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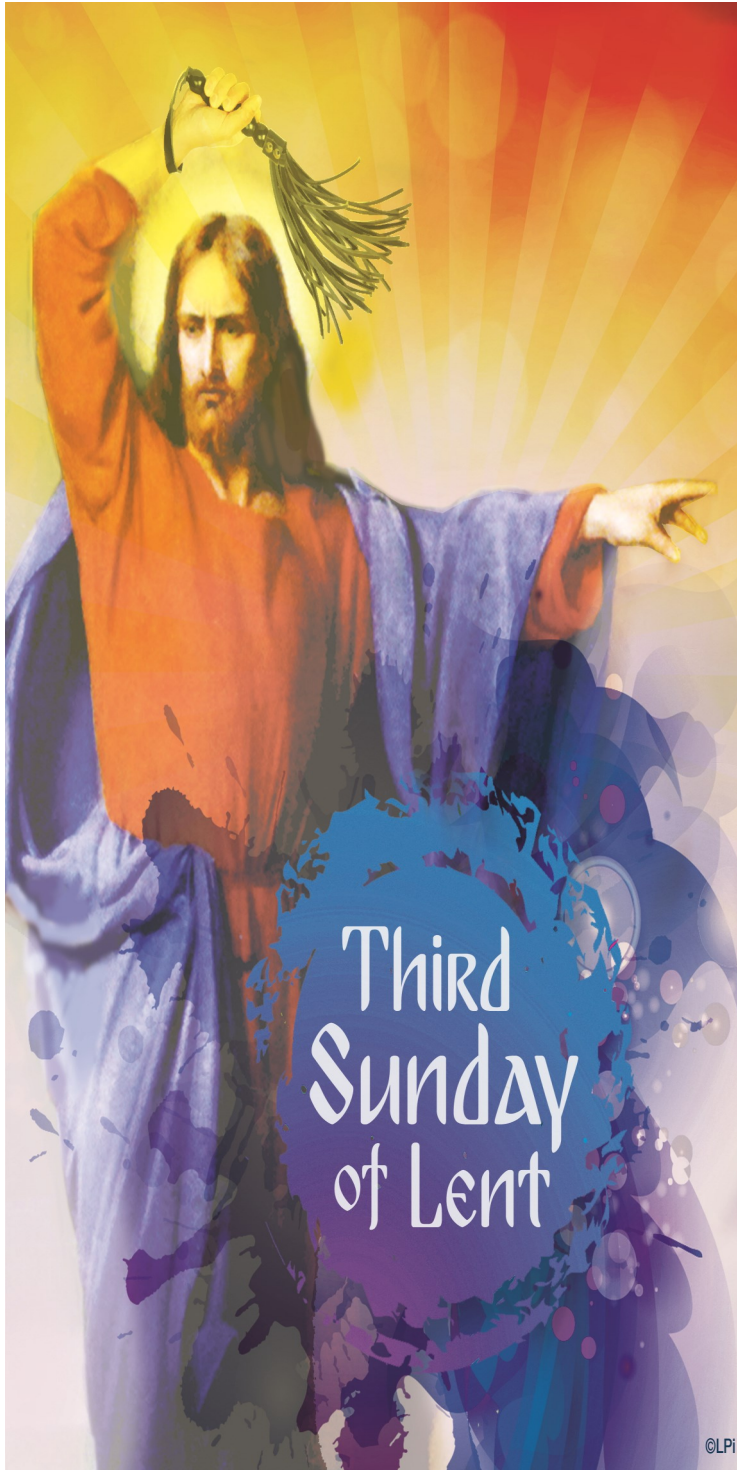
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Our Mission Is To Go and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ ~ March 3, 2024



The Word of the Laird



One of the things that has left me a bit confused is that I have not been able to draw a close relationship between the Old Testament readings and the Gospel readings during this Lenten season. This week we have the Ten Commandments from Exodus and the Gospel reading from John is Jesus cleansing the Temple. The second Sunday we had the sacrifice of Isaac and the Transfiguration. The first Sunday had the placing of the rainbow after the flood and Jesus being tempted in the desert after His baptism.

During Ordinary Time there tend to be clearer connections between the Old Testament readings and the Gospel readings, usually along thematic lines.

