

Dear Friends,

As you will notice when you attend mass this weekend, the part of Fr. John will be played by Fr. Ed. No it's not because I'm not feeling well enough to celebrate mass (not at this writing anyway). I am taking a quick weekend trip to Boston to visit my sister. Having never been to Boston I am very much looking forward to it. It will also appease my sister who has been persistently trying to get me to visit her for a couple of years now.

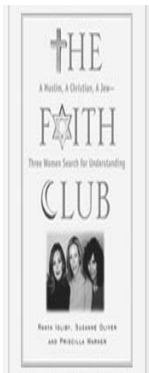
What I am also looking forward to is returning to be able to celebrate First Communion with our young boys and girls at St. Mary's and St. Matthew Church the next couple of weekends in May. It is such an important milestone in their spiritual life. To be able to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in their life; for them it is exciting and mystical to be entering into a celebration of the mass that they have only been able to observe; for us it is seeing how much they have grown and matured.

For so long now we have pretty much spoken for them haven't we. As they receive the Eucharist for the first time, it is one of those steps where they get to speak for themselves – in essence saying "I believe in Jesus Christ." A simple statement to be sure but a powerful one all the same.

I would invite you to remember to keep these young ones in your prayers this week as they get ready to say that first "Amen" the word that means "I believe."

God bless,

Fr. John



The Faith Club by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner will be the spring discussion book. This book will invite the reader to grow and learn more about other religions. To participate in this book discussion, we invite all participants to enter into discussion with a respectful attitude toward the differences that might surface. This book will stretch us, teach us and possibly invite us to learn more. We are getting very close to our first gathering of **The Faith Club** book discussion. You can pick it up at a local library or bookstore, or Alice Miller Nation has ordered a few copies. Call St. Matthew to get one. We will begin our discussion on Wednesday, May 05 at 7 pm at St. Matthew and continue onto May 12th and May 19. If you are interested in joining this discussion group, please call St. Matthew Parish office at 346-3815.

Faith Formation News

- The LAST Nursery, Sharing Stories with Jesus and Children's Liturgy of Word Sessions will be held this weekend, April 25th.
- The LAST Junior High Youth Ministry Sessions will be held this weekend, April 25th and Tuesday evening April 27th.
- The LAST Youth Faith Formation Sessions will be held this weekend, April 25th and Tuesday evening, April 27th.

Thank you for your participation and we look forward to seeing you in Church and in the fall!



St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry Summer Certificate Courses

St. Bernard is offering a wide range of 10 hour Summer Certificate Courses designed for everyone interested in theology and ministry! We're going green this summer, so this means that you'll have to check out our website at www.stbernards.edu and click on "Upcoming Courses." Many of our courses can be video-conferenced to Apalachin, Watkins Glen and Auburn. You can register online or request a printed copy of our program information by calling Fr. George Heyman at (585) 271-3657, ext 292.



Bishop Matthew Clark will preside at a Wedding Jubilee Mass to honor couples who have been married 25 years or more on Sunday May 16th at 2 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester. A reception will follow the Mass to honor the attendees. If you would like an invitation to this Mass, please send your name and address to Sylvia Mancuso at smancuso@dor.org or call her at 1-800-388-7177, ext 1295 or (585) 328-3228, ext. 1295.



Our Faith community will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Eucharist with our young people on Saturday, May 1st at the 5 pm Mass, Sunday, May 2nd at both the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses and on Sunday, May 10th at the 10:30 am Mass.



