

Sts. Mary & Matthew Faith Community

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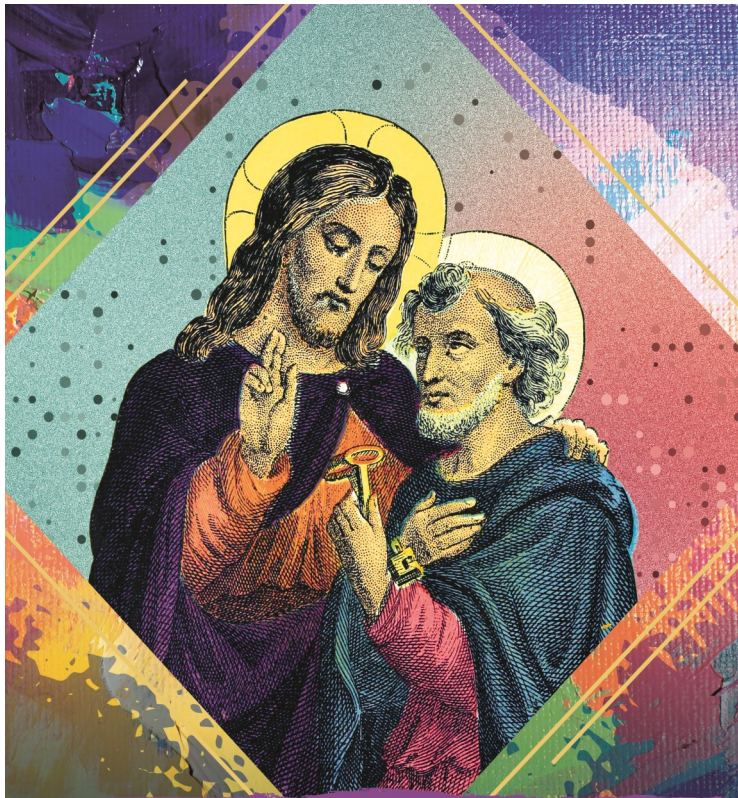
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Our Mission Is To Go and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ ~ August 27, 2023



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter in reply, "You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

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The Word of the Laird



Today's Gospel reading gives us the foundation for the institution of the papacy. In the Gospels Peter speaks up on a number of occasions. In the account of the transfiguration, he suggests setting up tents for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. In today's account he acclaims Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." Sadly though he also denies knowing Christ but then makes up for it when the risen Lord asks him if he loves Him.

Through the centuries, the Bishop of Rome has been regarded as the focal point of church unity and orthodoxy. Although there have been times when the papacy was involved in political issues as well, we've come through all of that and have witnessed a type of purifying of papal power. As the popes have taught through the ages by their various documents, encyclicals and pastoral messages they have helped to form the Church as the People of God. While not all Christians recognize the charism of the Bishop of Rome, we who are Catholic strive to maintain the unity that Christ desired for His followers.

We pray for the Pope in every Mass and ask God to give him the grace needed to lead the Church in holiness and fidelity.

Thanks be to God.

Readings and Hymns

Readings..... 913

Hymns:

Entrance..... 471

Offertory..... 705

Recessional..... 548



Church Chuckle

Dear God, I would like to know why in the Bible all the things you said are in red?



Monday, August 28

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Marion Bayer (Family)

Tuesday, August 29

St. Mary's 9:00 am—Delores Foti (David Denzi)

Wednesday, August 30

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Mary Jane Culotta (Melissa & Dylan Szczesniak)

Thursday, August 31

St. Mary's 9:00 am—Mary Anne Root (Estate of Dolores B. Root)

Saturday, September 2

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—Joe Caldwell (Family)

Sunday, September 3—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary's 8:30 am—Richard Shaw (Dan Shaw)

