



# Sts. Mary & Matthew Faith Community

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*Our Mission Is To Go and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ ~ May 8, 2022*

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

MARY IS THE MOTHER WHO WATCHES OVER US, HER CHILDREN, ON OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE, OFTEN WEARY AND IN NEED, ANXIOUS THAT THE LIGHT OF HOPE NOT FAIL.

CHRISTUS VIVIT, NO. 48



## The Word of the Laird

A few weeks ago a parishioner handed me a book which she thought had been very helpful to her. The title is "Clutter-Free Christianity: What God Really Desires for You." The author is Robert Jeffress, a Baptist minister and also he broadcasts a television program, "Pathway to Victory." I had a few doubts about the book when I began reading it, but as I progressed through the book I found he had a special knack for drawing things out and simplifying them. You might find this helpful to you along the way. It is published by WaterBrook Press.

I have been pleased to see some increase in our Sunday church attendance. As most of you know, I sent out a letter before Holy Week encouraging people and emphasizing what a wonderful gift their physical presence and smiles are to me and to their fellow parishioners. As you may be in a position to encourage some others, by all means do what you can!

This week and next week we are doing First Communion for six of our young friends. I am sure you all join me in wishing them that their friendship with Jesus will be the most important part of their life for all of their days.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



**Monday, May 9**

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Martha Rose Villone (Family)

**Tuesday, May 10**

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Sam McRae (Stephanie Seymour & Lou Celona)

**Wednesday, May 11**

St. Matthew 9:00 am—In Thanksgiving-65th Wedding Anniversary-Rick & Barbara Nowakowski (Family)

**Thursday, May 12**

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

**Saturday, May 14**

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—Susan Guenther (Charlie & Barb Bland)

**Sunday, May 15—5th. Sunday of Easter**

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

St. Matthew 10:30 am—Teresa Vallone (Bill & Colleen Vallone)

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**This Week in Our Faith Community**

**Monday, May 9**

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass  
St. Matthew—11:00—1:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration  
St. Matthew—5:00 pm Joint Pastoral Council

**Tuesday, May 10**

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass—Live Streamed  
St. Mary's—9:30 am Euchre  
St. Mary's—11:30 am Rosary Group

**Wednesday, May 11**

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass  
St. Matthew—5:30 pm Women's Ministry

**Thursday, May 12**

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass—Live Streamed  
St. Matthew—6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

**Saturday, May 14**

St. Mary's—9:00 am Buildings & Grounds Work Day  
St. Matthew—3:30—4:00 pm Reconciliation  
St. Matthew—4:30 pm Mass/1st. Communion-Folk Group

**Sunday, May 15**

St. Mary's—8:30 am Mass—Live Streamed  
St. Matthew — 10:30 am Mass/1st. Communion  
St. Matthew—6:30 pm Crossroads



**Weekly Offertory**

**St. Mary's**

Collection—5/1/2022 **\$1,529.68**

**St. Matthew**

Collection—5/1/2022 **\$6,147.75**

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— 5/1/2022**

St. Matthew—8:00 pm	119
St. Mary's—8:30 am	85
St. Matthew—10:30 am	119

## 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 (Bob) C. Oelwang
Jule DeClerck	Paul & Martha Pfuntr
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
Marilyn Erhart	Joanne Pipitone
Dolores Root	Debra Czudak
Dottie Gotham	James Sheehan
Lenny & Marie Shumway	Anita Stefano
Al Stockslader	

### 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  
 Ray & Grace Turner Family  
 Quinn, Donato & Lewis Families  
 Gilbert & Somers Families  
 Paul & Martha Pfuntr

## Church Chuckle

The funeral for the late basketball coach was well attended, with former players filling the pews and current players acting as tall-bearers.

## DIOCESAN MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend, we will have our annual second collection for the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Sisters of Mercy working in Brazil and Chile.

For over fifty years, the Sisters of St. Joseph have labored in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile. We call upon you to help with your prayers and sacrificial gift, so that they may continue to bring Christ into a world where darkness, despair and emptiness prevail.

## Remembering Those Who Are Ill

Diane Backus, Charlie Braun, **Peter Ceravalo**, Gloria Cote, Catherine Couture, Kevin DeCillis, Joseph Dispenza, Deacon Greg Emerton, Joseph Erhart III, Sharon Erhart, James Ferris, Kay C. Gordon, Bill Greene, Peg Hynes, Shirley King, Tom Kranz, Mark (Whitmore) Maltese, Shoshana Margolin, Maureen McAuliffe, Nina Monteleone, Jeff Sabo, Paula Schuster, Joan Shattuck, Kathleen Smith, **Bob Sparrow**, Rev. Thomas Statt, Jim Stefano Sr., Courtney Stevenson, Sharyl Stumpf, Ray Tette, Soledad Tewksbury, Kate Weider, Charlotte Wood, Jean Woods

