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1st SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:15

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	*Linda Lanoue by Deacon Paul & Pat Lissandrello*
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	*Intentions of the Parishioners*
	10:30 a.m.	*Barbara Robinson by John & Suzanne Ennis*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday	8:00a.m.	***Miraculous Medal Novena & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament***
Tuesday	8:00a.m.	*All Souls in Purgatory*
Wednesday	8:00a.m.	*St. Joseph for Prayers Answered By Constance Cote*
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	*All Souls in Purgatory*
Friday	8:00 a.m.	*St. Joseph Prayers Answered by Constance Cote*

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEKEND (February 27 & 28)

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	*Robert Reid by James Shedno*
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	*Intentions of John & Deborah DeGraw By John & Paula Wilk*
	10:30 a.m.	*Linda Lanoue by the Mendes Family*

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/ Mk 1:12-15
Monday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20 -26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Would you like to have the Sanctuary Lamp burn in the church for your loved one? Contact the office for the weeks that you would like reserved.. Donations of $10 for 7 Days and $20 for 14 Days.

*Feb 14th—April 18th — **Still Available***

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Matthew Parish

Saturday:	4:00 PM
Sunday:	8:00 AM
	10:30 AM
Monday: Prayer serv.	8:00 AM
Tuesday—Friday:	8:00 AM

Confessions at 3pm Saturday

(Mass schedule subject to priest availability.)

St. Therese of Lisieux Parish

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Holy Family, Sanford

Sunday: 7:30 AM
Notre Dame, Springvale
9:00 AM & 11AM
Holy Family, Sanford

MF	7:30 AM Holy Family
T	6:00 PM Holy Family*
W	9:00 AM Holy Family
TH	6:00 PM Holy Family*

*Adoration & Confession held at 5PM
Check often for Daily Mass Changes

LENT

Fast & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday – Both February 17, 2021, and April 2, 2021, are days of fast and abstinence (from meat) in the universal Church. **All Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence (from meat) in the Church in the United States.

The Law of Abstinence (from Meat) – Binds Catholics aged 14 and older.

The Law of Fasting – Binds Catholics aged 18 and over, until the beginning of their 60th year (through age 59).

Lenten Opportunities:

Adoration and Lenten Reflections: There will be a Lenten reflection service on the first Sunday of Lent, February 21 from 4-5pm. This service will include Reflection, Adoration, and Benediction.

Opportunity for Confession:

EVERY Saturday 3pm-3:45pm

Stations of the Cross:

Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be held weekly on Fridays during Lent at 5pm. Call the office to sign up or sign up online. Visit our website stmatthewlimerick.org, click on the signup.com button.

A special Lent section (www.portlanddiocese.org/lent-resources) has been launched on the Diocese of Portland website featuring a variety of resources to assist you on your Lenten journey. Some resources include Mass & Confession times, scripture study, virtual retreats and more! Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to enrich your faith during this Lenten season.

Make sure to sign up for Holy Week now. Call the office at 793-2244 or on our website: stmatthewlimerick.org

April 1, 2021	Holy Thursday	7PM
April 2, 2021	Good Friday	7PM
April 3, 2021	Easter Vigil	8PM
April 4, 2021	Easter Sunday	8AM & 10:30AM

The women of WINGS invite you to join them on Zoom as they journey through Lent reflecting on the words of Ann Naffziger in her book, **"Words for the Weary: Daily Reflections – Embracing the Lenten Season after a Challenging Pandemic Year"**

WINGS, Women in God's Spirit, is a faith enrichment group for women of all ages who want to grow in their relationship with God. Meetings consist of prayer, song, scripture, and faith sharing.

