

Sts. Mary & Matthew Faith Community

St. Mary's Catholic Church
8961 W. Main St./PO Box 725
Honeoye, NY 14471
TEL: (585)-229-5007
FAX: (585)-229-2820
Email: hstmaryo@dor.org

St. Matthew Catholic Church
6591 Richmond Mills Road/PO Box 77
Livonia, NY 14487
TEL: (585)-346-3815
FAX: (585)-346-9440
Email: lstmatthew@dor.org

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9:00 am to Noon

Office Hours: Mon-Wed 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Website - www.stsmariandmatthew.com Facebook - [stsmariandmatthewfaithcommunity](https://www.facebook.com/stsmariandmatthewfaithcommunity)

Our Mission Is To Go and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ ~ September 15, 2024



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." - Mk 8:34

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. ©LPI

Readings and Hymns

Readings..... 923

Hymns:

St. Mary's:

Entrance..... 552
Offertory..... 496
Recessional..... 384

St. Matthew:

Entrance..... 714
Offertory..... 587
Recessional..... 612

The Word of the Laird



Today's Gospel reading from Mark is the midpoint of his Gospel. Jesus inquires about who people are saying He is. Then, after a variety of possibilities, He asks who the disciples say He is. Peter responds that He is the Christ, the Messiah. Then Jesus offers the first prediction of His passion. Once again, it is Peter who speaks, remonstrating with Him. But Jesus rejects this intervention referring to Peter as a tempter (Satan) who is judging not by God's standards but by man's.

There will be two more predictions of the passion in Chapters 9 and 10, each of them including His rising after three days. We need to remember also that the Jewish day began at sunset. So, on Good Friday, the time from when Jesus dies on the cross until sunset is one day; sunset Friday to sunset Saturday is the second day; and sunset Saturday until He rises from the tomb is the third day.

There are further healings and teachings in these chapters and also the marvelous transfiguration with Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah in the presence of Peter, James and John, the three whom Jesus will also have accompany Him closely during the agony in the garden.

One other element in Mark's Gospel that is notable is the repeated exhortation to silence and not telling about things. This may be a device that Mark uses to assist in understanding why more people did not adhere to faith in Jesus during His public ministry.

We may in our turn offer thanks for the gift of faith we have received.

Thanks be to God.



Saturday, September 14

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—Mary Iten (Mary Alice Goering)

Sunday, September 15—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary's 8:30 am —Joan Shattuck (Steven & Christopher Maltese)

St. Matthew 10:30 am—For the People of this Faith Community and for Charlie Braun (Don & Karen Denney)

Monday, September 16

St. Matthew 9:00 am

Tuesday, September 17

St. Mary's 9:00 am

Wednesday—September 18

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Shane Howard (Katy Turnbull)

Thursday—September 19

St. Mary's 9:00 am

Saturday, September 21

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—Gloria Scime (Christine Ando)

Sunday, September 22—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

St. Matthew 10:30 am—Rocco Massura (Mom & Family)

Our Staff

Rev. William Laird, Pastor
Fr.William.Laird@dor.org

John Hoffman, Deacon
John.Hoffman@dor.org

Melissa Szczesniak, Asst. Regional Finance Director
Melissa.Szczesniak@dor.org

Steve Donohue, C.A.G.O.,
Music Director—St. Mary's
sdonohue1632@gmail.com

Peter Arcadi, Music Director —St. Matthew
parcadi@yahoo.com

Jeanette Williams Housecamp, Director
Faith Formation/Youth Ministry
Jeanette.Housecamp@dor.org

Judith Donsky, Administrative Assistant
hstmaryo@dor.org

Joan Madigan, Administrative Assistant
hstmaryo@dor.org

Kathryn Morsch, Administrative Assistant
Kathryn.Morsch@dor.org

Weekly Offertory

St. Mary's

*Collection—09/01/2024 **\$1,362.62**

*Collection—09/08/2024 \$2,282.62

*Includes Electronic Offering of \$199.62

St. Matthew

*Collection—09/01/2024 **\$5,295.00**

*Collection—09/08/2024 \$6,151.00

*Includes Electronic Offering of \$1,657

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

09/01/2024

St. Matthew—4:30 pm	128
St. Mary's—8:30 am	149
St. Matthew—10:30 am	188

09/08/2024

St. Matthew—4:30 pm	130
St. Mary's—8:30 am	121
St. Matthew—10:30 am	260

This Week in Our Faith Community

Monday, September 16

Noon—Bulletin Articles Due for 9/22

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, September 17

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass

St. Mary's—9:30 am Euchre

St. Matthew—6:30 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, September 18

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, September 19

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass

St. Mary's—7:00 pm Choir Practice

Friday, September 20

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

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

Saturday, September 21

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

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

St. Matthew—4:30 pm Folk Mass

Sunday, September 22

St. Mary's—8:30 am Mass

St. Matthew—10:30 am Mass

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 Pfunter
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

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 Pfunter
 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, 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.

