

# Sts. Mary & Matthew Faith Community

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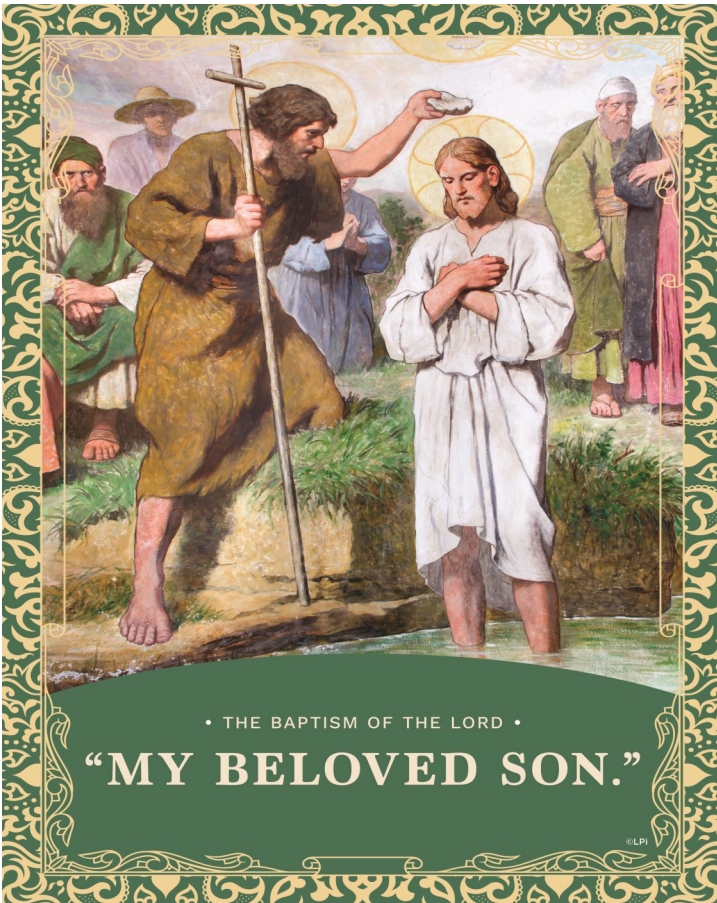
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*Our Mission Is To Go and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ ~ January 12, 2025*



## The Word of the Laird



Our first reading from Isaiah is the first of four songs that describe a servant of God. Particularly in this song the servant is described in very gentle terms, "not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street." This servant is called for justice, a light for the nations, "to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeons, those who live in darkness."

Then we have Peter's speech in the house of Cornelius that God "proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ" and "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

Then in Luke's account of Jesus' baptism He was praying, "heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'"

Relying on the baptism we have received, may God say that same about us!

Thanks be to God.

## Readings and Hymns

Readings ..... 806

### Hymns:

#### St. Mary's:

Entrance	218
Offertory	250
Recessional	242

#### St. Matthew:

Entrance	245
Offertory	218
Recessional	236



## Church Chuckle

After eating Christmas dinner, join us in the church hall for a Christmas concert. The choir will open with "O Come All Ye Facefull."



**Saturday, January 11**

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—Margaret Stuver (The Marr Family)

**Sunday, January 12—The Baptism of the Lord**

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

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

**Monday, January 13**

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

**Tuesday, January 14**

St. Mary's 9:00 - Jim Fitzsimmons (Terry Hofer)

**Wednesday—January 15**

St. Matthew 9:00 am—All the Holy Souls in Purgatory (Alex Crilly)

**Thursday—January 16**

St. Mary's 9:00 am—Bob Horning (Diane Horning)

**Saturday, January 18**

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

**Sunday, January 19—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. Mary's 8:30 am — Betty Schrader (Jim & Andrea Parshall)

St. Matthew 10:30 am— Deceased Members of Enright & Yatteau Families (Bob & Margie Enright)

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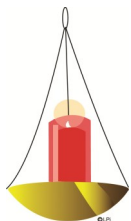


JANUARY 18 & 19

**4:30 pm—Communion Ministers:** Cathy Schwalenstocker, J. Ellison; **Lector:** C. Williams; **Sacristan:** C&C Schwalenstocker

**8:30 am—Altar Server:** M&J Dobbertin; **Communion Ministers:** S. Brown, D. Whitmore; **Lector:** J. Beno; **Greeter/Ushers:** B&D Whitmore, C. Zanghi; **Sacristan:** S. Brown; **Announcer:** B. Missell; **Live Stream:** P. Stumpf

**10:30 am—Communion Ministers:** J. Kahn, A. Huber; **Lector:** B. West; **Sacristan:** A. Huber



*St. Mary's Sanctuary Candle*

*burns this week in memory of*

*Betty Donsky*

*Requested by: Sharon Brown*

**Attendance- 1/5/2025**

St. Matthew—4:30 pm	114
St. Mary's—8:30 am	110
St. Matthew—10:30 am	144



*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

## 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
Lucille DeClerck	Robert & Mary Oelwang
Jule DeClerck	Paul & Martha Pfuntner
Joseph & Betty Eberwein	Joe Rausch
Mary Iten	Patrick L Guenther
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
Lenny & Marie Shumway	Debra Czudak
Linda Murphy	James Sheehan
Patrick Argentieri	Anita Stefano
Ofc. Anthony P. Mazurkiewicz	Joan Shattuck
Jean Marie Dellies	Betty Schrader
Joseph Carusotti	Leigh Ann Hockey
Kay C. Gordon	Larry & Eleanor Milligan

