

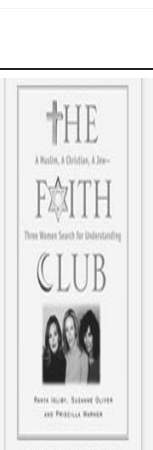
Dear Friends,

This weekend is a combination of 1st and 6th's. Beginning this weekend (and for the next couple of weeks) our parishes will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Eucharist for many of the young boys and girls of our faith community. Such an exciting time for them and for us, I would imagine, as it instinctively takes us back to our own first communions. It is a special time in our lives and many is the bride I have seen walk down the aisle with the prayer book she received for her first communion. Only recently I saw the family of a 91 year old woman place her prayer book from her first communion on her casket as a symbol of her deep faith. As I mentioned last week in this article; first communion is very much a milestone in our lives on so many levels signifying our growth in faith, maturity and independence.

But what about 6th that I mentioned at the beginning of this column; Let me invite parishioners from St. Matthew Church to think back to May 2nd, 2004. 6 years ago this weekend was a very special day in our lives as a faith community when we dedicated this building as a house of God. I still remember my sign from God that all would be well when I got out of my car that morning and right in front of me was a perfect rainbow cascading over St. Matthew Church. Fortunately someone was able to get a picture of it which now hangs in my office.

So for whatever milestone you celebrate this weekend I hope that it is a blessed one and one that keeps us mindful of how God works in our life.

God bless,  
Fr. John



Have you been reading The Faith Club? Wednesday, May 05 at 7 pm is the first evening of the discussion group. This is an ecumenical book discussion group. It looks like we will be in for a lot of good discussion and learning! If you are interested in joining this engaging book discussion, the gatherings will be May, 05, May 12 and May 19. Call St. Matthew Parish office to register, 346-3815.



The Livonia Rotary supplies medical equipment for those in the community who have a temporary need. If you have any medical equipment stored in a closet or attic; consider sharing it with those in need. Call Cal Lathan at 346-5519 for more information or to make a donation.

**CAR FIT EVENT:** Helping mature drivers find their perfect fit!

When: Monday, May 3rd from 10 am—12 noon  
Where: Geneseo Fire Dept., 133 Center Street  
Contact for an appointment: Phyllis Applin at 245-3275

Attention Altar Servers: If you cannot serve on a day you are scheduled, Patrick Mayo would be happy to fill in for you at either the 5 pm or the 10:30 am Mass. Please give him a call at 346-3312.

The St. Matthew Social Ministry Committee will meet on Sunday, May 16 at 9:15 a.m. in the ministry office at St. Matthew. Penny Gardner coordinates pastoral ministry with the Spanish speaking migrant and seasonal farm workers in our area.

**Sunday Offering - Thank you for your gifts to God!**

4/18/10

St. Mary's

Envelopes .....\$ 1,160.00  
Loose .....132.00  
Total .....\$ 1,292.00  
Rice Bowl .....\$435.00

St. Matthew

Envelopes (194) .....\$ 5,875.00  
Loose.....474.00  
Auto Deduct (41) .....1,053.12  
Total .....\$ 7,402.12

**40 Week Club**

\$20-Mary Fitch; \$20-Bob Conlon

4/25/10

St. Mary's

Envelopes .....\$ 1,500.00  
Loose .....126.00  
Total .....\$ 1,626.00  
Catholic Home Missions.....\$242.00

St. Matthew

Envelopes (180) .....\$ 6,390.00  
Loose.....593.00  
Auto Deduct (41) .....1,053.12  
Total .....\$ 8,036.12

**40 Week Club**

\$20-Roger Wiegand; \$20-Dolly Jonasse



Do you have a washing machine or dryer, still in working order? Are you planning to purchase a new one? If so, consider making a tax-deductible donation of your washer or dryer to Furniture

LINK - a furniture/appliance donation program of Catholic Charities of Livingston County. For large families living in poverty, trips to the laundromat are often prohibitively expensive. Furniture LINK can provide relief, but only with community support. Help a family in need by calling Help\*Works Community Resource Assistant Amy at (585) 658-4466 x/24.