Our Blessed Mother is asking us to strengthen our relationship with her through Music and Prayer

Please save the date!

Saturday, October 5, 2024

11:00 am

St. Matthew Church

More information to follow.



SERVANTS OF GOD

Sts. Mary & Matthew Social Ministry Committee is dedicated to serving our community. We do this through organizing parish activities such as our giving trees, support of all our local food cupboards, sending cards to our home-bound and nursing home friends, Give Warmth Give Hope heating program, school supply collections, and many other events and activities that you may have seen and helped to support. This is a combined ministry with members from each of our churches. We currently meet the second Sunday of every month at 9:15 am at St. Matthew.

Please contact either church office if you would like to be part of this very dynamic group . . . All are welcome!

With prayers and appreciation.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 21 & 22

4:30 pm—Communion Ministers: P. Rodman, D. Winter; **Lector:** M. Palermo; **Sacristan:** C&C Schwalenstocker

8:30 am—Altar Servers: B. Gleason, L. Norris; **Communion Ministers:** J. Dobbertin, A. Bauer; **Lector:** C. Andres; **Greeter/Ushers:** M&J Dobbertin, C. Zanghi; **Sacristan:** S. Brown; **Announcer:** D. Hawes; **Live Stream:** M. Dobbertin

10:30 am—Altar Servers: David & John West; **Communion Ministers:** L. Maginn & K. Gsellmeier; **Lector:** B. Dougherty; **Sacristan:** K&R Gsellmeier

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

Dear Church Family,

This weekend we celebrate the **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**, and the readings again reflect the importance of living for God through word and deed.

In the first reading the Prophet Isaiah laments and proclaims that he lives for God in all he does, even when he is mistreated. ***“I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.”*** And he goes on to say, ***“The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.”***

Likewise, the second reading from St. James gives us a guide as to how we should live in and share our faith. ***“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ... faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”*** So, what is being asked of us as Christians? We are to serve others and do so with both joy and humility – because living like Christ is not only what we are called to do – but it’s a beautiful way to live.

Our gospel passage from St. Mark finds Jesus asking his disciples, ***“Who do people say that I am? ... who do you say that I am?”*** Has anyone ever put that question to you? Who is Jesus to you? Is he your savior, your rock, your comfort, your best friend? Is he your God? Yes! We proclaim Jesus in ALL that we do – or at least we should. It’s not always easy to do, especially in the world we live in today, but we must try. Jesus gives us unconditional mercy and love. We should exemplify that in the way we live our lives. We, like Peter, should proudly say, ***“You are the Christ!”***

I was off last week enjoying some time with family. My sister, her husband and my niece visited from Oregon. I haven’t seen them since 2018, so to say I was excited to hug them and spend precious time with them was an understatement. I am one of four sisters, and I’m the only one that still attends mass weekly. Two of my sisters are very spiritual and they consider themselves Catholic. One sister does not, and we disagree on many points – yet the love I have for all my sisters supersedes the differences. During this last visit, as we all gathered, I found myself speaking my truth more openly. My faith is central to who I am – it helps to define me and yet I’ve struggled with sharing that—even within my own family. I’m thinking many of you can relate to this, so here’s the thing – I believe that the more we live our faith, in all that we do, the easier it becomes to share it. The more we pray for guidance and strength, the stronger we become as messengers of Christ. We need to pray for our family, friends, and everyone who needs the comfort, mercy and love of God but doesn’t seem to know it (or chooses not to). We must pray for ourselves, as Christians, to live in a way that enables others to see Christ in us in the hopes of leading them to a life of faith. That’s a big challenge, and it’s not easy but it’s so worth it! ***“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.”***

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.




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 Paul Jones requested by Family

Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.




