## Sts. Mary & Matthew Faith Community

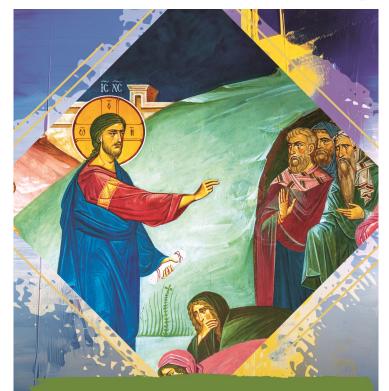
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### Our Mission Is To Go and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ ~ September 29, 2024



### 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

'There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:39

### Readings and Hymns

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Readings	
Hymns:	
St. Mary's:	
Entrance	
Offertory	
Recessional	
St. Matthew:	
Entrance	
Offertory	
Recessional	



Today's Gospel begins with the disciples complaining that there are people using Jesus' name to cast out demons and that those people are not among His followers. This is reflecting the situation related in the first reading from the book of Numbers about how Eldad and Medad received the gift of prophecy even though they had not been present with the group of seventy. What one may conclude is that the gift of God's Spirit is not limited but can be experienced in wonderful ways.

But then, the Gospel turns to the issue of causing sin and scandal. Jesus uses very graphic language to describe these situations. "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off..." For all of us we have experiences of sin. Sometimes very slowly we learn how to get that under control. Whatever the circumstances we learn that we must be attentive to the issues that leave us open to those temptations and we must also learn to fight those issues from the outset. And if we do that well, then sin will no longer control us.

Thanks be to God.



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### Church Chuckle

BULLETIN: Your receipt for attending Mass.



#### Saturday, September 28

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—For the People of this Faith Community

# Sunday, September 29—26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary's 8:30 am — Betty Schrader (St. Mary's Choir) St. Matthew 10:30 am—Mark Schuster, Jr. (Family)

#### Monday, September 30

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Fr. Shifferli (Mark & Margaret Schuster)

### Tuesday, October 1

St. Mary's 9:00 am– Catherine Wenthe (Judi & Susan Muldoon)

#### Wednesday—October 2

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Jennifer Campagna (Katy Turnbull)

### Thursday—October 3

St. Mary's 9:00 am—Kay C. Gordon (David & Mary Reitano)

### Saturday, October 5

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—For the People of this Faith Community

Sunday, October 6—27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time St. Mary's 8:30 am — Audrey Ceglinski (Cliff & Nancy Andres)

St. Matthew 10:30 am—Anita Stefano (Children & Grandchldren)

### Weekly Offertory

#### St. Mary's

\*Collection—09/22/2024 \$1,691.77 \*Includes Electronic Offering of \$245.77

#### St. Matthew

\*Collection—09/22/2024 \$5,086.00 \*Includes Electronic Offering of \$1,657.00

What our churches need per week to meet our budget:

St.	Mary's	\$2,052
St.	Matthew	\$5,600

### Attendance- 09/22/2024

#### Figures in red indicate weekly budget was not met

St. Matthew—4:30 pm	136
St. Mary's—8:30 am	122
St. Matthew—10:30 am	188

Our Staff

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### This Week in Our Faith Community

### Monday, September 30

Noon—Bulletin Articles Due for 10/6 St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass Tuesday, October 1 St. Mary's-9:00 am Mass St. Mary's—9:30 am Euchre St. Matthew-6:30 pm Choir Practice Wednesday, October 2 St. Matthew-9:00 am Mass St. Matthew—9:30—11:30 am Eucharistic Adoration St. Mary's—9:30 am Comfort Quilters St. Matthew—12:30 pm Hearts & Hands Thursday, October 3 St. Mary's-9:00 am Mass St. Mary's-7:00 pm Choir Practice Friday, October 4 St. Mary's-10:00 am-Noon Clothing Closet Open St. Mary's—6:00 pm—8:00 pm Clothing Closet Open Saturday, October 5 St. Mary's—10:00 am-Noon Clothing Closet Open St. Matthew—11:00 am Dedication to Mary St. Matthew—3:30—4:00 pm Reconciliation St. Matthew-4:30 pm Mass Sunday, October 6 St. Mary's-8:30 am Mass St. Matthew—10:30 am Folk Mass St. Mary's-12:00 pm Tailgate Party

