HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

THE 25RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Weekend Mass: Saturday—4:30pm, Sunday—9:30am, 11:30am

Weekday Mass: Monday—Thursday at 8:30am

Holy Day Masses: 8:30am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

Confession (Reconciliation): Saturdays from 3:30-4:00pm

Baptisms: Celebrated once a month at 1:00pm

Contact the rectory to register as a new parishioner or to schedule a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, or Anointing.

From the Pastor's Desk

Before I share about upcoming parish activities, I want to first mention that this coming Monday, Sep. 21st is the liturgical feast day of St. Matthew. Matthew was one of the Twelve Apostles, as well as one of the four Evangelists (Gospel writers). Why do I mention his feast day? It's because, in the cycle of Scripture readings for Sunday Masses (the Lectionary), we are currently in the Year of Matthew. This means that, on most Sundays during this Year, we listen to stories from St. Matthew's Gospel at Mass. So, because we are in the Year of Matthew, and because his feast day is this Monday, I thought it would be good to highlight a few of the things that distinguish Matthew's Gospel from the other three. For example:

1. Matthew is the longest of all the Gospels, with 28 chapters.
2. Matthew is one of only two Gospels that talks about the birth of Christ, but whereas Luke focuses on the Virgin Mary, Matthew focuses on St. Joseph.
3. Matthew was writing to a primarily Jewish Christian audience, who were very familiar with the Scriptures (what we now call the Old Testament). Thus, Matthew repeatedly quotes the O.T. in his Gospel to show how Jesus is the fulfillment of the O.T. prophecies.
4. A few familiar Gospel stories are found only in Matthew, and not the other three, such as: the visit of the Magi at Jesus' birth, and Peter walking on water.

So, this Monday we honor St. Matthew for not only being one of the Lord's chosen Twelve Apostles, but for also giving us one of the Gospels to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Here at the parish, our first Religious Education (RE) classes of the 2026-27 school year, grades K-8, begin this week. There is still time to register children. You can either scan the QR code on the RE page in our bulletin, or you can arrive early to the first class this week. We have three options for RE classes: Tuesday evenings, Saturday mornings, or homeschool. The first Tuesday class is this week on Sep. 22nd at 6:00pm, and the first Saturday class is this week on Sep. 26th at 9:00am. Again, please plan to arrive early if you plan to register.

And as school and RE programs are in full swing this month, I would like to invite families of all school-age children to our annual Backpack Blessing. Next Sunday, Sep. 27th, I will be blessing student backpacks at the 9:30am & 11:30am Masses. We welcome all school children to bring their backpacks to either Mass next Sunday. In addition to the blessing, we will also give each child a "Come Follow Me" ID tag that the children can attach to their backpacks (and these tags have been generously donated by some parishioners). We want to remind all students, whether they are in private or public schools, that God is with them in their studies.

Finally, don't forget about our other event next weekend, as this particular event is taking place earlier than usual this year. At all the Masses on Sep. 26-27, we will welcome back Star of Bethlehem. They sell beautiful religious items made from olive wood from the Holy Land. They usually come to our parish closer to the Advent season, but based on their schedule this year, they will be coming next weekend. Proceeds from these sales go to help Christians living in the Holy Land.

Holy Virgin Martyrs, pray for us. May God bless you.

Fr. Rob

Mass Intentions

Saturday—September 19th
4:30—Sophia Jayko
Chris Benesch
Genevieve & Stanley Sliz
Jimmy Hendrickson
Casey & Tony Powyszynski
Jackie Granger
Biaggio Trombatore
Gloria Calderon
Irene DelGiudice

Sunday—September 20th
9:30—Thomas Griffin
Francine & Kraft Family
Adrien Coupaud
Eleno Mayol, Sr. & Calexta Mayol
Wilbert & Betty Saathoff
Joseph & Mary Traxler
Lester Fippinger
Alice Danhoffer
Irene Moskal Del Giudice
Gus Campeotto
11:30—John Heneghan
Johnnie Heneghan
Joseph & Theresa Lopes
Deceased Members of Gervais Family

Monday—September 21st
8:30—Charles Wagner
Irene Moskal DelGiudice
Sandy Herrera
August Campeotto

Tuesday—September 22nd
8:30—Carol Heidorn

Wednesday—September 23rd
8:30—Maureen Clarke

Thursday—September 24th
8:30—Beatrice Giannone

Saturday—September 26th
4:30—Chris Benesch
Chuck Kohut
Helen Feineis
Jimmy Hendrickson
Casey & Tony Powyszynski
Kathy Graziano
Jose Gonzalez Tisoc
Esperanza Ahedo

