

# Sts. Mary & Matthew Faith Community

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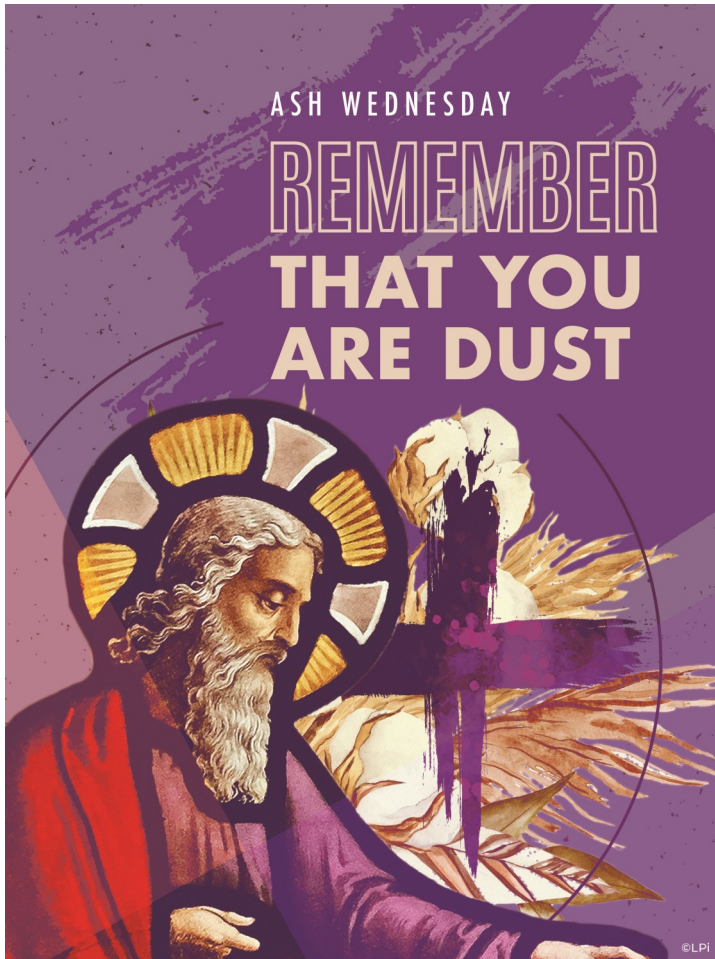
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*Our Mission Is To Go and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ ~ March 2, 2025*



## The Word of the Laird



This Wednesday marks the beginning of our Lenten season. You will find in the entrance to our churches a new book by Matthew Kelly, *The Three Ordinary Voices of God*. This, as before, is my gift to you. I hope that you will find it helpful for your Lenten experience.

He examines the ways in which we attend to God's voice apart from Scripture. He delineates three aspects of our life in which we discern what God may be telling us. Those three areas are our needs, our talents and our desires. In each of these areas he assures us that if we are attentive, we will find a message from God touching our hearts and souls.

The diocese has marked Wednesday, April 2, as a day of Penance and Mercy. I will be scheduling some time for the sacrament of reconciliation in both of our churches that day. We will also be having a communal penance service on Thursday, April 10 at St. Mary's at 7:00pm. In addition to myself, we will also have Father Michael Costik and Father Michael Fowler. And I am working to find another priest so that we will have four of us to assist you.

I hope that this Lenten season will be one that will deepen your understanding and devotion.

## Readings and Hymns

Readings ..... 876

### Hymns:

St. Mary's:	
Entrance	732
Offertory	399
Recessional	714

St. Matthew:  
Please See Hymn Boards



## Church Chuckle

A sign outside of a church: Weekly church is God's gift. Assembly required.



**Saturday, March 1**

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

**Sunday, March 2—8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. Mary's 8:30 am — Richard & Sylvia Shaw (Dan Shaw)

St. Matthew 10:30 am—Dennis Sapienza (Martin D'Ambrosio)

**Monday, March 3**

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

**Tuesday, March 4**

St. Mary's 9:00

**Wednesday—March 5—Ash Wednesday**

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Sharon Lambert (Ed Erhard)

**Thursday—March 6**

St. Mary's 9:00 am

**Saturday, March 8**

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

**Sunday, March 9—1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

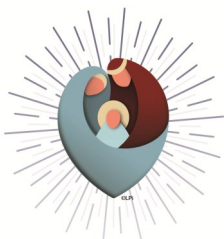
St. Mary's 8:30 am — For the People of this Faith Community

St. Matthew 10:30 am—Joseph DioGuardi (Alexander Crilly)

**Second Collection Next Sunday**

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.



