

Happy
Valentine's
Day

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Our Mission Is To Go and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ ~ February 14, 2021



The Word of the Laird...

First of all, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for those who have sent me cards, prayers and good wishes for my recovery. As I am writing this on Sunday afternoon (February 7), I am looking forward to my follow-up visit with Dr. O'Donnell this Thursday (last Thursday as you are reading this) and for a projection about what is to follow. I've been managing to navigate in the rectory and prepare my meals. The biggest problem is the brace on my left leg. It goes from mid-thigh right down to the ankle.

This Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday. We received directions from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments regarding the distribution of ashes. Unlike what we have done in the past, due to the Covid pandemic, the formula for the administration will be said only once for all. Following that, the minister will sanitize his hands and, rather than applying the ashes to each person's forehead, he will sprinkle the ashes on the crown of the head of those who present themselves. The sprinkling of ashes on the head is in closer alignment with what we read in the scriptures, particularly the Old Testament, about penitential practice, as well as some of the parts of the Church in Eastern Europe and Asia.

My prayers are with all of you that this Lent may be a fruitful time for renewing our relationship with the Lord and deepening the role of prayer in all our lives.

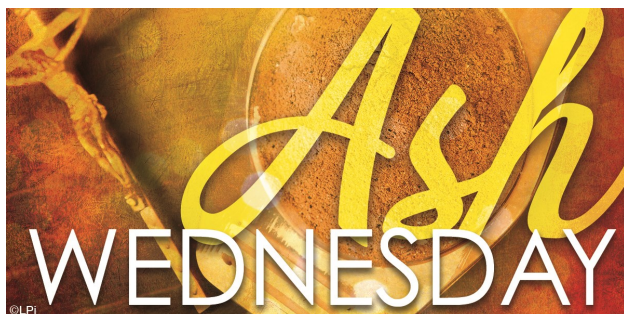
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

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Thanks be to God.



St. Mary's 9:00 am—Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes

St. Matthew 5:30 pm—Mass & Distribution of Ashes

Services This Week

Monday, February 15—Communion Service

St. Mary's 9:00 am

Tuesday, February 16—Communion Service

St. Mary's 9:00 am

Wednesday, February 17—Ash Wednesday Services

St. Mary's 9:00 am—Liturgy of the Word

St. Matthew 5:30—Mass

Thursday, February 18—Communion Service

St. Mary's 9:00 am

If there is a funeral scheduled, we will not have a Communion Service on that day

Mass Intentions This Week

Sunday, February 21—1st Sunday of Lent

St. Mary's 8:30 am—For the People of our Faith Community

St. Matthew 10:30 am

Intentions for Saturday and weekday Masses will be rescheduled when Father Laird returns



**Both Parish Offices
Closed
Monday, February 15**

Financial Corner

What our churches need per week to meet our budget:

St. Mary's	\$2,052
St. Matthew	\$5,600

February 7, 2021

St. Mary's

Envelopes	\$2,760.00
Loose Plate	36.00
Auto Deduct	255.76
Total	\$3,051.76

St. Matthew

Envelopes	\$4,135.50
Loose Plate	50.00
Auto Deduct	1,608.00
Total	*\$5,793.50

Parish Staff

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Daily Mass Readings

Readings for the week of February 14, 2021

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Church Chuckle

Where will you spend eternity?
Smoking or Nonsmoking?

Mass Attendance

February 7, 2021

St. Mary's—8:30 am 48

St. Matthew—10:30 am 90

Bulletin Sponsors in Memory of Loved Ones

For \$50 names will be listed for one year. Contact either parish office for more information.

