

**Is it "time" for your child to celebrate
1st Reconciliation or 1st Eucharist?**

A **"PARENTS ONLY"** 1st Reconciliation introductory meeting will be on Sunday, January 24th at 2:00PM at St. Mary's Parish Center **OR** 6:00PM at St. Matthew's Hagerty Hall.

A **"PARENTS ONLY"** 1st Eucharist introductory meeting will be on Sunday, January 31st at 2:00PM at St. Mary's Parish Center **OR** 6:00PM at St. Matthew's Hagerty Hall.

The materials and format will be introduced for both of these sacramental preparation programs so it is necessary that at least one parent/guardian be present for whichever preparation your child will be entering.

- 1st Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday, March 27, 2010.
- 1st Eucharist will be celebrated at masses on May 1, 2, and 9, 2010.

Please contact Pat Rodman at 346-2500 or 229-5007 or prodman@dor.org with any questions or concerns.

40 Week Club

The first drawing for the 2010 Forty Week Club will be on January 4th, 2010. If you wish to join and haven't already, please send a check for \$40 for each person who wishes to join (one check with total amount for all is fine) to Marcia Rausch, 5574 E. Lake Rd., Conesus, NY 14435.

Sunday Offering - Thank you for your gifts to God!

12/20/09

St. Mary's

Envelopes\$ 1,707.00
Loose148.00
Total\$ 1,855.00

St. Matthew

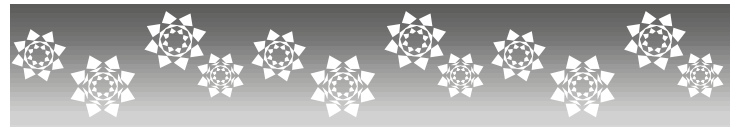
Envelopes (230)\$ 8,191.00
Loose.....379.00
Auto Deduct (41)1,053.12
Total\$ 9,623.12

Need health resources or support services for yourself, an aging family member or a disabled loved one? Do you know about the many health resources available to you? NY Connects Livingston County can help! Call 1-888-443-7520 or visit www.NYConnectsLivingstonCounty.org. Friendly, knowledgeable case managers can also help connect you to resources and services! This is a confidential, FREE service! Available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week; supported by local organizations.

Troubles? Don't know where to turn? Today's pressures seem greater than ever. Whether it's balancing work and home, caring for children and aging parents, marital or family problems, grief, depression or anxiety, the Counseling Program at Catholic Family Center helps families, couples and individuals find solutions. If you or someone you love is struggling and need someone to talk to, call (585) 546-3617.



If you know of anyone from our Faith Community who is homebound or unable to get to church and would like to receive Communion, please contact Alice Miller Nation (346-3815) or Deacon Roger Loomis (229-5007).



Prayer for Epiphany

Dear Jesus,
Though a newborn
the wise men knew your greatness.
On a hint from the heavens,
they traveled far
from their places of comfort
so that they could honor you.
From their belief in your divinity,
they gave amazing gifts;
offerings that symbolized
your life, your power, and even your death.
And because of a dream in the night,
they altered their well laid plans
to return home in order to protect you.
May we be so willing
to honor, sacrifice and obey
all for love of you,
as we meditate on the meaning of this day.
Amen

A Festival of Choirs

Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010 at 2:00pm, Sacred Heart Cathedral will host a "Festival of Choirs" with choirs from around the Diocese performing their favorite Christmas selections. Sponsored by the Rochester Chapter National Assoc. of Pastoral Musicians and the Diocesan Music Committee, the concert is open to all and will be followed by a reception in the Cathedral Narthex. Free will donations will benefit the Rochester NPM Chapter's 25th Anniversary Year events. For more information: 254-3221 or miller@dor.org

St. Matthew Church will be training Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers in January. If you are interested in any of these ministries, please call the parish office, 346-3815.