*The Holy Family  
Candle burns this week  
in memory of  
Paul Jones  
from Family*

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MARCH 8 & 9

**4:30 pm—Communion Ministers:** D. Winter, M. Gillen; **Lector:** P. Rodman; **Sacristan:** D&L Wilbur

**8:30 am—Altar Server:** M&J Dobbertin; **Communion Ministers:** H. Hawes, P. Kelly; **Lector:** J. Beno; **Greeter/Ushers:** P&S Stumpf, D. Horning; **Sacristan:** H. Hawes; **Announcer:** D. Hawes; **Live Stream:** P. Stumpf

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

**Attendance— 2/23/2025**

St. Matthew—4:30 pm	105
St. Mary's—8:30 am	82
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

### \*Donation Request

If you have a memorial on our list with an asterisk, would you please contact your parish office to either resubscribe or provide proof of the date you paid within the last year.  
Thanks in advance for your help!

### 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, March 3

#### Bulletin Articles Due for 3/9

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

### Tuesday, March 4

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass—Live Streamed

St. Mary's—9:30 am Euchre

### Wednesday, March 5

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass & Distribution of Ashes

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

St. Mary's—9:30 am Comfort Quilters

St. Matthew—10:00 am Staff Meeting

St. Matthew—12:30 pm Hearts & Hands

St. Mary's—5:30 pm Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of Ashes

St. Mary's—6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper

### Thursday, March 6

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass—Live Streamed

### Friday, March 7

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

### Saturday, March 8

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 9

St. Mary's—8:30 am Mass—Live Streamed

St. Matthew—10:30 am Mass

St. Matthew—11:30 am Social Ministry

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

Dear Church Family,

This week we celebrate the **8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**, and our readings encourage us to live (and speak) in a manner that promotes the goodness of God. Both the first reading (from the Book of Sirach) and our gospel passage from Luke remind us that the words we speak truly reflect what is in our hearts. As Sirach tells us, ***“The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one’s speech disclose the bent of one’s mind.”***

This week’s second reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Corinthians, encourages us to ***“be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”*** We, with the grace of God, must strive to live in a manner worthy of our baptismal call to share the good news with others. To be a Christian requires work, plain and simple. It’s not easy. If you think it is – you’re not doing it right. But the more we do this, the easier it will be to point others toward God. And through word, action, and the grace of God we can accomplish the “work of the Lord” that St. Paul is referring to. We’ve all been told that “practice makes perfect,” but God doesn’t expect perfection - just the willingness to keep trying.

In this week’s gospel passage from St. Luke, Jesus shares a parable to help us better understand that we must look to ourselves first before we judge others. ***“Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? ... You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother’s eye.”*** It’s easy to become self-righteous – believing that *our* way should be *the* way. Nope. If we live in a pious way, believing we are better than others, we will be humbled very quickly.

I often ask God, “What do you want of me?” and I continually pray that God will guide me in the direction I am to go. Only with the help of God can we correctly understand what is expected of us, and how we can accomplish it. We are never alone in this, rather we are blessed and gifted by God with the means to help us. We need to rely on God’s word. We read, we reflect and we pray – and we keep doing it. Through Holy Eucharist, God becomes part of us. Jesus lives within us. We are given ALL these wonderful gifts, but they must be used! Will we mess up? Of course. Will we need to keep working at it? Yep, for our entire life – but there is no better way to live! ***“A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good ... for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.”*** Those are definitely words to live by.

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.

## 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](mailto:jscordo@notredameretreat.org) or call 585-394-5700 or google "Notre Dame Retreat"



## Sts. Mary & Matthew Groups

Our parishes have several groups offering the opportunity to meet new friends and to be of service to our communities. **Hearts & Hands Knitting Group** creates hand-made items to be donated to our friends as needed and meets weekly during the school year at St. Matthew.

**Comfort Quilters Group** meet twice a month during the school year at St. Mary's to prayerfully make quilts for friends in need. Our **Women's and Men's Groups** seek to strengthen the spiritual lives of our men and women while providing fellowship and service activities throughout the year to care for our communities in practical and ministering ways. Please prayerfully consider reaching out to any of these groups by contacting either church office.

All are welcome.

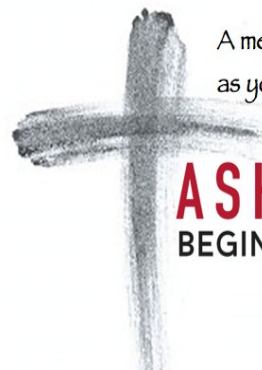


## LENTEN SOUP SUPPER SCHEDULE

Please join us for fellowship!

- March 5—St. Mary's—After 5:30 pm Ash Service
- 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.



A meaningful time for reflection  
as you begin the 40-day Lenten journey

## ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

March 5, 2025

**St. Matthew Church, Livonia**  
9:00AM: Mass and  
Distribution of Ashes

**St. Mary's Church, Honeoye**  
5:30PM: Liturgy of the Word and  
Distribution of Ashes  
6:00PM: Lenten Soup Supper



## Give A Spiritual Gift!



The Sanctuary Candle at St. Mary's and the Holy Family Candle at St. Matthew 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.