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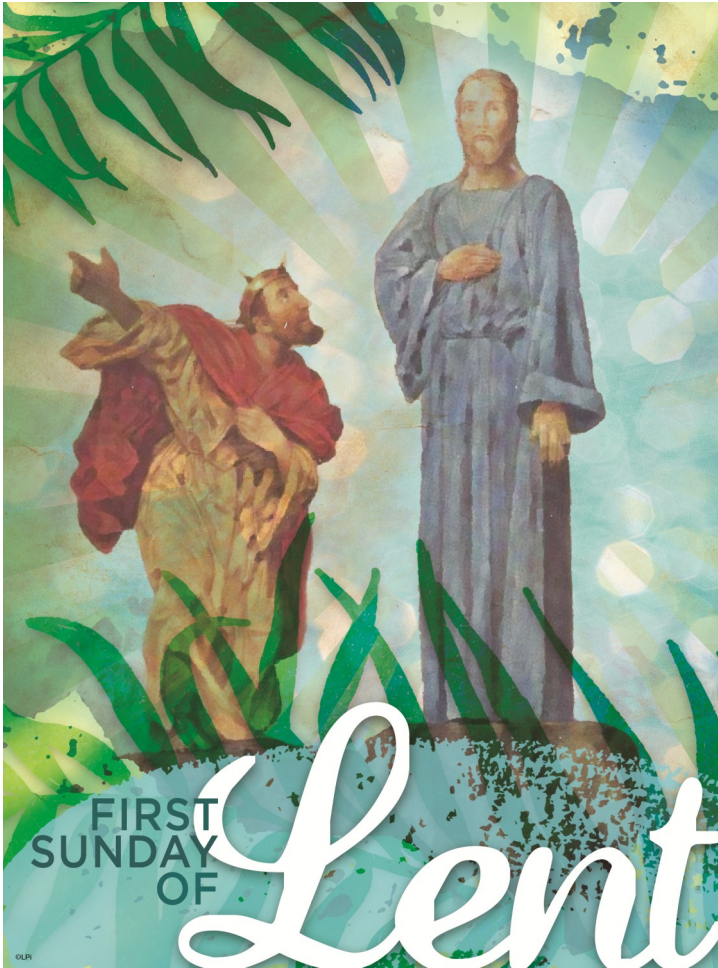
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Our Mission Is To Go and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ ~ March 9, 2025



The Word of the Laird



Today's Gospel is Luke's account of Jesus' temptations as He is about to begin His ministry. Where Mark gives a very brief account (Mark 1:12-13), Luke and Matthew present three temptations but in varying order. Matthew and Luke present the temptation about turning stones into bread as the first one. This follows logically from the account that Jesus had been in the desert for forty days and had nothing to eat during that time.

Matthew presents his second temptation as the casting down from the pinnacle of the temple. Luke presents this as the third of his temptations.

For Matthew's third temptation and Luke's second temptation the devil shows Jesus all the kingdoms of the earth and their glory and offers them to Jesus if Jesus will only worship him. But Jesus rebukes him saying that, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him alone shall you serve."

As we move along in our Lenten observance, may we draw strength from the example that Jesus gives us. As we may be dealing with various temptations, may we in our turn find the right ways to rebuke what is of Satan in those temptations.

Thanks be to God.

Readings and Hymns

Readings 810

Hymns:

St. Mary's:	
Entrance	272
Offertory	263
Recessional	277

St. Matthew:
Please See Hymn Boards



Church Chuckle

Church Notes: A Teen Dance Social will be held in the gymnasium next Friday at 7:30 P.M. All teenagers must be at least 13 years old.



Saturday, March 8

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—Jay Nowakowski (Barb Nowakowski)

Sunday, March 9—1st Sunday of Lent

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

Monday, March 10

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

Tuesday, March 11

St. Mary's 9:00—Alice & Francis O'Connor (Diane O'Connor & Barb Ceglinski)

Wednesday—March 12

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

Thursday—March 13

St. Mary's 9:00 am

Saturday, March 15

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—Paula Schuster (Barb Nowakowski)

Sunday, March 16—2nd Sunday of Lent

St. Mary's 8:30 am — Phil Orlando (Stephanie Seymour & Lou Celona)

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

Second Collection Today

The **Black and Indian Missions Collection** exists to help diocesan communities build up the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African, Native American and Alaska Native people of God.

Please be as generous as possible.



