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Pastor: Rev Stephen P. Wirkes Dc Dean Brainard Dc Joseph Lupia

Hosanna **TO THE KING OF KINGS**



Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024



Weekly Offering

St Matthew's NEEDS* \$ 7,738
March 3 \$ 5,912

St Mary NEEDS* \$ 5,595
March 3 \$ 2,411

St Francis NEEDS* \$ 4,383
March 3 \$ 2,463

* **Needed each week to balance the books and pay our bills. Any shortfall must be made up with fundraising.**



Saint Matthew's

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Jim Mostrom

Saint Francis

Laura Cavanaugh
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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday

7pm at **Saint Mary Church**

Mass of the Last Supper / Washing Feet /
Confessions after Mass / Silent Adoration &
Prayer til 10pm

Good Friday

3pm at **Saint Francis**

Service of the Passion / Veneration of the Cross /
Holy Communion & Confessions after service

Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil Mass

8pm at **Saint Matthew's**

Easter Sunday

St Matthew's	8am
St Francis	9:30am
St Mary	11am

2024 Lenten Corporal Works of Mercy



The Tri-Parish Women's
Scripture Group
is collecting items for

Sarah's Guest House during Lent
Collection date: March 23/24

Sarah's Guest House provides lodging,
transportation, meals, and comfort to
patients and families of patients receiving
medical care in Central New York.

Lists of needed items are at all churches.

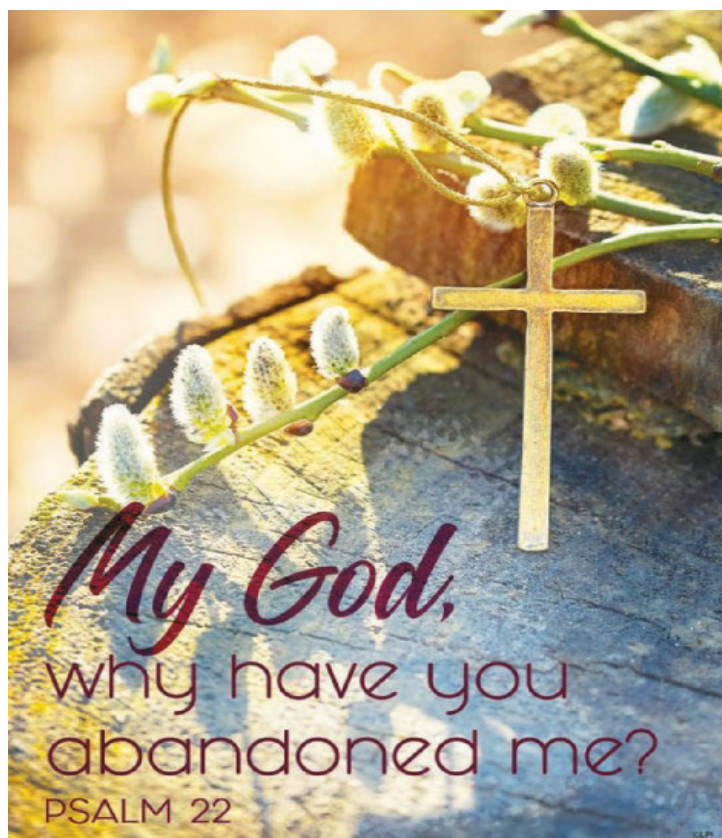
**Minoa, Bridgeport & Kirkville
Churches Welcomes Everyone
to our Annual
SOUP & SCRIPTURE LENTEN
SUPPERS**



Mar 27

ALIVE Wesleyan Church

Suppers begin at 5:15pm
All donations received are equally divided
& given to 3 local food pantries
Bridgeport Food Pantry @ St Francis Church
Heaven's Pantry @ Minoa Methodist Church
Fyler Community Food Pantry @
Fyler Community Church



Saint WHO ??

Saint Toribio Romo

Feast Day: May 21

St. Toribio Romo González (1900 – 1928) was born in Santa Ana de Guadalupe, near Jalisco, Mexico. He entered seminary at the age of 13 and was ordained a priest in 1922 when he was only 22. As a priest, he dedicated himself to serving the faithful in the midst of the Cristero War, a period of intense religious persecution in Mexico during the 1920s and 1930s.

Despite the danger posed by the anti-Catholic government, Romo continued to carry out his pastoral duties. He provided sacraments, offered spiritual guidance, promoted devotion to the Eucharist, and was frequently forced more and more to do so in secret or under the cover of night. He became known for his compassion and selflessness, often risking his own safety to bring consolation and hope to the persecuted Catholic community, and catechesis, as well as the Eucharist, to the poor.

