

# Sts. Mary & Matthew Faith Community

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*Our Mission Is To Go and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ ~ September 20, 2020*

## *The Word of the Laird...*

During these months of stay-at-home and social distancing, some of us have taken the opportunity for some additional reading.

Earlier in the summer I read two biographies of St. Thomas More that had been on my shelves for awhile. When I was in college at St. John Fisher, I wrote a paper on More's satire on gold in his book Utopia for one of my English courses. In the book, gold is not held for the value that it has in our economy. Rather, it is seen as a base metal and not good for much of anything. It was a project that I found intriguing. Later, when I was studying theology at St. Bernard's Seminary, I did an independent study on More's Dialogue of Comfort Against Tribulation. More wrote this work while he was in the Tower of London, realizing full well that in all likelihood Henry VIII would soon order his execution. It takes the form of a conversation with a young Anthony and his ailing uncle, Vincent, at a time when the Turks have overrun Hungary. There is certainly reason to think that this might have also reflected the situation of More and his son-in-law, William Roper. This was written in 1534, when More's family would have been doing their utmost to get More released from the Tower.

Another book that I just finished reading is Hans Kung's On Being a Christian. Kung wrote the book and it was published in German in 1974. The English translation came out in 1976. We need to remember that this time was still somewhat the aftermath of the Second Vatican Council and the pontificate of Pope St. Paul VI. In the 600 pages of the book, Kung explores the ministry of Jesus; his background and teaching. He also takes a look at St. Paul's teaching about Jesus. I found myself amazed

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## *25<sup>th</sup> Sunday* IN ORDINARY TIME

"When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman,  
'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the  
last and ending with the first.'" - Mt 20:8

## Mass Intentions This Week

### Monday, September 21

St. Mary's 9:00 am—Teresa DiBello (Judy Guminski & Gary Donsky)

### Tuesday, September 22

St. Mary's 9:00 am

### Wednesday, September 23

St. Mary's 9:00 am—Kay Walrath (Family)

### Thursday, September 24

St. Mary's 9:00 am

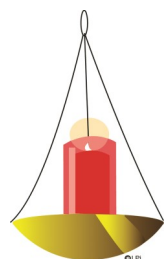
### Saturday, September 26

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—Ron Schur (Jan Schur)

### Sunday, September 27—26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary's 8:30 am—Lois Conradt (Dottie Gotham)

St. Matthew 10:30 am—Mark J. Schuster Jr. (Family)



*The St. Matthew Tabernacle  
Candle burns this week in memory  
of Rocco Messula at the request of  
the Messula Family.*

## Mass Attendance

### September 6, 2020

St. Matthew—4:30 pm	48
St. Mary's—8:30 am	71
St. Matthew—10:30 am	60

### September 13, 2020

St. Matthew—4:30 pm	53
St. Mary's—8:30 am	64
St. Matthew—10:30 am	63



Congratulations and welcome to the newest member  
of our Faith Community.

*Christian Lee Wagner*

Baptized: Saturday, September 12, 2020

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## Financial Corner

### September 6, 2020

#### St. Mary's

Envelopes	\$1,691.00
Loose Plate	48.00
Auto Deduct	232.69
Total	\$1,971.69

#### St. Matthew

Envelopes	\$3,283.50
Loose Plate	49.00
Auto Deduct	1,608.00
Total	\$4,940.50

### September 13, 2020

#### St. Mary's

Envelopes	\$1,495.00
Loose Plate	81.00
Auto Deduct	232.69
Total	\$1,808.69
Holy Land	\$92.00

#### St. Matthew

Envelopes	\$3,131.00
Loose Plate	93.05
Auto Deduct	1,608.00
Total	\$4,832.05
Holy Land	\$73.00

## Church Chuckle

Matt wrote down all the things he wanted to do before the  
end of the world. He called it his "apoca-list."

*For \$50 names will be listed for one year. Contact either parish office for more information.*

### *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 (Bob) C. Oelwang
Jule DeClerck	Paul & Martha Pfuntner
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	Thomas John C. Long