Matthew, Mark and Luke place this episode following upon Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. But John places this at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. He clearly identifies this as "my Father's house."

It is very likely that the Gospel of John is being written after the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Romans in the year 70. So that would give added significance to Jesus' response about a sign, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." By that time, the belief of the Church that Jesus' Body is where God is truly worshipped would have come into effect.

Thanks be to God.

Readings and Hymns

Readings.....	815
Hymns:	
Entrance	271
Offertory	718
Recessional.....	278



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)

Monday, March 4

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

Tuesday, March 5

St. Mary's 9:00 am—Jim Fitzsimmons (Joan & Family)

Wednesday, March 6

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Jay Nowakowski (Family)

Thursday, March 7

St. Mary's 9:00 am

Saturday, March 9

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—Don Ehmann (Bob & Margie Enright)

Sunday, March 10—4th Sunday of Lent

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

St. Matthew 10:30 am—Eleanor Agati (Dave & Mary Jo Dussault)

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This Week in Our Faith Community

Monday, March 4

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

NOON: BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE FOR MARCH 10

Tuesday, March 5

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass—Live Streamed

St. Mary's—9:30 am Euchre

Wednesday, March 6

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

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

St. Mary's—9:30 am Comfort Quilters

St. Matthew—5:30 pm—Stations of the Cross

St. Matthew—Soup Supper immediately after Stations

Thursday, March 7

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass—Live Streamed

St. Mary's—10:00 am Eucharistic Revival Small Group

Friday, March 8

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

Saturday, March 9

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 10

St. Mary's—8:30 am Mass—Live Streamed

St. Mary's—Coffee Hour after Mass

St. Matthew—9:15 am Social Ministry

St. Matthew—10:30 am Folk Mass

Weekly Offertory

St. Mary's

*Collection—002/25/2024 **\$1,637.62**

*Includes Electronic Offering of \$199.62

St. Matthew

*Collection—002/25/2024 **\$5,556.00**

*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— 02/25/2024

St. Matthew—4:30 pm	105
St. Mary's—8:30 am	102
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
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 Pfuntner
 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, **Jerry Foster**, 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, **Norm Schrader**, 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 MARCH 3

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

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 *Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



WEEKEND


MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MARCH 9 & 10

4:30 pm—Communion Ministers: D&L Wilbur; **Lector:** D. Winter; **Sacristans:** L&D Wilbur

8:30 am—Altar Servers: L. Norris, D. Holtz; **Communion Ministers:** S. Brown, N. Andres; **Lector:** N. Healy; **Greeter/Ushers:** P. Stumpf, C. Wittman, C. Zanghi; **Sacristan:** S. Brown; **Live Stream:** P. Stumpf; **Announcer:** H. Hawes

10:30 am—Altar Servers: C. Coriddi, Juliette West; **Communion Ministers:** A. Huber, J. Patel; **Lector:** B. Dougherty; **Sacristan:** A. Huber




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

Jean Dellies

Jim Fitzsimmons

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



The Holy Family Candle burns this week in memory of Paul Jones at the request of his family



FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD—BOTH CHURCHES AFTER SUNDAY MASS

Faith Formation

St. Mary's—3/3/2024—after 8:30 Mass

St. Matthew—3/3/2024—9:15 am

Crossroads

St. Matthew—3/3/2024—6:30 pm

Kids for Christ

St. Matthew—3/6/2024—6:30 pm

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery.

You shall not have other gods besides me." (Ex 20:1-3)

Psalm:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

(1 Cor 1:23-24)

Gospel:

Jesus answered and said to them,

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

(Jn 2:19)

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Take a Heart...

as a reminder to sacrifice a little more during this Lenten Season by donating to our local Food Pantries.

St. Mary's: Beans, hamburger helper, pasta sauce, crackers, individual hot chocolate packets, granola bars, ramen noodles, canned tuna, bar soap

St. Matthew: Pasta, hearty soups, cereal, snack bars, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, tooth paste, tooth brush, lotions, and laundry pods.

Thank you for your generosity!

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus was not afraid to confront iniquity wherever he encountered it, and his zeal for righteousness was so strong it looked like anger as he drove the moneychangers from the temple. Pray that, with that same devotion and care, he will cleanse our hearts from sin.

