

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sept. 11	\$585
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MASS SCHEDULE

<i>THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. MATTHEW (OBSERVED)</i>		
Sat. Sep. 17	5:00 PM	For Bobby Bach (Living)
Sun. Sep. 18	9:00 AM	For †Joe Kordenbrock
Mon. Sep. 19		NO MASS THIS WEEK-FR SICK/IN QUARANTINE
Tue. Sep. 20		NO MASS THIS WEEK-FR SICK/IN QUARANTINE
Wed. Sep. 21		NO MASS THIS WEEK-FR SICK/IN QUARANTINE
Thur. Sep. 22		NO MASS THIS WEEK-FR SICK/IN QUARANTINE
Fri. Sep. 23		NO MASS THIS WEEK-FR SICK/IN QUARANTINE
<i>THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Sep. 24	5:00 PM	For †Bill Gripshover
Sun. Sep. 25	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Mary Louise Cross, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff who is suffering from Meniere’s disease, Brian Buckingham, Tony Bach, John Jackson, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Bobby Jo Glenn, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Kambie Perkins, Bonita and Jim Happe, Jenny McVey Alm, Dave Verst, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Brenda Johnson, Verna Payne, and Roger High.

BIRTHDAYS— Sept. 17-Tonja Fariello, Sept. 23-Brody Baker, Sept. 24— Madeline Thorwarth, Sep. 25-Tony Bach, Sept. 29-Owen Rawe

ANNIVERSARY— Sept. 2-Tom and Darlene Schutte, Sept. 6-Michael and Dina Ryan, Sept. 12, William and Linda Beck, Sept. 13-Tony and Tonja Fariello, Sept. 13-Brian and Trisha Moore, Sept. 26-Jerry and Eileen Ehlman.

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If you birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda know.



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: None This Week

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

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SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPAA- Our parish goal this year is \$11,300. We still need \$1,610. Please help if possible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Signup sheets are available in the front of church. Please sign up your children this weekend, so we can order the books in time. Please spread the word; this is earlier than past years. Our Sunday School will begin the first Sunday of October. The entire schedule is on our website.

ALTAR LINENS LAUNDERING— Darlene Schutte has retired from assisting with the cleaning of the altar linens. We need someone else to help Rosanne with this job. You will be laundering them as often as necessary for a month at a time. You will alternate months with Rosanne. Rosanne will be happy to train you. How often you do them in your month is up to you. It can be weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly if you choose. Please see Rosanne or Father if interested.

PRO-LIFE MASS—The annual Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will be held at the Cathedral on Oct. 4, 2022 at 7 PM. A rosary will be prayed prior to Mass at 6:15 PM. Please invite your family and friends as we join together in our greatest defense of life—Celebrating the Eucharist.

LECTOR— September 18-Kathy Bach September 25-Rita Funke

CLEANING TEAM— Sept. 19-Genita and Grand-daughters.

*COME OUT TO THE
PARISH FESTIVAL!*

SUNDAY NOON-7PM

(Dinners served 12:30-6:30PM)

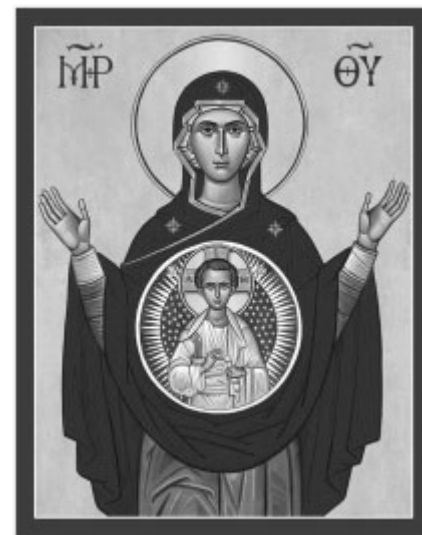


FROM THE PASTOR—SACRAMENTALS: ICONS

We must distinguish one type of religious imagery from the rest, and that is the category of icons. These images are traditionally associated with Eastern Christians such as Byzantine Catholics and Greek Orthodox, although they have a deep history in the West as well. They are called icons from the Greek *eikon* which means an “image” or “resemblance”. There is a deep mystical symbolism behind not only the look of icons but even their production.

Whereas most religious imagery we use seeks to show the saint as an historical event, icons are written as “windows to Heaven”, where we are piercing the veil to the sacred mysteries above. This is why the saint in an icon is written as looking directly at the viewer, to draw one to join them in contemplation of the divine. These sacred images not only are used in showing the saints

but also scenes for contemplation and meditation, such as one motif labelled “The Ladder of Divine Ascent” which depicts a ladder going to Heaven with numerous monks struggling to ascend, and even some falling after being pulled down by demons.



We are reminded of the power of icons and religious imagery in general as a means of encountering God. In the theology of imagery, we must remember the Jesus as the incarnate Word is the visible image of the invisible Father. In the saints we are meant to see the image of Christ fully alive and active in the world. Through these images, we in turn are meant to be transformed into images or reflections of Christ in our lives.

In our vastly multimedia world where we are bombarded with numerous images, we should have our homes filled with images of Christ, of His blessed Mother, and of the saints, so as to sanctify our lives and remind us of our eternal home in Heaven. While struggling in this world, we require images to grasp the deep truths of our religion. Icons and religious imagery assist our weakened intellect in our pursuit of Christ. We should not shy away from these images but use them to our spiritual and eternal benefit. Let us seek the help of icons and religious imagery in our spiritual life so that we may be worthy to gain that which lies beyond these images: the glory of seeing and enjoying God face to face forever in Heaven.

Fr. Jacob Straub

P.S. I have tested positive for Covid as of this past Wednesday. I am feeling much better than when I had it last year. Pray for all those who are sick and suffering from their illnesses.