

Dear Friends,

There is so much going on this week! Let's start with Sunday the 14th – aside from it being Valentine's Day I will be hosting a Town Meeting for those attending the 8:30 Mass at St. Mary's to discuss changes that need to be made for more room in the sanctuary. Pictorial renditions will be available to show what we would like to accomplish.

This Wednesday, the 17th is Ash Wednesday. It seems whenever I mention that I get the same response – "Already!" I have to admit it is my response as well. Ashes will be distributed at the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's and at the 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew Church. If you are interested in offering a ministry such as usher or Eucharistic Minister or server – especially at the evening mass which promises to be a little more crowded please sign for it in the narthex or call the church office at 346-3815.

As you are aware Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent; a time, not of anticipation such as I recall not so long ago during the season of Advent, but rather, a time of reflection – spiritual reflection. So often we may hear people speak of what they are "giving up" for Lent. Various pleasures they will pass on in order to remind themselves what they wish to offer up for God and be mindful of the significance of having a loving God in our life.

The Easter joy awaits us but first let us enter into this season of reflection mindful of what our saving Lord has done for us. Of all that he has "given up" for us. There is joy to be found but first let us enter into not so much a period of sadness but of spiritual reflection where we can re-establish our relationship with Christ the Lord.

God bless,
Fr. John

**St. Matthew Dinners
for families with new babies...**

we would like to update our files. If you have made dinners for families with new babies and are willing to continue, or would be willing to make a dinner for a family who welcomes a new child into their home, please email Lori Allen at allens.1@hotmail.com. When a new child is brought home, the parish tries to help welcome that child and family by supporting them with some home cooked dinners. We are also able to offer the family a baby blanket knit by the Hearts and Hands Ministry of St. Matthew Church. Thanks for all you do!

Sunday Offering - Thank you for your gifts to God!

2/7/2010
St. Mary's
Envelopes\$ 2,240.00
Loose 111.00
Total\$ 2,351.00

St. Matthew
Envelopes\$ 6,582.00
Loose 521.00
Auto Deduct (41) 1,053.12
Total\$ 8,156.12

40 Week Club
\$20-Mike Vallone; \$20-Sue Drexel

Today is Public Policy Advocacy Sunday.

On this weekend in which we reflect on the Beatitudes, we do not have to look far to find a great number of the people of whom Jesus is speaking. "Blessed are the poor... blessed are the hungry... those who weep... those who suffer..." These people are the immigrant laborers who come to America in order to make enough to feed their children and extended families back home. These people are outcasts in our society. They suffer some of the worst poverty and oppression. They have neither a voice nor dignity when they come into this country.

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops are asking us to support a comprehensive immigration reform that would include:

- A broad based legalization (permanent residency) of the undocumented of all nationalities;
- Reform of our family-based immigration system to allow family members to reunite with loved ones in the United States;
- Reform of the employment-based immigration system to provide legal pathways for migrants to come and work in a safe, humane, and orderly manner;
- Abandonment of the border "blockade" enforcement strategy;
- Restoration of due process protections for immigrants.

At the doors of the church (or in the parish hall), you will find postcards that read:

I am a concerned constituent and agree with the U.S. Catholic bishops that the U.S. immigration system is flawed and is in need of repair. I ask that this year you support immigration reform legislation that keeps immigrant families together, adopts smart and humane enforcement policies, and ensures that immigrants without legal status register with the government and begin a path toward citizenship. Our families and communities cannot wait! We encourage you to consider signing three postcards, one to your Representative and one to each of our Senators.

Readings, Gospel and Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 13

Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
4 p.m. (St. Matthew) In Celebration of Jim & Judy Hynes 50th Anniversary

Sunday, February 14—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
8:30 a.m. (St. Mary's) Christopher & Kimberly Glatz (Harry & Diane Hawes)
10:30 a.m. (St. Matthew) Martha Pfuntner (Margaret Schuster & Family)

Monday, February 15

Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
9 a.m. (St. Mary's) Fred, Mary Anne & Bernard Root

Tuesday, February 16

Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
9 a.m. (St. Matthew) Teresa Lahr (Marilyn & Jim McCann)

Wednesday, February 17—Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20---6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
9 a.m. (St. Mary's) Paul Farrell (Joyce & Jim Fleck)
7 p.m. (St. Matthew) Susan Dougherty (Family)

Thursday, February 18

Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
9 am (St. Matthew) Paul Weslowski (Ed & Christine Weslowski)

Friday, February 19

Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
9 am (St. Matthew) Kevin McAvoy (Patricia Hockey)

Saturday, February 20

Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
4 p.m. (St. Matthew) Joan Trescott (Sam & Julie West)

Sunday, February 21st—1st Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
8:30 a.m. (St. Mary's) Kenneth Bartholomay (Sharon Brown)
10:30 a.m. (St. Matthew) Dan Mulvaney (Family)

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.