Sunday—September 27th
9:30—Thomas Griffin
Katherine Bair & George Bair
Mary Anne Mayol-Garcia
Lester Fippinger
Maria Mele
Raymond & Lena Gennetti
Irene Moskal DelGiudice
Gus Campeotto
11:30—Jack McGrath
Nikola M.
Giuseppina & Giuseppe Segreti

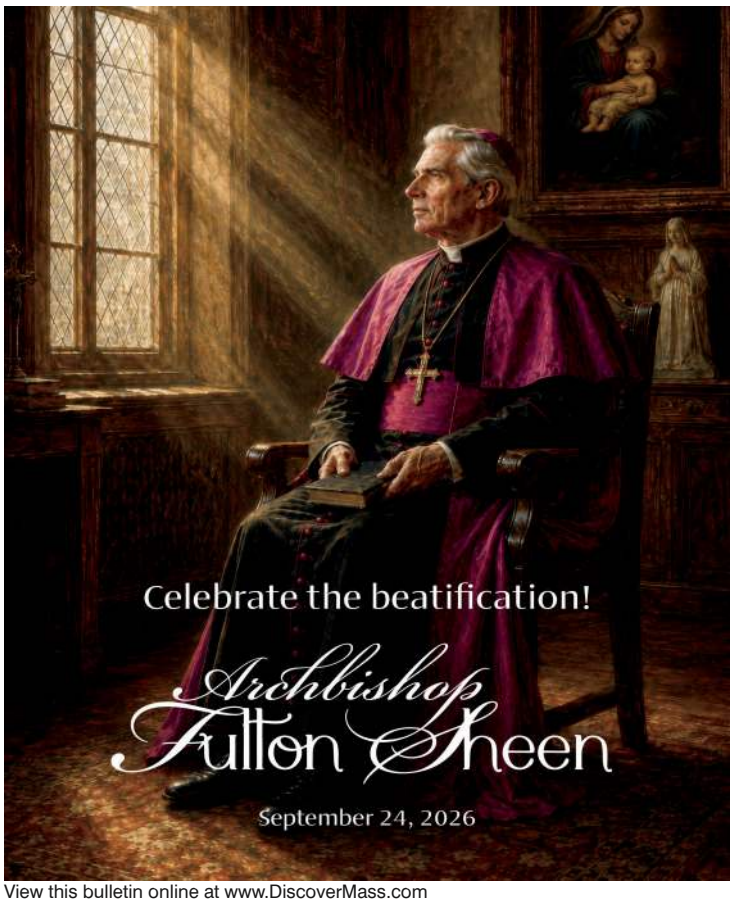
September 26th & 27th	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Lector	Cheryl McLean	John Traxler	Zerlina Kirchen
Communion Ministers	N. Davoli M. Michalowski I. Benesch	R. Klug J. Losurdo G. Zech	L. Louis—Charles N. May L. Alipio
Altar Servers	C. Widuch M. Widuch	T. Cychosz C. Fiore	L. Gonzalez K. Lima

Hypod Winner

September 14, 2026
$100 Winner—Karen Lima
Tickets are still available in the pamphlet rack in the back of church or from the Rectory during the week!

Backpack Blessing

All school children are invited to bring their backpacks to the 9:30am or 11:30am on Sunday, September 27th to have Fr. Rob bless them.



Parish Support

Week of September 5th & 6th

Weekly	$6,628.10
Utilities	$31.00
Maintenance	$1,614.75
Assumption	$30.00

MANY THANKS!

Scan the QR Code to donate electronically to Holy Virgin Martyrs.

Second Collections

Our second collection for September 27th is for Seminary Education,
Please be as generous as you can.

In Loving Memory

Rest in Peace
"It is a holy & wholesome thought that we pray for the dead," please remember:
Louise Anastasia Schraub
in your prayers.

Music

Joyful, Joyful
We Adore You

Pray For Those Who Are Sick:

Luz Alarcon
Fr. Ambrosio Arambula
Betty Bajzek
Dan Bailey
Char Banyai
Laura Biangini
Chrissy Biegos
Sonia Bonacci
Frank Bosco
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Brian Kelly
Patti King
Bernice Kirchen
Joyce Knauss
Leonard Kuffer
Marguerite Kramer
Dan Latoria, Jr.
Mark Latoria
Joan Lester
Diahnne Lopez
Vicky Majewski (nee Julitz)
Geneveve Mastalerz
Carole McCreery
Bryan McIntyre
Bill McMurray
Barbara Miller
Christian Mireles
Pat Morgan
Robert Olender
Christopher Ordo
Nancy Piatek
Deacon Ron Pilarski
Gene Piltaver
Melissa Pitts
Joseph Powyszynski
Betty Quartello
Glenn Rawski
Jacqueline Reiss
Barbara Rodgers
John Saathoff
Kathy Sassolino
Cathy & Steve Schreiner
Jacqueline Spejcher
Michelle Swigost
Sarah Tripoli
Fr. Tom Unz
Bernadette Watson
Joan Weichbrodt
Jean Wesolowski
Reginald Wnek
Nancy Wright
Isabella Yorty