### *Deceased Members of the Family of*

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



*Grant Eternal Rest,*

*Oh Lord*

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

**Rita Schuster**

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

Christine Ando, Bonnie Arena, Diane Backus, Rosemary Beikirch, Sandy Bosworth, Riley Brant, Charlie Braun, Rosemary Coleman, Gloria Cote, Catherine Couture, Sandy Coryer, Deb Czudak, Kevin DeCillis, Joseph Dispenza, Joe Eberwein, Maddison Ellis, Deacon Greg Emerton, Kathleen Gilligan, Kay C. Gordon, Patricia Greco, Ann Hansen, Peg Hynes, Carol Infantino, Ariana Infintino, Shirley King, Bobby Lagani, Daren Mahar, Mark (Whitmore) Maltese, Shoshana Margolin, Randy Martell, Maureen McAuliffe, Thomas Miller, Kimberly Panipinto, Lynnette Pierce, Guy Reed, Dolores Root, Jeffery Sabo, Joan Shattuck, James Sheehan, Lenny Shumway, Julie Smith, Kathleen Smith, Randy Smith, Jim Stefano Sr., Earl Tieppo, Robert Weeks

### *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 a family member or the person themselves to place a name on the prayer list.

## This Week in Our Faith Community

### **Monday, September 21**

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass  
St. Mary's—9:00 am to Noon Private Prayer  
St. Matthew—8:00 am to 1:00 pm Private Prayer  
St. Matthew—11:00 am to 1:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

### **Tuesday, September 22**

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass  
St. Mary's—9:00 am to Noon Private Prayer  
St. Matthew—8:00 am to 1:00 pm Private Prayer

### **Wednesday, September 23**

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass  
St. Mary's—9:00 am to Noon Private Prayer  
St. Matthew—8:00 am to 1:00 pm Private Prayer

### **Thursday, September 24**

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass  
St. Mary's—9:00 am to Noon Private Prayer  
St. Mary's—5:30 pm—6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration

### **Saturday, September 26**

St. Matthew—3:30 pm—4:00 pm Reconciliation  
St. Matthew—4:30 pm Mass  
Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development

### **Sunday, September 27**

St. Mary's—8:30 am Mass  
St. Matthew—10:30 am Mass  
Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development

## THE FIX IS ALMOST HERE!

The installation of a new system for live streaming is scheduled to begin this Wednesday, September 23. We are also working with Spectrum to upgrade our outbound bandwidth capability to ensure our live-streamed Masses have good quality.

Mass is streamed Sunday at 8:30 am and Monday through Thursday at 9:00 am. The link can be found on our website ([stsmaryandmatthew.com](http://stsmaryandmatthew.com)) or on our Facebook Page ([stsmaryandmatthewfaithcommunity](https://www.facebook.com/stsmaryandmatthewfaithcommunity)). The Mass videos can also be viewed at any time after the live broadcast.

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## Daily Mass Readings

### Readings for the week of September 20, 2020

**Sunday:** Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

**Monday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45

**Next Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## *The Word of the Laird (continued)*

by the variety of references that Kung makes, not just from scriptural and theological sources, but also from contemporary and classical literature. Due to some of his perspectives, however, he is no longer permitted to teach Catholic theology, though he retains his priestly functions. I found it challenging to “keep up” with him!

Hope you've also able to get in some good reading.

Thanks be to God!

## 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.





## SEASON OF CREATION

*Come Pray for, with  
and in Creation!*

Pope Francis has invited us to honor God's Creation and join with Christians around the world in celebrating the Season of Creation from September 1 through October 4.

During the Season of Creation, **you are invited to pray and reflect with others at the Gazebo at Hemlock Lake Park**, from 10:30-11:30 am on Thursdays, beginning on September 3 and continuing through October 1. We will unite to pray *for* creation, *with* creation, and *in* creation in this beautiful setting, using a variety of prayer forms. Space is limited, so please register if you are interested. For more information, and/or to register for one or more gatherings, please contact Penny Gardner at [gardner.penny49@gmail.com](mailto:gardner.penny49@gmail.com), or at 585-363-3154.

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



## *Banns of Marriage III*

Edward Martin Szozda  
&  
Bridget Elizabeth Miskell

## *Banns of Marriage I*

Gary Errol Donsky  
&  
Judith Marie Guminski

*We pray for these couples as they  
prepare for the Sacrament  
of Matrimony*

September 4, 2020

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Catholic Charities of Livingston County, I would like to thank you for taking part in our 2020 Back to School Drive. Your support helps us continue in our mission to assist those in the community, especially in this time of extra need.

Our supply giveaway looked a little different this year, but we did all we could to help keep everyone safe while assisting the children in our community. Thanks to you, we were able to serve 151 children. Please take pride in knowing your participation will help children in Livingston County get the supplies they need to get through the school year.

We really could not do this without the help and support of individuals and businesses like yourself. We appreciate each and every one of you doing what you are able to help your neighbors. Thank you again for your continued support! We are physically apart, but compassionately together.

God Bless,

Jessica Pierce, HelpWorks Caseworker

