the main altar [www.katerisyracuse.com](http://www.katerisyracuse.com)**

**Mass Times: Saturday: 4:00 pm**

**Sunday: 10:00 am (interpreted for the deaf)**

*Zoom available for 10:00 am mass*

**Thursday at 9:00am in the chapel**

**Food Pantry: Sunday 11 am—Noon**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 11 am-1 pm**

**Bread of Life: Wednesday. Starts serving at 11:00.**

**Agape Shop: Open Wednesdays 9:30-12:30**

**Pickleball in the gym on Saturdays - 2:00-4:00.**

**Other Inquiries: [info@saintlucys.org](mailto:info@saintlucys.org)**

Lectors

January 25th & 26th  
Saturday 4:00pm– Beverly Hays  
Sunday 10:00am– Annabella Rios & Tracy DiGenova

Homilists

**This Week: Jim Bresnahan**

Next Week: Fr. Jim Mathews



**Craig & Katherine Polhamus will be taking orders for Tamales this weekend for distribution on Super Bowl Sunday 2/9/2025.**

**Order Tamales by the dozen or half dozen:**  
*Chicken, cheese & peppers, vegan available*  
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**\$20 per dozen**  
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**Pam** kindly offered to drive **Sr. Monica** to Mass because of the wintry weather that day. We hope she will continue to visit us even when the weather improves.

There is an ancient form of torture called "death by a thousand cuts." The victim receives the first cut, bleeds, becomes frightened, but does not die. The second cut also causes the victim to bleed, further frightening and now weakening the victim, but death does not come. The hundredth cut adds resignation to weakness and fear. The 500th cut begins to drive the victim insane. When the victim finally receives the final 1000th cut, death comes.

This is the effect of the new Executive Order to halt the US Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP). This Executive Order is the first of the cuts, made so publicly and with such immense disregard for the families who will remain torn apart, to the victims of war and repression who remain unsafe, and to the thousands of communities who have given our hearts, our economies, and our vibrancy to the diverse peoples of the world.

Members of my staff and I spent yesterday in Albany, talking with legislators about the importance of refugee resettlement. We traveled with refugee leaders from across upstate and downstate New York, people who themselves are former refugees, and those of us who have dedicated our lives and service to them. The Executive Order is the first cut, and it is having its desired effect – the spreading of fear.

Ostensibly, the halt is to assure the safety of the U.S. from refugees who might come to harm us. Of course, it is well known, well documented and assured by the FBI, Homeland Security, CIA, and the United Nations that refugees who are moved out of camps to become New Americans are the most carefully screened and vetted immigrants on the planet. Of course, this unveiled language is about selectively excluding people for political purposes. Of course, we will stand firm in our resolve to continue to serve refugees and to help them become solidly planted here in our community.

Immediately after the November election, our federal government and the refugee resettlement agencies participated in what I call "The Push" – a full-scale campaign to bring as many refugees as possible to the U.S. Last week, across the United States, the Refugee Resettlement communities, agencies, and the federal government achieved a landmark goal of settling 6,000 people in just 3 months across New York State. These were people who were fully vetted, waiting for travel documents, and many came to be reunited with their families. Our agency alone settled over 400 people during The Push, and last week we received 71 people representing 22 households! I wish that each and every one of you reading this could have been at the airport to greet them, to see the relief and joy in their faces and the faces of their family members.

Please know that many people joined us in The Push – churches, temples, mosques all provided meals for our staff who worked 18-hour days. Volunteers set up 100+ households in the last 3 months. Our quilt shop provided 50 baby quilts. 1,858 coats were cleaned and donated by over 100 different individuals and entities. We will galvanize again and again, with your help and God's grace.

Listen. This is the sound of democracy working. When the cuts keep coming, (and they will) our agency wants you to know, firmly, deeply, truly, that we will bandage up and keep on going, just as we have done before. One thousand cuts won't stop us. Because OUR community is a proud resettlement city. Because OUR state holds the lantern of hope in its harbor. Because OUR nation will come back from this brink and InterFaith Works will still be here, doing its part to affirm the dignity of all.