### 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  
 Paul & Martha Pfuntner  
 Baier, Root and Shaw Families  
 Mazurkiewicz and Rumfola Families  
 Moeller & Fritzen Families  
 Cicero and Lyeth Families  
 Hockey and McGinnis Families  
 Koch Family

### Give A Spiritual Gift!



The Sanctuary Candle and the Holy Family Candle are available for scheduling. Please stop by or call either parish office to schedule a candle in memory, in thanksgiving, or for a special intention. A \$10 donation per candle is greatly appreciated.

### 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, 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 themselves to place a name on the prayer list.

## This Week in Our Faith Community

### Monday, January 13

#### Articles due for 1/19 Bulletin

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

### Tuesday, January 14

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass

St. Mary's—9:30 am Euchre

St. Mary's—11:00 Rosary Group

### Wednesday, January 15

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

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

St. Matthew—12:30 pm Hearts & Hands

### Thursday, January 16

#### Articles due for 1/26 Bulletin

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass

### Friday, January 17

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

### Saturday, January 18

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, January 19

St. Mary's—8:30 am Mass

St. Matthew—10:30 am Folk Mass

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

Dear Church Family,

This week is the **Baptism of the Lord**, and with that comes the end of the Church season of Christmas. After all the hustle and bustle, the preparing, decorating, cooking, baking, wrapping, etc., Christmas of 2024 is over.

Last week, I took down most of the Christmas decorations, but I still have my little tree up. I so enjoy the lights during this dreary time of year. My mother often kept her tree up until Valentine's Day! She told us she just loved the lights and the feeling they gave her. One year, my sister and I removed all the ornaments and "re" decorated my mom's tree with hearts. That tree stayed up until St. Patrick's Day (which was also my mom's favorite holiday) but my sister and I put our foot down to decorating the tree with shamrocks! My mom extended her Christmas joy way past the end of the Christmas Season. Reflecting on that now, I think my mom had the right idea. Christmas is all about sharing God's love, as our baptism calls us to do. And speaking of baptism...

This week we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, and I can't help but think about how we are intimately connected with Jesus through our baptism. We know why we are baptized. Through this sacrament, we become a distinct member of the Church – united with Christ in love. Through the waters of baptism, we die to our old self and are renewed, our sins forgiven, and we reborn into a life united with Christ as children of God. So, here's the question – Why was Jesus baptized? He was sinless, divine and God's son, so why be baptized?

Pope Benedict XVI (while Joseph Ratzinger) in his book (three volumes mind you), JESUS OF NAZARETH, says, ***"On the one hand, immersion into the waters is a symbol of death, which recalls the death symbolism of the annihilating, destructive power of the ocean flood. The ancient mind perceived the ocean as a permanent threat to the cosmos, to the earth; it was the primeval flood that might submerge all life . . . But the flowing waters of the river are above all a symbol of life (15-16)."*** Wow. I never would have been able to word it in such a way, but it's about death that leads to new life. Catholic funerals begin with a sprinkling of Holy Water onto the casket, urn or cremation box. The priest evokes a blessing with the words, ***"In the waters of baptism \_\_\_\_\_ died with Christ and rose with him to new life."*** We are born into life from the waters of our mother's wombs, reborn to Christ through the water's of our baptism, and finally are reborn to life eternal.

As we reflect on this, let's remember that our baptism also calls us to a life of holiness and love. Baptism holds us to a specific accountability to live our life in Christ by following his humble example. We must be bringers of Christ to everyone we encounter. Just think what a world it would be if we all truly lived that baptismal call.

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.



## Give Warmth, Give Hope

As we know, this is a difficult time of year for many of our neighbors. As we do each January, we will be offering everyone the opportunity to help our Livingston County friends and neighbors by providing funds for heat through Catholic Charities.

At the entrances of both churches, you will find an envelope for a donation along with an auction item form to donate an item for the auction held at St. Matthew. Items will be available for bidding throughout the month of January.

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**



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Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities.

To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator:

**Deborah A. Housel**  
585-328-3228, ext. 1555

Toll-free:  
1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555  
or by e-mail to [victimassistance@dor.org](mailto:victimassistance@dor.org)



## Seeds of Love Clothing Closet Collection at St. Matthew

For those who may not be able to drop off clothing at St. Mary's Seeds of Love Clothing Closet during their regular hours, we will be collecting new and gently used winter clothing items the week-ends of January 12<sup>th</sup> and January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Many thanks for your donations

## Our Representatives

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**St. Mary's:** Mike Dobbertin & Nancy Andres

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