

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS
February 14, 2021
6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We welcome all of you who have come here to worship with us.
Today is the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Whoever you may be, or wherever you find yourself on the journey,
please know that here at St. Matthias, All Are Welcome.

- Today we celebrate World Marriage Day and the Feast of St. Valentine. In celebration, a special blessing will be prayed at all Masses. The theme, “To Have, To Hold, To Honor” was chosen so that we as a Church build a culture of life and love which begins by supporting marriage and family.
- The St. Vincent de Paul Society asks that as you prepare for the upcoming season of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving, please consider our neighbors whom we serve in the greater Franklin Township area. There are Lenten envelopes at the doors of the church for your use. Please see the bulletin for more options for donating.
- If you haven’t signed up yet for a Live Lent small group, it’s not too late. Prayer groups are starting this week. To join a group, see page 7 of the bulletin.
- The Parish Pastoral Council is seeking 3 new members for the 2021/2022 season. Terms are for 3 years. If you are interested, please come to observe the next Pastoral Council meeting (via Zoom) on Tuesday, February 23, at 7 pm. Also, the Finance Council is seeking new members. See the cover of the bulletin for more information on both positions.
- Mark your calendars for Saturday February 27th at 10:00 am for a Zoom talk and Q&A for the *Liturgical Ministers Lenten Day of Reflection*. The first one and on-half hours will focus on *Racism in the Catholic Church* and will feature the President of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus. The Zoom link can be found in today’s bulletin and on the parish website.
- Finally, don’t forget that this coming week is Ash Wednesday. Please see the schedule for the distribution of ashes in today’s bulletin. And...this week we begin Friday Stations of the Cross. This coming Friday, stations on *Mary’s Way of the Cross* will be led by the Music Ministry beginning at 7:00 pm.

Today’s gospel of Jesus healing the leper should prompt us to consider the broken and sinful places in our own lives and in the life of the community. What affliction of mind, body or spirit needs to be turned over to God for you?

Music for Our Assembly

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Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead, me, guide me, for the sake of your name...

Psalm 31

Gathering Hymn - Precious Lord Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on let me stand,

I am tired I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night,

Lead me on to the light

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near.

When my life is almost gone,

Hear my cry, hear my call,

Hold my hand lest I fall.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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Responsorial Psalm - I turn to you Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Communion/Closing - Taste and See

Refrain

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;

My soul shall glory in the Lord for God has been so good to me. **Refrain**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.

I called the Lord who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free.

Refrain

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PRAYERS FOR THE MASS

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Responsorial Psalm
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Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11

R. (7) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

**Blessed is he whose fault is taken away,
whose sin is covered.**

**Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt,
in whose spirit there is no guile.**

**Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
my guilt I covered not.**

**I said, "I confess my faults to the LORD,"
and you took away the guilt of my sin.**

**Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just;
exult, all you upright of heart.**

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Prayers of the Faithful

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Our response will be: *In Your name, O God, we pray*

1. For Pope Francis and all Church leaders...That they will be guided by the Holy Spirit to continue to proclaim the unique meaning of marriage as a sign of Christ and His Bride the Church, we pray...
In Your name, O God, we pray
2. For all governmental leaders especially those of our country...That as we celebrate Black History Month, by their actions they inspire us to make the dream of racial justice and freedom from fear and hatred a reality, we pray...
In Your name, O God, we pray
3. For this faith community of St Matthias...So that, as a family of families, we may find ways to care for our married couples and all those preparing for marriage, and support the families among us who are the domestic Church, we pray...
In Your name, O God, we pray
4. For all married couples...That they may be witnesses to the beauty of married life as a participation in God's love and inspire others to lovingly and faithfully live out their vocations, we pray...
In Your name, O God, we pray
5. For those who are ill in body, mind or spirit, especially those on our Parish and School family sick list...That like the man with leprosy, we may come to Christ with our burdens and receive the consolation that only the Lord can give, we pray...
In Your name, O God, we pray
6. For all who have died, especially Ernest Bourscherid...That they will feel the love Christ has for all his children as he welcomes them with open arms, we pray...
In Your name, O God, we pray
7. For the intentions in the hearts of all those in this assembly, (LONG PAUSE)...we pray...
In Your name, O God, we pray

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I
embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You,
and I believe your words, "Come to me all
you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will
refresh you."
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God,

You blessed the union of married couples

so that they might reflect the union of Christ

with his Church: look with kindness on them.

Renew their marriage covenant,

increase your love in them,

and strengthen their bond of peace

so that, with their children,

they may always rejoice in the gift of

your blessing.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.