

# Sts. Mary & Matthew Faith Community

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*Our Mission Is To Go and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ ~ December 10, 2023*



## The Word of the Laird



This second Sunday of Advent in Cycle B readings gives us the beginning of Mark's Gospel focusing on the ministry of John the Baptist. That is the tie-in with the passage from Isaiah, "A voice cries out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord.'"

In my reflections on the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist, I have been struck with the rosary mysteries that bring them together. In Luke's Gospel at the visitation by Mary to Elizabeth, John leaps in his mother's womb. Mary had been told by the angel that her relative, Elizabeth, was six months pregnant. That then brings Mary to stay with her until the birth of John.

In the first Luminous mystery Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan River. Jesus had committed no sins for which He needed to repent. But, I think that the reason for Jesus' baptism is to indicate that conversion is a necessary experience for all of us.

Jesus testifies to John's goodness in Matthew 11:7-15. We also find it in Luke 7:16-30. Another passage is in John's Gospel 1:19-34 which elaborates the relationship between John and Jesus. All of this illustrates for us the close relationship that the early church perceived between the ministries of both John the Baptist and Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

## Readings and Hymns

Readings ..... 787

### Hymns:

Entrance ..... 411  
Offertory ..... 214  
Recessional ..... 717

### Folk Mass

Entrance ..... 219  
Psalm ..... 166  
Offertory ..... 610  
Recessional ..... 672



### Monday, December 11

St. Matthew 9:00 am—For people questioning their faith & their children

### Tuesday, December 12

St. Mary's 9:00 am—Rosemary Fiannaca (Gary & Judy Donsky)

### Wednesday, December 13

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Alex Recchio (Friends)

### Thursday, December 14

St. Mary's 9:00 am

### Saturday, December 16

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—Ray Tette (Dave & Mary Jo Dussault)

### Sunday, December 17

St. Mary's 8:30 am— Jeanne Dann (Boyea Family)  
St. Matthew 10:30 am—For the People of this Faith Community

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## This Week in Our Faith Community

### Monday, December 11

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

### Tuesday, December 12

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, December 13

#### **Bulletin Submissions due for December 24**

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

St. Matthew—9:30 am—1:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

### Thursday, December 14

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass—Live Streamed

### Friday, December 15

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

### Saturday, December 16

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

St. Matthew—3:30 pm—4:00 pm Reconciliation

St. Matthew—4:30 pm Folk Mass

### Sunday, December 17

#### **DECORATE BOTH CHURCHES AFTER MASS**

St. Mary's—8:30 am Mass—Live Streamed

St. Matthew—10:30 am Mass

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

## Weekly Offertory

### St. Mary's

\*Collection—12/3/2023 **\$1,822.62**

\*Includes Electronic Offering of \$199.62

### St. Matthew

\*Collection—12/3/2023 \$8,812.00

\*Includes Electronic Offering of \$1,657.00

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— 12/3/2023

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| St. Matthew—4:30 pm  | 118 |
| St. Mary's—8:30 am   | 112 |
| St. Matthew—10:30 am | 158 |

## 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 Pfuntner |
| 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       |
| Officer Anthony P. Mazurkiewicz |                        |

### 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 Pfuntner  
 Baier, Root and Shaw Families  
 Mazurkiewicz and Rumfola Families  
 Moeller & Fritzen Families

### Praying for Those Who Are Ill

Diane Backus, William Beeley, Teresa Burritt, Gloria Cote, Catherine Couture, Kevin DeCillis, Hazel Delaney, Crystal DeMay, Joseph Dispenza, Kay C. Gordon, Mary Ann Hipp, Bob Horning, Dan Jones, Peggy Knight, Tom Kranz, Jean Long, Mark (Whitmore) Maltese, Shoshana Margolin, Rose Mazurkiewicz, Brian McCarty, Nina Monteleone, Katie Boldt Norton, Richard Nowakowski, Chris Ortega, Piper Ortega, Christina Palella, Mia Rafanelli, Joan Shattuck, Mary Sheehan, Erin Siracusa, Kathleen Smith, Jim Stefano Sr., Marlene Tears, Soledad Tewksbury, Kate Weider, Ed Wendelgass, Charlotte Wood

### 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 DECEMBER 10

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8  
**Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26  
**Tuesday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30  
**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15  
**Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19  
**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
**Next Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/ 1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 16 & 17

**4:30 pm—Altar Servers:** Juliette & David West; **Communion Ministers:** S. Shaw, M. Enright; **Lector:** C. Williams; **Sacristans:** L&D Wilbur

**8:30 am—Altar Servers:** P. Stumpf, C. Andres; **Communion Ministers:** J. Dobberty, A. Bauer; **Lector:** P. Gardner; **Greeter/Ushers:** M&J Dobberty, C. Zanghi; **Sacristan:** J. Dobberty; **Live Stream:** M. Dobberty; **Announcer:** B. Missell

**10:30 am—Altar Server:** C. Coriddi; **Communion Ministers:** D&P Somers; **Lector:** B. Dougherty; **Sacristan:** K&R Gsell-meier