**Readings, Gospel and Mass Intentions****Saturday, May 1***Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-35*

5 p.m. (St. Matthew) Joe Morris (Jack &amp; 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 &amp; Margie Enright)

**Monday, May 3—Sts. Philip and James***1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14*

9 a.m. (St. Mary's) Pearl Madigan (Ed &amp; Kay C. Gordon)

**Tuesday, May 4***Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a*

9 a.m. (St. Matthew) Deceased Members of the Rodman Family (Family)

**Wednesday, May 5***Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8*

9 a.m. (St. Mary's) Rosemary Simpson (Larry &amp; Irmgard Angermeier)

**Thursday, May 6***Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11*

9 am (St. Matthew) For the Coming of the Kingdom

**Friday, May 7***Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17*

(St. Matthew) Ed Lavery (Family)

**Saturday, May 8***Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29*

5 p.m. (St. Matthew) In Celebration of Ray &amp; Nancy White's 54th Wedding Anniversary

**Sunday, May 9—Sixth Sunday of Easter***Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29*

8:30 a.m. (St. Mary's) Dolores Schreckenberger (Family)

10:30 a.m. (St. Matthew) Tom Bell (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.*

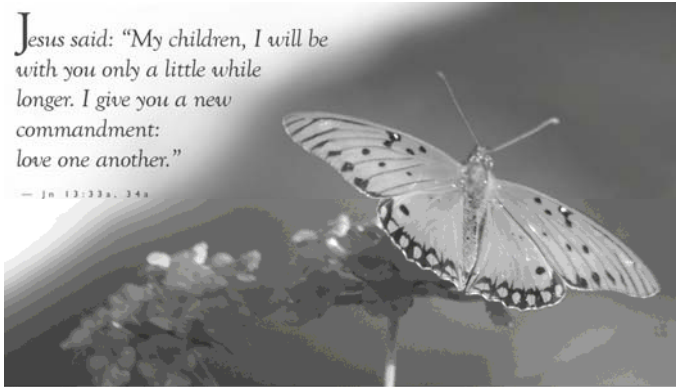
**Prayer for Servicemen & Women**

*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 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, CDR 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!***



Jesus said: "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another."

— Jn 13:33a, 34a

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Banns II—Please pray for Megan Buckman & Louis Basile as they begin their lives together through the Sacrament of Marriage on May 22nd, 2010.

**Liturgical Schedule for May 8th & 9th**

**5 p.m. at St. Matthew:** *Sacristans:* Barb Domuracki, Pat Gillen; *Lectors:* Joe & Colleen Shaw; *Altar Servers:* Nate Rogalskyj, Billy Harmon, Heather Braun; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Mary Gillin, Jane Windsor, Earl Cliffel, Barb Bland, Mary Iten, Chuck & Cathy Schwalenstocker; *Greeters:* Ken & Betty Colvin; *Ushers:* Don Windsor, Sam West, Don Marozas, Dan Jones, Mike & Dan Vallone, Judy Miller

**8:30 a.m. at St. Mary's:** *Sacristan:* Patti Krueger; *Lector:* Colleen Bober; *Altar Servers:* Andrew Taylor, Liam Holtz; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Patti Krueger, Deacon Roger, Cliff & Nancy Andres, Carl & Christine Barth, Donna Tricamo, Karen Rice; *Greeters/Ushers:* Paul & Joanne Pipitone, Peggy & Kurt Taylor, Pat McRae; *Parking Attendant:* Fran Tricamo, Kurt Taylor

**10:30 a.m. at St. Matthew:** *Sacristans:* Andy Huber, Keely Rosica; *Lectors:* Mike & Bev Morey; *Altar Servers:* Christopher Coriddi, David & Michelle Maginn; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Deirdre Antalek, Maureen Huber, Kristen Brown, Lynn Maginn, Phil & Debbie Somers, Doug & Carol Acomb *Greeters:* Tom & Marilyn Brown; *Ushers:* George Hynes, Roy Scardilla, Joe Eberwein, Steve Bacon, Jerry & Rae Brol, Tim Ehmann, Greg Norris