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 Jameson 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, 1st 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!

Thank you to Boy Scouts Liam Holtz, Trevor Healy, Mason Storm, Aaron Brzezinski, Kyle and Eric Morsheimer for their help last Sunday. They did an excellent job as ushers and with the Coffee Hour following Mass at St. Mary's.

Thank you to Joe Bader for building a weather tight container for the collection of cans and bottles that are used to help fund the Religious Education program. Please help support St. Mary's by donating your cleaned cans and bottles and place in the new container located on the parking lot side of the parish center. Thank you



Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too are those who live out the vocation God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or ordained life. If you think God may be calling you to the religious life or ordained priesthood and would like to speak with someone about it, contact the Office of Vocation Awareness/ 585-461-2890/ vocations@dor.org/ website: www.dor.org/vocations



Both Parish offices will be closed on Monday, February 15th for the President's Day holiday.

Please note there will be NO Eucharistic Adoration or Rosary at St. Matthew.



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).



We need your help! Anyone interested in helping clean up the kitchen at St. Matthew Church is invited to join us on Tuesday, February 23rd after the 9 a.m. Mass. All of your help is greatly appreciated!!!



Dale 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, The Brickell Family, Jamie Brizzee, Dick Brown, Jan Burroughs, Patricia Bush, Francis Busam, Eddy Callens, Donnie Canesdale, Sandy Carlota, Marie Cavigliano, Beverly Cayea, Freda Chichester, William Chichester, Ellen Chomyn, Sam Cicero, Patricia Colby, Marissa Conciardo, Kelly 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, 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, Joe Long, 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, Jean Melroy, 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 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 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, 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, Theresa Swift, Danny 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



This Valentine's Day give someone you love a copy of Get into the Acts! This week read Acts of the Apostles 15:1-35 and ask yourself: How do my reflections on this reading affect how I will live as a disciple?

Week of February 14, 2010 (6th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

Read: Acts 15: 1 - 35

Reflect: This section of Acts describes the Council of Jerusalem, the first of many councils of the church. Here the early church struggled with the major question of how the Jewish and Gentile Christians could all follow Christ together in practice. Although the council offered its teaching it took time in the early communities to integrate that teaching. More recently, the Second Vatican Council offered important teachings for the faithful that also have been integrated in our worldwide church. As I prepare for Lent, how do I live out the teachings of the Second Vatican Council? How have they changed how I understand my discipleship? What 9 aspects of the council's teaching have I not yet integrated into my faith life? How can I better share the teachings of the Catholic Church with others in my life? Did anything else stand out for me in this section of Acts?

Act it Out! How do my reflections today inform how I will live out my discipleship in the world this week?

Could I...

...read and discuss the documents of the Second Vatican Council that I find most challenging? Ask my pastoral leader about them?

...connect the teachings of the Catholic Church with a new piece of legislation?

...learn about an aspect of a different faith and see how it relates to the teaching of the Catholic Church?

How else could I act it out?

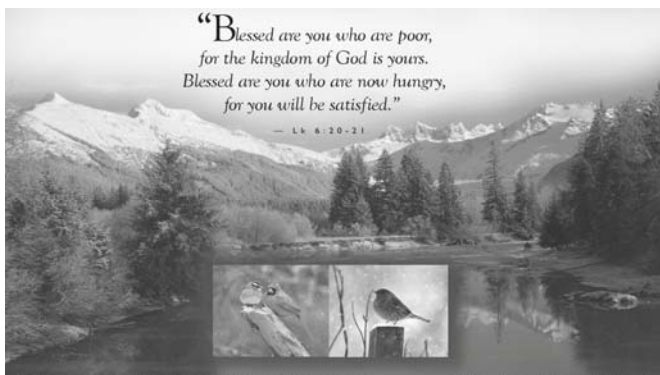
Liturgical Schedule for 2/20 & 2/21:

