

Readings, Gospel and Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 17

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
4 p.m. (St. Matthew) Deceased Members of Giuliani Family (Ann Giuliani)

Sunday, December 18—Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
8:30 a.m. (St. Mary's) Betty McGeary (Margaret Nichols & Family)
10:30 a.m. (St. Matthew) Harry & Millie Moran (Terry Moran)

Monday, December 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
9 a.m. (St. Mary's) Fred, Mary Anne & Bernard Root

Tuesday, December 20

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
9 a.m. (St. Matthew) Pixie Ohle (Small Church Community)

Wednesday, December 21—St. Peter Canisius

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
9 a.m. (St. Mary's) Fred Kendzior (Rita)

Thursday, December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
9 a.m. (St. Matthew) Oscar Pravato (Lorraine Callahan)

Friday, December 23—St. John of Kanty

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
9 a.m. (St. Matthew) Sam Cicero (Dave & Mary Jo Dussault)

Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve

Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
4 p.m. (St. Matthew) Fr. Schifferli (The Coniglio Family)
5 p.m. (St. Mary's) Clint Gotham (Dottie)
7 p.m. (St. Matthew) Mr. & Mrs. John Alfieri (Joe Alfieri)
9 p.m. (St. Mary's) Lou & Dolores Schreckenberger (Family)
11 p.m. (St. Matthew) Deceased Members of the Finster and Prescott Families (Family)

Sunday, December 25

Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
10 a.m. (St. Mary's) For the People of the Faith Community

If a funeral is scheduled for any weekday, there will be NO daily Mass.

If you've forgotten to join the 40 week club you can still do it in time for the first drawings in early January. Just send a check for \$40/person to Marcia Rausch, 5574 East Lake Rd. Conesus, NY 14435. Be sure Marcia has your address and phone number and a winter address if different.

Sunday Offering - Thank you for your gifts to God!

12/11/2011

St. Mary's

Envelopes.....	\$1,753.50
Loose.....	125.00
Total	\$1,878.50
Collection for Hams	\$1,200.00

St. Matthew

Envelopes (181)	\$5,991.00
Loose.....	474.00
Auto Deduct (40)	1,055.42
Total	\$7,520.42



For the week of 12/18/11—12/24/11
◆ The Holy Family Candle at St. Matthew Church burns in memory of Jerry Graff (requested by The Graf Family)



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, Majors Brian & Maria Beecher, Gunnery Sgt. Roy Beecher, T Sgt. Daniel Beecher, SPC Joshua Beecher, S. Sgt. Ryan Beikirch, SPC Steven Bland, HM3 (FMF) Adam Bock, George Boyd, Nicholas Buker, SSGs Ramiro & Melanie Carrasco, Major Alanna (Parrinello) Cook, Lt. Colonel Steven Cook, SPC Jaimeson Coons; Sgt. Scott Cunningham, LCDR Jeff Czerewko, POFC Kevin DeCillis, Lt. Stephen DiFulvio, Spc. David Dumont, Private Bruce Flieger, AGs Patrick & Diane Gagle, Capt. Levi Gangi, Brig. Gen. Walter M. Golden Jr., SPC Peter Gommel, CDR Jack F. Greco, SPC Mark Griswold, Nathan Gutridge, Emily Hill, Fred Hill, SSG. Edward Hynes, SSG Jason Junot, Sgt. Mario Kovach, Nicholas Krenzer, CMDR Matt McGlynn, Sgt. Richard Miller, Ryan Mothorpe, Lt. Col. 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, Col. Gregory Reese, 1st Lt. John Rossiter, Gerald Ruf, Airman 1st Class Kenneth A. Shelton, Marvin Singer, Lt. John T. Slagle, LCPL Brian Smith, Sr. Airman Josh Smith, 1st Lt 101st Airborne Ryan Stewart, Christopher Taber, Casey Tice, William Tice, Pvt2 Joshua Stephen Tilley, Capt. Robert S. Tompkins, Private Brandon Tuttle, Sr. Chief Petty Officer Dean Vanderbush, Master Sergeant Douglas Young, Adam Gotham

Please keep them in your prayers!

