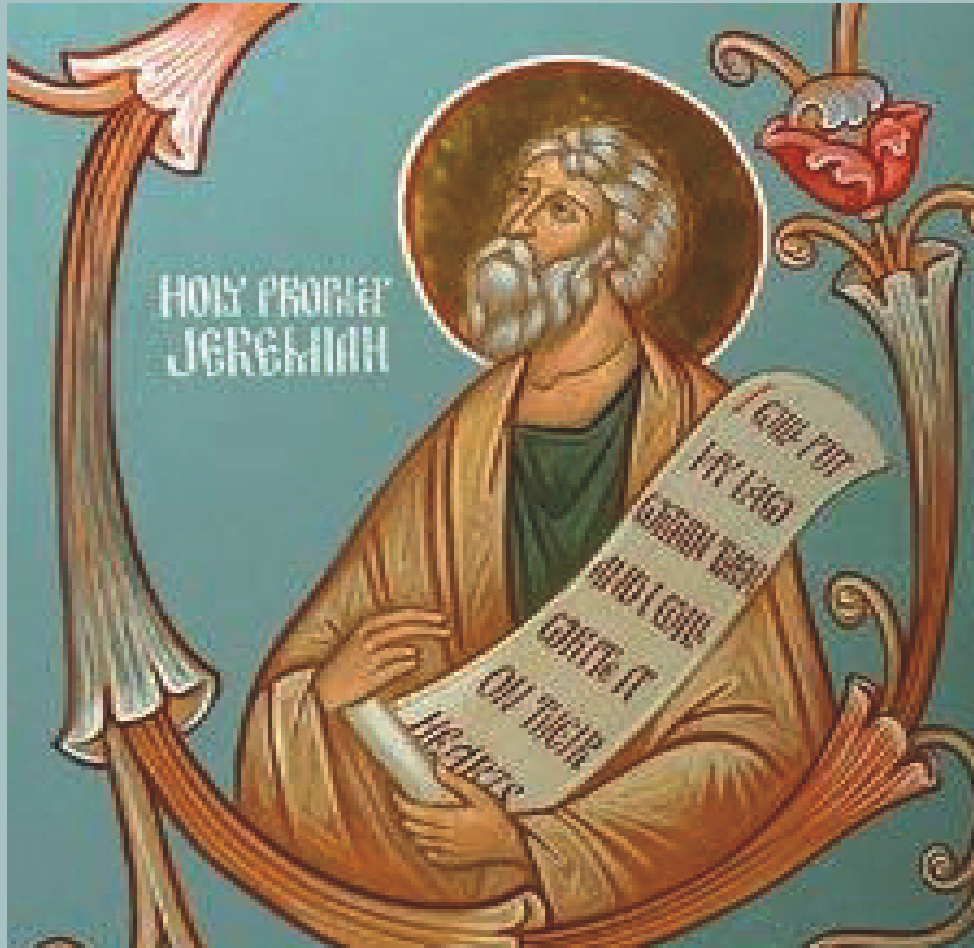




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February 17, 2019
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, Tuesday & Friday 8:00 am Mass
Wednesday 8:00 am Sacred Scripture/Communion Service
Thursday: 9:10 am at COMMUNITY of SAINTS School
Saturday - 4:15 pm
Sunday - 10:15 am

Reconciliation

1st & 3rd Saturday: After Mass until 5:30 pm
2nd & 4th Sunday: After Mass until 11:30 am

Prayer Line 651.457.0228

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of February 17, 2019
Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
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: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [20b]/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [cf. 1]/Mk 9:2-13

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817).”

In many ways this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life — focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

The First Reading from Jeremiah, paints a vivid picture of the difference between the person who puts his trust in fellow humans versus the person who relies on — or, in other words, hopes in — the Lord. “Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh... He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season but stands in a lava waste.” Not a pretty picture!

On the other hand, the prophet teaches, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green.”

Notice that the one who trusts in the Lord does not escape the heat any more than the one who has put his trust in human strength — his own or another’s. The difference between the two is that the one who fails to trust in the Lord becomes barren in the heat, while the one who trusts in God is given the means to persevere and even thrive in the midst of the challenging times. “It’s leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress but still bears fruit.”