In the late 1920's, a formal law was passed that imposed strict penalties on priests who were found exercising their priestly ministries. Despite the risks, Romo continued to celebrate Mass and administer the sacraments to those in remote areas. For a time, he had to hide in an abandoned distillery in the town of Tequila in order to avoid violence, and celebrated Mass there for the community.

Tragically, on February 25, 1928, Romo was murdered. He was shot twice by government troops who broke into his bedroom while he was asleep. His martyrdom became a powerful testimony to the enduring strength of the Catholic Church in Mexico in the face of discrimination. St. Toribio Romo, pray for us!



St Mary's CEMETERY OFFICE HOURS

@ St. Mary's Parish Center
MONDAY EVENINGS
6pm~ 7pm or by appointment
Laura Cavanaugh
@ 315-345-8007



OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS ~

Saint Jerome

Donated by the Altar Boys

Location: Over Mary's Altar—

Saint Matthew's

Born to well off parents in Stridon, near Aquileia (in modern Italy), Jerome was a scholar of both Latin and Greek and a master of rhetoric. After studies in Rome, he had conversion experience and eventually he decided to become a monk with some friends in Aquileia. When tensions rose, he left and found his way to the forbidding desert southeast of Antioch (modern Turkey). He later wrote, "In this exile and prison, to which, in fear of hell, I had voluntarily condemned myself, with no other company but scorpions and wild beasts, I frequently imagined I could see young Roman women dancing and it was as if I was there in the midst of them.... In my cold body and my parched flesh, which seemed dead before its time, passion was able to live." No penitential regimen would ward off the temptations, but when Jerome began to study Hebrew, tutored by a monk who was a Jewish convert, he found some relief.

After further studies in Constantinople under Saint Gregory Nazianzen, Jerome went to Rome, where Pope Damasus I tapped him as his secretary and he began the monumental task of completing a Latin translation of the Bible.

In his later years, Jerome moved to a cave in the Holy Land, founded a monastery and continued his work translating and commenting on the Scriptures. He died in Bethlehem.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

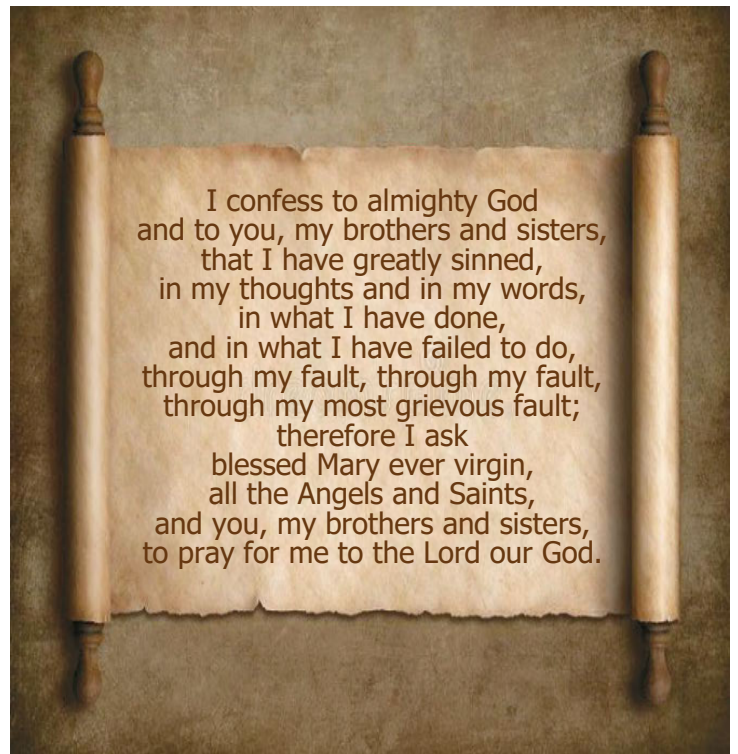
It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



A Prayer for PALM SUNDAY

Loving God,
Give us joy in our hearts as we shout Hosanna,
welcoming Jesus our King with palms,
celebrating all that we hope for
as the Easter story unfolds.
Then, as the journey of Jesus turns towards
Good Friday,
help us know that you are with us
when celebration turns to sadness.
Give us the faith we need to follow you
on the way of the cross,
which leads to life.
Amen



PALM SUNDAY



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Monday, March 25 @ St Francis
9am Pro Populo



Wednesday, March 27 @ St Mary
9am Pro Populo

Thursday, March 28 @ St Mary
7pm Mass of the Last Supper / Washing of the Feet / Confession after Mass / Silent Adoration & Prayer until 10pm



