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Our Mission Is To Go and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ ~ February 25, 2024



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

The Word of the Laird



Today's reading from Genesis presents us with Abraham being told by God to sacrifice his son, Isaac. When Abraham does what God has asked, at the last moment a messenger tells Abraham to spare Isaac. Abraham spots a ram which he then offers as the sacrifice.

Our Gospel reading is Mark's version of the transfiguration. Jesus brings Peter, James and John up a mountain. Jesus' clothes become "dazzlingly white," and Moses and Elijah converse with Jesus. It should be noted that these are also the three that Jesus will have close by Him during the agony in the garden on the night of His betrayal by Judas.

Our epistle reading from Paul's letter to the Romans recounts all the good that God has done for us and that it stands as a sign that even greater things are yet to come!

I find the Lenten readings to be encouraging and inspiring as we continue to seek a deeper relationship with the Lord. May this season be for all of us an intensifying experience of how much God truly shows us the divine love.

Thanks be to God.

Readings and Hymns

Readings.....812

Hymns:

Entrance411
Offertory381
Recessional.....266



Saturday, February 24

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—Cameron Miller (Ed, Pam & Zena)

Sunday, February 25—2nd Sunday of Lent

St. Mary's 8:30 am —Richard Shaw (The Shaw Family)
 St. Matthew 10:30 am — For the People of this Faith Community

Monday, February 26

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Katie Stranick (Dave & Mary Jo Dussault)

Tuesday, February 27

St. Mary's 9:00 am

Wednesday, February 28

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Patricia Villone (Ken Villone)

Thursday, February 29

St. Mary's 9:00 am

Saturday, March 2

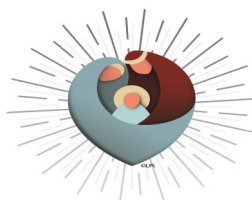
St. Matthew 4:30 pm—For the People of this Faith Community

Sunday, March 3—3rd Sunday of Lent

St. Mary's 8:30 am —Jacqui Quinn (Bob & Joan Madigan)
 St. Matthew 10:30 am—Jim Snape (Tom & Barbara Snape)

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*The Holy Family Candle
 burns this week in memory
 of
 Anthony Muscato
 at the request of his family*

This Week in Our Faith Community

Monday, February 26

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, February 27

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass—Live Streamed
 St. Mary's—9:30 am Euchre
 St. Mary's—6:00 pm Men's Group

Wednesday, February 28

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass
 St. Matthew—9:30 am—1:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration
 St. Mary's—5:30 pm—Stations of the Cross
 St. Mary's—Soup Supper immediately after Stations

Thursday, February 29

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass—Live Streamed
 St. Mary's—10:00 am Eucharistic Revival Small Group

Friday, March 1

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

Saturday, March 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 Mass

Sunday, March 3

St. Mary's—8:30 am Mass—Live Streamed
 St. Matthew—10:30 am Mass

Weekly Offertory

St. Mary's

*Collection—002/18/2024 \$1,789.62
 *Includes Electronic Offering of \$199.62
 Black & Native American \$

St. Matthew

*Collection—002/18/2024 \$4,794.00
 *Includes Electronic Offering of \$1,657.00
 Black & Native American \$252.00

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— 02/18/2024

St. Matthew—4:30 pm	118
St. Mary's—8:30 am	80
St. Matthew—10:30 am	152

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 Pfuntrner
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
Ofc. Anthony P. Mazurkiewicz	Joan Shattuck

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 Pfuntrner
 Baier, Root and Shaw Families
 Mazurkiewicz and Rumfola Families
 Moeller & Fritzen Families