Readings, Gospel and Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 2—St. Basil the Great; St. Gregory Nazianzen

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

4 p.m. (St. Matthew) Joseph Valentino (Mary D'Imperio)

Sunday, January 3—The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

8:30 a.m. (St. Mary's) Joan Fossen (Frarey Family)

10:30 a.m. (St. Matthew) Marian West (Ann Giuliani)

Monday, January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 Jn 3:22---4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

9 a.m. (St. Mary's) Mary Houck (Terri Matthews)

Tuesday, January 5—St. John Neumann

1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

9 a.m. (St. Matthew) Thomas Bland (Charles & Carol Slatterick)

Wednesday, January 6—Blessed Andres Bessette

1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

9 a.m. (St. Mary's) Betty McGeary (Sandy Dixon)

Thursday, January 7—St. Raymond of Penafort

1 Jn 4:19--5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

9 am (St. Matthew) Lucile Kunz (Margie Enright & Sharlene Vanderbrook)

Friday, January 8

1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

9 am (St. Matthew) For the People of the Faith Community

Saturday, January 9

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

4 p.m. (St. Matthew) Mary Coughlin, Kevin Coughlin (Ron & Phyllis O'Connor)

Sunday, January 10—The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

8:30 a.m. (St. Mary's) Deceased Members of the Rosary Group (Rosary Luncheon Group)

10:30 a.m. (St. Matthew) Mary Tramontana (Jamie, Jim & Ryan Cullen)

If a funeral is scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday, there will be NO daily Mass. As long as Fr. Schifferli is willing and able, there will be daily Mass on Thursdays whether a funeral is scheduled that day or not.



Vocations

Following the star, the magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem in search of the newborn king. When they found him they prostrated themselves and gave Jesus homage. God's glory was revealed to them through a tiny baby. It was revealed to all nations and for all generations. We have been made coheirs in the promise of Jesus Christ through the gospel. As such, it is ours to share with those around us. Our Church needs people who are dedicated to spreading the good news and the promise of Jesus as a way of life. Consider a rewarding life in ministry to the Church – lay ecclesial, ordained, or religious life. Office of Vocation Awareness/ 585-461-2890/ vocations@dor.org/ website: www.dor.org/vocations



Prayer for Servicemen & Women

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

In acknowledgement of and with thanks to the military service people from our families

Sgt. 1st Class Jacob Allison, Gunnery Sgt. Robert Beauchamp, Capts. Brian & Maria Beecher, Gunnery Sgt. Roy Beecher, T Sgt. Daniel Beecher, SPC Joshua Beecher, S. Sgt. Ryan Beikirch, PFC Steven Bland, HN Adam Bock, George Boyd, Nicholas Buker, SSGs Ramiro & Melanie Carrasco, Major Alanna (Parrinello) Cook, Lt. Colonel Steven Cook, PFC Jaimeson Coons; Sgt. Scott Cunningham, LCDR Jeff Czerewko, AGs Patrick & Diane Gagle, Capt. Levi Gangi, Sgt. Peter F. Gilbert, Jr., Brig. Gen. Walter M. Golden Jr., SPC Peter Gommel, CDR Jack F. Greco, Nathan Gutridge, Emily Hill, Fred Hill, Jeffrey Holevinski, SSG. Edward Hynes, SSG Jason Junot, AR Samantha Knapp, PFC Stephen Knapp, Sgt. Mario Kovach, CMDR Matt McGlynn, Lt. Col. Stephen P. Melroy, Sgt. Richard Miller, Ryan Mothorpe, Major Jeffrey B. Murphy, Sgt. Dustin Newman, Frankie Parra E6 Sgt., Lt. Raymond Paul, Jon Quint, Staff Sergeant 1st Class Phil Ranck, Cpt. Michael S. Redman, IT3 Christopher Redman, Lt. Col. Gregory Reese, 2nd LT John Rossiter, Gerald Ruf, Airman 1st Class Kenneth A. Shelton, Lt. John T. Slagle, LCPL Brian Smith, Sr. Airman Josh Smith, 1st Lt 101st Airborne Ryan Stewart, Christopher Taber, Casey Tice, William Tice, Capt. Robert S. Tompkins, Private Brandon Tuttle, Sr. Chief Petty Officer Dean Vanderbush, Sgt. Natasha Woodburn, Sgt. Aaron Woodburn, PFC Justin Woodburn, Doug Young

Please keep them in your prayers!

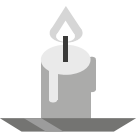
5th Annual Eat for Heat Dinner



On Saturday, January 30th from 5-7:00 PM, St. Matthew will host the 5th annual Eat for Heat dinner. This parish fund raising event began in 2006, to assist our neighbors who are struggling to keep the heat on during our cold winter months. Our efforts have help over 100 families stay warm, from single moms working two jobs to senior citizens with limited incomes. This year, the need is a great as ever. Catholic Charities is seeing an increase in working poor families with shut off notices. All proceeds are donated to Catholic Charities Livingston Emergency Assistance Fund (LEAF).

