

# Sts. Mary & Matthew Faith Community

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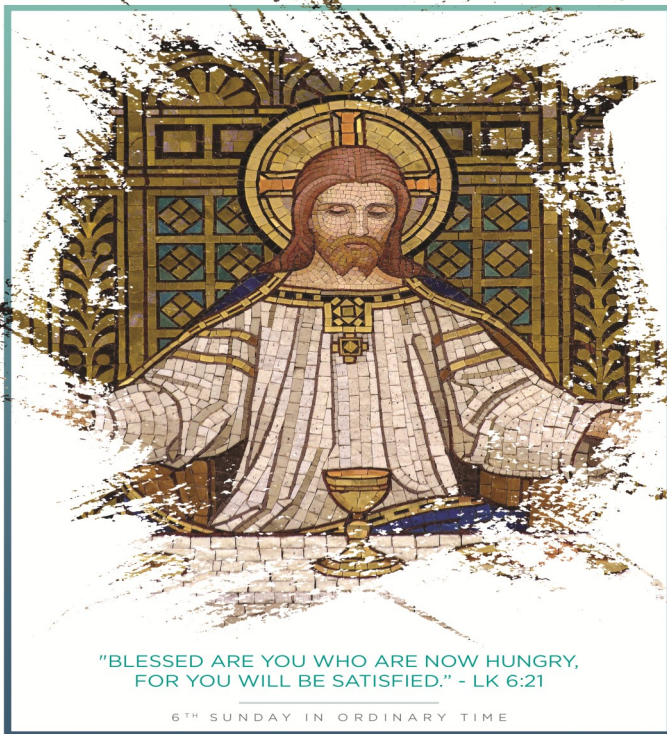
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*Our Mission Is To Go and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ ~ February 16, 2025*



## The Word of the Laird



Today's Gospel is Luke's version of the beatitudes and the woes. Where Matthew places eight beatitudes as the introduction to the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5), and then eight woes against the Scribes and Pharisees toward the conclusion of Jesus' public ministry (Chapter 23), Luke places them side-by-side. Where Matthew phrases the beatitudes in the third person and the woes in the second person, Luke phrases both in the second person.

You may also note the similarities to the segment of Jeremiah and Psalm 1, both emphasizing the blessings that come from following the Lord's way and the disaster that comes from following the way of the wicked.

As Paul writes to the Corinthians, there were some in the community who doubted the resurrection. Part of this may have been due to the Greek philosophy they had learned that a body would not have been needed to partake of spiritual bliss.

For us today, let our hearts be attuned to the life that we live in communion with the risen Jesus and how His promises to us will be fulfilled through our union with Him now in the Eucharist, and forever in life eternal with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

## Readings and Hymns

Readings ..... 870

### Hymns:

#### St. Mary's:

Entrance	462
Offertory	759
Recessional	735

#### St. Matthew:

##### 4:30 Mass

Please See Hymn Board

##### Folk Mass

Entrance	738
Offertory	478
Recessional	607



**Saturday, February 15**

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—Hal Wagner (Ken Villone)

**Sunday, February 16—6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

St. Matthew 10:30 am—Martha & Paul Pfunter (Family)

**Monday, February 17**

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

**Tuesday, February 18**

St. Mary's 9:00

**Wednesday—February 19**

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

**Thursday—February 20**

St. Mary's 9:00 am

**Saturday, February 22**

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—Steven Eaton (Barb West)

**Sunday, February 23—7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. Mary's 8:30 am — Betty Schrader (Sharon Brown)

St. Matthew 10:30 am—For the People of this Faith Community

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FEBRUARY 22 & 23

**4:30 pm—Communion Ministers:** M. Gillen, D. Winter; **Lector:** C. Williams; **Sacristan:** C&C Schwalenstocker

**8:30 am—Altar Server:** J. Parshall, B. Gleason; **Communion Ministers:** J. Dobbertin, D. Horning; **Lector:** B. Missell; **Greeter/Ushers:** A. Parshall, D&H Hawes; **Sacristan:** J. Dobbertin; **Announcer:** H. Hawes; **Live Stream:** M. Dobbertin

**10:30 am—Altar Servers:** David & John West; **Communion Ministers:** B. Woodruff, K. Gsellmeier; **Lector:** B. Dougherty; **Sacristan:** K&R Gsellmeier

**Attendance— 2/9/2025**

St. Matthew—4:30 pm	131
St. Mary's—8:30 am	77
St. Matthew—10:30 am	106

**Policy Change!**

Our Faith Community Policy on weekday mass cancellations has changed. Effective immediately, masses will be cancelled on weekdays if either school is closed for the day due to weather. Any mass intentions will be rescheduled.