Beth A. Broadway  
President & CEO  
InterFaith Works CNY



During a prayer service at Washington's National Cathedral, **Episcopal Bishop Marianne Budde** directly confronted President Trump & Vice President J.D. Vance while they were seated in the front row.

Let me make one final please, Mr. President," Bishop Marianne Budde said.

"Millions have put their trust in you. And as you told the nation yesterday, you have felt the providential hand of a loving God.

In the name of our God, I ask you to have mercy upon the people in our country who are scared now," as she appeared to look directly toward the President. She continued "There are gay, lesbian & transgendered children in Democratic, Republican - Independent Parties who fear for their lives. The people who pick our crops, clean our office buildings, who labor in our poultry farms & meat packing plants, who wash dishes after we eat in restaurants & work the nightshift in hospitals.....they may not be citizens or have the proper documentation. But the vast majority of immigrants are not criminals. They pay taxes & are good neighbors. I ask you Mr. President to have mercy on those in our country whose children fear that their parents will be taken away from them. Our God teaches us that we are to be merciful to the stranger for we all were once strangers in our land."



It should not be lost in telling this story that it was a gentle fragile appearing woman Bishop to challenge Trump face to face to be merciful & compassionate in treating the immigrants because at one time we were all immigrants in this land. Further it should be noted that members of the President's party who occupy great positions of power & responsibility & many we know are quite wealthy did not have the spine to challenge him on his inhumane policies rather they chose to distance themselves from the news media lest they be forced to answer embarrassing questions.

**Pope Francis** has expressed disapproval of President-elect Donald Trump's alleged plans to intensify immigration enforcement in the United States. During an interview on Italian television, the pontiff described the measures as a

'disgrace,' using remarkably strong language for the leader of the Catholic Church.



The pope, speaking from his Vatican residence via video link on the program 'Che Tempo Che Fa,' criticized the potential impact on migrants, stating it unfairly burdens those with nothing to spare. His remarks follow a consistent theme of advocating for migrant rights throughout his nearly 12-year leadership of the 1.4 billion member global Catholic community. During the same program, the pope reiterated his belief that governments should prioritize integrating migrants and addressing root causes of migration. "This is not how things are resolved," he said.

Trump's team reportedly reconsidered planned immigration actions in Chicago after their announcement faced backlash, including criticism from Chicago's Cardinal Blase Cupich, who labeled the operations an affront to human dignity.



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### Spiritual Renewal Center Events

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Facilitated by

Mary Colleen Sinnott

Monday, February 10,  
10-11:30 AM | In Person

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The Spirit of Pierre Teilhard deChardin:

A Vision for Our Time

Join us for this 3-part series beginning Tuesday, February 11 at 3 PM

February 11 & 18:

Watch & discuss the recent film on the life of Teilhard

February 25:

Presentations followed by discussion  
"A Creative Approach to the Spiritual Exercises of

St. Ignatius of Loyola"

by Fr. Gerry McKeon

"Teilhard...Interfaith & Creation Centered Spirituality"

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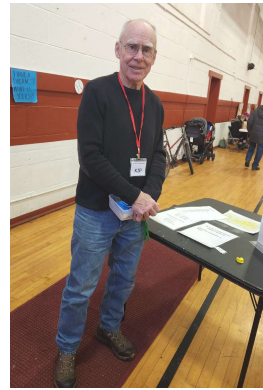
Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Fridays 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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# St. Lucy's Food Pantry and Bread of Life Ministries



When visiting our **Food Pantry and Bread of Life** ministries last Wednesday, my first impression was what a welcoming place our facility is. Kip Hargrave was at the door of the pantry not as a guard or gatekeeper, but rather as a welcoming greeter whose mission is to help people get what they need in a safe, efficient manner. The atmosphere was one of caring & sharing with those receiving food items treated as equals to those delivering the services.

