

Readings, Gospel and Mass Intentions

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

Monday, December 26—St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

9 a.m. (St. Mary's) Bob Hamill (Wife and Family)

Tuesday, December 27—St. John

1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

9 a.m. (St. Matthew) Adeline Cole (Catholic Daughters of America)

Wednesday, December 28—The Holy Innocents

1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18

9 a.m. (St. Mary's) Living & Deceased Members of the Robert B. Smith Family (Julie Ciaccia)

Thursday, December 29—St. Thomas Becket

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

9 a.m. (St. Matthew) Fr. Jerome Schifferli (Bob & Margie Enright)

Friday, December 30—The Holy Family

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

9 a.m. (St. Matthew) Bernard & Sophie Weslowski (Ed & Christine Weslowski)

Saturday, December 31—St. Sylvester I

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

4 p.m. (St. Matthew) Clarence & Pixie Ohle (Mary Ohle)

Sunday, January 1st, 2012—Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

8:30 a.m. (St. Mary's) Agnes Bcker (Mary Ann Hipp)

10:30 a.m. (St. Matthew) For the Protection of Unborn Human Persons (Catholic Daughters of the Americas)

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



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!

Sunday Offering - Thank you for your gifts to God!

12/18/2011

St. Mary's

Envelopes	\$1,562.50
Loose	138.00
Total	\$1,700.50

St. Matthew

Envelopes (214).....	\$6,256.00
Loose.....	507.00
Auto Deduct (40).....	1,055.42
Total.....	\$7,818.42



For the week of 12/25/11—12/31/11

◆ The Holy Family Candle at St. Matthew Church burns in memory of Natale & Sam Finocchario (requested by Family)

◆ The Sanctuary Candle at St. Mary's Church burns this week in memory of Ann McLean (requested by Family)

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.



FYI—The Tuesday evening Gospel of John Bible Study will not be meeting on December 27th.



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. The weekend of January 7th and 8th, sign up posters will be found in the narthex for volunteers to work the dinner. We will also be accepting baskets to place in the silent auction.

Dear Friends,

I am going to share with a very little known fact. In my 12 years of living in this area I have kept something a secret from you but I guess its time you were told. I am good friends with Santa Claus. Yes, it's true. The only reason I haven't shared this before was because I did not want to get deluged with requests for hundred of presents that I was supposed to tell Santa. He already knows anyway. I mean after all he is Santa, right? He has the naughty and nice thing down to a science.

So I wasn't too surprised when I was working in my office and received an e-mail from him asking me what I wanted for Christmas. I surprised myself when I went to give him my list and I realized I pretty much had everything I wanted already, good friends, great job, terrific co-workers. I guess I hesitated longer than I thought because I received another e-mail from him saying "I'm waiting!"

So I wrote back, "I want people to see that you believe. I want you to come to St. Mary's and St. Matthew Church and show people you do exist and you do believe." Well needless to say there was a lot of back and forth e-mails about why he couldn't and how it would really mess up his schedule but we finally came to a compromise; because it was earlier in the evening Santa said he would stop by and make a visit to the manger scene at the 4:00 mass at St. Matthew and at the 5:00 at St. Mary's

He told me that he usually does that when he flies over Bethlehem in his sleigh but because we're friends he said he would make a stop. Santa and I have some ground rules for when we see each other in public. No talking. I am not allowed to talk to Santa on Christmas Eve because he is so busy he cannot get distracted. He has to remain focused. That's why he visits the manger scene so he can pray and get focused to give presents to all of the boys and girls Jesus loves.

I once asked Santa why he does what he does. You know what he told me? "I do what I do" he said "because of what Jesus did for me. I give gifts because Jesus is the greatest gift we could ever receive." So if you happen to be at the 4:00 or 5:00 Mass and see Santa don't try to stop him just observe how even he believes!

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.

The Honeoye-Hemlock American Legion Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who donated ingredients, baked cookies and goodies, helped to sort and pack the boxes for the Bake-Off. We sent 90 boxes. The soldiers are already sending e-mails and thanks on Facebook. This could not have happened without all the community support. Thank you!!! For God and Country, Sandy Coryer

Our faith community has 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

If you are interested in receiving updates via email, 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.