## In Memory of Loved Ones

Contact your Parish Office to remember a loved one. A donation of \$50/year is requested.

### In Memory Of

Richard O'Connor	Dan & Shirley Mulvaney
Pat Conlon	Jay Nowakowski
Paul & Martha Pfuntner	Robert & Mary Oelwang
Joseph & Betty Eberwein	Joe Rausch
Mary Iten	Lenny & Marie Shumway
Leo Iten	Frank & Estelle Rodman
Paul Jones	Nan Ryan
Beverly Luther	John Scherberger
Ralph & Rocco Messura	Michelle Stefano
Betty West	Kathie Regelsberger
Leo & Mary Ann Morsch	Lois Cicero
Linda Murphy	James Sheehan
Patrick Argentieri	Anita Stefano
Ofc. Anthony P. Mazurkiewicz	Randy Smith
Jean Marie Dellies	Betty Schrader
Joseph Carusotti	Leigh Ann Hockey
Kay C. Gordon	Larry & Eleanor Milligan
Thomas Linehan	Bill Boyea

### Deceased Members of the following:

Chuck and Cathy Schwalenstocker Family  
 Helinski and Ellison Families  
 Giuliani Family  
 Jones Family  
 Muscato Family  
 Enright & Yatteau Families  
 Kurtz, Martin & O'Neil Families  
 Kucich & Juriaco Families  
 Quinn, Donato & Lewis Families  
 Gilbert & Somers Families  
 Baier, Root and Shaw Families  
 Mazurkiewicz and Rumfola Families  
 Moeller & Fritzen Families  
 Cicero and Lyeth Families  
 Hockey and McGinnis Families  
 Koch Family



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

*David Warner*

*Edward Wendelgass*

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

Praying for Those Who Are Ill

Florence Ahl, Gary Anderson, Diane Backus, William Beeley, Katey Boldt-Norton, Teresa Burritt, Catherine Couture, Kevin DeCillis, Hazel Delaney, Crystal DeMay, Joseph Dispenza, Larry Ebersold, Dave Fulton, Mary Sarah Hanna, Joan Harvey, John Henry, Mary Ann Hipp, Debbie Holtz, Dan Jones, Peggy Knight, Jean Long, Mark (Whitmore) Maltese, Shoshana Margolin, Rose Mazurkiewicz, Steve Milligan, Nina Monteleone, Christina Palella, Mia Rafanelli, Ann Marie Redman, Kathy Reynolds, Mary Sheehan, Bill Sidlauskas, Alan Siracusa, Erin Siracusa, Kathleen Smith, Helen Stefano, Jim Stefano Sr., Kathy Stewart

### 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.

## This Week in Our Faith Community

### Monday, February 17

#### **BOTH OFFICES CLOSED**

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

### Tuesday, February 18

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass—Live Streamed

St. Mary's—9:30 am Euchre

### Wednesday, February 19

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

St. Matthew—9:30—11:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

St. Mary's—9:30 am Comfort Quilters

St. Matthew—12:30 pm Hearts & Hands

St. Mary's—5:00 pm Finance Council Zoom Mtg.

### Thursday, February 20

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass—Live Streamed

### Friday, February 21

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

### Saturday, February 22

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

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

St. Matthew—4:30 pm Folk Mass

### Sunday, February 23

St. Mary's—8:30 am Mass—Live Streamed

St. Matthew—10:30 am Mass

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

Dear Church Family,

This week we celebrate the 6<sup>th</sup> **Sunday of Ordinary Time** and our readings guide with the “how’s” of living a Christian life. Scripture does that for us. We must both read and listen to the messages that are shared so that we may live a life in Christ – yes, we live in Christ, for Christ and as Christ. At least, that’s the goal. These readings help us to do just that.