St. Matthew 10:30 am—For the People of this Faith Community

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Weekly Offertory

St. Mary's

*Collection—8/20/2023 **\$1,606.62**

*Includes Electronic Offering of \$199.62

Assumption \$ 323.00

St. Matthew

*Collection—8/20/2023 **\$6,273.00**

*Includes Electronic Offering of \$1,657.00

Assumption \$ 325.00

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— 8/20/2023

St. Matthew—4:30 pm 127

St. Mary's—8:30 am 126

St. Matthew—10:30 am 141

This Week in Our Faith Community

Monday, August 28

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

St. Matthew—11:00 am—1:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

St. Mary's—4:30 pm Spaghetti Supper

Tuesday, August 29

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass—Live Streamed

St. Mary's—9:45 am Euchre

St. Matthew—4:30-6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, August 30

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

Thursday, August 31

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass—Live Streamed

St. Mary's—6:00 pm Parish Life (Dinner) Mtg.

Friday, September 1

St. Mary's—10:00 am Noon Clothing Closet Open
Hemlock Park Gazebo—9:00 am Faith Community Prayer Service

Saturday, September 2

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

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

St. Matthew—4:30 pm

Sunday, September 3

St. Mary's—8:30 am Mass—Live Streamed

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

Amanda Coble	Dan & Shirley Mulvaney
Elizabeth Klapak Coble	Linda Murphy
Pat Conlon	Jay Nowakowski
Jerry D'Hont	Richard O'Connor
Lucille DeClerck	Robert & Mary Oelwang
Jule DeClerck	Paul & Martha Pfuntner
Joseph & Betty Eberwein	Joe Rausch
Joe Gianni	Patrick L Guenther
Leo Iten	Frank & Estelle Rodman
Paul Jones	Nan Ryan
Beverly Luther	John Scherberger
Ralph & Rocco Messura	Michelle Stefano
Betty West	Bernice Yerger
Leo & Mary Ann Morsch	Lois Cicero
Lenny & Marie Shumway	Debra Czudak
Al Stockslader	James Sheehan
Patrick Argentieri	Anita Stefano
Mark Gargano	James Ferris
Willis Johnson	Kathie Regelsberger
Bart Johnson	Joseph Carusotti
Officer Anthony P. Mazurkiewicz	

Deceased Members of the following:

Chuck and Cathy Schwalenstocker Family
 Helinski and Ellison Families
 Giuliani Family
 Jones Family
 Muscato Family
 Culotta & Hendrick Families
 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

Praying for Those Who Are Ill

Diane Backus, William Beeley, Charlie Braun, Teresa Burritt, Gloria Cote, Catherine Couture, Kevin DeCillis, Hazel Delaney, Crystal DeMay, Joseph Dispenza, Theresa (Pfuntner) Donlon, Joseph Erhart III, Sharon Erhart, Kay C. Gordon, **Sheila Gotham**, Jane Harvey, Mary Ann Hipp, Bob Horning, Mary Iten, Dan Jones, Peggy Knight, Tom Kranz, Jean Long, Mark (Whitmore) Maltese, Shoshana Margolin, Rose Mazurkiewicz, Brian McCarty, Nina Monteleone, Ellen Munding, Katie Boldt Norton, Chris Ortega, Piper Ortega, Mia Rafanelli, Paula Schuster, Joan Shattuck, Mary Sheehan, Erin Siracusa, Kathleen Smith, Jim Stefano Sr., Marlene Tears, Ray Tette, Soledad Tewksbury, Kate Weider, Ed Wendelgass, Charlotte Wood

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.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 27

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/
 Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/
 Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/
 Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2 & 3

4:30 pm—Communion Ministers: J. Patel, D. Winter; **Altar Servers:** J&D West; **Lector:** M. Palermo; **Sacristans:** B. Woodruff

8:30 am—Altar Servers: L. Norris, D. Holtz; **Communion Ministers:** L. Thomas, J. Donsky; **Lector:** H. Hawes; **Ushers:** H&D Hawes, C. Whitman, C. Andres; **Sacristan:** L. Thomas; **Live Stream:** C. Andres; **Announcer:** B. Missell

10:30 am—Communion Ministers: A. Parry, J. Sheehan; **Altar Servers:** C. Coriddi; **Lector:** J. Kahn; **Sacristan:** A. Huber



**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
 Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
 Amos 9: 24

To begin this important month of the celebration of God's creation more fully, we invite you to our opening Faith Community prayer service:

Hemlock Park Gazebo
Friday, September 1, 2023
9:00 am

Please join us as we unite our voices for our common home.

