

# Sts. Mary & Matthew Faith Community

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*Our Mission Is To Go and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ ~ November 3, 2024*



## 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

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### Readings and Hymns

Readings..... 944

#### Hymns:

##### St. Mary's:

Entrance..... 719  
Offertory..... 657  
Recessional..... 517

##### St. Matthew:

Entrance..... 360  
Offertory..... 620  
Recessional..... 318

## The Word of the Laird



Today's Gospel is Mark's version of the question about the greatest commandment. Matthew and Luke also feature this in their Gospels, but Mark has an addition to that discussion. Matthew initiates the encounter as a response on the part of the Pharisees to Jesus' disputation with the Sadducees. Luke initiates the discussion with a question from a lawyer. In Luke's account it is the lawyer himself who relates the two great commandments.

For Mark it is a scribe who initiates the conversation, so it is clearly in the context of Jewish living. After Jesus answers the scribe, the scribe commends Jesus and repeats what Jesus had said, adding that love for one's neighbor is worth more than any burnt offering or sacrifice. In this the scribe is referring to temple worship.

Jesus then commends the scribe for answering wisely. "You are not far from the kingdom of God." This commendation by Jesus relates to Jesus' own ministry proclaiming the nearness of the kingdom of God. It is God's kingdom that we still strive to make a reality, realizing that that reality will only fully come about in Christ's second coming.

Thanks be to God.



## Church Chuckle

**MAGI:** The most famous trio to attend a baby shower.



**Saturday, November 2**

St. Mary's 9:00 am  
 St. Matthew 4:30 pm—Christopher Neary (The Enrights)

**Sunday, November 3—31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. Mary's 8:30 am — For the People of this Faith Community  
 St. Matthew 10:30 am—Raymond & Ann Gendron (Julie Smith)

**Monday, November 4**

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Marie Gilbert (Family)

**Tuesday, November 5**

St. Mary's 9:00 am—Jim Fitzsimmons (Joan Fitzsimmons and Family)

**Wednesday—November 6**

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Rick Nowakowski (Bill & Athlene Fisher)

**Thursday—November 7**

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

**Saturday, November 9**

St. Mary's 9:00 am  
 St. Matthew 4:30 pm—For the People of this Faith Community

**Sunday, November 10—32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. Mary's 8:30 am — Jim Hawes (Cliff & Nancy Andres)  
 St. Matthew 10:30 am—Elizabeth Ann Donato (Family)

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**Attendance— 10/27/2024**

*St. Matthew—4:30 pm*                      112  
*St. Mary's—8:30 am*                        103  
*St. Matthew—10:30 am*                    185

**We've made a change!**

Starting this weekend, we are now reporting our collections information once a month and on a year-to-date basis rather than a weekly count. Our Finance Councils have determined this better reflects our offertory status rather than the weekly model as people are increasingly donating on a monthly, semiannual or even yearly basis. This monthly report should be available mid-month going forward.

**Offertory**

**Collections—7/1/2024 through 9/30/2024**

	24/25 Actual	24/25 Budget	Difference
St. Mary's	\$38,197	\$28,625	\$9,572
St. Matthew	\$74,881	\$83,750	(\$8,669)

## 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	Dan & Shirley Mulvaney
Pat Conlon	Jay Nowakowski
Lucille DeClerck	Robert & Mary Oelwang
Jule DeClerck	Paul & Martha Pfuntner
Joseph & Betty Eberwein	Joe Rausch
Mary Iten	Patrick L Guenther
Leo Iten	Frank & Estelle Rodman
Paul Jones	Nan Ryan
Beverly Luther	John Scherberger
Ralph & Rocco Messura	Michelle Stefano
Betty West	Kathie Regelsberger
Leo & Mary Ann Morsch	Lois Cicero
Lenny & Marie Shumway	Debra Czudak
Linda Murphy	James Sheehan
Patrick Argentieri	Anita Stefano
Ofc. Anthony P. Mazurkiewicz	Joan Shattuck
Jean Marie Dellies	Betty Schrader
Joseph Carusotti	Leigh Ann Hockey
Kay C. Gordon	

### 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

Praying for Those Who Are Ill

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, Helen Stefano, 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 themselves to place a name on the prayer list.

## This Week in Our Faith Community

### Monday, November 4

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

**12:00 pm—Articles for the 11/10 Bulletin Due**

### Tuesday, November 5

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass

St. Mary's—9:30 am Euchre

St. Matthew—6:30 pm Choir Practice

### Wednesday, November 6

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

St. Mary's—9:30 am Comfort Quilters

St. Matthew—9:30—11:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

St. Matthew—12:30 pm Hearts & Hands

### Thursday, November 7

**12:00 pm—Articles for the 11/17 Bulletin Due**

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass

St. Mary's—7:00 pm Choir Practice

### Friday, November 8

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

St. Mary's—10:00 am -Noon Clothing Closet Open

### Saturday, November 9

St. Mary's—10:00 am-Noon Clothing Closet Open

St. Matthew—3:30—4:00 pm Reconciliation

St. Matthew—4:30 pm Mass

### Sunday, November 10

St. Mary's—8:30 am Mass

St. Matthew—10:30 am Mass


## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 9 & 10

**4:30 pm—Communion Ministers:** M. Enright, D. Winter;  
**Lector:** B. Woodruff; **Sacristan:** B. Woodruff

**8:30 am—Altar Servers:** P. Gotham, L. Norris; **Communion Ministers:** H. Hawes, A. Bauer; **Lector:** B. Missell; **Greeter/Ushers:** H&D Hawes, C. Wittman; **Sacristan:** H. Hawes; **Announcer:** C. O'Connor; **Live Stream:** C&P Gotham