Praying for Those Who Are Ill

Florence Ahl, Diane Backus, William Beeley, Teresa Burritt, Gloria Cote, Catherine Couture, Kevin DeCillis, Hazel Delaney, Crystal DeMay, Joseph Dispenza, John Fisher, Mary Sarah Hanna, Mary Ann Hipp, Bob Horning, Elaine Housecamp, Dan Jones, Peggy Knight, Jean Long, Mark (Whitmore) Maltese, Shoshana Margolin, Rose Mazurkiewicz, Nina Monteleone, Katie Boldt Norton, Richard Nowakowski, Christina Palella, Dakota Pickett, Mia Rafanelli, Ann Marie Redman, Mary Sheehan, Bill Sidlauskas, Erin Siracusa, Kathleen Smith, Jim Stefano Sr., Margaret Stuver, Marlene Tears, Ed Wendelgass

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 FEBRUARY 25

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
 Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Monday: Isls 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Tuesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Friday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Saturday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 *Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 *Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



In your Christian Charity, you are asked to remember in your prayers St. Mary's beloved Choir Member

Betty Schrader

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

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 24 & 25

4:30 pm—Altar Servers: Juliette & David West; **Communion Ministers:** B. Woodruff & D. Winter; **Lector:** C. Williams; **Sacristans:** B. Woodruff

8:30 am—Altar Servers: P. Gotham, C. Andres; **Communion Ministers:** H. Hawes, J. Parshall; **Lector:** B. Donohue; **Greeter/Ushers:** H&D Hawes, D. Horning; **Sacristan:** H. Hawes; **Live Stream:** C&P Gotham; **Announcer:** D. Hawes

10:30 am—Altar Server: C. Coriddi; **Communion Ministers:** D&P Somers; **Lector:** B. Gregory; **Sacristan:** B. Gregory

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"I know now how devoted you are to God,
since you did not withhold from me your own
beloved son." (Gn 22:12)

Psalm:

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)

Second Reading:

He who did not spare his own Son
but handed him over for us all,
how will he not also give us everything else along
with him? (Rom 8:32)

Gospel:

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them;
from the cloud came a voice,
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mk 9:7)

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Saint of the week

Blessed Carlo Acutis was born in 1991 and is the first millennial to be beatified. Despite dying of leukemia at age 15, he developed a website that showcases Eucharistic Miracles around the world, demonstrating that holiness knows no age.

Prayer of Trust

Dear Lord,
Your ways confuse me sometimes. Often, I don't fully understand what You are doing. But I believe that You are working in a way that will one day make sense. Until then, keep me close to You, trusting blindly in the ways You lead me. Amen.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Transfiguration left the disciples with more questions than answers. What had they just seen? What had they just heard? They were confused, but they trusted Jesus. Let's follow in their example, trusting in God's care as we journey deeper into Lent.

Observances for the week of February 25, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: St. Gregory of Narek,
Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

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, 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 Fliieger, 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 Liet.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



Please join us for
Coffee, Donuts and
Fellowship at
St. Matthew
today after 10:30 Mass

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Financial Fraud Hotline 1-800-388-7177 x1266

Reports may also be made in writing to:
Internal Audit Department • Diocese of Rochester
1150 Buffalo Road • Rochester, NY 14624

Men's Group

Our **Faith Community Men's Group** will meet this Tuesday from 6-8 pm at St. Mary's.

All are welcome!

For more information, please contact
Per Adamson at 585-509-4492 or
persvenadamson@gmail.com



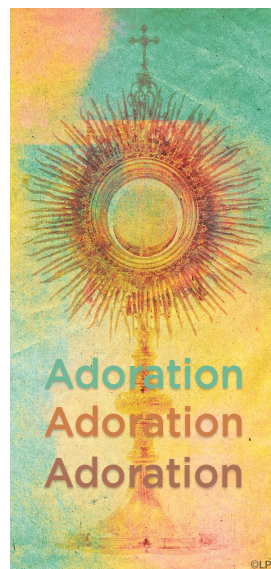
LENTEN SOUP SUPPER SCHEDULE

Every Wednesday after Stations of
the Cross at 5:30 pm.

Please be sure to sign up if you're planning to attend so our soup makers know how much to prepare!