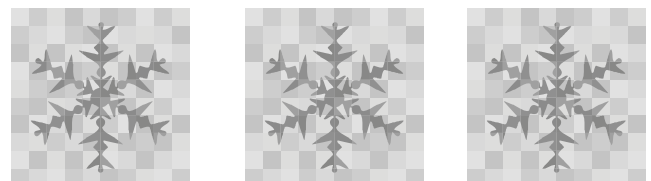
Let's come together and make this our most successful Eat for Heat yet. We need volunteers to sell tickets, cook, serve and clean up, along with bakers to make and share your favorite dessert. And, we need you to join us for dinner (take out will be available). The meal will be spaghetti with sauce, meatballs, sausage, bread, salad and dessert. Tickets will be available after Mass on January 16th & 17th and January 23rd & 24th. Volunteer sign up will be after these Masses beginning this weekend.

So save this date to enjoy some good food with good friends for a good cause.



Week of 1/3/10-1/9/10

The Holy Family Candle at St. Matthew Church burns this week in memory of Nicholas Oliver Cunningham (requested by Family)





John Adams, Florence Ahl, Raymond & Kathy Ashley, Florence Bach, Judy Bardo, June & Al Bartlet, Michelle Battaglia, Christine Beard, Helen Belmont, Ken Bennett, Jean Benson, Bill Bold, Marcella Bold, Carolyn Brandow, Nathan Brandow, **Shirley Brennan**, Margaret Briarton, The

Brickell Family, Jamie Brizzee, Dick Brown, Jan Burroughs, Patricia Bush, Francis Busam, Eddy Callens, Donnie Canesdale, Sandy Carlotta, Marie Cavigliano, Beverly Cayea, William Chichester, Ellen Chomyn, Sam Cicero, Patricia Colby, Marissa Conciardo, Kelly Cook, Kenneth Cook, Cameron Copeland, Gloria Cote, Edna Cotillian, **Lee Countryman, Sr.**, Jennifer Covert, John Cushman, Carol DeRycke, Steven DeVelder, **Dan Dragone**, Dale DuRoss, Valerie Duxbury, **Doris Ebersold**, Elise Fagan, Beulah Faltus, Debbie Farley, Audrey Farr, Joseph Farron, Liz Fillmore, John Finster, John Fisher, Pat Fleig, Daniel & Haley Fonda, **Carl Fontaine**, Harley Foster, Lois Foster, Francis Fox, Frank Ghyzel, Gordon C. Gladden, Marianne Gorman, Diane Gosnell, Donald Green, Robert Griswold, Fr. Larry Gross, Dylan Gruschow, Kaylee Hadfield, Tara Harnish, Elaine Harvey, Katie Jane Headley, Cheryl Hennard, John Helinski, Jim Herko, Tom Hess, Dorothy Higgins, Donald Hoffend, SPC John Hoxie, Jennifer Marshall Hubble, Monica Huff, Christopher Hynes, Greg Johnston, Marcia Jones, Mary Jones, Shirley King, Marjorie Korndoerfer, Bill Kraft, Lillian Kurtz, Linda Kurtz, Mohsem Lachaal, Ann Lafferty, Frances LaGreca, Salvatore LaGreca, Geri Lake, Juliana Lamonica, Kathryn Lapp, Dennis Lengyel, Kelly Lengyel, Sarah Lorenz, Jim Lyons, Frank Mahoney, Rita Maillie, Jean Maloney, John Marino, Shannon Hensler Marsh, Olivia Marsh, Florence Martinez, Helen Mastin, Irv Mastin, Barbara Matthews, Margaret McGory, James McKeown, Victoria McNulty, Dorothy Middleton, Clarice Miller, Diane Miller, Doug Miller, Sandy Miller, Ellie Milligan, Joan Moodie, Larry Morey, Paula Morey, Thomas Morey, Eleanor Morris, Connie Mothorpe, Michele Mulley, Bill Mulvaney, Annie & Joe Napolie, Rita Newton, Tyler Jacob Nichols, Matthew O'Dell, Tim Paine, Annette Panipinto, Kim Panipinto, Chet Parker, Sam Parker, James Parsons, Josh Perham, Paul Pfunter, Scott Philipson, Donald Phillips, Nicholas Phillips, Joseph Pierce, Mickey Platten, Robin Popen, June Preston, Craig Prior, Dorothy Pym, Kevin Quinlan, Amy Rankin, Joe Rausch, Callisto Raymond, Ron Reddy, James Reed, Sally Kurtz Roberts, Lorena Rogers, Karen Romanowski, Kathy Romanshyn, Clair Ryan, Jim Ryan, Justin Sallaway, Andrea Samere, Richard Scanlan, Virginia Schreiner, **Rita Schuster**, Barbara Seifert, Donald & Claire Sementino, Leah Shearer, Jacob Shearing, Lillian Shurman, Delores Siler, Melody Simmons, Madeline Slattery, Brian Smith, Donald Smith, Walt Snyder, Susan Sproule, Buck Stanton, Kimberley Stanwix, Jim & Anita Stefano, Joshua Steiner, Nancy Stephany, Gene Struble, Heidi Stulpin, Nancy Swanson, Caleb Sweet, Danny Szczesniak, Lucy Tannler, Joseph & Jenny Tarimino, Ethel Thomas, Aldo J. Tieppo, Richard Towner, Patricia Troglauer, Therese Vallone, Patrick Vandermaïlle, Vinny Vandetta, **Helen VanDurme**, Margaret VanHorn, Sean Vogel, Tom Walker, George Ward, Mary Waters, Thomas, James, and George Watts, Cierra Wells, James Wells, Lorraine Wells, Gregory Wendholt, Jim Wheatcraft, Marty Wheeler, Jim White, Dan Wilbik, Margaret Mary Wilkins, Brady Williams, Dennis Witte, Wynne Woodruff, Marie Zea