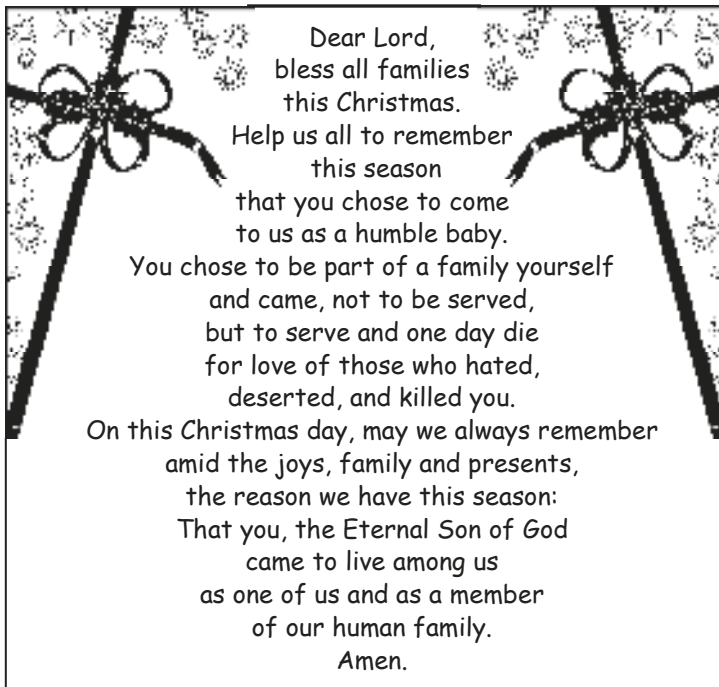
Red Cross Blood Drive: December 29, 2011; 1 - 6; United Methodist Church of Livonia - 21 Summers St. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments can be scheduled by contacting the Red Cross online or by phone. All donors must present valid ID - either driver's license or blood donor card.

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.

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.



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, **Elmer 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 Wichtowski, Dan Wilbik, James Wilferth, Margaret Mary Wilkins, Brady Williams, Wynne Woodruff



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.

- ◆ **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.

Liturgical Schedule for December 31st & January 1st:

4 p.m. at St. Matthew: *Sacristans:* Barb Domuracki, Pat Gillen; *Lectors:* Janet Rule, Mary Anne Palermo; *Altar Servers:* Louis Jarzabek, Mackenzie Garger, Sean Long *Eucharistic Ministers:* Brenda Donohue, Pat Beshures, Earl Cliffler, Corinne Aquilina, Diane Winter, Chuck & Cathy Schwalenstocker; *Greeters:* Shirley Mulvaney, Dorothy Krause; *Ushers:* Don Windsor, Sam West, Don Marozas, Dan Jones, Mike & Dan Vallone

8:30 a.m. at St. Mary's: *Sacristan:* Joan Madigan; *Lector:* Dave Melroy; *Altar Servers:* John & Liam Holtz; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Joan Madigan, Deacon John, Jim Parshall, Carl and Christine Barth, Deb Holtz, Helen Melroy, Karen Rice; *Greeters/Ushers:* Paul & Joanne Pipitone, Nick & Andrea DiBello; *Parking Attendant:* A. Siracusa

10:30 a.m. at St. Matthew: *Sacristans:* Gary Massar, Joe LaGreca; *Lectors:* Don & Karen Denney; *Altar Servers:* Egan & Corinne Sicker, Dan Vogel; *Eucharistic Ministers:* John Feola, Ann Holevinski, Ed Hathaway, Mary Pat Vogel, Jamie Kahn, Doug & Carol Acomb; *Greeters:* Jim & Kathy Zimmer; *Ushers:* George Hynes, Roy Scardilla, Joe Eberwein, Steve Bacon, Jerry & Rae Brol, Steve Schwarz

St. Matthew Eucharistic Ministers for Conesus Lake Nursing Home: Vivian Vanderzell

This Week in Our Faith Community

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

Monday, 12/26:

Both Parish Offices Closed

St. Mary's: 9 am Mass

St. Matthew: No Eucharistic Adoration; Choir Practice, 7 pm

Tuesday, 12/27:

St. Matthew: 9 am Mass; Bible Study, 9:30 am, Conference Room

Wednesday, 12/28:

St. Mary's: 9 am Mass

Thursday, 12/29:

St. Mary's: Choir Practice, 7 pm

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

Friday, 12/30:

St. Matthew: 9 am Mass

Saturday, 12/31:

St. Matthew: 4 pm Mass

Sunday, 1/1/12:

St. Mary's: 8:30 am Mass

St. Matthew: 10:30 am Mass; No children's programs



Christ the King Is Born!

He was in the beginning with God.
All things came to be through him,
and without him nothing came to be.
What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race.

Jn 1:2-4