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

Dear Church Family,

This weekend we celebrate the **21st Sunday of Ordinary Time**, and the readings both remind us of and challenge us in our understanding of who Jesus is. How do you see God? What do you believe and understand? I just presented you with two questions to ponder, and I will add one more. Who is Jesus – and more specifically, who is Jesus to you?

The second reading for this week from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans presents itself as a prayer, filled with the truth of the Lord. ***"For from him and through him and for him are all things."*** As Catholics we often hear about "the mysteries of our faith." At times I think that's a bit overused. If we don't understand something fully, we refer to it as a mystery. And let's face it, we can never fully comprehend the scope of God. ***"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!"*** Unsearchable indeed. I like that word – it pretty much sums up my point that we never really will know or understand God. But our faith assures us of God's love and grace. That is a certainty and there is no mystery there.

The gospel passage from St. Matthew finds Jesus questioning his disciples, ***"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"*** Jesus refers to himself as the "Son of Man," and then goes on to specifically ask his disciples, ***"But who do you say that I am?"*** I think that was an "ah ha moment" for Peter, as he answered, ***"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*** The reply Jesus gives Peter further expresses the certainty of Peter's response. ***"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father."*** All his disciples must have been in awe. While they followed Jesus with their hearts, I believe this may have been the moment when they fully understood with their minds, that Jesus truly was the Christ! As for Peter, well he was rewarded with the ***"keys to the kingdom of heaven."*** I love this passage, as Jesus affirms Peter's legacy, ***"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church."*** Peter becomes the rock, the firm foundation that held the weight of the church. Peter was indeed a rock as he took on both the burden and the blessing of leading the church. I looked up the meaning of the name Peter and found that it means "a small stone." Do you think Jesus was using a play on words by calling Peter the rock? Maybe, but I think it was more likely he was telling Peter that he was no small stone, but a firm and reliable foundation.

Pope Francis, our current Pope, 266th in the line beginning with St. Peter, reflected on St. Peter in June on the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, saying ***"Peter is a rock: There are many times when he is strong and steady, genuine and generous ... He is also a stone, founded on Christ, that acts as a support to the brothers and sisters for the building up of the Church. Peter is also a small pebble, and his littleness emerges often ... This is all in Peter: the strength of the rock, the reliability of the stone, and the littleness of a simple pebble."*** Peter was all those things. And he was also human, just like us. He made mistakes yet he kept trying. He is a saint to emulate because he learned and accepted that Jesus was the Christ by following and listening and doing, and then he shared that truth. That is what it takes to live a life of faith.

Peace and Blessings, *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.

Remembering All Those Serving in Our Military

Sgt. 1st Class Jacob Allison, Sgt. Jackson Anguish, 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. Commander John T. Slagle, Sr. Airman Josh Smith, Christopher Taber

PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR PARISH OFFICE WITH ANY CHANGES TO THIS LIST.

HELP!

Sent by Ravens Needs

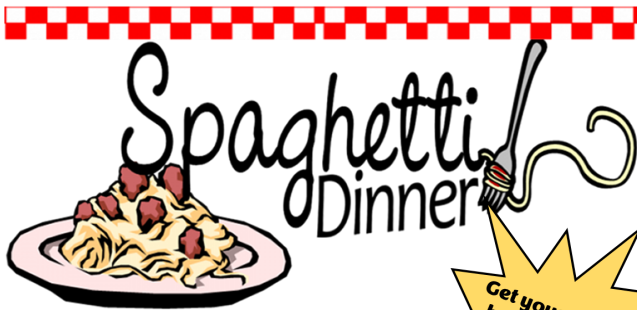
Our Livonia Food Cupboard, Sent by Ravens, is currently serving 125 families per week and the **cupboard is bare!** Here is a list of their needs: Pasta sauce, chunky soups, jelly, peanut butter, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, cereal, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, canned fruit. Also, if you have any additional produce from your gardens, we can use it! Please drop it off at St. Matthew. Thanks so much for your help!