St. Mary's Choir

St. Mary's Choir will be taking a break for the month of January. We thank them for all they bring to St. Mary's liturgies, and for the many hours spent each week practicing. We will look forward to having them return in February.



Tax Prep Volunteers Needed

The IRS has asked Catholic Charities to start up a VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program in Livingston County that can file tax returns electronically for low income

workers and families. A VITA program can save low income people hundreds of dollars in preparation fees and get their tax refunds to them quickly. We see VITA as a good fit within our mission.

We are looking for volunteer tax preparers to assist us one evening a week until April 15th. Catholic Charities will provide private office space, computer and software at our Mt Morris office on 34 East State St. Training and certification is provided by the IRS online at their Link and Learn website <http://www.irs.gov/app/vita/>. If you have experience preparing your personal taxes, have 4 hours a week to contribute and would like to help low income people save their money, please join us in VITA. For more info, contact Andy Kubrich at 245-3280 or Joe DiMino at 658-4466.



Catholic Ministries Appeal

As of December 23rd, 2009, parishioners from St. Mary's have pledged \$10,433 which is 73.18% of the goal of \$15,467.00. Pledges to St. Matthew equal \$20,478.50 which is 62.02% of the goal of \$36,829.00. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed

you and yours and then think how the Church has brought good into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can.

Liturgical Schedule for 1/9 & 1/10:

4 p.m. at St. Matthew: *Sacristans:* Barb Domuracki, Pat Gillen; *Lectors:* Pat Cope, Diane Winter; *Altar Servers:* Louis Jarzabek, Jillian Foley, Sean Long; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Julie West, Margie Enright, Barb Bland, Bob & Monica Cope, Chuck & Cathy Schwalenstocker; *Greeters:* Dorothy Krause, Shirley Mulvaney; *Ushers:* Don Windsor, Sam West, Don Marozas, Dan Jones, Dan & Mike Vallone, Andy English, Bill Horan

8:30 a.m. at St. Mary's: *Sacristan:* Joan Madigan; *Lector:* Sharon Brown; *Altar Servers:* Nicole Shaughnessy, Margaret Slocum; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Joan Madigan, Deacon Loomis, Jim Parshall, Carl & Christine Barth, Lisa Thomas, Diane Horning; *Greeters/Ushers:* Paul & Sharyl Stumpf, Mike Shaughnessy, Kathy & Nick Romanyshyn; *Parking Attendant:* Craig Gotham, Alan Siracusa

10:30 a.m. at St. Matthew: *Sacristans:* Joe LaGreca, Andy Huber; *Lectors:* Paul Maginn, Barb Dougherty; *Altar Servers:* Shannon Dougherty, David & Michelle Maginn; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Linda Bell, Randy Smith, Lynn Maginn, Brian Gregory, Maureen Huber, Doug & Carol Acomb; *Greeters:* Tom & Marilyn Brown; *Ushers:* George Hynes, Roy Scardilla, Joe Eberwein, Steve Bacon, Jerry & Rae Brol, Pete Dougherty, Andy Cherre

St. Matthew Eucharistic Ministers for Conesus Lake Nursing Home: Mary Anne Palermo, Sally Stelljes

What's Happening This Week!?!

