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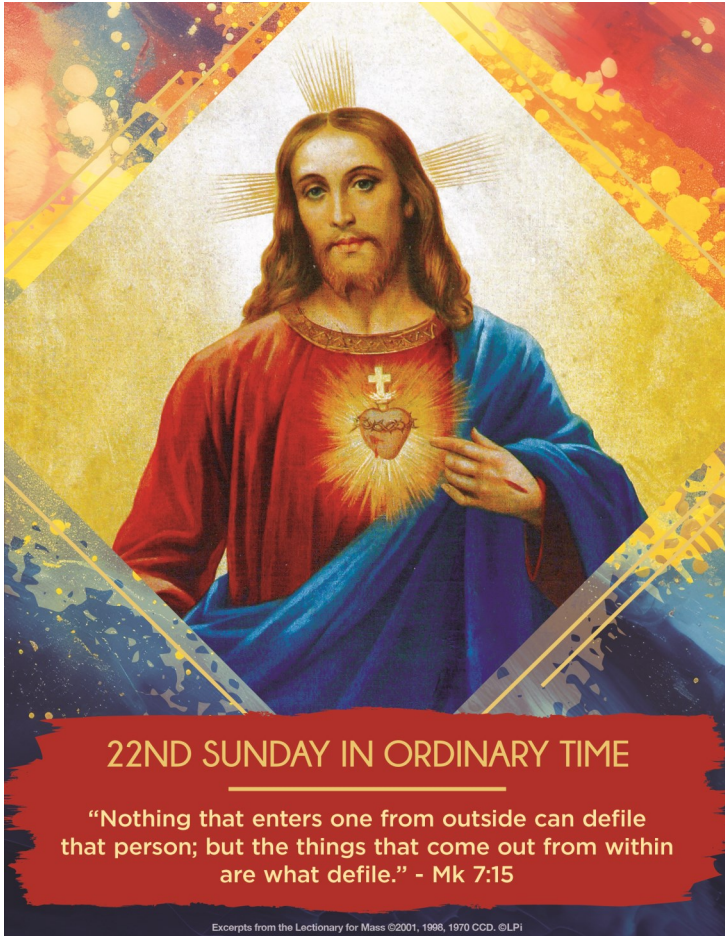
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*Our Mission Is To Go and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ ~ September 1, 2024*



## 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.” - Mk 7:15

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### *Readings and Hymns*

Readings .....917

#### Hymns:

##### St. Mary's:

Entrance .....697  
Offertory .....499  
Recessional .....731

##### St. Matthew:

Entrance .....313  
Offertory .....697  
Recessional .....731

## The Word of the Laird



Today we return to reading from the Gospel of Mark. One of the significant tensions in all of the gospels is the conflict which arises between Jesus and the Pharisees. In today's reading, the Pharisees question why Jesus' followers don't observe the rites of ablution, that is washing their hands before eating something.

Jesus responds by indicating that the Pharisees nullify God's law with their traditions and He cites among them the violation of the commandment to honor one's parents, but the Pharisees allow for declaring goods dedicated to God and unavailable to assist one's parents.

Today's passage unfortunately leaves out a number of verses that would have enhanced our understanding of Jesus' teaching and its effect. One of those flows from Jesus instructing that it is not what enters a man that makes him impure but rather what comes out of him. Mark then gives the editorial comment that "Thus did he render all foods clean" (v.19). That makes it possible for us to enjoy ham, shrimp, shellfish, prosciutto and Italian sausage!

It is also worth noting that the Pharisees would be notably active surrounding Jesus' arrest and trial.

Thanks be to God.



## Church Chuckle

The Golfer's Hymn: "There's a Green Hill Far Away."