I'd like to have a Mass said...

While we traditionally think of a Mass Intention in memory of someone, Masses are said for a variety of other reasons (birthdays, anniversaries, new babies) and what a beautiful way to let someone know you're thinking of them!

To schedule a Mass or to purchase a Mass Card, please call your parish office. We request a donation of \$10 per Mass.

Thank you!



Get your tickets
before they're
sold out!

St. Mary's Church

Monday, August 28, 2023

Anytime between 4:30 pm—6:30 pm

Tickets: \$10/person and \$5/Child Under 10

Tickets available weekends at both Churches

or both Church Offices

Featuring Spaghetti (Gluten Free Available) with Meat

Sauce, Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert

Please join us!

St. Mary's Coffee Hour



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



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



Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home, the Oikos of God.

This year we will unite around the theme, **"Let Justice and Peace Flow."**

A mighty river is the symbol for the Season of Creation 2023. The Prophet Amos cries out "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24) and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

The Season begins September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

We hope that this Season of Creation renews and unites us by our one Baptism in our call to care for our common home and its peoples.

**We invite you to join us in prayer
to begin this special time:
September 1, 2023
9:00 am
Hemlock Lake Gazebo**

You will also find a weekly reflection related to the themes of the Season of Creation in the bulletin and on the website for your personal prayer.



Creator of All,
From your communion of love life sprung forth like a mighty river
and the whole cosmos came into being.
On this Earth of overflowing love, the Word was made flesh
and went forth with the life-giving waters proclaiming
peace and justice for all creation.

You called human beings to till and keep your garden.
You placed us into right relationship with each creature,
but we failed to listen to the cries of the Earth
and the cries of the most vulnerable.
We broke with the flowing communion of love
and sinned against you by not safeguarding the conditions for life.

We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats,
we grieve the loss of human cultures, along with the lives
and livelihoods that have been displaced or perished, and we ache at the sight of an
economy of death, war and
violence that we have inflicted on ourselves and on the Earth.

Open our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word
that calls to us through the book of Scripture and the book of creation.
Bless us once again with your life-giving
waters so that the Creator Spirit may let justice and peace
flow in our hearts and overflow into all creation.

Open our hearts to receive the living waters of God's justice and peace,
and to share it with our suffering brothers and sisters, all creatures around us, and all
creation.

Bless us to walk together with all people of good will so that
the many streams of the living waters of God's justice and peace
may become a mighty river all over the Earth.
In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation,
Jesus Christ. Amen.



**Join the river of justice and peace: visit the Season of Creation website.
The Season of Creation website is also live-streaming a "Global Ecumenical
Prayer Service" on September 1, at 9:00am if you would like participate.**

#SeasonOfCreation 2023

seasonofcreation.org



NYS Eucharistic Congress

October 20-22, 2023

Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY

In less than 2 months, Catholics from the 8 dioceses of New York State will converge at our country's largest indoor shrine, Our Lady of Martyrs in Auriesville, NY, for the NYS Eucharistic Congress. There will be memorable Masses, Eucharistic Adoration, great speakers, inspiring music, and more. Our Faith Community has chartered a bus to the Congress on Sat. October 21, 2023. **Don't delay, as there are 15 seats left on the bus and registration is "first come, first served."** Please prayerfully consider joining us.

This will be a **one-day, round- trip** including breakfast, (boxed) lunch & dinner and snacks for the ride home.

Cost per person is \$65.00.

Departure from St. Mary's, 8961 W. Main St., Honeoye at 7 AM and return by 11 PM.

New Registration & Payment Deadline: October 1, 2023.

Please complete the registration below with checks made out to: **St. Mary's Church, Honeoye** [put "**10-21-23 Bus Trip**" on the memo line] and send to: St. Mary's Church, PO Box 725, Honeoye, NY 14471

Name(s) & Phone # (Mobile # Preferred) & Emergency Contact
Names & Phone #:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Best Contact Email Address: _____

Total # of Participants: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____ (**@ \$65/pp**)