The Bread of Life likewise provided a nutritious, high quality meal to those gathered there. Those dining were truly considered guests, just as if they had been spending money at a fancy restaurant. The food was exceptional as always. Fr. Jim and Mary in the office get their lunch from there. Even desert was offered, including delicious homemade cookies.

St. Lucy's can be truly proud of these 2 beautiful ministries. If we ask ourselves, "what would Jesus do?", I think a visit to our gym on any Wednesday provides the answer.



# ST. LUCY'S EVENT CALENDAR

## Jan. 26, after mass – Coffee Hour

Jan. 26 11:00 a.m.-12 Noon - Food Pantry

## Jan 26, 5:00 p.m., SU MLK Jr. Celebration. JMA Wireless Dome.

Jan. 27, 7:00 p.m. Race Matters Book Club. Zoom. (Peter Sarver, convener) Book - "A Terrible Thing to Waste: Environmental Racism and Its Assault on the American Mind" by Harriet A. Washington.

Jan. 28, 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. - Food Pantry

Jan. 29, 9:30 a.m. –12:30 p.m. - Agape Shop

Jan. 29, 11:00 a.m. – Bread of Life

Jan. 29, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Friends of Dorothy Dinner. All Saints Parish Center. Proceeds support ministries for the sick and dying.

Jan. 30, 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. - Food Pantry

Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m. – The End of Syracuse's 15th Ward: movie & discussion. Liverpool Public Library.

February 1, 9:00 a.m. - Peace Prayer, Kateri Chapel

February 1, 2:00-4:00 p.m. - Pickleball (Cathy Lunetta, organizer)

February 1 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Catholic Worker on Wheels (Brady Market)

February 2, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Pancake breakfast (Food Pantry closed)

February 3, 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study (ZOOM, Jim Bresnahan)

February 4, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Food Pantry

February 5, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Agape Shop

February 5, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Food Pantry

February 5, 11:00 - Bread of Life

February 6, 9:00 a.m. - Mass, Kateri Chapel

February 6, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Food Pantry

February 8, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Catholic Worker on Wheels (Brady Market)

February 8, 2:00-4:00 p.m. - Pickleball

February 9, 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon - Food Pantry

February 9, after mass - Coffee Hour

February 10, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. - Justice and Peace Committee (260 Reed Avenue, Syracuse)

February 11, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Food Pantry

February 11, 5:00 p.m. - Finance Committee (Fr. Jim's house, Solvay)

February 12, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Agape Shop

February 12, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Food Pantry

February 12, 11:00 - Bread of Life

February 13, 9:00 a.m. - Mass, Kateri Chapel

February 13, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Food Pantry

February 13, 7:00 p.m. - Racial Equity Committee (ZOOM, Peter Sarver)

February 15, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Catholic Worker on Wheels (Brady Market)

February 15, 2:00-4:00 p.m. - Pickleball

February 16, after mass - Coffee Hour

February 16, 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon - Food Pantry

February 18, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Food Pantry

February 19, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Agape Shop

February 19, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Food Pantry

February 19, 11:00 a.m. - Bread of Life

February 19, 6:00 p.m. - Parish Council (Kateri Chapel)

February 20, 9:00 a.m. - Mass, Kateri Chapel

February 20, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Food Pantry

February 22, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Catholic Worker on Wheels (Brady Market)

February 22, 2:00-4:00 p.m. - Pickleball

February 23, after mass - Coffee Hour

February 23, 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon - Food Pantry

February 25, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Food Pantry

February 26, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Agape Shop

February 26, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Food Pantry

February 26, 11:00 - Bread of Life

February 27, 9:00 a.m. - Mass, Kateri Chapel

February 27, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Food Pantry

## Send event information to:

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**"He who is not angry when there is just cause for anger is immoral. Why? Because anger looks to the good of justice. And if you can live amid injustice without anger, you are immoral as well as unjust."**

**St. Thomas Aquinas,  
Feast Day, January 28th**