Readings, Gospel and Mass Intentions**Saturday, April 24***Acts 13:14,43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30*

5 p.m. (St. Matthew) Bryan Hildreth (Kelly Carmichael & Mickey St. Germaine)

Sunday, April 25—Fourth Sunday of Easter*Acts 13:14,43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30*

8:30 a.m. (St. Mary's) Howard & Frances Consler (Jim & Kate Consler)

10:30 a.m. (St. Matthew) Elizabeth Fusco (Joseph & Betsy Ferrero)

Monday, April 26*Acts 11:1-18/ Jn 10:1-10*

9 a.m. (St. Mary's) Bill Guminski (Judy)

Tuesday, April 27*Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30*

9 a.m. (St. Matthew) John Finster (Anne Lavery)

Wednesday, April 28*Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Jn 12:44-50*

9 a.m. (St. Mary's) Fr. John Hayes (Paul & Joanne Pipitone)

Thursday, April 29*Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20*

9 am (St. Matthew) Gladys D' Angelo (Teresa Cote')

Friday, April 30*Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6*

(St. Matthew) Emillie Fahy (Pat Honadle)

Saturday, May 1*Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-35*

5 p.m. (St. Matthew) Joe Morris (Jack & Bridget York)

Sunday, May 2—Fifth Sunday of Easter*Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-35*

8:30 a.m. (St. Mary's) For the People of the Faith Community

10:30 a.m. (St. Matthew) Michael Travaglini (Bob & Margie Enright)

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 Jaimeson Coons; Sgt. Scott Cunningham, LCDR Jeff Czerewko, POFC Kevin DeCillis, Spc. David Dumont, AGs Patrick & Diane Gagle, Capt. Levi Gangi, 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, Nicholas Krenzer, 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!

Sunday Offering - Thank you for your gifts to God!

Due to the early submission deadline for our bulletin this week our Financial Review will appear in next week's edition.



The Holy Family Candle burns at St. Matthew during the week of April 25th—May 1st in memory of Norman Owellen (requested by Family)

Liturgical Schedule for May 1 & 2

5 p.m. at St. Matthew: *Sacristans:* Jim & Wendy Thompson; *Lectors:* Chuck Schwalenstocker, Jane Windsor; *Altar Servers:* Ben Sherman, Molly DiVincenzo, George Rogalskyj; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Barb Bland, Cathy Schwalenstocker, Barb Domuracki, Mary Iten, Pat Gillen, John & Diane Bodine; *Greeters:* Dorothy Kruase, Shirley Mulvaney; *Ushers:* Don Windsor, Sam West, Don Marozas, Dan Jones, Mike & Dan Vallone, Andy English, Bill Horan

8:30 a.m. at St. Mary's: *Sacristan:* S. Brown; *Lector:* Rus Healy; *Altar Servers:* Gwen Healy, Nicole Dobbertin; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Sharon Brown, Deacon Roger, Maggi Masci, Diane Horning, Don & Jeannette Copenhagen, Lisa Thomas, Peggy Kelly; *Greeters/Ushers:* Paul & Sharyl Stumpf, Nick & Kathy Romanyshyn, Maureen Frearey; *Parking Attendant:* Craig Gotham, Alan Siracusa

10:30 a.m. at St. Matthew: *Sacristans:* Randy Smith, Denise Germano; *Lectors:* Jim & Jeanmarie McLaughlin; *Altar Servers:* Jenna Buskey, Sarah English, Michaela Giuseppetti; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Jamie Kahn, Sharon Purtell, Andy & Maureen Huber, Joe LaGreca, Linda Bell, Brian Gregory, Barb Schreiner *Greeters:* Michelle Rudnicki, Sandy Bean; *Ushers:* George Hynes, Roy Scardilla, Joe Eberwein, Steve Bacon, Jerry & Rae Brol, Steve Schwarz, Annette Meade, Andy Cherre