Christmas Flower Memorials at St. Mary's

To help you in remembering your deceased loved ones at Christmastime, there is a Christmas Flower Memorial envelope in you envelope packet or at the entrance of church. Please write the names of your loved ones on the envelope and place it in the collection basket. These memorial offerings will be used to decorate the church for the Christmas season and to purchase poinsettias for the shut-ins.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, January 28, 2012 for St. Matthew's annual EAT FOR HEAT Spaghetti Dinner from 5 – 7 p.m. in the Susan Dougherty Community Room. Again this year, there will be a silent auction for two weeks before the dinner in the narthex of St. Matthew Church

EAT FOR HEAT supports LEAF – Livingston Emergency Assistance Fund. This fund is a safety net so that folks don't have the heat turned off in their homes during the coldest months of the year. Catholic Charities of Livingston County administer this fund. After the first of the year, sign up posters will be found in the narthex for volunteers to work the dinner. We are also looking for items to place in the silent auction.



St. Mary's Christmas Plants for Shut-ins

The Christmas Plants for the shut-ins are ready for delivery. If you can spare some time to deliver a Christmas plant to one or more of St. Mary's shut-ins, it would bring a little Christmas cheer to someone. Thank you and have a blessed holiday!

Dear Friends,

As I was getting ready for Mass last week one little guy came running up to me to say hi and very excitedly said "Can you believe it's only two more weeks until Christmas!" It was the perfect thing to hear especially since it happened to be the third Sunday of Advent – better known as Gaudete Sunday – Rejoice Sunday. And now as I sit to write this I realize when you read it, it will be only one week until Christmas.

What resonates inside of us when we hear that? "O no, I am not done Christmas shopping yet!" or "I am not done cleaning (or decorating) the house for all the guests coming." Hopefully we can put it into perspective and realize one very important fact; Jesus doesn't care. Jesus doesn't care about getting a present or how beautiful your house looks. All he cares about is that he is welcomed into our hearts.

One could easily come back with "Yeah, right, Fr. John, you don't have 30 people coming to your house for Christmas dinner." That may be true, though I am hosting two parties at my home but for a lot less than 30 people. Do I want my house to look festive? Of course I do but I hope I can remember the reason why I am doing this.

We do this because it is a special time of the year and that "specialness" is religiously based; the birth of our Savior – "for unto us a child is born, a Son is given." So in this last week of Advent as we rush around trying to finish up last minute errands let's make room in our hearts for the greatest of gifts God has given us and maybe the "pressures" of the season will give way to the joy of what this time of year is all about.

God bless,
Fr. John



Do you want to know a secret?

One of the best kept secrets at St. Matthew Church just might be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Monday from 11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Some might call this Adoration or Holy Hour; it is all the same thing...the opportunity to sit quietly before the Eucharist so that God might have the opportunity to speak to you in the silence.

Our world does not offer us many opportunities for silence, sacred silence...total quiet where we have the chance to simply ask God to speak to us. Taking time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament offers the opportunity to physically place ourselves away from the distractions of the television, phone, chores and other responsibilities.

For a newcomer to the ancient prayer form of Adoration, you might choose to come for 10 or 15 minutes the first few times. (It will seem like a very long time!) As you grow more comfortable with sacred silence, you might choose to extend your time of prayer. No need to sign up. Just come to St. Matthew and enter the church between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

When you come into church, there will be one or more other people sitting with the Lord in sacred silence. You might start by simply listening to your breathing and making a conscience choice to put all other thoughts aside. Invite God to speak to you, and for this period of time, simply listen. You might choose to speak with the Lord present before you in the same way you would speak to a friend. And listen. And listen. And listen.

This form of prayer takes practice. It might take several times visiting the church during Adoration before you are completely comfortable with sacred silence. After all, the competition is great! There are many things inviting us to go elsewhere. This Advent, you might make a conscience choice to give your God some sacred silence.

Our churches have many ways of keeping everyone up to date with what is going on—our weekly bulletin, announcements at Masses and on our website:

www.stsmaryandmatthew.org

Now we'd like to try something new. For those of you with internet access and an email address, we would like to try sending updates via email. If you are interested in this, please send a message to hstmaryo@dor.org OR lstmatthew@dor.org (the lowercase letter L). Our secretaries will start putting together an email listing. Thanks to everyone who participates.

Red Cross Blood Drive: December 29, 2011; 1 - 6; United Methodist Church of Livonia - 21 Summers St. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments can be scheduled by contacting the Red Cross online or by phone. All donors must present valid ID - either driver's license or blood donor card.