In Memory Of

Amanda Coble	Dan & Shirley Mulvaney
Elizabeth Klapak Coble	Linda Murphy
Pat Conlon	Jay Nowakowski
Jerry D'Hont	Richard O'Connor
Lucille DeClerck	Robert (Bob) C. Oelwang
Jule DeClerck	Paul & Martha Pfuntner
Joseph & Betty Eberwein	Joe Rausch
Joe Gianni	Patrick L Guenther
Leo Iten	Frank & Estelle Rodman
Paul Jones	Nan Ryan
Beverly Luther	John Scherberger
Ralph & Rocco Messura	Michelle Stefano
Betty West	Bernice Yerger
Leo & Mary Ann Morsch	Thomas John C. Long
Marilyn Erhart	Lois Cicero

Deceased Members of the Family of

Chuck and Cathy Schwalenstocker
Helinski and Ellison Families
Giuliani Family
Jones Family
Muscato Family
Culotta & Hendrick Families
Enright & Yatteau Families
Kurtz, Martin & O'Neil Families
Kucich & Juriaco Families



CMA UPDATE

As of 2/8/2021

	<u>St. Mary's</u>	<u>St. Matthew</u>
Pledged	\$17,245.00	\$48,410.00
Goal	\$15,200.00	\$51,815.00
Percentage of Goal	113.45%	93.42%

We encourage you to make an online gift by going to: www.dor.org/cma

Remembering Those Who Are Ill Page 3

Bonnie Arena, Diane Backus, Bobby Barnard, Riley Brant, Charlie Braun, Pete Buchholz, Gloria Cote, Catherine Couture, Kevin DeCillis, Joseph Dispenza, Maddison Ellis, Deacon Greg Emerton, Joseph Erhart III, Sharon Erhart, Kathleen Gilligan, Kay C. Gordon, Patricia Greco, Ann Hansen, Peg Hynes, Carol Infantino, Shirley King, Mark Knapp, Bobby Lagani, Daren Mahar, Mark (Whitmore) Maltese, Shoshana Margolin, Randy Martell, Maureen McAuliffe, Thomas Miller, Kimberly Panipinto, Guy Reed, Dolores Root, Jeffery Sabo, Joan Shattuck, James Sheehan, Lenny Shumway, Julie Smith, Kathleen Smith, Randy Smith, Carol Ann Sparrow, Jim Stefano Sr., Earl Tieppo, Robert Weeks

Would You Help Us Out?

Please review the list. If you requested a name to be added and the person no longer needs to be on the list, let us know so we can take the name off to add others. **As a reminder**, we need the permission of a family member or the person themselves to place a name on the prayer list.

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

20-WEEK CLUB

2/8/2021 WINNERS

\$20	Charlotte Witte
\$15	Patrick Jones
\$10	Bill Fisher



This Week in Our Faith Community

Monday, February 15

BOTH PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

St. Mary's—9:00 am Communion Service—Live Streamed

Tuesday, February 16

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Thursday, February 18

St. Mary's—9:00 am Communion Service—Live Streamed

Sunday, February 21

St. Mary's—8:30 am Mass—Live Streamed

St. Matthew — 10:30 am Mass

Both churches open for private prayer during office hours.

A NOTE FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! Ah, love, it's a beautiful thing. There are so many ways to express love and receive love. Society projects this idea of what true love should be—and most often it's equated with romance. Yes, to share that kind of love in a healthy and good way is wonderful, but not all of us have that in our life, or we may have had it and lost it. Does that mean we aren't worthy of love? NO! It means we experience love in other ways, and I believe the very best way is through God. Remember that saying, "God is love?" Well, it's not just a saying, it's fact. Do yourself a favor and re-read John 4:7-21. This is one of my favorite passages—a love story, a love song, a beautiful poetic telling of God's love for us all. Isn't that what we truly should celebrate on this day (and every day)? With God as our foundation, love not only remains strong but can continue to expand in so many directions! Where do you find love? In nature? In the beauty of the Liturgy? In song? In others? I know that my heart nearly explodes with the love I feel for my granddaughters. And I'm sure you all could relay to me someone that strikes you the same way. But, in truth, God is the purest and most perfect love there is. How blessed are we to know and live the love of God? So, again I say, Happy Valentine's Day. Live this day in love.

Our **Family Gathering (All About Lent)** took place last Sunday. For those of you that were unable to attend, an email was sent out with attachments of the handouts. Thank you to all who were present.

Crossroads (Youth Group) will not meet this week but will resume meeting next Sunday, February 21 from 6:30—8:00 PM in the Community Room at St. Matthew's. Also, next Sunday (February 21) we will have a **First Reconciliation/First Communion** session after the 10:30 mass.

