

Dear Friends,

Is it as hard for you to believe that this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent as it is for me? But more than anything else is the promise of Spring and the joy of the Resurrection that comes with it. However getting to that point means entering into a spiritual downshift if you will. Taking the time to reflect on our relationship with God and all that entails.

Some of us may look at Lent as simply a time to “give up” something out of tradition. What’s important is that we understand why we are being asked to do this. Jesus gave us himself as a sacrifice so we do something even in small ways to show our appreciation.


Another way of looking at this is instead of giving something up we “take on” something. Visiting the sick, doing spiritual reading, maybe attending mass daily or a couple of times during the week. To assist with this we will be celebrating an evening mass every Wednesday at 7 pm. The first will be on Ash Wednesday itself at St. Matthew church and next week at St. Mary’s. This will alternate during all of Lent.

The same will be done for the Stations of the Cross. Our opportunity to walk the journey Christ took to his crucifixion; a half hour journey of prayer that allows us to delve deeper into the meaning of this season.

In the past we have also invited speakers for Wednesday evening reflections. This year we have opted to have a two night retreat on April 11th and 13th (Monday and Wednesday) where Fr. Dan Riley will be speaking to us. I will be writing more about him closer to the dates he will be coming.


My sincerest hope for all of us as we enter into this solemn season of Lent is that come Easter we will feel a closeness to God and a joy that only a Savior can bring.

God bless,
Fr. John



For the week of 3/6/2011—3/12/2011:
 • The Holy Family Candle at St. Matthew Church burns this week in memory of Marilyn Coleman (requested by Family).

Please note that the RCIA dates on the March calendar are incorrect. RCIA will be held on March 16th, 7 pm at Hagerty Hall.



CAMP STELLA MARIS on beautiful Conesus Lake
 Register your child today for one of the best weeks of their life.
 Resident Camp sessions begin June 26th
 Day Camp sessions begin June 27th
Financial assistance is available

CAMPSTELLAMARIS.ORG 585.346.2243
 Camp Stella Maris is and independent, self-supporting entity of the Diocese of Rochester


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 1stmatthew@dor.org (the lower-case letter L). Our secretaries will start putting together an email listing. Thanks to everyone who participates.

Save the Date!
 The Annual Women’s Retreat at Notre Dame Retreat House will be held on the weekend of March 25-27 this year. The theme of the year is : “*To be or not to be a 24/7 Catholic for that is the question.*”. Save the date and plan to spend some quiet time with the Lord!

Sunday Offering - Thank you for your gifts to God!
2/27/2011
St. Mary's
 Envelopes\$1,479.00
 Loose\$ 196.00
 Total\$1,675.00

St. Matthew
 Envelopes (172)\$4,739.00
 Loose\$ 492.00
 Auto Deduct (41)\$1,065.42
 Total\$6,296.42

40 Week Club Winners:
 Al Stockslader, Paul Maginn



St. Matthew Preschool Information Night: There will be an Information Night for any one interested in registering for the 2011-2012 school year at St. Matthew Preschool. The Information Night will be on **Thursday, March 10th** from 7-8 pm at Hagerty Hall, 41 Spring St. Livonia. Come see our Pre-school and meet our teachers. Registration paperwork will be available. All registrations must be mailed to St. Matthew Church. Registration begins on March 11th for St. Matthew parishioners and on March 25th for non-parishioners. Come see what we are all about.



Want to fight back against cancer?
 Members of **our church** are requested to help the American Cancer Society celebrate a world with less cancer and more birthdays by participating in the Annual Relay For Life of Livingston County at Dansville. The Relay takes place overnight from **Sat., 9/10—Sun. 9/11/2011 from 5pm until 5am.**
 The Relay For Life is currently recruiting team captains to participate in this meaningful event. For more information about the Relay For Life of Livingston County at Dansville, visit the website at www.relayforlife.org/dansvilleny or call Laurie Stevens at 585-506-8480.