Observances for the week of March 3, 2024

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Casimir

Thursday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Friday: St. John of God, Religious

Saturday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious;
St. Catherine of Bologna

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

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.



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

Give Warmth. Give Hope.

A HUGE Thank You goes out to St. Matthew and St. Mary's Church, as well as all our dedicated supporters that helped make this year's Give Warmth, Give Hope campaign such a success! We are beyond thankful to see each of you step up every year to help your neighbors in need.

Together we raised **\$5,000**, which will go directly to keeping the neediest residents of Livingston County warm throughout the winter. Please know this would not be possible without the support of each one of you!

We are grateful for your continued confidence in Catholic Charities of Steuben/Livingston, as we strive each day to give *Help that Works, Hope that Lasts*.



St. Mary's Coffee Hour

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

We need volunteers to provide baked goods/treats and also to serve as hosts (includes serving & clean-up). Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.



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!

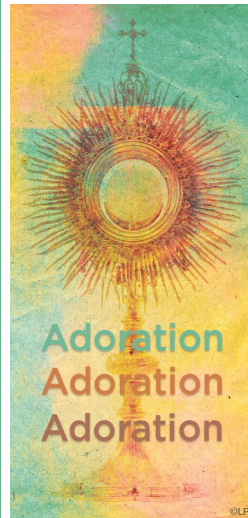
Soup Supper Schedule:

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



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



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 speak." Eucharistic

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



Church Chuckle

What do sermons and biscuits have in common? They're both improved with shortening!



**1 Year
Anniversary
3/11/2024**

Seeds of Love Clothing Closet

A ministry of
Sts. Mary and Matthew
Faith Community

“For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore, I command you, ‘You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.’ Deuteronomy 15:11

It began with a proposal to Pastoral Counsel in the fall of 2022. “In an effort to engage and meet the needs of our community, I am proposing a clothing closet to be located at St. Mary’s.”

A 12x15 space in the parish hall was designated for the closet. It seemed a reasonable size to accommodate clothes, blankets, sheets, shoes and towels. To start, we placed clothes and bedding on tables.

The community has been very generous and eager to donate to an organization whose focus is on giving to the community. Donations continued to come and come. Donations of clothing racks and shelving units helped to accommodate the increase in donations. God did provide.

One weekend we accepted over 25 large bags of clothes from just one man. This called for additional volunteers to process such a massive donation. Again, God did provide.

With weekly donations comes growth and with growth comes more racks and more space. We expanded out into the parish center, first just a little, then a 1/3 of the hall, then 1/2 of the hall and now, when open, the clothing closet consumes the entire

parish center. Because the parish center is needed for many other parish activities, we must roll all our racks back into the small 12 x 15 space each week. Turning water into wine is nothing compared to this miracle. It is evident that God's hand is at work each week to see that we can make this happen.

To date, we have served around 400 families from all over the community. There is no requirement, no proof of residency, no proof of income or need. Everyone is welcome and everyone comes. Our volunteers have heard stories from; grandparents and other relatives taking in grandchildren, those leaving domestic violence relationships and having no clothes, homeless, people displaced due to fires, young moms trying to make ends meet, and many other hardship stories.

This year we have started to ask shoppers what town they are from. Much to our surprise, people are coming from much beyond Honeoye including; Farmington, Victor, Clifton Springs, Dansville, Mt. Morris, Bloomfield, Dundee, Middlesex, Naples, Honeoye Falls, Hemlock, Livonia, Canandaigua, and many more. Much like the St. Mary's Garage Sale, it is a time where neighbors get to see each other and chat. Shoppers often remark how friendly everyone is and how welcome they feel.

The welcoming atmosphere is created by our wonderful volunteers. Most of our volunteers have been there since the beginning. Volunteering their time and talent on a Friday or Saturday. Whether it is sorting the donations, working the front desk to greet the shoppers, or improving the process, it is their positive and welcoming demeanor that keeps shoppers coming back.

So, as we approach our One Year Anniversary for Seeds of Love Clothing Closet, I would like to thank everyone who has supported our ministry. We are hoping to find a more permanent location to accommodate our growth. Your prayers are appreciated. As we know, God will provide and guide us.