### In Memory of Loved Ones

### Contact your Parish Office to remember a loved one. A donation of \$50/year is requested.

#### In Memory Of

Richard O'Connor Pat Conlon Lucille DeClerck Jule DeClerck Joseph & Betty Eberwein Mary Iten Leo Iten Paul Jones Beverly Luther Ralph & Rocco Messura Betty West Leo & Marv Ann Morsch Lenny & Marie Shumway Linda Murphy Patrick Argentieri Ofc. Anthony P. Mazurkiewicz Jean Marie Dellies Joseph Carusotti

Dan & Shirley Mulvaney Jay Nowakowski Robert & Mary Oelwang Paul & Martha Pfuntner Joe Rausch Patrick L Guenther Frank & Estelle Rodman Nan Ryan John Scherberger Michelle Stefano Kathie Regelsberger Lois Cicero Debra Czudak James Sheehan Anita Stefano Joan Shattuck **Betty Schrader** Leigh Ann Hockey

#### Deceased Members of the following:

Chuck and Cathy Schwalenstocker Family Helinski and Ellison Families Giuliani Family Jones Family Muscato Family **Enright & Yatteau Families** Kurtz, Martin & O'Neil Families Kucich & Juriaco Families Quinn, Donato & Lewis Families Gilbert & Somers Families Paul & Martha Pfuntner Baier. Root and Shaw Families Mazurkiewicz and Rumfola Families Moeller & Fritzen Families Cicero and Lyeth Families Hockey and McGinnis Families Koch Family



**4:30 pm—Communion Ministers:** J. Patel, B. Woodruff; **Lector:** M. Palermo; **Sacristan:** B. Woodruff

8:30 am—Altar Servers: M&J Dobbertin; Communion Ministers: L. Thomas, S. Brown, P. Kelly; Lector: J. Beno; Greeter/Ushers: B&D Whitmore, D. Horning; Sacristan: L. Thomas; Announcer: C. Andres; Live Stream: J. Donsky

10:30 am—Altar Server: C. Coriddi; Communion Ministers: D. Somers, M. Rausch; Lector: B. Gregory; Sacristan: B. Gregory Florence Ahl, , Gary Anderson, Diane Backus, William Beeley, Katey Boldt-Norton, Teresa Burritt, Catherine Couture, Kevin DeCillis, Hazel Delaney, Crystal DeMay, Joseph Dispenza, Mary Sarah Hanna, John Henry, Mary Ann Hipp, Debbie Holtz, Dan Jones, Peggy Knight, Jean Long, Mark (Whitmore) Maltese, Shoshana Margolin, Rose Mazurkiewicz, Steve Milligan, Nina Monteleone, Christina Palella, Mia Rafanelli, Ann Marie Redman, Kathy Reynolds, **Paula Schuster,** Mary Sheehan, Bill Sidlauskas, Alan Siracusa, Erin Siracusa, Kathleen Smith, Jim Stefano Sr., Marlene Tears, Ed Wendelgass, David Wilks

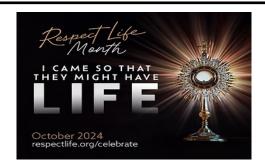
#### Would You Help Us Out?

Please review the list. If you requested a name to be added and the person no longer needs to be on the list, let us know so we can take the name off to add others. **As a reminder**, we need the permission of an **immediate** family member or the person themself to place a name on the prayer list.



raying for Those Who Are III

The Holy Family Candle at St. Matthew burns this week in memory of Mark Schuster, Jr. at the request of Family



### **Respect Life Month Support**

As we celebrate Respect Life Month in October, we hope to make a difference for Moms, their infants and their youth. Our collection for October will be for **Gentle Ease baby formula** and **Toddler size clothing**. These are much-needed items for our local organizations assisting Moms. St. Mary's collections will be donated to CareNet, a part of Canandaigua Churches in Action Group. St. Matthew collection will be donated to Catholic Charities of Livingston County Healthy Family Program. Both groups help Moms with a variety of programs and donations until age six of their children. Thank you so much for your continued generosity in serving our communities.