Readings, Gospel and Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 5

Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32/Rom 3:21-25, 28/Mt 7:21-27

4 p.m. (St. Matthew) John Finster (Family)

Sunday, March 6—9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32/Rom 3:21-25, 28/Mt 7:21-27

8:30 a.m. (St. Mary's) James Marvin (Wife & Children)

10:30 a.m. (St. Matthew) Susan Dougherty (Family)

Monday, March 7—Sts Perpetua & Felicity

Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Mk 12:1-12

9 a.m. (St. Mary's) Jinny Schoonmaker (Dottie Gotham)

Tuesday, March 8—St. John of God

Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17

9 a.m. (St. Matthew) Bonnie Cheresnowsky (The Hurd Family)

Wednesday, March 9—Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

9 a.m. (St. Mary's) For the People of the Faith Community

7 p.m. (St. Matthew) For a Special Intention

Thursday, March 10

Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

9 am (St. Matthew) Betty Yorks (Family)

Friday, March 11

Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

9 a.m. (St. Matthew) Hendrika VanLieshout (Estelle, David & Pat Rodman)

Saturday, March 12

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

4 p.m. (St. Matthew) Dan Dragone (Family)

Sunday, March 13—1st Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

8:30 a.m. (St. Mary's) Lucille Baier (The Dan Shaw Family)

10:30 a.m. (St. Matthew) Daniel VanSice (Jim & Rita Simpson)

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



Save the Date...

St. Mary's Annual St. Patrick's Party will be held on Saturday, March 19th at 6:00 p.m. There will be Irish Dancers and GREAT food! Space is limited so please sign up. Deadline for sign up is March 14. So let your inner Leprechaun out and join us for a great evening!

St. Matthew Church is sponsoring the Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday, March 16th at noon at the United Methodist Church on Summers Street. Each church in town takes one of the Wednesdays of Lent to provide soup and sandwiches for all those who attend the lunch and speaker. Alice Miller Nation will provide the reflection after the lunch.

We need some help! In addition to sandwich makers and soup makers, we need volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up. Typically, the commitment for servers is from 11 am until 1:15 or 1:30 pm. If you are interested in helping out with the Wed. March 16 Lenten Luncheon at the Methodist Church, please find the sign up poster in the narthex at St. Matthew or call the parish office, 346-3815.

Singers needed for the St. Matthew Resurrection Choir
Due to many of our members going South during the winter, we are in need of people willing to sing at funeral masses. There are no practices required. Please call Melissa at 346-3815 for more information! Thank you.



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, PFC 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, Spc. David Dumont, Private Bruce Fliieger, AGs Patrick & Diane Gagle, Capt. Levi Gangi, Brig. Gen. Walter M. Golden Jr., SPC Peter Gommel, CDR Jack F. Greco, Nathan Guttridge, Emily Hill, Fred Hill, SSG. Edward Hynes, SSG Jason Junot, AR Samantha Knapp, PFC Stephen Knapp, 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, Capt. Robert S. Tompkins, Private Brandon Tuttle, Sr. Chief Petty Officer Dean Vanderbush

Please keep them in your prayers!



Join the Faith Community of St. Mary's and St. Matthew as we welcome **Fr. Dan Riley, ofm** to lead us in two evenings of prayer and conversation about our relationship with the God who loves us.

Lord, Teach Us To Pray

Monday, April 11, @ 7 pm
St. Matthew Church, Livonia
and
Wednesday, April 13, @ 7 pm
St. Mary's Church, Honeoye

Each evening will be a different presentation with a reception to follow in the community room of the parish.

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 Lenten gathering of parishioners, staff and musicians for our 2nd 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 year we have invited Joan Workmaster, former Diocesan Director of Liturgy and consultant for liturgy to come and speak briefly to us about the new missal and the upcoming changes. There will also be some activities for children and families. This event is scheduled for Sunday, March 27 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.



Ash Wednesday is March 9th. Masses will be held at St. Mary's at 9 am and at 7 pm at St. Matthew Church.