Pray For Those In The Military

Sergeant Michael Bavone
Private Christopher Bavone
US Army PFC Matthew Gonzales
US Army Michael Gutierrez
First Lieutenant Justin Hunt,
USMC Major Michael Keaty
Gunnery Sergeant Osvaldo Rodriguez
USMC Kyle Ruth
USAF Staff Sergeant John J. Schreiner
USMC Second Lieutenant Thomas Wesolowski
HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy
Omar Vee, Jr.

Readings For The Week

Scripture Readings
For the Week of September 20, 2026

Sunday	**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a
Monday	**Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	**Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest** Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
SATURDAY	*ECCL 11:9-12:8; PS 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 AND 17; LK 9:43B-45*
Sunday	**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Receive The Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion

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either by leaving a message at the rectory
or by email aryan2@primehealthcare.com.

Religious Education News

Coordinator of Lifelong Faith Formation: Ms. Zerlina Kirchen
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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 22nd
First Religious Ed. Class
6:00-8:00pm

Saturday, September 26th
First Religious Ed. Class
9:00-11:30am

Sunday, October 4th
First Family Mass—11:30am
The RE Staff will be reading
And bringing up the gifts
We will have the blessing of
The RE Staff at this Mass.

Tuesday, October 6th
Religious Ed. Class
6:00-8:00pm

Saturday, October 10th
Religious Ed. Class
9:00-11:30am

Saturday, October 17th
Special Sacraments Class
9:00-11:00am

Tuesday, October 20th
Religious Ed. Class
6:00-8:00pm
Confirmation Parent Meeting
8:00pm

Registration Update

If you missed our registration days, you can still register your child by arriving early on the first days of class either Tuesday, September 22nd or Saturday, September 26th. You can also enroll your child by scanning the QR Code on this page.

To enroll your child in the Religious Education Program you will need the following:

- *Completed Registration Form*
- *Tuition Payment*
- *A copy of your child's Baptism and 1st Reconciliation and Communion certificates, if applicable.*

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the Religious Education office.

Hand-Carved Olive Wood Gifts from the Holy Land

Proceeds benefit Catholic schools in the Holy Land.

Did you know that 600 Christian families living in Bethlehem are completely dependent on carving olive wood figurines for their livelihood? The recent clashes in the Middle East have stopped the tourism industry in Bethlehem, causing most of those families serious harm in earning their living and forcing many of them to leave their homeland. Emptying the land of Christ from Christians can have tragic consequences on the Holy sites. Issam, from the "Star of Bethlehem" group came to the United States with a mission to help those families by selling their beautiful religious handicrafts. The cost of goods goes to benefit the Christian carvers to keep them working in the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, the profit from sales goes directly to the needy Catholic schools and clinics in the Holy Land. The Star of Bethlehem has been approved by many bishops and dioceses of Jerusalem. Please show your generosity to our Brothers and Sisters in the Holy Land.

Please take a look at those beautiful artifacts September 26th & 27th.

Women's Club Update

Our women's club had its first meeting on Thursday, September 3th. We have 59 registered members so far this year, with 24 attending the meeting. After the Rosary was recited, the meeting started promptly at 7:00pm. Events for the upcoming year were discussed. We will once again be doing tie-blankets that are distributed to patients at Gottlieb Hospital as well as to home bound in our parish. Frank Nosek will have fabric ready for drop -off at the October meeting for members to work on. For a community outreach event, a group of members will be volunteering at "Feed My Starving Children" in Schaumburg, on Saturday, September 26th, packing meals for hunger hotspots around the world. The meeting ended at 7:45 with picnic themed refreshments provided by the officers.

…….UPCOMING EVENT……..

The women's club will be hosting its annual PASTA DINNER & RAFFLE on Saturday, October 17th at Hendle Hall. Ticket sales will begin the weekend of September 26 & 27at the back of church. The meal is once again being catered by Cuomo Catering, and includes baked rigatoni, meatballs and sausage, bread, and garden salad. Desserts and open bar are also included in the cost. The ticket price is $20 for adults, $15 children 5-10 years old, and under 4 free.

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