Confirmation lessons are emailed weekly, and while there is a handful of students that regularly email them back, there are still many of you that I have yet to hear from. Please contact me if you need assistance in any way, and remember that this is an important step in your child's faith journey.

There are still religious education packets to be picked up located on the table in the vestibule of St. Matthew's. I placed some tote bags there that were distributed at Christmas. If your family did not receive one, please feel free to get one now. It's a good way to organize your religious materials at home. You will also find handouts from our recent Lenten Gathering. Please help yourselves.

In God's Love, *Jeanette*

Our Sacramental Life Together

<u>Sacrament of Baptism:</u>	Call either parish office for arrangements.
<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</u>	Call either parish office for an appointment.
<u>Sacrament of Matrimony:</u>	Please notify either parish office six months in advance of desired date.
<u>Anointing of the Sick:</u>	Please notify either parish office if someone is sick at home, in a nursing facility or the hospital.

Second Collection Next Sunday

The **Black and Indian Missions Collection** exists to help diocesan communities build up the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African, Native American and Alaska Native people of God.

Every year, it is the amazing generosity of Catholic faithful, just like you, who enable the **Black & Indian Mission Office** to support important priorities like; Enlivening Parish Life and Catechesis, Empowering Evangelizers, Helping Educators Reach Kids and Encouraging Vocations.

Please be as generous as possible.



We keep all those currently serving in our Military, as well as those who have previously served, in our prayers always.

Get Well Soon!

If you'd like to send Father Laird a card, his address is:

Rev. William F. Laird
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PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY WEEKEND February 13/14, 2021

We are social beings. We realize our dignity and human potential in our families and communities. The family is the basic cell of society, and it must be supported. Government has the mission of protecting human life, promoting the common good of all persons, and defending the right and duty of all to participate in social life.

New York's government showed that it can live up to this with the NOURISH NEW YORK program! But funding must continue. We call on our New York State leaders to provide \$50 million for the 2021-22 budget to make NOURISH NEW YORK an ongoing program!

Learn more, and sign the online petition in support of NOURISH NEW YORK at <https://www.dor.org/petition/>

For more state-wide Catholic action, visit the New York State Catholic Conference's Catholic Action Network at www.nyscatholic.org/action-center. There you can see all the active alerts and register for updates. You can also sign up for text alerts by texting CAN to 50457.

#DORPublicPolicy #Catholic #FoodInsecurity #Feedthehungry #CatholicActionNetwork

Advocacy Issue:

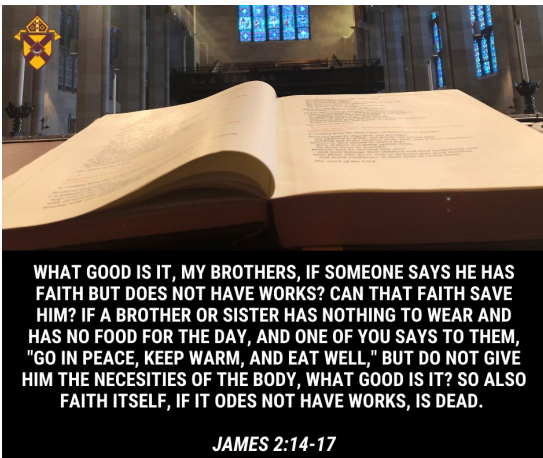
Funding for NOURISH NEW YORK initiative

Please join in speaking up for the vulnerable today. Please consider signing this message.

Cut it out of the printed bulletin or print it from the online bulletin on our parish website.

Drop your signed message in the box/basket at church or mail it to the Governor.

Honorable Andrew Cuomo
 Governor of New York State
 Executive Chamber – State Capitol Building
 Albany, New York 12224



Dear Governor Cuomo:

NOURISH NEW YORK initiative has been an effective and creative response to the impact of the pandemic on New Yorkers, providing a lifeline for food-insecure families (many newly-insecure because of job losses due to COVID-19) and for struggling farmers, the fishing community and food processors across the state.

We call on state leaders to allocate \$50 million for fiscal year 2021-2022 to make *NOURISH NEW YORK* an ongoing program to respond to the need for hunger relief and survival of farms, fisheries, food processors in New York State.

Respectfully yours,

(signature)

(print name)

(address/zip)