St. Matthew Eucharistic Ministers for Conesus Lake Nursing Home: Sally Stelljes



Dale Adams, Florence Ahl, Raymond & Kathy Ashley, Florence Bach, Judy Bardo, Michelle Battaglia, Christine Beard, Ken Bennett, **Bernard Bold**, Bill Bold, Carolyn Brandow, Nathan Brandow, Shirley Brennan, Dick Brown, Jan Burroughs, Patricia Bush, Francis Busam, Eddy Callens, Donnie Canesdale, Sandy Carlotta, Beverly Cayea, Freda Chichester, William Chichester, 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, Mary Doran, Dale DuRoss, Valerie Duxbury, Doris Ebersold, Elise Fagan, Beulah Faltus, Debbie Farley, Audrey Farr, Mary Farrell, Joseph Farron, Liz Fillmore, John Fisher, Pat Fleig, Daniel & Haley Fonda, Harley Foster, Lois Foster, Kelly Frazer, Gordon C. Gladden, Marianne Gorman, Diane Gosnell, Donald Green,

Robert Griswold, Dylan Gruschow, Kaylee Hadfield, Tara Harnish, Elaine Harvey, Cheryl Hennard, John Helinski, Jim Herko, Tom Hess, Dorothy Higgins, Donald Hoffend, SPC John Hoxie, Jennifer Marshall Hubble, Christopher Hynes, Barb (West) Jones, Marcia Jones, Mary Jones, Shirley King, Bill Kraft, Linda Kurtz, Mohsem Lachaal, Ann Lafferty, Frances LaGreca, Salvatore LaGreca, Geri Lake, Juliana Lamonica, Kathryn Lapp, Dennis Lengyel, Kelly Lengyel, Evie Lindsley, 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, Dorothy Middleton, Clarice Miller, Diane Miller, Doug Miller, Sandy Miller, Ellie Milligan, Joan Moodie, Larry Morey, Paula Morey, Thomas Morey, Eleanor Morris, Sara Morse, Connie Mothorpe, Michele Mulley, Bill Mulvaney, **Melissa Murphy**, Annie & Joe Napolie, Rita Newton, Michael Ohlweiler, Tim Paine, Annette Panipinto, Kim Panipinto, Chet Parker, Sam Parker, James Parsons, Josh Perham, Jim Pfuntner, Scott Philipson, Donald Phillips, Nicholas Phillips, Joseph Pierce, Mickey Platten, Robin Poppen, June Preston, Craig Prior, Dorothy Pym, Amy Rankin, Joe Rausch, Callisto Raymond, Ron Reddy, James Reed, Sally Kurtz Roberts, Lorena Rogers, Karen Romanowski, Kathy Romanshyn, Clair Ryan, Jim Ryan, Andrea Samere, Richard Scanlan, Barbara Seifert, 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, Gene Struble, Heidi Stulpin, Nancy Swanson, Theresa Swift, Danny Szczesniak, Lucy Tannler, Joseph & Jenny Tarimino, Ethel Thomas, Richard Towner, Patricia Troglauer, Therese Vallone, Patrick Vandermaile, Margaret VanHorn, Sean Vogel, Tom Walker, George Ward, Mary Waters, Cierra Wells, James Wells, Lorraine Wells, Gregory Wendholt, Jim Wheatcraft, Marty Wheeler, Jim White, Dan Wilbik, Margaret Mary Wilkins, Brady Williams, Wynne Woodruff

Collection for Service People

Again this year, the St. Matthew Social Ministry Committee will sponsor a collection for the Mama Cindy Soldier Fund. Here is a little information about the program and how you can help. Since 2005, the Mama Cindy Soldier Fund has shipped 2653 packages (22,000 lbs) to our troops overseas. For more information about this program, visit www.mamacindy.freesevers.com. Summer has begun in Iraq and Afghanistan and it is hot! Items that are most in need now include:

white crew socks (packages of 8 can be found at Dollar General for about \$5.50)

- any foot care products
- powder drink mixes that can be added to bottled water
- salty treats like salted peanuts, trail mix, "salt & tasty" granola bars, beef jerky
- hard candy, cereal and other ingredients to make trail mix
- zip lock bags (sandwich, quart and gallon sizes) to package items in. All items, are packaged in zip lock bags to allow for easy transport for troops while out on patrol
- paperback books, travel size tissues and baby wipes, playing cards and travel games

From now until the end of April, collection boxes will be in the entrance of both churches. If you are able, please support those who are serving in our military.