**10:30 am—Altar Servers:** C. Coriddi, Juliette West; **Communion Ministers:** A. Holvevinski, K. Gsellmeier; **Lector:** B. West; **Sacristan:** K. Gsellmeier



**FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD— BOTH CHURCHES DURING SUNDAY MASS**

**Faith Formation**  
 St. Mary's—after 8:30 am Mass  
 St. Matthew—9:15 am

**Crossroads**  
 St. Matthew—6:30 pm

**KFC**  
 St. Matthew—11/6—6:30 pm

**Confirmation**  
 St. Matthew— After 10:30 am Mass

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

Dear Church Family,

This weekend we celebrate the **31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Doesn't it seem fitting that in the gospel passage this week, as we prepare to vote in the presidential election, has Jesus affirming the most important commandments? ***"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*** As Christians, we are called to love – everyone, and that includes those we don't agree with. The current political climate, quite frankly, scares me. There is such lack of respect – name calling, threats, and just plain old meanness. The presidential election years I've experienced have never been like this one.

The first presidential election I had the honor to cast my vote in was in 1980 when Ronald Reagan defeated President Jimmy Carter. I voted for the latter, and while I was disappointed by the outcome, I had a lot of admiration for both candidates. They showed grace and dignity in their campaigns and (for the most part) toward each other. My father reminded me that whoever wins an election

deserves to be respected as they will serve as the President of the United States. Do you remember those days? Times have certainly changed.

We, as Catholics, are encouraged to do our "Christian duty" and vote. Vote from the heart. Vote from your conscience (you know that inner voice that I believe is the Holy Spirit guiding our thoughts). Vote and accept whatever the outcome may be. And pray. Pray for our country, for our church and our community. And pray for the president elect because he or she will need it. Because despite all negativity, division and hate – we still are privileged to live in the USA.

Blessings & Love, *Jeanette*

**Prayer Before an Election**

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. Amen.

Prayer is from the **USCCB** website. <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-election>

Our Sacramental Life Together:

- 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.
- Holy Orders:** If you're interested in serving the People of God as a priest, please visit [ROCpriest.org](http://ROCpriest.org).





We keep all those currently serving in our Military, as well as those who have previously served, in our prayers always.



In your Christian Charity, you are asked to remember in your prayers

*Mary Ann Geartz*

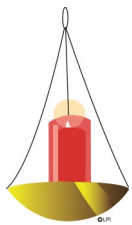
whom God called to eternal rest. May she rest in peace and may the Risen Lord strengthen her family in their time of loss.

**Hey Youse Guys!** A big **Thank You** to all who attended our Spaghetti Dinners this year! Because of all of you, we were able to contribute \$7,154.55 to the Pave Paradise initiative! Also, thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers who made the dinners possible. Hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did! Until April 2025...

Judy & Nancy



St. Mary's Choir invites you to join us in raising a "joyful noise" at Mass! Whether you're professionally trained or just like to sing in the shower, we welcome all abilities and ranges, and encourage you to contact our music director Steve Donohue or visit our table at the 11/10 Ministry Fair. Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:00PM September-May and Sundays at 7:45AM



*St. Mary's Sanctuary Candle  
burns this week in memory of*

*Larry Milligan*

*Requested by: Diane & Harry  
Haves*



Our Faith Community Social Ministry Team is inviting you to consider opportunities to become involved in our parish ministries and groups. We know that many of you are actively members of one or more ministry and/or group. Others of you may not have found your "niche" and are curious about possibilities to serve and experience community in a new way.

Representatives will be present after Mass at the coffee hours on Sunday, November 10 at St. Mary's and on November 24th at St. Matthew to answer questions you may have as you prayerfully consider using your gifts for service to our Faith Community as well as the poor, marginalized, lonely and forgotten. Thank you!

# Thanksgiving Dinner News



## *Sts. Mary & Matthew Annual Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner*

St. Mary's Church, Honeoye

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Dinner served from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm (or until gone)

No takeouts

Delivery available to Homebound upon request

For More Information, call 585-229-5007

All are welcome!



**Volunteers  
needed**

### **Can you lend a hand with our Thanksgiving Dinner?**

We have a job for everyone!

We need people to setup/cleanup, bake pies, cook turkeys, work the buffet line, cook squash and more! There's so much to do! We have a signup board at the entrance of both churches. Please prayerfully consider helping us feed a free meal to our communities.

Thanks in advance!

**St. Mary's**

Diane Hawes (Chair), John Lloyd  
Ann Bauer, Olga Leonard, Pat McRae

**Trustees:** Mike Dobbertin & Nancy An-  
dres

**St. Matthew**

John Quinliven, Judy Couture, Bruce  
Longo

Pat Rodman, Tom Roule, Deborah  
Sykes, Ryan VanGelder

**Trustees:** Lynn Maginn & Julie  
West

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