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

William J. Wisotzke

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

Pave Paradise Update

Total Loan	\$75,000
Fiscal Year 7/1/24-6/30/25 Commitment	\$15,000.00
Fund Raising	
Basket Raffle	\$920.39
Trivia Night	\$600.00
Spaghetti Suppers	\$4,865.97
Junk in the Trunk	\$4,408.66
Chicken Barbeque	\$869.00
Pave Paradise Donations	\$1,465.00
Ending Balance (as of 9/15)	\$1,870.98



We need YOU!

THIS IS THE LAST WEEK TO COMPLETE THE CENSUS!

If you haven't entered your Census Information, you'll find cards in the pews this weekend. Please take the time to complete one and drop it in the collection basket next week. Also, 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

Facebook: Sts. Mary & Matthew Faith Community

Census Booth: Let us help you complete your form!

Your help is greatly appreciated!!!



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

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

Trivia Night

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 1st and 2nd 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, either church office, or The American Legion. Questions? 229-5007

Are you ready
for some



Football?

St. Mary's Annual TAILGATE (& Euchre) PARTY

Featuring a **Pot Luck Supper**
Soft drinks and potato chips included!

BUFFALO BILLS

VS

Houston Texans

Sunday, October 6, 2024

12:00 pm

St. Mary's Community Room

**Sign-up sheets at the entrances of
Church**



Church Chuckle

HOLY WATER: A liquid whose
chemical formula is H2OLY.



St. Mary's Church, Honeoye
Monday, September 23, 2024

Anytime between 4:30 pm—6:30 pm

Tickets: \$10/Person and \$5/child Under 10

Walk-ins \$12/Person and \$6/child Under 10

Tickets available at both churches on Sundays
or both Church Offices

Featuring Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Salad,
Garlic Bread & Dessert

Please join us!



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: Now through Thursday,
September 19

Bidding begins: Sunday, September 22

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



Summer, 2024

Dear Pastor:

We want to alert you and the members of your church of the threat to Catholic values within the proposed Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to our New York State Constitution. The ERA is officially set to appear on the ballot for a popular vote on November 5, 2024, as Proposal One.

This state constitutional amendment, *among other things*, provides minor children with the fundamental right to abortion, chemical and later-term, as well as the fundamental right to engage in transgender medical interventions. The ERA empowers Courts to either uphold laws that ignore parental notice or consent or invalidate laws that require parental notice or consent for both of these life-ending or life-altering procedures. ***The ERA potentially erodes protections for churches and other religious institutions to teach beliefs that run contrary to these newly created fundamental rights.***

The so-called ERA reads as though it simply promotes 'freedom and justice for all,' but it potentially harms children, families, and religious institutions; its impacts are far reaching. NY statutes already protect against the horrors of discrimination as does our current NYS Constitution. ***The ERA goes further, by not only eroding parental authority and crystallizing 'rights' for children that could be dangerous for them, but by threatening the ability of churches and other religious institutions to promote principles misaligned with radical reproductive and gender ideology.***

The Coalition to Protect Kids-NY is a ballot issue committee missioned to defeat passage of the ERA. The Coalition is registered with the NYS Board of Elections, where any expenses paid to promote the defeat of this ballot measure must be reported. We have materials— [Paid for by the Coalition to Protect Kids-NY](#)— that we hope you will share, *at your discretion and at no cost*. Polls show that when people understand the effects of the ERA support for the amendment plummets.

The New York State Catholic Conference and the Diocese of Rochester oppose the ERA, and support the Coalition's mission to defeat it. Here are two ways we pray you will help us defeat the ERA:

- Post and share the Coalition's materials, (without any monetary expenditure) on your parish's website, social media, and on-line bulletins or newsletters.
- Make available and/or distribute (without any monetary expenditure) Coalition materials at your parish.

We are asking your parish to post, share or display Coalition materials, paid for by the Coalition, at your discretion.

The Coalition's basic materials include a variety of printed and digital content outlining the impacts of NY's ERA/ Prop One, as well as NY Voter Education Information.

Please go to PROTECTKIDSNY.COM, where you can see our materials, including our social media, and more. We also have digital and print **CTPKNY Parish Outreach Packets** to mail/ email to you.

For an in-depth analysis of several impacts of NY's ERA, please see *New York State's Equal Rights Amendment: A Revolutionary Camel*, published by our friends at the **Human Life Review**, here, <https://humanlifereview.com/new-york-states-equal-rights-amendment-a-revolutionary-camel/>

We can win, if we spread the message, with God's help.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Very Sincerely,

The Coalition to Protect Kids-NY
info@protectkidsny.com