**Saturday, August 31**

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—Marion & Charles Bayer (Family)

**Sunday, September 1—22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. Mary's 8:30 am —For the People of this Faith Community

St. Matthew 10:30 am—Susannah Lyle (Family)

**Monday, September 2**

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Christine Finnochario (Cucchiara Family)

**Tuesday, September 3**

St. Mary's 9:00 am—Catherine Wenthe (Judy & Gary Donsky)

**Wednesday—September 4**

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Theresa Pfuntner (Mark & Margaret Schuster)

**Thursday—September 5**

St. Mary's 9:00 am—Arlene McAuliffe (Tim McAuliffe)

**Saturday, September 7**

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

**Sunday, September 8—3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. Mary's 8:30 am —Jim Hawes (Peter & Patti Krueger)

St. Matthew 10:30 am—Sam & Bessie Cicero (Their Children & Grandchildren)

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**This Week in Our Faith Community**

**Monday, September 2**

**BOTH PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, September 3**

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass

St. Mary's—9:30 am Euchre

**Wednesday, September 4**

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

St. Mary's—5:00 pm Tailgate Party Committee Meeting

**Thursday, September 5**

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass

**Friday, September 6**

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

St. Mary's—6:00 pm—8:00 pm Clothing Closet Open

**Saturday, September 7**

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, September 8**

St. Mary's—8:30 am Mass

St. Matthew—10:30 am Folk Mass

**Weekly Offertory**

**St. Mary's**

\*Collection—08/25/2024 **\$1,392.62**

\*Includes Electronic Offering of \$199.62

**St. Matthew**

\*Collection—08/25/2024 **\$4,318.00**

\*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

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

**Attendance— 08/25/2024**

St. Matthew—4:30 pm	123
St. Mary's—8:30 am	127
St. Matthew—10:30 am	175

## 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	

### 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



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

*Joseph Culotta*

*Nancy Reece*

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

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, Mary Sheehan, Bill Sidlauskas, Alan Siracusa, Erin Siracusa, Kathleen Smith, Jim Stefano Sr., Margaret Stuver, 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.

## Paue Paradise Update

<b>Total Loan</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>
<b>Fiscal Year 7/1/24-6/30/25</b>	
<b>Commitment</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>Fund Raising</b>	
Basket Raffle	\$920.39
Trivia Night	\$600.00
Spaghetti Suppers	\$4,355.13
Junk in the Trunk	\$4,408.66
Chicken Barbeque	\$869.00
<b>Pave Paradise Donations</b>	<b>\$1,375.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance (as of 8/25)</b>	<b>\$2,471.82</b>

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 7 & 8

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

**8:30 am—Altar Servers:** L. Norris, C. Andres; **Communion Ministers:** L. Thomas, N. Andres; **Lector:** S. Brown; **Greeter/Ushers:** J&A Parshall, C. Wittman; **Sacristan:** L. Thomas; **Announcer:** J. Donsky; **Live Stream:** J. Donsky

**10:30 am—Altar Servers:** C. Coriddi & Juliette West; **Communion Ministers:** B. Cope & M. Rausch; **Lector:** D. Sykes; **Sacristan:** K&R Gsellmeier

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

Dear Church Family,

This weekend we celebrate the **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**, and the readings tell of the importance of living in God’s love through our actions.

In the first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses says to his people, “**...hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live ...Observe [the commandments] carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations.**” Those Ten Commandments still guide us today. They serve as a guide to live by as Christians and hold us accountable in our actions.

The second reading from St. James also reminds us that living with perseverance in our faith is essential as Christians. While the commandments instruct us on how we should live for God (and one another). He begins his letter with a beautiful greeting, “**Dearest brothers and sisters: All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of Lights.**” Isn’t that a beautiful description? – The “*Father of Lights*”. WE are the lights that are sent out to share God’s message to all, “**Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only.**” We are called to be active in our faith, and not hold our belief so close to our chest that we keep it to ourselves. No. We must share that faith with EVERYONE we encounter, and in every action we make.

Our gospel passages are now back to St. Mark after hearing St. John’s Bread of Life Discourse. Fr. Laird describes the passage thoroughly in his bulletin letter, so I will just offer that this reading urges us to live for God in both word and deed.