If you have someone in your family who is moving to a nursing home or another similar facility (or may already be residing there) short term or long term, please contact that Parish Office at either St. Mary's (229-5007) or St. Matthew (346-3815) so pastoral care can be provided. Because of HIPA laws, the facilities are unable to share this information with us. As a faith community, we would like to continue offering pastoral care, but sometimes do not know where a person has been moved. Thank you!



Catholic Home Missions Appeal—April 25, 2010

Right here in the United States, some dioceses are unable to provide fundamental pastoral care for their faithful. These "home mission" dioceses cannot support an adequate number of priests. They cannot afford funding for youth ministry programs or religious education. This week we take up a collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Help **strengthen the Church at home** with a generous donation.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations and Good Shepherd Sunday

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations, with the theme of "Witness Awakens Vocations." Please pray for our priests, brothers, deacons, and women and men in consecrated life, that they be great witnesses to the whole Church and that their examples strengthen within our youth the desire to seek God's will for their lives.

A new Web site, www.ForYourVocation.org, is being launched by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops in conjunction with the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Web site has two objectives: to help individuals hear and respond to the call by God to the priesthood or consecrated life, and to educate all Catholics on the importance of encouraging others through prayer and activities to promote vocations. The site offers resources for men and women who may have a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, aids for promoting a vocation-culture within the home, and tools for educators, youth leaders, and vocation directors including prayers, videos, best practices, lesson plans, and vocation awareness programs.

This Week in Our Faith Community

Saturday, 4/24

St. Mary's: 1st Eucharist Retreat 4-7 pm

St. Matthew: Reconciliation, 4 pm; 5 pm Mass; Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collection; Collection for Service People

Sunday, 4/25— Fourth Sunday of Easter

St. Mary's: Choir Practice, 7:45 am; 8:30 am Mass; CLoW during Mass; Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collection; Collection for Service People; 1st Eucharist Rehearsal after Mass; YFF, Jr High YM, 9:30—10:30 am (**Last Class**)

St. Matthew: Choir, 9:30 am; Mass, 10:30 am; Nursery, SS, CLoW during Mass; Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collection; Collection for Service People; Jr. High YM, 11:30 am; FFF, 11:45 am, HH; 1st Eucharist Retreat 4-7 pm; Sr. High YM, 7 pm, HH

Monday, 4/26:

St. Mary's: 9 am Mass

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

Tuesday, 4/27:

St. Matthew: 9 am Mass; (**Last Class**) FF, 6:30 pm, HH; Jr. High YM, 6:30 pm, Church; Book of Luke Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Schifferli Room

Wednesday, 4/28

St. Mary's: 9 am Mass; Finance Council 10 am

St. Matthew: Bethany House Dinner

Thursday, 4/29

St. Mary's: Choir Practice, 7 pm

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

Friday, 4/30

St. Matthew: 9 am Mass

Saturday, 5/1

St. Matthew: Reconciliation, 4 pm; 5 pm Mass; Celebration of 1st Eucharist; Collection for Service People

Sunday, 5/2— Fifth Sunday of Easter

St. Mary's: Choir Practice, 7:45 am; 8:30 am Mass; Celebration of 1st Eucharist; Collection for Community Food Pantry; Coffee Hour following Mass

St. Matthew: Choir, 9:30 am; Mass, 10:30 am; Celebration of 1st Eucharist; Coffee Hour following Mass; Sr. High YM, 7 pm, HH



Cemetery Cleaning

Every Spring, special attention is given to cleaning the cemetery grounds to be ready for the next season and new tributes. In order to maintain the beauty and serenity of our cemetery, you are asked to remove old floral tributes as well as containers. Thank you!

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.