Florence Ahl, Christine Alvarado, Raymond & Kathy Ashley, Florence Bach, Judy Bardo, Michelle Battaglia, Christine Beard, Ken Bennett, Bernard Bold, Bill Bold, Shirley Brennan, Felix Broccolo, Dick Brown, Jan Burroughs, Patricia Bush, Eddy Callens, Donnie Canesdale, Tony Carbone, Sandy Carlotta, Rita Carrier, Beverly Cayea, Freda Chichester, William Chichester, Sam Cicero, MaryLee Cisco, Michael Ciulla, Colleen Cliffl, Patricia Colby, Marissa Conciardo, Kelly Cook, Cameron Copeland, Gloria Cote, Edna Cotillian, Lee Countryman, Sr., Jennifer Covert, John Cushman, Susan DelGrand, Carol DeRycke, Steven DeVelder, Mary Doran, Joseph Erhart III, Elise Fagan, Beulah Faltus, Audrey Farr, Joseph Farron, Liz Fillmore, John Fisher, Pat Fleig, Harley Foster, Lois Foster, Kelly Frazer, Gordon C. Gladden, Marianne Gorman, Diane Gosnell, Donald Green, Robert Griswold, Dylan Gruschow, Brian Haas, Kaylee Hadfield, Donna Haenlin, Jennifer Hamilton, Tara Harnish, Elaine Harvey, Cheryl Hennard, John Helinski, Jim Herko, Sam Herzich, Tom Hess, Dorothy Higgins, Donald Hoffend, SPC John Hoxie, Jennifer Marshall Hubble, Christopher Hynes, Marcia Jones, Mary Jones, Shirley King, Bill Kraft, Linda Kurtz, Ann Lafferty, Frances LaGreca, Geri Lake, Tony Lambiase, Kathryn Lapp, Dennis Lengyel, Kelly Lengyel, Evie Lindsley, Dave Long, Joe Long, Sarah Lorenz, Jim Lyons, Frank Mahoney, Rita Maillie, Gage Andrew Maley, Jean Maloney, John Marino, Shannon Hensler Marsh, Olivia Marsh, Florence Martinez, Scott Massar, Helen Mastin, Barbara Matthews, Margaret McGory, James McKeown, Victoria McNulty, Tom McNamara, Kaye Meehan, Dorothy Middleton, Clarice Miller, Diane Miller, Ellie Milligan, Henry Mitalaki, Joan Moodie, Larry Morey, Paula Morey, Thomas Morey, Eleanor Morris, Jim Morris, Sara Morse, Michele Mulley, Annie & Joe Napolie, Rita Newton, Zoe Nichols, Michael Ohlweiler, Tim Paine, Annette Panipinto, Kim Panipinto, Chet Parker, Sam Parker, James Parsons, Ray Paul, Josh Perham, Jim Pfunter, Scott Philipson, Donald Phillips, Nicholas Phillips, Joseph Pierce, Mickey Platten, Robin Poppen, June Preston, Bud Prince, Craig Prior, Dorothy Pym, Amy Rankin, Joe Rausch, Callisto Raymond, Ron Reddy, James Reed, Sally Kurtz Roberts, Lorena Rogers, Karen Romanowski, Clair Ryan, Jim Ryan, Joe Sabo, Lyndsey Salter, Andrea Samere, Richard Scanlan, Barbara Seifert, Jacob Shearing, Lillian Shurman, Delores Siler, Melody Simmons, Louise Siris, Madeline Slattery, Betty Smith, Brian Smith, Donald Smith, Valerie Smith, Walt Snyder, Susan Sproule, Buck Stanton, Kimberley Stanwix, Jim & Anita Stefano, Joshua Steiner, Heidi Stulpin, Nancy Swanson, Danny Szczesniak, Peggy Szczesniak, Lucy Tannler, Joseph & Jenny Tarimino, Ethel Thomas, Lisa Thomas, Richard Towner, Mary Trinello, Patricia Troglauer, Therese Vallone, Patrick Vandermaile, Margaret VanHorn, Sean Vogel, Mary Waters, Cierra Wells, James Wells, Lorraine Wells, Gregory Wendholt, Sharon Wheatcraft, Jim Wheatcraft, Marty Wheeler, Jim White, Blake Wichtowski, Dan Wilbik, Margaret Mary Wilkins, Brady Williams, Wynne Woodruff

TODAY IS GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY!

Blessed are the Girl Scouts who are taught to see beauty in all things around them.

For their world will be a place of grace and wonder.

Blessed are the Girl Scouts who are led with patience and understanding.

For they will learn the strength of endurance and the gift of tolerance.

Blessed are the Girl Scouts who are provided an environment where its members dwell in harmony and close communion.

For they shall become the peacemakers of the world.

Blessed are the Girl Scouts who are taught the value and power of truth.

For they shall search for knowledge and use it with wisdom and discernment.

Blessed are the Girl Scouts who are guided by those with faith in a loving God.

For they will find Him early and will walk with Him through life.

Blessed are the Girl Scouts who are loved and know that they are loved.

For they shall sow seeds of love in the world and reap joy for themselves and others.

Praying for our Sick

We get many requests from people to pray for friends and relatives. We are happy to do it! But, please remember, we do not remove a name unless asked to do so. Please review the list above. If there is a loved one that can be removed, please let the office know. You can call (346-3815 or 229-5007) or email vfinazo@dor.org. It is a comfort to know that prayers do work!!!



2010-2011 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parishioners from St. Mary's have pledged \$14,546.62 which is 91.44% of the goal of \$15,908.00. Pledges to St. Matthew equal \$27,900 which is 70.57% of the goal of \$39,533.00. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. 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.