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD—BOTH CHURCHES AFTER SUNDAY MASS

### **Faith Formation**

St. Mary's—9/29/2024—after 8:30 Mass St. Matthew—9/29/2024—9:15 am

### Crossroads

St. Matthew-9/29/2024-6:30 pm

Confirmation

St. Matthew 9/29/2024—after 10:30 Mass

## A NOTE FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

Dear Church Family,

Last week we began a new catechetical year. Faith Formation classes for grades K – 5 meet at both St. Mary's and St. Matthew. I'd like to give a big **THANK YOU to Jan Boyea**, who heads up the classes and Children's Liturgy at St. Mary's. Without her, there would be no classes there as I have classes here at St. Matthew. Jan is a faith-filled woman of God that loves children. That great combination is the perfect criteria for serving as a catechist. If this is something you think you may be interested in or would just like to discuss, please reach out to me and we'll talk. My contact information is on Page 2 of the Bulletin. And if you're unable to help in any other way – please pray for our young people. Prayer is powerful and needed. Thank you.

This weekends readings for the **26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time** challenge us, as Catholics, to understand that we are not exclusive in God's eyes. God welcomes all, as we should. This is expressed in the first reading, from the Book of Numbers, as *"Eldad and Medad are*"

prophesying in the camp, Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, 'Moses, my lord, stop them.' But Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!'"

Likewise, our second reading from St. James, laments on the needs and unjust treatment of laborers. "Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts." James tells us that the rich got their wealth at the expense of the poor. This is still the case, as in today's world there is still a huge discrepancy between the wealthy and the poor. For instance, what we consider to be a "living wage" in this country is anything but. One of the core themes of Catholic Social Justice Teaching is the Option for the Poor and Vulnerable. The USCCB states that this is, "a basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first."

In this week's gospel reading from St. Mark, the disciples come to Jesus telling him they tried to stop someone casting out demons in Jesus' name because *he was not one of them*. Jesus responded, *"do not prevent him… There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us."* Jesus points out the boundaries that are so often imposed on the poor and the vulnerable. As Christians, we must follow the lead of Jesus and be welcoming to all. We are meant to share our faith together, no matter our circumstances. After all, if Jesus hadn't invited a tax collector to follow him, there would have been no St. Matthew to name our church for!

Blessings & Love, Jeanette

<u>Our Sacramental Life Together</u> :		
Sacrament of Baptism:	Call either parish office for arrangements.	
Sacrament of Reconciliation:	Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:00 pm at St. Matthew or call either parish office for an appointment.	
Sacrament of Matrimony:	Please notify either parish office six months in advance of desired date.	
Anointing of the Sick:	Please notify either parish office if someone is sick at home, in a nursing facility or the hospital.	
<u>Holy Orders</u> :	If you're interested in serving the People of God as a priest, please visit ROCpriest.org.	

