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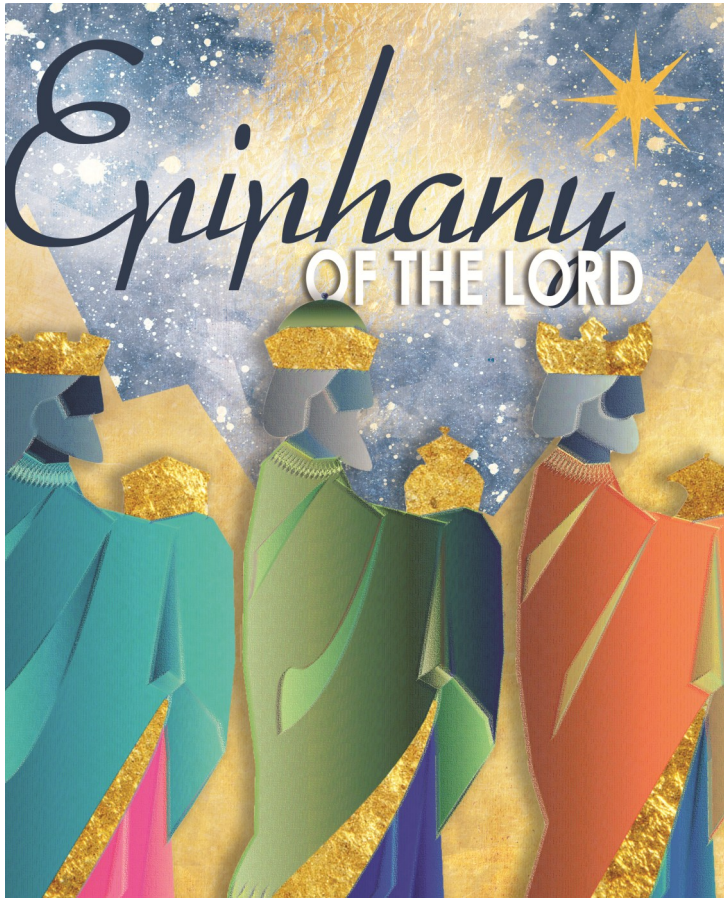
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Our Mission Is To Go and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ ~ January 5, 2025



The Word of the Laird



Today's feast of the Epiphany recounts the visit of the Magi to the new-born Jesus in Bethlehem. They had seen a star and followed it. In the ancient world, stars were frequently understood as indicating the birth of a monarch. The first reading from Isaiah describes caravans bearing gold and frankincense. The psalm echoes this notion again describing kings bringing tribute to the descendant of David. The Magi prostrated themselves upon entering the house, acknowledging the august dignity of the child that had been born.

May we, in our turn, recognize the presence of Christ among us in so many good ways and may we always be open to celebrating His goodness among us.

Thanks be to God.

Readings and Hymns

Readings 803

Hymns:

St. Mary's:

Entrance	256
Offertory	259
Recessional	254

St. Matthew:

Entrance	255
Offertory	256
Recessional	240



Church Chuckle

Little Wayne could always be found sitting under the Christmas tree singing his favorite song: "A Wayne in the Manger."



Saturday, January 4

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—Jennie Koch (John & Cherie Palmer)

Sunday, January 5—The Epiphany of the Lord

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

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

Monday, January 6

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

Tuesday, January 7

St. Mary's 9:00 - Evelyn Ruth McIntee (Ron Reitz)

Wednesday—January 8

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

Thursday—January 9

St. Mary's 9:00 am

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

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Through your generosity, St. Mary's and St. Matthew achieved our Catholic Ministries Appeal goals! Thank you to each and every person/family who contributed financially and through prayer. Our successful campaign enables the Diocese to continue to help care for the poor, the hungry, the battered and the addicted through the Regional Catholic Charities Agencies as well as support jail, hospital, nursing home and college chaplains, provide Catholic school tuition assistance and so much more. God Bless you and your families!

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 11 & 12

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

8:30 am—Altar Server: J. Parshall; **Communion Ministers:** L. Thomas, A. Bauer; **Lector:** B. Donohue; **Greeter/Ushers:** H&D Hawes, C. Wittman; **Sacristan:** L. Thomas; **Announcer:** B. Missell; **Live Stream:** C. Andres

10:30 am—Altar Servers: C. Coriddi, Juliette West; **Communion Ministers:** M. Rausch, B. Gregory; **Lector:** B. Gregory; **Sacristan:** B. Gregory

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

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

This Week in Our Faith Community

Monday, January 6

Articles due for 1/12 Bulletin

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, January 7

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass

St. Mary's—9:30 am Euchre

Wednesday, January 8

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

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

St. Mary's—9:30 am Comfort Quilters

St. Mary's—11:00 am Staff Meeting

St. Matthew—12:30 pm Hearts & Hands

Thursday, January 9

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass

Friday, January 10

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

Saturday, January 11

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

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

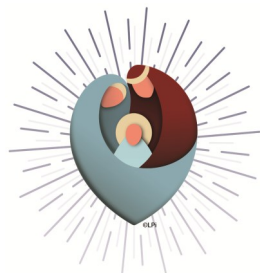
St. Matthew—4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 12

St. Mary's—8:30 am Mass

St. Mary's—Coffee Hour after Mass

St. Matthew—10:30 am Mass



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



Give Warmth, Give Hope

Every year families right here in our own communities struggle to provide a warm home for their loved ones. This year is no different. As the winter months approach, families need a little assistance with their heating bills.

Together with Catholic Charities you can help make a difference to those in need through the Give Warmth, Give Hope funds. Through the month of January there will be envelopes available at Sts. Mary and St. Matthew Churches, or you can donate online at ccsteubenlivingston.org. Please choose the drop-down menu for Give Warmth, Give Hope.

You can also bid on a variety of silent auction items, located in the Narthex of St. Matthew's Church, through January 26th. Please fill out the auction item sheet in the bulletin and leave your auction item in the Father Schifferli Room at St. Matthew. Suggestion for auction baskets are: [wine, chocolates, baby, kids, kitchen, coffee, sport, hunting, family game night, tools, Buffalo Bills, Monks' Bread, needle works,](#) or any other ideas you may have for this wonderful cause.

There will be a coffee hour after 10:30a.m. mass on January 26th to wrap up the Give Warmth, Give Hope campaign and silent auction.

These donations will help our Livingston County friends and neighbors that need it most. Many thanks for your thoughtful and prayerful consideration.

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.



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.



SERVANTS OF GOD

Much more is received than is given through the gift of serving others. Our faith-filled pastoral ministries include **Martha Ministry**, **Visitation Ministry** and **Seeds of Love Community Clothing Closet Ministry**.

- ◆ **Martha Ministry** offers a welcoming and loving spirit in supporting our grieving families by assisting with a funeral luncheon.
- ◆ **Visitation Ministry** will bring communion, prayer, and friendship to our home-bound and nursing home friends.
- ◆ **Seeds of Love Community Clothing Closet** is located at St. Mary's Church and benefits our community by providing gently used clothing for those in need.

Please prayerfully consider reaching out to one of these ministries by contacting either church office. All are welcome!



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 12th and January 19th.

Many thanks for your donations



We want to thank Fr. Laird, the staff at St Mary's and St Matthew and all the people involved in our Annual Christmas Concert; a wonderful community event on December 21. We appreciate all who assisted from preparing the music, setting up and cleaning up from dinner.

It takes a village and we are grateful for our faith community.

Paul and Lynn Maginn



Notice!

Sts. Mary & Matthew Faith Community Social Ministry Committee

Meets today at 11:30 am