## Christmas Weekend Mass Schedule

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Saturday, 12/23 | St. Matthew, 4:30 pm                          |
| Sunday, 12/24   | St. Mary's, 8:30 am—Live Stream               |
|                 | St. Matthew, 10:30 am                         |
| Sunday, 12/24   | St. Matthew, 4:30 pm (Christmas Eve)          |
| Monday, 12/25   | St. Mary's, 8:30 am (Christmas) - Live Stream |
|                 | St. Matthew, 10:30 am (Christmas)             |





# FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

## Children's Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Masses

### Faith Formation:

St. Mary's Sunday after 8:30 Mass

St. Matthew Sunday 9:15 am

**Crossroads**—St. Matthew—Sunday 6:30 pm

**KFC**—St. Matthew—12/13— 6:30 pm

### POSITION AVAILABLE

#### Regional Cemetery Coordinator

Part Time, Non-Exempt, Hourly up to 20 Hours/week

**REPORTS TO:** Regional Finance Assistant Director

Office in Geneseo at St. Luke the Evangelist

#### **SCOPE OF ACTIVITY:**

##### **Locations:**

St. Agnes- Avon

St. Mary's – Geneseo

St. Michael's – Livonia

St. Rose – Lima

St. Patrick's – Mt. Morris

St. Paul of the Cross – Honeoye Falls Lima

**JOB PURPOSE:** To plan, organize, coordinate, and manage the office and grounds activities of multiple Catholic Cemeteries.

To apply for this job **email resume to:**

[Melissa.Szczesniak@dor.org](mailto:Melissa.Szczesniak@dor.org)



## Men's Retreat Weekend

At Notre Dame Retreat House

(Canandaigua, NY)

### WOULD YOU BE AN ELF?

Both St. Mary's and St. Matthew are looking for Elves to decorate our churches Sunday, December 17, after Mass.



Please plan to join us to decorate your church as we prepare to welcome the Christ Child.

Thank you!



## 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](http://ROCpriest.org).



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



## Church Chuckle

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It is a good chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.



### Give a Gift!



Need a wonderful gift idea? Consider giving the gift of a Mass to a friend or loved one. While we traditionally think of a Mass Intention in memory of someone, Masses are said for a variety of other reasons (birthdays, anniversaries, new babies) and what a beautiful way to let someone know you're thinking of them! Please call your Parish Office for Mass Cards.



Seeds of Love  
Clothing Closet  
St. Mary and St. Matthew  
Faith Community

Currently we are in **URGENT NEED** of: **Winter coats, comforters, blankets, towels, and clothes for teens.** Drop off **ONLY** when clothing closet is open; Friday and Saturday 10am-12pm.

Thank you for your continued support. Please pray for this ministry and for all of the prayers in our prayer request box.

Please contact Diane Brewer-Hawes at 585-259-6187 [dbrewerhawes@gmail.com](mailto:dbrewerhawes@gmail.com) with questions.

## St. Mary's Coffee Hour



Please join us today for coffee, tasty treats and fellowship immediately following Mass.

## St. Mary's Annual

### Christmas Ham Second Collection

for the  
**Honeoye Food  
Pantry**

**Sunday,  
December 10**

Our neighbors  
need us! Thank  
you.



Please consider hanging new or gently used winter hats and scarves, mittens and gloves, or thermal/wool socks for children or adults to our Giving Tree in the vestibule **between December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Donations will be made available to patrons of our Seeds of Love Clothing Closet.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity!





## **Give Warmth, Give Hope**

Every year families right here in our own communities struggle to provide a warm home for their loved ones. This year is no different. As the winter months approach, families need a little assistance with their heating bills.

Together with Catholic Charities you can help make a difference to those in need through the Give Warmth, Give Hope funds. Through the month of January there will be envelopes available at St. Mary's and St. Matthew Churches, or you can donate online at [ccsteubenlivingston.org](http://ccsteubenlivingston.org). Please choose the drop-down menu for Give Warmth, Give Hope.

You can also bid on a variety of silent auction items, located in the Narthex of St. Matthew's Church, through January 28<sup>th</sup>. Please fill out the auction item sheet inserted in the bulletin and please leave your auction item in the Father Schifferli Room at St. Matthew. Suggestions for auction baskets are: wine, chocolates, baby, kids, kitchen, coffee, sport, hunting, family game night, tools, or any other ideas you may have for this wonderful cause.

There will be a coffee hour after 10:30a.m. mass on January 28<sup>th</sup> to wrap up the Give Warmth, Give Hope campaign and silent auction.

These donations will help our Livingston County friends and neighbors that need it most. Many thanks for your thoughtful and prayerful consideration.

Donor Form  
St. Mary and St. Matthew Faith Community  
**Give Warmth, Give Hope Silent Auction**  
Bid Closing: Coffee Hour at St. Matthew's  
Sunday, January 28, 2024

Donor Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number(s)\_\_\_\_\_

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Estimated Value:\_\_\_\_\_ (Please fill this in - it is very helpful)

PLEASE PLACE THIS FORM WITH YOUR ITEM  
PLEASE LEAVE YOUR ITEM & FORM IN THE FATHER SCHIFFERLI ROOM  
THANK YOU