St. Mary's Rosary Group

Meets at Church the second Tuesday of every month at 11:30 am.
(This week!)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please call St. Mary's Office for more information

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MARCH 15 & 16

4:30 pm—Communion Ministers: D. Winter, P. Rodman; **Lector:** D. Winter **Sacristan:** C&C Schwalenstocker

8:30 am—Altar Server: L. Norris, P. Stumpf; **Communion Ministers:** L. Thomas, D. Whitmore; **Lector:** S. Brown; **Greeter/Ushers:** C. Andres, D&B Whitmore; **Sacristan:** L. Thomas; **Announcer:** H. Hawes; **Live Stream:** C. Andres

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

Attendance— 3/02/2025

St. Matthew—4:30 pm	90
St. Mary's—8:30 am	83
St. Matthew—10:30 am	155

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
Joan Shattuck	

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

Margaret (Peggy) Graf

Joseph Dispenza

who 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, 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, March 10

Bulletin Articles Due for 3/16

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, March 11

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass—Live Streamed

St. Mary's—9:30 am Euchre

St. Mary's—11:30 Rosary Group

Wednesday, March 12

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

St. Matthew—9:30—11:30 am Eucharistic Adora-
 tion

St. Matthew—12:30 pm Hearts & Hands

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

St. Matthew—6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper

Thursday, March 13

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass—Live Streamed

Friday, March 14

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

Saturday, March 15

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

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

St. Matthew—4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, March 16

St. Mary's—8:30 am Mass—Live Streamed

St. Matthew—10:30 am Folk Mass

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

Dear Church Family,

This week we celebrate the **1st Sunday of Lent**, and our readings share that even in life's struggles and temptations, our faith becomes stronger through prayer, solitude and scripture. Through faith we are saved.

The collect (opening prayer) for mass for this weekend begins our Lenten journey in this way: ***"Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by the worthy conduct pursue their effects."*** That prayer offers us good advice as well. It encourages us to live this Lent in a worthy way, thus strengthening our bond to Christ, and leading us every closer to salvation.

This week's first reading from Deuteronomy finds Moses reminding his people of the saving power of God. ***"We cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm."*** Likewise, in the second reading St. Paul asks, ***"What does Scripture say? The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart —that is, the word of faith that we preach—, for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."*** St. Paul goes on to say, ***"there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all."*** So, if we believe in our hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead – we will be saved. Furthermore, God does not separate us in that belief, as in the eyes of God, ***"the Lord is Lord of all."***

Our gospel passage from St. Luke begins by telling us that Jesus is ***"filled with the Holy Spirit"*** leading him to the desert for 40 days of prayer, fasting, and solitude. Toward the end of that time, while Jesus was weak and tired, he suffered the temptation of the devil, who tries to contradict Jesus with his knowledge of scripture. Jesus, even in his exhausted state, was having none of it and uses scripture himself to refute the devil, ***"You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."***

Catholics are notoriously known to be scripture illiterate. I personally disagree. I know that many of you sitting in the pews each week also rely on God's word to both enlighten and comfort you. I would suggest that during Lent, you delve a bit deeper into scripture. Let it lead your prayer life during this time. If you're not sure how to start, you can find many scripture reading plans and reflections online. I personally love to pray the Psalms – they are, after all, songs of prayer and praise. Randomly choose a psalm, and spend time just sitting with the words, and let them sink into your heart where Jesus resides. Oh, and ask the Holy Spirit for guidance before you read. If any of you reading this don't have a bible at home, reach out to me and I'll hook you up!

Have a wonderful Lent (more on that to come!).

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.



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



LENTEN SOUP SUPPER SCHEDULE

Please join us for fellowship!

March 12—St. Matthew—After 5:30 pm Stations

March 19—St. Mary's—After 5:30 pm Stations

March 26—St. Matthew—After 5:30 pm Stations

April 2—St. Mary's—After 5:30 pm Stations

April 9—St. Matthew—After 5:30 pm Stations

Please sign up on the sheets at the entrance of both churches if you'd like to attend.

Women's Retreat Weekend

May 2-May 4, 2025

Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua.

Theme: "Walking in Friendship with God."

To register/info: email Jodie Scordo at jscordo@notredameretreat.org or call 585-394-5700 or google "Notre Dame Retreat"

St. Mary's is looking for people to read pre-mass announcements on Sundays once a month. If you're interested, please contact the Church office!



Our Representatives

Trustees:

St. Mary's: Mike Dobberty & Nancy Andres

St. Matthew: Lynn Maginn & Michael Dougherty

Pastoral Council:

St. Mary's:

Diane Hawes (Chair), John Lloyd, Ann Bauer, Pat McRae

St. Matthew:

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St. Mary's:

Diane O'Connor (Chair), Rus Healy, Jeanne Beno, Sharon Brown, Greg Missell, Peggy Kelly

St. Matthew

David VanLieshout (Chair), Sam West, Kathy Morsch, Scott Lazarony, Andy Cherre



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April 9, 5:30 pm—St. Matthew



Hearts & Hands Knitting Group

Group meets every Wednesday, 12:30 pm at St. Matthew.

We prayerfully make shawls, blankets, hats, mittens, etc. to be given to our friends in need.