

# St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

## First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021 – 8 AM  
Holy Eucharist – Rite I



19<sup>th</sup> c. fresco of Temptation of Jesus – St. George Church, Antwerp

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Rev. Rodney Roehner

## The Great Litany

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, **Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, **Have mercy upon us.**

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, **Have mercy upon us.**

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever. **Spare us, good Lord.**

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to

amend our lives according to thy holy Word, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Matthew, our patron, and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom, **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.  
**Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **Grant us thy peace.**

O Christ, hear us.  
**O Christ, hear us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*The Celebrant continues*

Let us pray. Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lessons** *Please be seated*

### **Old Testament**

### **Genesis 9:8-17**

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 25:1-9 (read responsively by whole verse)**

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame; \***  
**let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.

**4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

**6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## **New Testament**

## **1 Peter 3:18-22**

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**      *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*      '82 Hymnal – 142

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,  
teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
  
2. As thou with Satan didst contend and didst the victory win,  
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.
  
5. Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,  
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

**Gospel**

**Mark 1:9-15**

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People*      **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the gospel."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Sermon** (*seated*)

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## **The Nicene Creed** *(all standing)*

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Announcements

### Offertory Anthem

*Eternal Lord of Love*

'82 Hymnal – 149

1. Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church  
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,  
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:  
far off yet here – the goal of all desire.

3. If dead in you, so in you we arise,  
you the first born of all faithful dead;  
and as through stony ground the green shoots break,  
glorious in the springtime dress of leaf and flower,  
so in the Father's glory shall we wake.

## Eucharistic Prayer

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Then the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Sanctus – '82 Hymnal – S 114**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People kneel as the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## **Agnus Dei – '82 Hymnal – S 158**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

### **The Prayer of Humble Access** (*Celebrant and People*)

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*The Celebrant then faces the People while elevating the Sacrament and says*

✠ Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

*People* **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

### **Spiritual Communion** – *for those watching online*

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of the Church where your Blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot at this time receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my soul. I unite myself unto you, and embrace you with all the affections of my heart. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your Love. Amen.

### **Communion Hymn**

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

**'82 Hymnal – 150**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure**

us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

*The Celebrant says the following blessing*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**

*Lead Us, Heavenly Father*

**'82 Hymnal – 559**

1. Lead us, heavenly Father lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee,  
yet possessing every blessing, if our God our Father be.
2. Savior, breathe forgiveness o'er us; all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us; thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
yet unfeared, persevering, to thy passion thou didst go.
3. Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy;  
love with every passion blending pleasure that can never cloy;  
thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Lent at St. Matthew's

### Weekly Schedule (program details below the schedule)

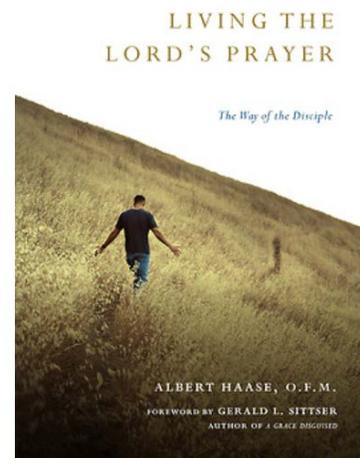
- Monday:** 7:30 p.m.: Bible Study on [Zoom](#), Mtg ID: 910-1184-9622 (3/1 & 3/15)
- Tuesday:** 7:30 p.m.: Prayer & Share Gathering on [Zoom](#), Mtg ID: 913-5830-9441
- Wednesday:** 12:00 p.m.: Noonday Prayer & Lunch on [Zoom](#), Mtg ID: 943-8248-6248  
6:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary, in-person only. \*
- Thursday:** 9:00 a.m.: Morning Prayer on [Zoom](#), Mtg ID: 923-4782-3061  
7:00 p.m.: Living the Lord's Prayer study group on [Zoom](#), Mtg ID: 989-3231-9987 (This week: Chapters 1 & 2, God as Father & "Our" Father)
- Friday:** 7:00 p.m.: Stations of the Cross on [Zoom](#), Mtg ID: 939-2242-4572
- Sunday:** 8:00 a.m.: The Holy Eucharist, Rite I Service (In-Person and [Livestream](#))\*  
9:30 a.m.: The Holy Eucharist, Contemporary Service (In-Person and [Livestream](#)) \*  
11:00 a.m.: Adult Lifelong Learning Forum, on [Zoom](#), Mtg ID: 983-7665-6289