**St. Matthew Eucharistic Ministers for Conesus Lake Nursing Home:** TBD




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 Carllota, 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 Pfunter, 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 Vandermaille, 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




**Catholic Home Missions Appeal**  
 Thank you for your support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal! Because of your generosity, the Appeal will be able to provide funding for evangelization, religious education, youth ministry, and other essential services in poor dioceses. You have made a difference for the Church in the United States by strengthening the Church at home. To learn more about how your money is making a difference through Catholic Home Missions, please visit:  
[www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

For any St. Matthew parishioner interested in the convenience of Automatic Withdrawal as their mode of giving to the church, here are some details:  
 Each week or month, the amount you wish to give to the church is taken from your account, just as RG&E or any other company that encourages automatic payment. Advantages to this method of giving are that it does away with envelopes and always trying to find them or remembering to bring them to church. It also enables St. Matthew Church to have a steadier flow of income.  
 Would you consider adopting this mode of giving??? Please contact Melissa at 346-3815 for the bank authorization or for more information.




**Pentecost Gathering**  
 The musicians from our 5 parish Planning Group have gathered their ideas and talents for what promises to be a great gathering on Pentecost afternoon. Please plan now to join us for some time of shared prayer, song and a display of ministries unique to our parishes in Northern Livingston and Southern Monroe counties. We will gather at 2pm at St. Matthew's Church in Livonia on Sunday, May 23 with representation from St. Agnes, Avon; St. Mary, Honeoye; St. Paul of the Cross, Honeoye Falls; St. Rose, Lima and of course, St. Matthew. After our prayer, there will be a display of ministries and light refreshments. This is an event for the whole family.

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!



Are you considering purchasing a new vehicle, down-sizing your fleet, or doing some spring cleaning? **Wheels for Work** is in need of donations of vehicles for our auto loan program which assists working, low-income providers sustain their families. I can discuss with you how your donation will be used and the tax benefits that you can receive for your donation. I look forward to hearing from you, Stephanie Swann, 658-4466, ext. 15 or [sswann@dor.org](mailto:sswann@dor.org).



**Catholic Ministries Appeal**  
 As of April 27th, parishioners from St. Mary's have pledged \$12,483 which is 81.35% of the goal of \$15,467.00. Pledges to St. Matthew equal \$25,531 which is 71.16% 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. The Appeal helps our Church and our parishes in so many ways. 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.

**This Week in Our Faith Community**

**Saturday, 5/1**

**St. Matthew:** Reconciliation, 4 pm; 5 pm Mass; Celebration of 1st Eucharist

**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

**Monday, 5/3:**

**St. Mary's:** 9 am Mass

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

**Tuesday, 5/4:**

**St. Matthew:** 9 am Mass; Book of Luke Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Schifferli Room

**Wednesday, 5/5:**

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

**St. Matthew:** The Faith Club book discussion, 7 pm, Community Room

**Thursday, 5/6:**

**St. Mary's:** Choir Practice, 7 pm

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

**Friday, 5/7:**

**St. Matthew:** 9 am Mass

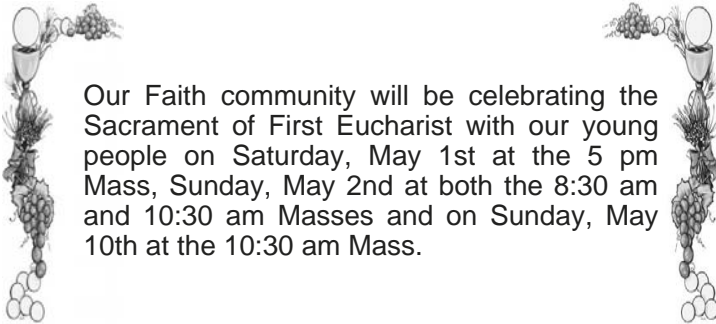
**Saturday, 5/8:**

**St. Matthew:** Reconciliation, 4 pm; 5 pm Mass

**Sunday, 5/9– Sixth Sunday of Easter:**

**St. Mary's:** Choir Practice, 7:45 am; 8:30 am Mass

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



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.



**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.