

Dear Friends,

Well you can color me surprised! This past weekend caught me completely off guard so I hope I acted with some decorum when you surprised me with those beautiful letters of support in response to the year of the priest which has been instituted by Pope Benedict. I can honestly say I had absolutely no idea that anything was being planned in regard to that here in our parishes.

As promised, I sat down Sunday afternoon in my office and read every single one of them and have to tell you it was something of an emotional roller coaster ride that left me feeling very humbled. It took me more than two and a half hours to read through all of them and I won't go into detail but let's just say I was real happy that there was a box of Kleenex near by.

It's funny but you don't hear about "spiritual bouquets" much any more do you? But the offering of prayers in remembrance of someone is possibly one of the kindest acts we could ever do for someone. So for those who promised to remember me in prayer during 2010 I will hold you to them! But know also that you all will be in my prayers as well.

A number of you wrote that it was pretty obvious I enjoyed what I do. It's true, I do love this life God has called me to but what has made it so wonderful is being able to work with people like yourselves.

And as for all those promises of prayers and fasting and even giving up chocolate (gasp!) let's not go to extremes folks! Let's not make it too difficult for us so keep it simple and say, "Let's pray for each other." And know that I love you.

God bless,
Fr. John

<u>Sunday Offering - Thank you for your gifts to God!</u>	
<u>12/27/2009</u>	
<u>St. Mary's</u>	
Envelopes	\$ 977.00
Loose	186.00
Total	\$ 1,163.00
Christmas.....	\$ 2,950.00
<u>St. Matthew</u>	
Envelopes (169).....	\$ 5,558.00
Loose.....	500.00
Auto Deduct (41).....	1,053.12
Total	\$ 7,111.12
Christmas.....	\$ 11,914.00
<u>1/3/2010</u>	
<u>St. Mary's</u>	
Envelopes	\$ 1,507.00
Loose	106.00
Total	\$ 1,613.00
<u>St. Matthew</u>	
Envelopes (157).....	\$ 4,620.00
Loose.....	453.00
Auto Deduct (41).....	1,053.12
Total	\$ 6,126.12
<u>40 Week Club</u>	
\$20-Linda Young; \$20-Pat Copeland	

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.



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).

St. Matthew Christmas Flower Donations



For:
Dan Mulvaney
Mulvaney Family
Donovan Family
Pifer Family
Our Parish
Geraldine & Tony Vetrano
Dick Mothorpe
Gloria Schnall

By:
Shirley Mulvaney

Mr/Mrs Thomas Shaughnessy
M/M James Vetrano
Mrs. Connie Mothorpe

By: M/M Erwin Linsdley
M/M Andrew Ferguson
M/M Mitchell Rakus
M/M Matthew Flanigan
M/M Joseph Roberts

Readings, Gospel and Mass Intentions

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)

Monday, January 11

1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

9 a.m. (St. Mary's) Kathleen Meehan (Tim & Maureen McAuliffe)

Tuesday, January 12

1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

9 a.m. (St. Matthew) Carl Fontaine (Dave & Dee Elder)

Wednesday, January 13—St. Hillary

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

9 a.m. (St. Mary's) Maureen Myers (Michelle Briggs)

Thursday, January 14

1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

9 am (St. Matthew) Maureen Busch (Tom & Pat McNamara Sr.)

Friday, January 15

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

9 am (St. Matthew) Leo Krisher (Family)

Saturday, January 16

Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

4 p.m. (St. Matthew) Charles D'Imperio Sr. (Mary & Family)

Sunday, January 17—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

8:30 a.m. (St. Mary's) Ron Bryant (Tom & Phyllis Quinn)

10:30 a.m. (St. Matthew) Joe Morris (Charlies & Joan Beecher)

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

This is National Vocation Awareness Week. How fitting that the week begins with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus' baptism in the Jordan marked the beginning of his public expression of the life that God the Father had called him to. In much the same way, each of us is called by nature of our own baptism to publicly live our life as a sign of God's love in the world. We do that through many different vocations – married and single life, ordained and religious life. Let us pray in a special way this week for all holy vocations. Let us also pray that women and men will generously answer God's call to the religious life and ordained priesthood to serve our local church. 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).

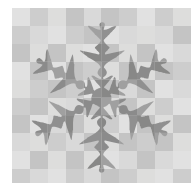
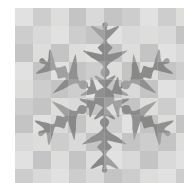
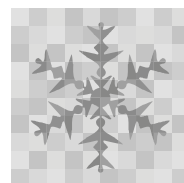
Let's come together and make this our most successful Eat for Heat yet. We need volunteers to sell tickets, cook, serve and clean up, along with bakers to make and share your favorite dessert. And, we need you to join us for dinner (take out will be available). The meal will be spaghetti with sauce, 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 1/10/10-1/16/10

The Holy Family Candle at St. Matthew Church burns this week in memory of Charles D'Imperio Sr. (requested by Mary & Family)





Dale Adams, John Adams, Florence Ahl, Raymond & Kathy Ashley, Florence Bach, Judy Bar- do, June & Al Bartlet, Michelle Battaglia, Chris- tine Beard, Helen Belmont, Ken Bennett, Jean Benson, Bill Bold, Marcella Bold, Carolyn Brand- ow, Nathan Brandow, Shirley Brennan, The