The group will meet on six consecutive Tuesday nights
from 7-8:30 pm beginning on Tuesday February 23rd

Registration is required to secure a book and the link to the meetings. To Register please contact: Debbie Wentworth 978-618-1636 wentworth80@verizon.net

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From February 17th through March 28th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Maine Family Planning in Augusta, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Judy Iceenogle, 207-872-6558 or ricejuice@twc.com Our website is www.40daysforlife.com/augusta-maine

This Lent join ***Matthew Kelly with Dynamic Catholic*** for the **Best Lent Ever** video series that will help you discover or rediscover God through prayer. Videos and reflections will be posted on the parish Facebook page with reflections from your very own **Lifelong Faith Formation Coordinator, Deborah DeGraw.** Don't miss out on this wonderful virtual Lenten opportunity!

PARISH FINANCES

Date:	February 14, 2021
Offertory	1,252.01
WeShare	1,114.50
Total Feb Offertory	5,724.71
Below Feb Goal	-2,675.29

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

THE PANTRY SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

1st Monday of the month: 6-7pm
EVERY Tuesday 10am-12pm

****Serving residents of Limerick, Newfield, Parsonsfield or parishioners.**

For the month of March 2021, St. Matthew's Food Pantry will receive a $1 donation from each purchase of the $2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag at the Hannaford store located at 20 Sokokis Trail, East Waterboro ME. We are confident that with the help of our dedicated supporters, we can reach this goal. Shoppers can also purchase a Fight Hunger Bag online via Hannaford -To-Go. We strongly encourage you to share this news with family and friends as well!

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." — Mk 1:14-15

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Apostolate of Prayer for Priests

Please include the following priests serving in our diocese in your daily prayers this week:

Feb 22 **Our Holy Father**
Feb 23 **Rev. Alfred Jacques/Rev. Jacques D Dolbec SOLT**
Feb 24 **Rev. Augustin Sabasthiyan HGN/Rev. Hyacinth N Fornkwa**
Feb 25 **Rev. James S Plourde/Rev. Joseph J Koury**
Feb 26 **Rev. James R Roy MM/Rev. Bruce M Siket**
Feb 27 **Rev. Eugene J Gaffey/Rev. Richard E Senghas**
Feb 28 **Bishop Emeritus Joseph J Gerry OSB**

As we begin this Lenten season we are reminded of the everlasting covenant God made with us. Renew the promise you made with God. Believe in the Good News! (Palm 25). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Father Seamus Griesbach at (207) 773-6471; email: seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org; Website: www.portlanddiocese.org/vocations; Facebook: @VocationsME

Lifelong Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes are being held via Zoom.

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ST. MATTHEW PARISH STAFF:

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Heather Silva, Administrative Assistant
Deborah DeGraw, Faith Formation Coordinator
Amy Paradis, Parish Music Coordinator

FINANCE COMMISSION:

David Fedrizzi
Kevin LaFreniere
George Sleeper
John Wilk

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

George Duranleau, Grand Knight, 793-0263

MASSES TIMES:

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
8:00 a.m. - Monday Prayer Service
8:00 a.m. - Tuesday – Friday*
*Check weekly bulletin for possible schedule changes.

LIVE STREAM MASSES:

All Masses are live streamed on our website:
www.stmatthewlimerick.org

FACEBOOK:

@stmatthewlimerick

BAPTISMS:

Parents who want to have their child(ren) baptized
are asked to please call the parish office (793-2244).

WEDDINGS:

Anyone planning to get married must call the parish office at least SIX MONTHS PRIOR to the proposed wedding date.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday at 3:00 p.m.,
AND ANYTIME BY APPOINTMENT.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome to St. Matthew Parish.
Please fill out the Parish Membership Form in the narthex
and drop it in the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

BIRTHPLACE HELPLINE:

Abortion Alternatives/Project Rachel
1-800-227-3002

DOMESTIC ABUSE HOTLINE:

324-1802 or 1-800-239-7298

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN:

www.portlanddiocese.org/protecting-gods-children

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTLAND:

IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROGRAM "PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN"

In the **interest of children's safety**, we ask that children **not be allowed to leave Mass** to use the restrooms downstairs, **unless they are accompanied by an adult**. Because we are a public building, doors are required to be unlocked, allowing entrance to all.

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