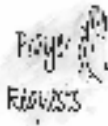
The bread knives from the kitchen at St. Matthew Church are missing. Join us in praying to St. Anthony to help find them and bring them back.

After seven faithful years, Renee and Tom Thornton are stepping down as the Coordinators of the Honeoye Ecumenical Community Food Pantry on January 31st, 2012. They have done a great job!

New coordinators are needed. We are looking for at least three people to be the coordinators from the churches and/or community. Tom & Renee will train whoever steps up to lead this ministry. The Ecumenical Community Food Pantry has been in existence for over 20 years and has been an extensive and vital ministry in the Honeoye area, especially in these difficult financial times. If you are interested, or have questions about this ministry, please contact Renee or Tom Thornton 367-8562 directly or Brian Krause, Pastor at Honeoye UCC-229-5302.

Both St. Mary's & St. Matthew Churches have Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) available in case of an emergency. There will be an AED Training session on January 28, 2012 from 9AM - 1PM at St. Mary's in the Parish Hall. Anyone interested may call either of the parish offices to register. For more information, you may call Paul Stumpf at 669-2676.

St. Mary's Youth Faith Formation and any children attending the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass at St. Mary's will be singing a Christmas Carole prior to the Mass.



Florence Ahl, Valerie Andrews, Raymond & Kathy Ashley, Florence Bach, Diane Backus, Judy Bardo, Michelle Battaglia, Christine Beard, Bob Belmont, Ken Bennett, Bernard Bold, Bill Bold, Felix Broccoli, Dick Brown, Jan Burroughs, Patricia Bush, Eddy Callens, Donnie Canesdale, Sandy Carlotta, Beverly Cayea, Freda Chichester, William Chichester, Bessie Cicero, Michael Ciulla, Colleen Cliffler, Marissa Conciardo, Kelly Cook, Cameron Copeland, Gloria Cote, Edna Cotillian, Jennifer Covert, Mary Jane Cullotta, John Cushman, Peggy Dallas, Susan DelGrand, Steven DeVelder, Mary Doran, Mary Driscoll, Joseph Erhart III, Elise Fagan, Beulah Faltus, Audrey Farr, Alfred Farron, Joseph Farron, Liz Fillmore, John Fisher, Pat Fleig, Harley Foster, Lois Foster, Chester Gascon II, Gordon C. Gladden, Marianne Gorman, Diane Gosnell, Donald Green, Robert Griswold, Dylan Gruschow, Brian Haas, Kaylee Hadfield, Donna Haenlin, Tara Harnish, Elaine Harvey, John Helinski, Donald Hergenroder, Jim Herko, Dorothy Higgins, Donald Hoffend, SPC John Hoxie, Jennifer Marshall Hubble, Christopher Hynes, Angie Ingham, Donna Johnson, Mary Jones, Shirley King, Ida Knapp, Patricia Backus Knapp, Bill Kraft, Linda Kurtz, Ann Lafferty, Frances LaGreca, Geri Lake, Tony Lambiase, Kathryn Lapp, Dennis Lengyel, Kelly Lengyel, Evie Lindsley, Joe Long, Sarah Lorenz, Jim Lyons, Frank Mahoney, Rita Maillie, Gage Andrew Maley, Jean Maloney, Shannon Hensler Marsh, Olivia Marsh, Linda Martin, Florence Martinez, Scott Massar, Helen Mastin, Barbara Matthews, Margaret McGory, James McKeown, Ruth McKeown, Victoria McNulty, Tom McNamara, Dorothy Middleton, Clarice Miller, Diane Miller, Henry Mitalski, Joan Moodie, Larry Morey, Paula Morey, Thomas Morey, Eleanor Morris, Sara Morse, Michele Mulley, Annie & Joe Napolie, Rita Newton, Michael Ohlweiler, Tim Paine, Annette Panipinto, Joseph Panipinto, Kim Panipinto, Chet Parker, Sam Parker, James Parsons, Ray Paul, Josh Perham, Jim Pfuntner, Scott Philipson, Donald Phillips, Nicholas Phillips, Joseph Pierce, Carmen Pittinaro, Tom Plante, Mickey Platten, Robin Poppen, June Preston, Craig Prior, Dorothy Pym, Amy Rankin, Jess & Pat Raush, Joe Rausch, Callisto Raymond, Ron Reddy, James Reed, Sally Kurtz Roberts, Lorena Rogers, Karen Romanowski, Clair Ryan, Jim Ryan, Lyndsey Salter, Andrea Samere, Richard Scanlan, Barbara Seifert, Helen Shaw, Jacob Shearing, Lillian Shurman, Delores Siler, Melody Simmons, Louise Siris, Brian Smith, Donald Smith, Susan Sproule, Buck Stanton, Kimberley Stanwix, Jim & Anita Stefano, Joshua Steiner, Heidi Stulpin, Danny Szczesniak, Lucy Tannler, Joseph & Jenny Tarimino, Ethel Thomas, Richard Towner, Patricia Troglauer, Therese Vallone, Patrick Vandermaile, Margaret VanHorn, Sean Vogel, Mary Waters, Chris Weatherford, Cierra Wells, James Wells, Gregory Wendholt, Sharon Wheatcraft, Jim Wheatcraft, Marty Wheeler, Jim White, Blake Wichowski, Dan Wilbik, James Wilferth, Margaret Mary Wilkins, Brady Williams, Wynne Woodruff