Jesus pointedly shares Isaiah’s words, “**This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me**” and Jesus goes on to say, “**You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition.**” Let’s face it, we all know right from wrong. We know we are called to live for, and lead others to, Jesus. Is it difficult to do? I don’t really think so. I know I have a simplistic view of this, but I say – JUST BE KIND. Remember that Golden Rule? Even if we don’t agree, treat others the way you want to be treated. No, it’s not always easy. We must ask for God’s grace to assist us because unkind, mean-spirited words can wound hearts – sometimes beyond repair. So, we must be vigilant in the practice of sharing our faith in all we do. Smile. Use caring and gentle words and gestures. If we all could just strive to live in this way – just think how much better our world could be.

Blessings & Love, *Jeanette*

## 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.



*The Holy Family Candle burns this week in memory of Joseph Caldwell requested by Pat Caldwell*



## AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

Our **Amazing Autumn Auction** is right around the corner; another Pave Paradise fundraising event!

We are looking for donations of stand-alone items and theme baskets (or items *for* baskets) that we can display for bidding in our silent auction. Some popular ideas include: gift cards/certificates, lottery tickets, home décor and small furnishings, wine, non-perishable food, holiday items, kids' toys/activities, pet supplies, concert tickets, or travel excursions.

**Accepting donations:** Sunday, September 1 – Thursday, September 19

**Bidding begins:** Sunday, September 22

**Auction ends:** 10:00AM at the October 13 Coffee Hour

Back by popular demand, it's...  
**St. Mary's Church Fun Fall**



**Where:** Honeoye-Hemlock American Legion  
4931 County Road 36, Honeoye  
**When:** Saturday, Sept. 28, 6-8PM  
*Registration deadline: Sept. 22*  
**Who:** Teams of 4-6 people, max. 15 teams  
**Cost:** \$50/team registration fee  
\$7 optional chicken 'n biscuits dinner available for purchase

### Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams!

*~Co-hosted by Honeoye-Hemlock American Legion~  
Registration proceeds benefit the church parking lot repaving fund, dinners benefit the Ladies' Auxiliary.*

**To register:** Mail check or drop off cash/check to St. Mary's office, 8961 W. Main St., PO Box 725, Honeoye NY 14471 **with completed entry form**, which can be found at [www.stsmaryandmatthew.com](http://www.stsmaryandmatthew.com), either church office, or The American Legion. Questions? 229-5007



...to complete the census! Check out our website or Facebook page for a link or visit our Census Booth after Mass. So easy! We're

looking for updated information for you and those living with you.

**Website:** [stsmaryandmatthew.com](http://stsmaryandmatthew.com)

**Facebook:** **Sts. Mary & Matthew Faith Community**

**Census Booth: Let us help you complete your form!**

**Your help is greatly appreciated!!!**





Rehearsals for our Faith Community Choirs begin this month as follows:

St. Matthew—Tuesday, September 3 at 6:30 pm

St. Mary's—Thursday, September 12 at 7:00 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!



**Sts. Mary & Matthew  
Diaper & Wipes Drive**  
**A CAUSE YOU CAN REALLY GET  
BEHIND!**

Throughout the month of September, we will be accepting disposable diapers and wipes at both St. Mary's and St. Matthew.

Donated items will be given to:  
**Mary's Place Refugee Outreach Center**



### St. Mary's Coffee Hour

Please join us next Sunday for coffee, tasty treats and fellowship immediately following Mass.

We need volunteers to provide baked goods/treats and also to serve as hosts (includes serving & clean-up). Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.



St. Mary's Comfort Quilters  
Meet the 1st. & 3rd. Wednesday of  
the month at 9:30 am.  
Interested? Call St. Mary's Office  
229-5007



## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisees did not understand that the law is more than an action to be carried out. We are called to be doers of the word and not hearers only. Let the law take root in your heart, and it will bear fruit in your works.

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"You shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it." (Dt 4:2)

### Psalm:

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

### Second Reading:

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. (Jas 1:22)

### Gospel:

"You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." (Mk 7:8)

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## Prayer for Labor Day

Dear Lord,  
Bless and protect the men and women whose hard work provides food and shelter to them and their families, services to our communities, and care to our world. Be with them as they work, but also as they rest and recreate in Your care. Amen.