Friday, March 29 @ St Francis
3pm Service of the Passion / Veneration of the Cross / Holy Communion & Confession after services



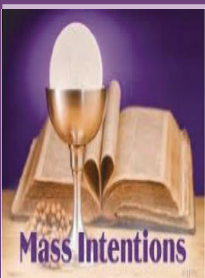
Saturday March 30 @ St Matthew's
8pm For the People



Sunday, March 31 @ St. Matthew's
8am For the People

Sunday, March 31 @ St Francis
9:30am For the People

Sunday, March 31 @ St Mary
11am For the People

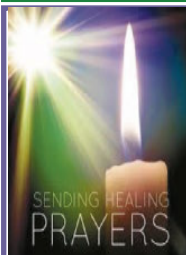


If you would like to request specific dates for Mass intentions (i.e. anniversary, birthday), please call or send your request at least **3-6 months** in advance. If preferred Mass dates and times are unavailable, the **next** available Mass time will be scheduled.

MASS Intentions

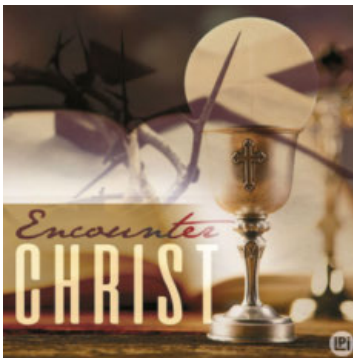
WHEN DAILY MASS IS REPLACED BY A FUNERAL The intentions from the DAILY MASS will be moved to the next daily mass time. That way your loved ones will be prayed for on a day close to when you expected instead of being rescheduled possibly months later.

EXAMPLE: If a funeral cancels a Mass on Monday at St Francis, the deceased will be prayed for on Wednesday at St Mary's Mass.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Rita Zuber

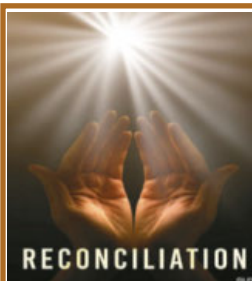


A candle has been lit at
St. Matthew's
for

Rita Zuber



Helen Berger, Karolyn Samora Bogdan, Margie Bowhall, Frank & Sandy Bryant, Dee Buell, Nancy Cassella, Michelle Cayea, Joanne Colosi, Maryanne Cook, Kathy Dailey, Chuck & Nancy Davidson, James & Pat Dygert, Teddy Emch-Paone, Frances Funke, Chuck Gaspe, Enrico Geremia, Bob Kelty, Lori Koegel, John & Rosemary Luke, Sam Magari, Anne McCarthy, Josie Mills, Andrew Paulus, Pat Piwinski, Mary Rovall, Pat & Chuck Samora, Richard Spagnolo, Helen Timmins, Sandy & Dennis Van Auken, Chet Waskiewicz



Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

Saturdays @ St Matthew's
3:30-4:15pm

Sundays @ St Mary
after 11am mass

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St Mary's CEMETERY OFFICE HOURS

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MONDAY EVENINGS

6pm~ 7pm or by appointment

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
 Monday ~ Thursday 9am ~ 4pm
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Bridgeport Food Pantry
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at Minoa United Methodist Church

3rd Wednesday of month

10-11am & 6-7pm



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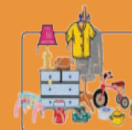


PANTRY HOURS:

T / Th 9:30am-noon

2nd TIME AROUND STORE HOURS

Mondays 9am ~ 12:30pm



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Please call the parish office regarding any of the following:

BAPTISM: arrangements made 2 months prior and parents required to attend baptism class for the 1st child prior to Baptism.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements made at least 6 months in advance.

HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS: Please notify the rectory when a family member is admitted to a hospital or nursing home so the clergy can provide for their spiritual needs.

COMMUNION: to sick/shut-in at anytime.

REGISTRATION/NEW MEMBERS: Please call the office.



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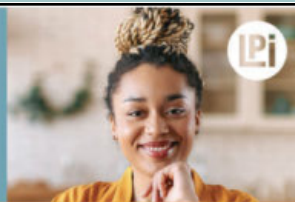
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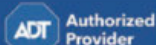
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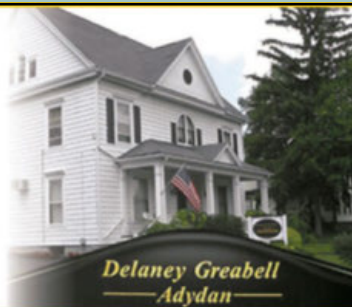
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