Brickell Family, Jamie Brizzee, Dick Brown, Jan Burroughs, Patricia Bush, Francis Busam, Eddy Callens, Donnie Canesdale, Sandy Carlotta, Marie Cavigliano, Beverly Cayea, William Chich- ester, Ellen Chomyn, Sam Cicero, Patricia Colby, Marissa Con- ciardo, 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, Har- ley Foster, Lois Foster, Francis Fox, Frank Ghysel, Gordon C. Gladden, Marianne Gorman, Diane Gosnell, Donald Green, Rob- ert Griswold, Fr. Larry Gross, Dylan Gruschow, Kaylee Hadfield, Tara Harnish, Elaine Harvey, Katie Jane Headley, Cheryl Hen- nard, 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, Lilli- an 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 Par- ker, Sam Parker, James Parsons, Josh Perham, Paul Pfuntner, Scott Philipson, Donald Phillips, Nicholas Phillips, Joseph Pierce, Mickey Platten, Robin Poppen, June Preston, Craig Prior, Dorothy Pym, Kevin Quinlan, Amy Rankin, Joe Rausch, Callisto Ray- mond, Ron Reddy, James Reed, Sally Kurtz Roberts, Lorena Rog- ers, Karen Romanowski, Kathy Romanshyn, Clair Ryan, Jim Ryan, Justin Salloway, 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, Dan- ny Szczesniak, Lucy Tannler, Joseph & Jenny Tarimino, Ethel Thomas, Aldo J. Tieppo, Richard Towner, Patricia Troglauer, Therese Vallone, Patrick Vandermaillie, 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 practic- ing. 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 Assis- tance) 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 even- ing a week until April 15th. Catholic Charities will provide pri- vate 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 \$10,948 which is 76.51% of the goal of \$15,467.00. Pledges to St. Matthew equal \$21,883.50 which is 65.26% 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 1/16 & 1/17:

4 p.m. at St. Matthew: *Sacristans:* John & Diane Bodine; *Lec- tors:* Mary Anne Palermo, Barb Bland; *Altar Servers:* Billy Har- mon, Kevin Hooker, Ben Sherman; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Earl Cliffel, Joan Ellison, Diane Winter, Jim & Judy Hynes, Chuck & Cathy Schwalenstocker *Greeters:* Margie & Jeanne Enright; *Ush- ers:* Don Windsor, Sam West, Don Marozas, Dan Jones, Dan & Mike Vallone, Andy English, Bill Horan

8:30 a.m. at St. Mary's: *Sacristan:* Sharon Brown; *Lector:* Harry Hawes, Colleen Bober; *Altar Servers:* Andrew Taylor, Trevor Wolinski; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Sharon Brown, Deacon Loomis, Harry Hawes, Gail Powell, Peggy Kelly, Cliff Andres, Nancy Andres; *Greeters/Ushers:* Kathy & Rick Towner, Peggy Taylor, Sandy Dixon, Cathy McFee; *Parking Attendant:* Fran Tricamo, Kurt Taylor

10:30 a.m. at St. Matthew: *Sacristans:* Joe LaGreca, Andy Hu- ber; *Lectors:* Brian Gregory, Jamie Kahn; *Altar Servers:* Chad Onderdonk, Audrey Weber, Sarah Linsner; *Eucharistic Minis- ters:* Ed Hathaway, Deirdre Antalek, Maureen Huber, Ann Holevinski, Barb Schreiner, Mike & Bev Morey; *Greeters:* The Randy Smith Family; *Ushers:* George Hynes, Roy Scardilla, Joe Eberwein, Steve Bacon, Jerry & Rae Brol, Brian Antalek, An- nette Meade, Andy Cherre

St. Matthew Eucharistic Ministers for Conesus Lake Nursing Home: Cathy Stein, Mariellen Finster

What's Happening This Week!?!

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 & CLoWord 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

Monday, 1/11:

St. Mary's: 9 am Mass

St. Matthew: Women's Group, 9:15 am, Hagerty Hall; Eucharistic Adoration, 10 am - 6:30 pm; Rosary, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, 1/12:

St. Matthew: 9 am Mass; Faith Formation, 6:30 pm, Hagerty Hall; Jr. High Youth Ministry, 6:30 pm, Church; Baptism Class, 6:45 pm, Church; Parish Council Mtg., 7 pm, Community Room

Wednesday, 1/13:

St. Mary's: 9 am Mass; Small Faith Group, 9:30 am

St. Matthew: CASE Training, 6:30 pm, Hagerty Hall

Thursday, 1/14:

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

Friday, 1/15:

St. Matthew: 9 am Mass

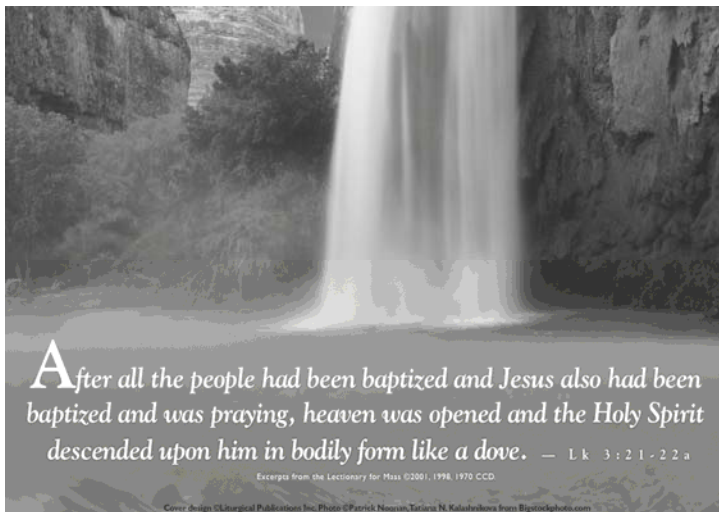
Saturday, 1/16:

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

Sunday, 1/17:

St. Mary's: 8:30 am Mass; No Children's Programs

St. Matthew: Choir Practice, 9:30 am; 10:30 am Mass; NO Nursery, SS & CLoW; Coffee Hour after Mass; NO Jr. or Sr. High Youth Ministry



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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