In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that it is foolish to think of hope in the Lord with only an “earthly” vision since God desires nothing less than our eternal happiness. “If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all.” To aim only for comforts or pleasure or honors in this life is actually an impoverished way of living.

In today’s Gospel from Luke, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as his disciples. We are all familiar with this passage in which Jesus reveals the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor; they have the kingdom of God. Blessed are those now hungry because they will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep because they will laugh. Blessed are those who are hated, excluded and insulted because they are disciples of Jesus; they will be greatly rewarded in heaven. Jesus is describing here the character of one who is living a life of hope — the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward.

The Catholic Steward



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & PARISH NEEDS

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!” Isaiah 6:8

We need volunteers to continue the work of serving our parish and community. Currently we have 4 continuing opportunities.

Mary Leibl,
Volunteer Coordinator

CAPITAL PROJECTS: ROOF OF CHURCH

There are 3 bids for replacing the church roofs. (One large roof and 4 small) These bids need to be reviewed and a recommendation made by February 21st. Needed are volunteers who are interested and qualified to help in this review.



PRAYER LEADER FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Need volunteers to lead Stations of the Cross on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm during Lent. Books are available and volunteer musicians are in place.

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND IMMEDIATELY AFTER WEEKEND MASSES

We invite volunteers to take communion to those unable to worship with us. This “liturgical” ministry involves taking a pyx with a host from Saturday or Sunday Mass; visiting the person in their home; reading the gospel and sharing a sentence or two from the homily; praying the Lord’s Prayer together then giving the Host to the person. After we get a few volunteers for this ministry then we will invite people to request that visit. This is different from a pastoral visit in the middle of the week with a goodly amount of conversation in the visit. If you would like more information please call John Riehle at the parish office.

I invite anyone who could help with these volunteer opportunities to contact me through the parish office or email me at mleibl@st-matts.org

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Pat Pendleton for volunteering to serve as a substitute receptionist in the parish office and also for offering to serve as a Liturgical Minister to the homebound after weekend Mass.

News and Events

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

We will be writing the next Ministry Schedule on **FEBRUARY 19**. The next schedule covers the period from March 2 thru the weekend of May 25 & 26. This schedule will cover Lent. While the Holy Week schedule will be on separate sheets, please let us know what dates you are NOT available during the entire March thru May time period, as well as any dates you WANT to be scheduled.

Thanks for your continued help!

Jan Lackner JML3242@aol.com 651-457-4766

COFFEE SUNDAY

You are invited to the Social Hall most Sundays following 10:15 am Mass for coffee, donuts and other tasty treats. **All are welcome here!**



We are looking for families, friends or groups to host a Coffee Sunday, if you are interested contact Becky Montgomery at montgomery_bec@hotmail.com, she will let you know what Sundays are still open and how it all works.

OUR LADY OF PEACE HOME COLLECTION

The collection for the Peace Home last weekend totaled \$1,919.00 in cash and checks and numerous food stuffs and personal care items for the residents at the care home.

This collection was organized once again by Saint Matthew's Rosary/CCW and the collection was delivered to Our Lady of Peace by the group's president, Joanne Smith. We thank each one of them.

Thank you parishioners for your response and generosity to the call to care for the sick, as our Lord has asked us to do.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Forget about envelopes, writing checks, remembering cash...electronic giving is simple. You can give once a week, once a month, quarterly, whatever fits your budget. Call John Riehle at the parish office for details.

THE BELLS OF SAINT MATTHEW



The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on February 22nd to celebrate Johnny Murphy's birthday.

You too can have the bells ring to commemorate, celebrate or announce a special day your family life. Remember a loved one, celebrate a birthday, or announce the birth of a child, or grandchild. Call Linda Rivera at the Parish Office to schedule your special date.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Join us for Mass on Saturday, March 2, and support our Confirmation candidates as they are blessed prior to the celebration of the sacrament at the Cathedral on March 17th. Then please come to the Social Hall after the service for a community dinner. Confirmation families will also come to the dinner and have a meeting during the meal. The meal is free of charge but free-will offerings are accepted. If you would like to help with the dinner—either before or after Mass on March 2—please contact Faith Formation coordinator Janelle Rohr, janelle@st-matts.org or 651-457-3522. You are also welcome to bring a dessert to share and drop it off in the Social Hall kitchen before Mass.