Soup Supper Schedule:

February 28—St. Mary's
March 6—St. Matthew
March 13—St. Mary's
March 20—St. Matthew



During this season of Lent, prayerfully consider spending some time with Our Lord in front of the Most Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic Adoration. The amount of time you are able to spend is up to you! Even short moments of sitting in the silent presence of Our Lord is a precious treasure. For in this time of silence, "we can reflect on God's love for us, silencing our hearts to hear Him

speaking." Eucharistic Adoration is held on Wednesdays from 9:30 am - 1 pm at St. Matthew.



Church Chuckle

At an atheist funeral: "Here lies an atheist, all dressed up and nowhere to go."



Sts. Mary and Matthew Social Ministry

“As each one has received a gift,
use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”
~ 1 Peter 4:10

Our Faith Community is committed to serving the poor, marginalized and forgotten through various activities throughout the year.

In the spirit of Matthew 25 and the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, the members of the Social Ministry Team coordinate, participate in, and lead various opportunities for our parishioners to live this commitment to care for the least of our sisters and brothers.

Ongoing opportunities supported by Social Ministry include:

- Both parishes generously support their local Food Pantries (Sent by Ravens in Livonia, and the Honeoye Food Pantry). The Social Ministry Team regularly connects with the pantries to learn their specific needs.
- Team members send monthly cards on behalf of our Faith Community to the homebound in both parishes, assuring them of our thoughts and prayers. Team members also send holiday cards to residents of the Conesus Lake Nursing Home and Alpine Manor.
- Team members conduct outreach to families of deceased parishioners to offer bereavement support through a series of four booklets from the “Journeying through Grief” program.

Additional opportunities lead by Social Ministry that happen once a year, or seasonally include:

- In January, we continue to support the Steuben/Livingston Catholic Charities’ program to provide heating assistance to needy families through the “Give Warmth, Give Hope” collection and silent auction.
- During the Lenten Season, Social Ministry and St. Mary’s Parish Life Committee work with staff and other volunteers to provide opportunities to come together for Mass or Stations of the Cross and a soup supper. The Team also coordinates collections of specific needs for our Food Pantries and provides suggestions on living out the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.
- In May, in celebration of Mother’s Day, there is a collection of baby items for agencies serving pregnant women and new mothers.

- In June, the Team sends congratulation cards to our high school graduates on behalf of our Faith Community.
- In July and August, the Team organizes a collection of school supplies which are distributed through Catholic Charities, and continues to check in with our food pantries.
- In September, there is a collection of diapers and wipes for those served by Mary's Place Refugee Outreach in Rochester.
Also, Social Ministry coordinates the annual celebration of the "Season of Creation." This worldwide celebration is a time to reflect on how we are caring for God's Creation in the spirit of Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si." We are invited to consider better ways to care for our common home (planet Earth) and for those affected by climate change.
- In October, in honor of Respect Life month, we collect various baby items and provide a prayer card for Respect Life.
- In November at the All Souls Day Mass, we remember our deceased, and especially parishioners who have died in the past year. Social Ministry coordinates a reception of light refreshments and fellowship following the Mass.
We also remember our Veterans and provide a prayer card to pray for them.
Additionally, the Team promotes and supports the annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner offered at St. Mary's.
- In December during the Advent Season, the Social Ministry Team coordinates a "Giving Tree" at St. Matthew, which provides Christmas gifts for families served by Sent by Ravens, as well as monetary donations for the Parish Mercy Fund. At St. Mary's there is a collection of winter items for individuals and families in need.
The Team also sends special Christmas cards on behalf of our Faith Community to families of parishioners who have died during the year.
- Most recently, Social Ministry is coordinating a new Stewardship project to help support the needs of our two parishes, working to create a "wish list" of items that the churches or church ministries may need.

The Social Ministry Team has representatives from both St. Mary's and St. Matthew. Our meetings are currently held from September through June at 9:15AM on the second Sunday of the month at St. Matthew. Please prayerfully consider joining this service-oriented Team.

All are welcome!

For more information, contact Bonnie Thies at: thies.bonnie@gmail.com

"Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people."

~ St. Teresa of Avila