### 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 themselves to place a name on the prayer list.

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 8, 2022

**Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/jn 10:27-30  
**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/jn 10:1-10  
**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/jn 10:22-30  
**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/jn 12:44-50  
**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/jn 13:16-20  
**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/jn 14:1-6  
**Saturday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/jn 15:9-17  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MAY 14 & 15

**4:30 pm—Altar Servers:** D&J West; **Communion Ministers:** M. Enright, J. Ellison; **Lector:** Chuck Schwalenstocker; **Ushers:** D. Vallone, D. Jones, D. Wilbur; **Sacristans:** C&C Schwalenstocker

**8:30 am—Altar Servers:** P. Stumpf, C. Andres; **Communion Ministers:** S. Brown, N. Andres; **Lector:** J. Beno; **Ushers:** J&A Parshall, S. Dixon; **Sacristan:** S. Brown; **Live Stream:** C&P Gotham

**10:30 am—Altar Server:** ; **Communion Ministers:** A. Holevinski, S. Eberwein; **Lector:** B. Dougherty **Ushers:** G. Hynes, P. Dougherty, P. Adamson, A. Cherre, D. O'Neil; **Sacristan:** K&R Gsellmeier



# Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

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

Dear Church Family,

This week we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> **Sunday of Easter**, which is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Each year we hear from a different gospel writer as they recount Jesus as the Good Shepherd. This year, in our short gospel passage from St. John, we are told that we hear the voice of Jesus. **“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”** Through the waters of our baptism we are called to follow Jesus and receive everlasting life. We become his sheep. We are led by Jesus to enter the fold of our community and we become his. This beautiful imagery reminds us of this and reiterates that we belong. We become and we belong. What more could we ask for?

As we enter the month of May, we remember our earthly mothers, and most especially our Blessed Mother Mary, the Queen of Heaven. One of my favorite authors is Sr. Joan Chittister. Here are some of her **THOUGHTS ON MARY**. *“Gerard Manley Hopkins, the great Jesuit poet, said in his poem, ‘The May Magnificat,’ that the reason May is Mary’s month is that it is the season of growth. In Mary grew the vision that made her open to the Incarnation; in Mary grew the image of the strong and independent woman; in Mary grew the Christ who changed the lives of all of us. Mary is not a plaster statue. Mary is the woman whose commitment and courage saved the world from self-centeredness... ‘Mary, our mother,’ is one of Mary’s most common titles. We cling to it all our lives. Why? Because ‘mothering,’ the sense of being cared for and protected, supported, and understood, is the human being’s primal need. ‘Mother’s Day’ is the call to all of us to remember those—both women and men—who have “mothered” us in life and then be conscious of our call to mother those around us, as well... ‘May is women’s month. Do something to make the life of women better.’”*

This week, at the 4:30 PM Mass, we will begin celebrating First Holy Communion. We will also celebrate on May 14 and 15. Please keep our First Communicants in your prayers as they receive our Lord in Holy Eucharist for the first time!

**Crossroads** and **KFC** (HS and MS Youth Groups) are winding down for the year. The final gatherings for HS will be on May 15 and June 5. The final gatherings for MS will be May 12, 26 and June 2.

Have a wonderful week, and Happy Mother’s Day!

Peace and Love, *Jeanette*

## The Sacraments:

### 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.



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



*Grant Eternal Rest, Oh Lord*

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

*John Marino*

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

## *Marriage Banns*

### *Banns of Marriage III*

Conor Wood  
&  
Ellen Piper  
  
Ryan Nation  
&  
Bobbi Lee

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

## **ATTENTION LADIES & GENTLEMEN!**

St. Mary's Church  
Buildings & Grounds Work Day  
Saturday, May 14  
9:00 am  
Coffee & Snacks Provided

Would you please give us a few hours on Saturday, May 14, to help with some projects around the church.

Our work list is as follows:

- = Painting the Parish Office and Room 3
- = Washing Windows
- = Weeding
- = Tree Trimming
- = Adding Circuits to Community Room

Please sign up for work detail on the sheet in the Vestibule of Church.

We appreciate anything you can do to keep our campus beautiful!

## **ST. MARY'S 35<sup>th</sup> "ANNUAL" GARAGE SALE**

### **START SAVING YOUR TREASURES!**

Now that spring is here and the weather is starting to get nicer, you may be cleaning out your attics, basements, closets, garages, cottages, etc. That's **GREAT** – just be sure to save those unwanted "TREASURES" for St. Mary's Annual Garage Sale! We are in need of items in good working condition.

**Sale will be July 29 & 30.**



## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

We observe the World Day of Prayer today, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

## **4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28b

## **ST. MATTHEW CHURCH 20-WEEK CLUB**

### **WINNERS—5/2/2022**

\$ 25	Emma Kurtz
\$ 15	Scott Domuracki
\$ 10	Sara DiVincenzo