### **Remembering All Those Serving in Our Military**

Sgt. 1st Class Jacob Allison, Lt. Colonels Brian & Maria Beecher, Gunnery Sgt. Roy Beecher, T Sgt. Daniel Beecher, SPC Joshua Beecher, HM2 (FMF), Adam Bock, George Boyd, Lt. Cdr. William Burke, SSGs Ramiro & Melanie Carrasco, Major Alanna (Parrinello) Cook, Lt. Colonel Steven Cook, Sgt. Scott Cunningham, Cmdr. Kevin DeCillis - U.S.N., Private Bruce Flieger, AG2 Diane Gagle, Capt. Levi Gangi, Major Walter M. Golden III, Lt. Col. Christinia R. Golden, Maj. Adam R. Golden, SPC Mark Griswold, Nathan Gutridge, Emily Hill, Fred Hill, SSG. Scott Jeffers, SSG Jason Junot, Cpl. Marine Nicole A. Maltese, Sgt. Richard Miller, Lt. Col. Jeffrey B. Murphy, Capt. Michael S. Redman, IT3 Christopher Redman, Col. Gregory Reese, Airman Tyler Regelsberger, Capt. John Rossiter, Gerald Ruf, Staff Sgt. Sean Schoonover, 2nd Lt.US Army Dennis Segrue, Airman 1st Class Kenneth A. Shelton, Marvin Singer, Lt. Commnder John T. Slagle, Sr. Airman Josh Smith, Christopher Taber PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR PARISH OFFICE WITH ANY CHANGES TO THIS LIST



As we draw to a close another celebration of Season of Creation on the Feast of St. Francis this Friday, we invite you to spend some quiet time outdoors, reveling in the beauty of God's creation. And perhaps you might reflect on your response to the "groans" of the earth in this time of climate crisis, with hope, education, advocacy, and climate action in the days and months to come. See catholicclimatecovenant.org and laudatosimovement.org for ideas.





When: Now through 10:00AM Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at coffee hour.

What: Bid on 50 items & baskets, on tables and below! Enter name, phone, and incremental bid.

Where: Items on display in St. Mary's vestibule, and in the Community Room on the final day

Why: A fundraiser to benefit our Pave Paradise Fund



# COME JOIN US ...

Saturday, October 5th 11am St. Matthew Church



### STRENGTHENING our RELATIONSHIP with MARY thru MUSIC and PRAYER

- Join our Folk Group in singing a few songs honoring Mary
- Deacon Craig will speak on Mary
- Deacon John will lead us in praying the Rosary for Mary's intercession on behalf of our country
- Join us for a pizza lunch following the Rosary

For those of you who have wondered how to pray the rosary or haven't done so in a while ... this is an opportunity to find joy in praying the rosary, through which Mary presents our needs to Jesus, her son! Rosaries will be provided for those who need one.

### ALL are WELCOME ... ESPECIALLY FAMILIES !!

### PLEASE BRING A FRIEND TOO!

# TELL ME MORE ABOUT WHY CATHOLICS SHOULD VOTE NO TO THE ERA

# NEW YORK ALREADY HAS TOO MUCH ABORTION.

New York currently has one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world, permitting abortions up to birth, allowing non-physicians to perform abortions, and excluding parents from the decisionmaking process. By making "reproductive healthcare" a constitutional right, it would be impossible to pass even the most limited restrictions to protect women and children, and would further threaten the conscience rights of health professionals and institutions that refuse to take unborn life by abortion.



### CHILDREN SHOULDN'T MAKE LIFE-ALTERING MEDICAL DECISIONS WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT.

Confusion about gender has become an epidemic among young people. But gender reassignment therapies and surgeries have serious life-long consequences, and their safety and benefit are increasingly questioned, even by secular researchers. "Gender-affirming care" is based in ideologies that do not recognize the true nature of human sexuality and often these 'treatments' fail to adequately address underlying mental health struggles. This amendment would permit troubled children to seek these dangerous procedures without parental consent or even knowledge, excluding from the conversation those who know them best and desire their true good.

# **3** AGE RESTRICTIONS MAKE A LOT OF SENSE.

Laws "discriminate" based on age all the time. For the protection of vulnerable youth, we set minimum ages to drive, smoke, drink, or consent to sexual activity. To prevent elder abuse, we provide special privileges and protections to those over 65. This so-called new constitutional "protection" would make it much easier for activists to overturn these common-sense safeguards. Age restrictions that relate to "sexual freedom" or "the right to die" are those that would be most likely to be challenged. Some countries already permit children as young as 12 to consent to assisted suicide or euthanasia, which could soon be legalized in New York. We want to ensure that appropriate protections remain in place for vulnerable age groups.