PREPARE THE CHURCH FOR LENT

Volunteers are needed to help prepare the church environment for the Lenten season. This will take place immediately after the 10:15 am Mass on Sunday, March 3rd. If you attend Mass on Saturday please consider returning to help on Sunday. We will change the banners and altar cloths, clean up the songbooks, sweep and clean the entryways and whatever else is needed to make our worship space shine.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

BASIC WORDS OF THE BIBLE

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WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS February 10, 2019

Volunteer Service

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Hours in service We pray for

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Envelopes/Cash	\$ 2,472	School	\$ 70
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,221	Our Lady of Peace	
Vigil Lights	\$ 38	Care Home	\$ 1,919
Rent	\$ 5,250	Relig. Retire.	\$ 220
Fuel	\$ 7	Total	\$ 2,209
Mass Intentions	\$ 7	Thank You	
Bells	\$ 50		
Misc. Gift	\$ 500		
Coffee Sunday	\$ 25		
Total	\$ 9,570		
Thank You			

Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister
sadrian

Rev. Rick Banker, Parochial Administrator
rbanker@stedwardschurch.org

Sister Anne Becker, Pastoral Ministry
srannebecker

John DelVecchio, Parish Trustee
jdelvecchio

Scott Hertzog, Janitor

Jill Kilzer, Music Ministry
jillkilzer

Bernie Klein, Accounts Payable & Receivable
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Steve Kowal, Maintenance Engineer
skowal

Reyes Ledesma, Janitor

Mary Leibl, Volunteer Coordinator
mleibl

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jriehle

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webmaster

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Karen Thompson, Parish Trustee
kthompson

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

Bulletin

Announcements are due on Monday by 10:00 am for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 am will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 16

4:15 pm Joseph Kegler†

Sunday, February 17

10:15 am Our Parish

Miguel Martinez, Special Intention

Monday, February 18

8:00 am John DelVecchio, Special Intention

Tuesday, February 19

8:00 am Pete Rivera, Special Intention

Friday, February 22

8:00 am Pauline Dalzell†

Saturday, February 23

4:15 pm Mary Joanne Roubik†

Sunday, February 24

10:15 am Our Parish

Pam, Robert Sr. & Lucille Stickler†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, February 16

4:15 pm Mass

Food Collection For Neighborhood House

Reconciliation after Mass until 5:30 pm

Sunday, February 17

10:15 am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word

Food Collection For Neighborhood House

11:15 am Coffee Sunday SH

Monday, February 18 - Friday, February 22

5:00 - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes SH

Monday, February 18

8:00 am Mass

12:00 - 5:00 pm Clinic Today PC

Tuesday, February 19

8:00 am Mass

Wednesday, February 20

8:00 am SS/Communion Service Chapel

8:00 am - 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic

6:30 pm - 7:45 pm Faith Formation CH/PC

Thursday, February 21

9:10 am School Mass COS

Friday, February 22

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, February 23

4:15 pm Mass

Annual Catholic Appeal Kick Off

6:00 - 9:00 pm COS "Night of Community: Spring Fever" SH

Sunday, February 24

9:00 am Choir Practice

10:15 am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word

Annual Catholic Appeal Kick Off

11:15 am Coffee Sunday SH

Reconciliation after Mass until 11:30 pm

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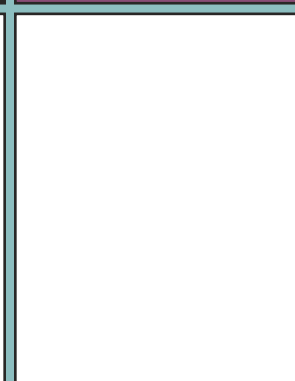
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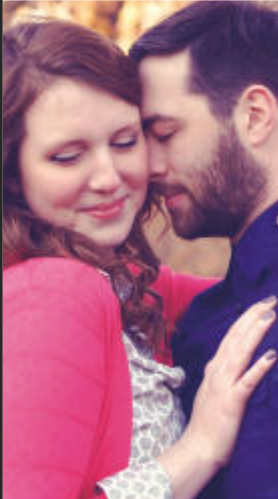
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