Liturgical Schedule for March 12th & 13th:

4 p.m. at St. Matthew: Sacristans: Barb domuracki, Pat Gillen; Lectors: Joe & Colleen Shaw; Altar Servers: Heather Braun, Molly Divincenzo, Billy Harmon; Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Windsor, Barb Bland, Diane Winter, Jim & Judy Hynes, Chuck & Cathy Schwalenstocker; Greeters: alan Braun & Sandy Eleczko; Ushers: Don Windsor, Sam West, Don Marozas, Dan Jones, Dan Vallone, Mike Vallone

8:30 a.m. at St. Mary's: Sacristan: Sharon Brown; Lector: Harry Hawes, Adam Vickers; Altar Servers: Hannah Vickers, Trevor Healy; Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon Brown, Deacon Roger, Maggi Masci, Don & Jeannette Copenhagen, Harry Hawes, Cliff Andres, Nancy Andres; Greeters/Ushers: Paul & Joanne Pipitone, Maureen Frarey, Cathy McFee, Nick Romanynshyn; Parking Attendant: Craig Gotham, Alan Siracusa

10:30 a.m. at St. Matthew: Sacristans: Joe LaGreca, Randy Smith; Lectors: Jamie Kahn, Paul Maginn; Altar Servers: Shane Conlon, David & Michelle Maginn; Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn Maginn, Andy & Maureen Huber, Phil & Debbie Somers, 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

With Ash Wednesday approaching, please take a few minutes a day, maybe five minutes, and use "Five Minutes with The Word" to grow closer to the Lord throughout Lent. Spending just a few minutes a day reading "Five Minutes with The Lord" magazine is one great way to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Copies are provided by the St. Mary's and are located at the entrances of St. Mary's Church. Please pick one up for your family and start a new Lenten tradition.

Also, at St. Matthew Church, we are once again offering the "Little Black Book" with daily devotions for Lent. These will be available at the entrance to Church.



Operation Rice Bowl-You are Invited

As we begin our Lenten journey, you are invited to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. Throughout Lent we will pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet (located at the entrances of St. Mary's & St. Matthew Churches) and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Visit orb.crs.org for additional resources to use at home.

This Week in Our Faith Community

Saturday, 3/5:

St. Matthew: Reconciliation 3 pm; Mass 4 pm

Sunday, 3/6—Girl Scout Sunday:

St. Mary's: 8:30 am Mass; CLoW during Mass; Accepting donations for Community Food Pantry; Coffee hour following Mass hosted by Girl Scouts; Youth Faith Formation, 9:30—10:30 am

St. Matthew: Family Faith Formation, 9—10:15 am, HH; Choir, 9:30 am; 10:30 am Mass; Nursery, SS, CLoW during Mass; Coffee hour after Mass; Sr. High Youth Ministry, 7 pm, Hagerty Hall

Monday, 3/7:

St. Mary's: 9 am Mass

St. Matthew: Eucharistic Adoration, 10 am—6:30 pm, Rosary, 2:30 pm

Tuesday, 3/8:

St. Matthew: 9 am Mass; Fr. Schifferli Bible Study Group after Mass, Schifferli Room; Faith Formation, 6:30 pm, HH; Jr. High Youth Ministry, 6:30 pm, Church; Baptism Class, 6:45 pm

Wednesday, 3/9—Ash Wednesday:

St. Mary's: 9 am Mass; Small Faith Group, 9:30 am

St. Matthew: 7 pm Mass

Thursday, 3/10:

St. Mary's: Senior Exercise Class, 10 am; Choir Practice, 7 pm

St. Matthew: 9 am Mass; Hearts & Hands, 1 pm, Conference Room; Preschool Information Night, 6:30 pm, Hagerty Hall

Friday, 3/11:

St. Mary's: Stations of the Cross, 7 pm

St. Matthew: 9 am Mass

Saturday, 3/12:

St. Matthew: Reconciliation 3 pm; Mass 4 pm; Black, Native American & Hispanic Collection

Sunday, 3/13—1st Sunday of Lent:

Rite of Election, 2 pm, Sacred Heart Cathedral

St. Mary's: 8:30 am Mass; Black, Native American & Hispanic Collection; CLoW during Mass; Youth Faith Formation, 9:30—10:30 am; 1st Eucharist Prep. Session, 6 pm

St. Matthew: Choir, 9:30 am; 10:30 am Mass; Black, Native American & Hispanic Collection; Nursery, SS, CLoW

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock." - Mt 7:24-25

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.