\* Registration required: register [here](#)

### Thursdays, starting February 25 @ 7:00 p.m.

**What does it mean to live what you pray? When you pray the Lord's prayer have you often thought about what the words really mean?**

Join us in reading the book Living the Lord's Prayer: The Way of the Disciple by Albert Haase, OFM. Father Haase teaches us to think about the words we pray and the meaning our prayers have for our spiritual formation and daily lives. Starting February 25th, we will begin a five-week session from 7 pm to no later than 8:30 pm via [Zoom](#). The book is available at Amazon. If you cannot purchase the book, but would like to attend, please contact the church office at 215-646-4092. Please consider joining us for this Lenten opportunity.



**Fridays, starting February 19 @ 7:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross via [Zoom](#)**

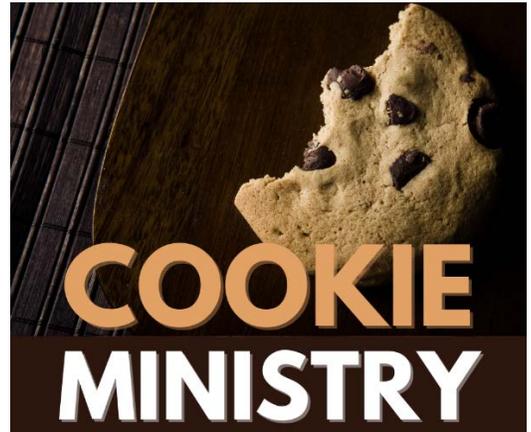
**Sundays, 11:00 a.m., Adult Lifelong Learning Forum**

Sundays in Lent we will take a video pilgrimage together through the Holy Land. Offered by Saint George's College, Jerusalem, The Holy Land video series invites one to experience the beauty, wonder and inspiration of this most sacred region. You can view each week's video at your convenience at any point in the week, and then join us on Sundays via [Zoom](#) for conversation and fellowship. The first video in our series is titled: 'A River Through The Desert,' and will be released for viewing on February 15th. Our first Lenten forum will begin on Sunday, February 21 at 11:00 am. We look forward to our Journey with Christ together with you!

Jon Clark & Karen Randall, Adult LLL Leaders

## **REACH OUT WITH A LITTLE SWEET LOVE**

Inspired by Bishop Daniel, we are calling on bakers at St. Matthew's to create batches of fresh-baked cookies to be delivered to our senior parishioners throughout the month of March. What's involved? Choose your favorite tried-and-true recipe, bake two dozen cookies, package them in gift bags, and include a handwritten message on the cards decorated by our nursery school. (Packaging, cards, and instructions will be provided to you.) Drivers are also needed to deliver this wonderful gift of love from St. Matthew's. Sign up online at [tinyurl.com/cookie-ministry](http://tinyurl.com/cookie-ministry), or contact Connie Dee (conniedee711@gmail.com) or Treva McLaughlin (trevajohn@comcast.net) to help.



## COVID Vaccine Information and Links

Looking for information regarding the COVID vaccine, and how to register? Please see the links below for information:

For a comprehensive overview of many questions surrounding the COVID vaccine here in PA: <https://states.aarp.org/pennsylvania/covid-19-vaccine-distribution>

To find a vaccine provider:

<https://www.pa.gov/guides/get-vaccinated/#Step2FindaVaccineProvider>

## Youth Clothing & Supply Ingathering February 2021 Outreach Project - FINAL WEEK!!



Now through the end of February, St. Matthew's is gathering new clothing for children ages infant through age 12 to be sent to [St. Timothy's Episcopal Outreach Center](#) in Kentucky for distribution in this impoverished Appalachian area. This year, we will be sharing the collection with [Cradles to Crayons](#), a local charity that provides for local impoverished children.

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Purchase brand-new clothing and drop it off in the boxes by the kitchen, or outside St. Matthew's (919 Tennis Ave, Maple Glen) in the plastic bins at the lower parking lot entrance to the Narthex.
- Purchase brand-new clothing via an online retailer or Amazon ([see our Wish List](#) for options) and send it to Tim Walsh. His home address is 126 Morning Walk Dr., Warrington PA 18976.
- Make a donation through our [online giving page](#) by choosing "Layette Offering" from the dropdown menu, and we will purchase clothing for you!
- **We will be collecting until February 28.**
- Questions? Reach out to Tim Walsh [via email](#) or contact the Parish Office at 215-646-4092.