Saturday, 1/2:

St. Matthew: Reconciliation, 3 pm; 4 pm Mass

Sunday, 1/3:

St. Mary's: 8:30 am Mass; CLoW during Mass; Coffee hour following Mass; Accepting donations for the Community Food Pantry; YFF, 9:30-10:30 am

St. Matthew: Choir Practice, 9:30 am; 10:30 am Mass; Nursery, SS & CLoW during Mass; Food Pantry Weekend; Coffee Hour after Mass; Jr. High Youth Ministry, 11:30 am; Sr. High Youth Ministry, 6:30 pm; Call to Protect Parent Meeting, 7 pm, Hagerty Hall

Monday, 1/4:

St. Mary's: 9 am Mass

St. Matthew: Eucharistic Adoration, 10 am - 6:30 pm; Rosary, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, 1/5:

St. Matthew: 9 am Mass; Faith Formation, 6:30 pm, Hagerty Hall; Jr. High Youth Ministry, 6:30 pm, Church

Wednesday, 1/6:

St. Mary's: 9 am Mass; Comfort Quilters, 9:30 am

St. Matthew: RCIA, 7 pm, Hagerty Hall

Thursday, 1/7:

St. Matthew: 9 am Mass; Hearts & Hands, 1 pm

Friday, 1/8:

St. Matthew: 9 am Mass

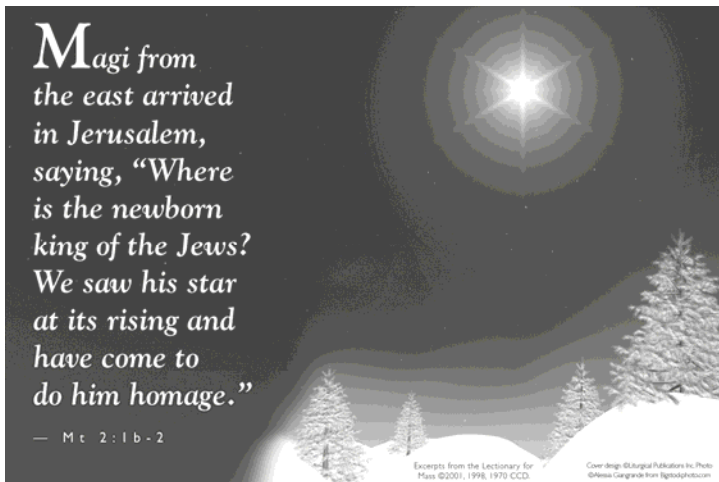
Saturday, 1/9:

St. Matthew: Reconciliation, 3 pm; 4 pm Mass

Sunday, 1/10:

St. Mary's: 8:30 am Mass; CLoW during Mass; Youth Faith Formation, 9:30-10:30 am

St. Matthew: Family Faith Formation, 9 am, Hagerty Hall; Choir Practice, 9:30 am; Social Ministry Committee Mtg., 9:30 am, Ministry Office; 10:30 am Mass; Nursery, SS & CLoW during Mass; Coffee Hour after Mass; Jr. High Youth Ministry, 11:30 am; Sr. High Youth Ministry, 6:30 pm; Call to Protect Youth Meeting, 2-6 pm, Hagerty Hall



Sacrament of Baptism: Call the office for arrangements. Baptism classes are offered the 2nd Tuesday each month at St. Matthew Church. Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays during the 8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's or the 10:30 am Mass at St. Matthew Church and also at St. Matthew Church on the 4th Sunday of the month at 12 noon.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at St. Matthew Church: 11/1—3/31 at 3 p.m. 4/1—10/31 at 4 p.m. Call the office (St. Mary's—229-5007; St. Matthew—346-3815) for an appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Notify the office 6 months in advance and attend Marriage Preparation.

Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the office if anyone is sick at home or in the hospital.

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