4 p.m. at St. Matthew: *Sacristans:* Barb Domuracki, Pat Gillen; *Lectors:* Carolyn Williams, Barb Bland; *Altar Servers:* Mary & Sam Cicero, Louis Jarzabek; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Lois Cicero, Julie West, Diane Winter, Jane Windsor, Joan Ellison, Colleen Shaw, Earl Cliffl; *Greeters:* Margie & Jeanne Enright; *Ushers:* Don Windsor, Sam West, Don Marozas, Dan Jones, Dan & Mike Vallone, Andy English, Ed Eck

8:30 a.m. at St. Mary's: *Sacristan:* Patti Krueger; *Lector:* Bill Sidlauskas; *Altar Servers:* Nicole Dobbertin, Breanna Leonard; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Patti Krueger, Deacon Roger, Jim Parshall, Don & Jeanette Copenhagen, Gail Powell, Diane Horning, Helen Melroy; *Greeters/Ushers:* Paul & Joanne Pipitone, Maureen Frarey, Sandy Dixon, Pat McRae; *Parking Attendant:* Craig Gotham, Alan Siracusa

10:30 a.m. at St. Matthew: *Sacristans:* Denise Germano, Joe LaGreca; *Lectors:* John Shaughnessy, Bob Vogel; *Altar Servers:* Kelly McGinnis, Morgan Stanton, Dan Vogel; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Ed Hathaway, Linda Bell, Mary Pat Vogel, Joe & Marcia Rausch, Doug & Carol Acomb; *Greeters:* Jim & Kathy Zimmer; *Ushers:* George Hynes, Roy Scardilla, Joe Eberwein, Steve Bacon, Jerry & Rae Brol, Brian Antalek, Annette Meade

St. Matthew Eucharistic Ministers for Conesus Lake Nursing Home: Judy Hynes, Claudia Cliffl

What's Happening This Week!?!**Saturday, 2/13:****St. Matthew:** Reconciliation, 3 pm; 4 pm Mass**Sunday, 2/14:****St. Mary's:** Choir Practice, 7:45 am; 8:30 am Mass; NO Children's Programs; Town Meeting to discuss Altar Renovation following Mass**St. Matthew:** Choir Practice, 9:30 am; 10:30 am Mass; NO Children's Programs, Jr. or Sr. High Youth Ministry**Monday, 2/15:****Both Parish Offices Closed!****St. Mary's:** 9 am Mass; Bible Study, 9:30 am**St. Matthew:** Women's Group, 9:15 am, HH; Eucharistic Adoration, 10 am—6:30 pm; Rosary, 6:30 pm**Tuesday, 2/16:****St. Matthew:** 9 am Mass; NO Faith Formation or Jr. High Youth Ministry; Book of Luke Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Schifferli Room**Wednesday, 2/17—Ash Wednesday:****St. Mary's:** 9 am Mass; Comfort Quilters, 9:30 am; Finance Council Mtg., 10 am**St. Matthew:** 7 pm Mass**Thursday, 2/18:****St. Mary's:** Choir Practice, 7 pm**St. Matthew:** 9 am Mass; Hearts & Hands, 1 pm**Friday, 2/19:****St. Mary's:** Stations of the Cross, 7 pm**St. Matthew:** 9 am Mass**Saturday, 2/20:****St. Matthew:** Reconciliation, 3 pm; 4 pm Mass; Black/Native American/Hispanic Collection**Sunday, 2/21:****St. Mary's:** Choir Practice, 7:45 am; 8:30 am Mass; CLoW during Mass; Black/Native American/Hispanic Collection; YFF, (9:30—10:30)**St. Matthew:** Choir Practice, 9:30 am; Social Ministry Mtg., 9:30 am, Ministry Office; 10:30 am Mass; Black/Native American/Hispanic Collection; Nursery, SS & CLoW during Mass; Jr. High Youth Ministry, 11:30 am; FFF, 11:45, HH; Rite of Election, 2 pm, Sacred Heart Cathedral; 1st Reconciliation Prep. Session, 6 pm, HH: Sr. High Youth Ministry, 7 pm, Hagerty Hall

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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.