Our first reading from the prophet Jeremiah urges us to live our lives by placing our trust in the Lord. We are warned that **“Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, ... whose heart turns away from the LORD.”** Yet we are also reminded: **“Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the LORD... we are beautifully told that we will be like...**

*“a tree planted beside the waters  
that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes  
its leaves stay green  
in the year of drought it shows no distress,  
but still bears fruit.”*

This is not a tough concept to grasp, and yet there are many that do just that. As humans, we find it very difficult to trust others, let alone God! Why do so many of us struggle to believe that God knows us better than we know ourselves?

Our second reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Corinthians further delves into this mystery of our faith in the resurrection. And, again, we are called to task. **“How can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain.”** We are called to live not only in Christ but in his resurrection! That is the great “mystery” of our faith that we proclaim at every Mass. **“Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.”**

In the gospel passage, Jesus gives us the **beatitudes**; the beautiful and expressive truth of love. The beatitudes, in my opinion, are a gift of direction, leading us to live and be like Jesus. Yet, in St. Luke’s version we have only four, unlike St. Matthew who gives us eight. But St. Luke not only gives us the guidance of blessings, but we are also reprimanded with the “woes.” I have to be honest – I’ve always done better with praise, but the woes certainly make a point! Jesus isn’t telling us it’s sinful to be rich, satisfied, happy or even powerful. No. Rather, if we are rich, but don’t help those in need, we are being sinful in our selfishness. If we don’t share happiness with others, we are being selfish. If we have power, but don’t use it to benefit others, we are being selfish. If, on the other hand, we are blessed with these attributes and we share them for the benefit of others, than we are living as Christ calls us to. As I said in the beginning of this letter, as Christians we live “in Christ, for Christ and as Christ.” Obviously, we are not Christ, but if we strive to be like him, and if we ask God to help us be this way, then we are living our Christian life to its fullest expression of Christ’s love. That’s all we really need to remember here. One small word, with only four letters. **L-O-V-E.**

In God’s Peace and Love, *Jeanette*

## 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.



Monday, February 17, 2025  
Both Offices Closed



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

The closet has been very busy with shoppers and donations.

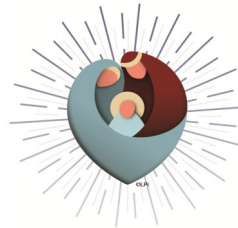
Our volunteers are the very best and we are truly blessed to have so many wonderful, caring people that do everything from sorting clothes to placing clothes on the racks to helping shoppers find what they need. With that said, we can still use more volunteers. If you can spare 2 hours on a Friday or Saturday from 10am to noon, please consider this fun and rewarding opportunity.

Need: we are currently in need of towels and wash cloths and blankets. These are items we have great difficulty in keeping on the shelves.

Winter donations: are still being accepted during our open hours.

Thank you everyone for your generosity. We currently have a wonderful selection of gently used clothes for babies through adults, shoes, sheets and more.

To volunteer call Diane Brewer-Hawes at 585-259-6187



*The Holy Family Candle  
at St. Matthew  
burns this week  
in memory of  
Terry Walter  
at the request of The Blands*

## Lakeville Food Pantry

**We are blessed with many local services in our area to help our neighbors.**

**During the month of February, there will be a special collection bin at St. Matthew for our Lakeville Food Pantry.**

**We will be collecting personal care items, such as: soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc., and paper products, such as: toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, etc.**

**As always, thank you for your kind donations and prayers for those in need.**



## Church Chuckle

The Scrabble game was interrupted when Junior swallowed an X. "Mom! I think we need to perform an X-orcism," Mary yelled.

## Helping Our Neighbors Through Our Food Pantries

**Honeoye:** Current needs: Bars of soap, 100% fruit juice (any size), canned baked beans, ramen noodles and next month, we hope to begin distributing menstrual and incontinence supplies, so we would happily accept unopened boxes or packages of pads, tampons, adult diapers, and \*new\* reusable varieties. Monetary donations are always appreciated: Honeoye Food Pantry, P.O. Box 112, Honeoye, NY 14471.

**Livonia:** Livonia's local food cupboard, Sent by Ravens, continues to have specific needs. The current needs are: Chunky soups, cereal, oatmeal packets, peanut butter, hot cocoa, pasta sauce, gluten free bread, canned fruit, turkey gravy. As always, many thanks for helping our neighbors.