St. Mary's & St. Matthew Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve—Saturday, December 24th

4 p.m.—St. Matthew Church

5 p.m.—St. Mary's Church

7 p.m.—St. Matthew Church

9 p.m.—St. Mary's Church

11 p.m. St. Matthew Church

Christmas Day—Sunday, December 25th

10 a.m.—St. Mary's Church



Liturgical Schedule for December 25th, 10 a.m. at St. Mary's: Sacristan: Deacon John; Lector: Jeanne Beno; Altar Servers; Chris Coriddi; Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon John, Carl and Christine Barth, Joe & Joanna DeBlaere, Wayne & Karen Trabert; Greeters/Ushers: Paul & Joanne Pipitone, Diane Horning; Parking Attendant: A. Siracusa

St. Matthew Eucharistic Ministers for Conesus Lake Nursing Home: Fr. John Hayes

This Week in Our Faith Community**Saturday, 12/17:****St. Matthew:** 3 pm Reconciliation; 4 pm Mass**Sunday, 12/18:****St. Mary's:** 8:30 am Mass; CLoW during Mass; Youth Faith Formation, 9:30 am**St. Matthew:** Children's Choir, 9:30 am; 10:30 am Mass; Nursery, SS, CLoW during Mass; Coffee hour following Mass; Christmas Caroling for Homebound w/ dinner following, 4 pm; Sr. High YM, 7 pm, HH**Monday, 12/19:****St. Mary's:** 9 am Mass**St. Matthew:** Women's Group, 9:30 am, HH; Eucharistic Adoration, 11 am—6:30 pm; Choir Practice, 7 pm**Tuesday, 12/20:****St. Matthew:** 9 am Mass; Bible Study, 9:30 am, Conference Room; FF & Jr High Youth Ministry, 6:30 pm, HH; Gospel of John Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Conference Room;**Wednesday, 12/21:****St. Mary's:** 9 am Mass; Comfort Quilters, 9:30 am**St. Matthew:** RCIA, 7 pm, HH**Thursday, 12/22:****St. Mary's:** Choir Practice, 7 pm**St. Matthew:** 9 am Mass; Hearts & Hands, 1 pm, Conference Room**Friday, 12/23:****Both Parish Offices Closed****St. Matthew:** 9 am Mass**Saturday, 12/24:****St. Mary's:** 5 & 9 pm Masses**St. Matthew:** 4, 7 & 11 pm Masses**Sunday, 12/25:****St. Mary's:** 10 am Mass**Gathered As One**

Our Unity Council of five parishes (St. Agnes, St. Mary's, St. Matthew, St. Paul of the Cross & St. Rose) will be hosting a gathering of parishioners, staff and musicians for our 3rd annual prayer and community event. This afternoon will include music by the

choirs of all 5 parishes, prayer led by our pastoral leadership and refreshments following. This event is scheduled for Sunday, February 12th, 2012 at 2pm at St. Matthew Church in Livonia. More information to come, but plan now to attend. It is always fun when we gather to pray and sing with one another.

- ◆ **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.
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- ◆ **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.
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- ◆ **Sacrament of Matrimony:** Notify the office 6 months in advance and attend Marriage Preparation.
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- ◆ **Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the office if anyone is sick at home or in the hospital.