



St. Matthew's Church

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 Madge Devine.....Director of Music Ministry
 Jack Stevens.....Building Maintenance
 Bill Rogers.....Building Maintenance
 Bill Kelly.....Trustee
 Mary McGinty.....Trustee

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:30 AM and 10:30 AM
Weekdays (M, T, W, & F)	7:30 AM
Holy Days	As Announced
Rosary & Novena	6:30 PM on Mondays (September – May)

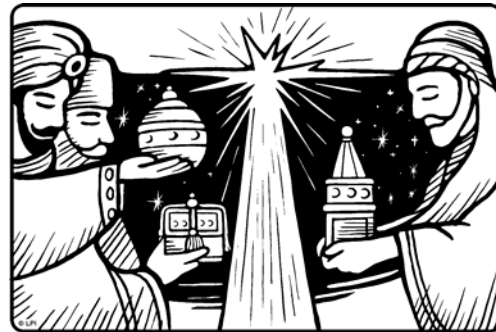
Prayer Chain – Call the Parish Office to initiate our parish Prayer Chain for any special intentions you may have.

Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage – Please call the office for information on baptismal preparation classes. For marriages, call Father Tom, at least 6 months prior to the wedding date, to arrange.

Hospital or Home Visits – Please contact the parish office when serious illness and/or hospitalization occur. Many area hospitals no longer list patients by parish, so we rely on your timely notification to arrange a visit or the Anointing of the Sick.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) – Those who are interested in finding out more about joining the Catholic Church are asked to please call Deacon Paul. All inquiries are kept confidential.

Parish Membership – A heartfelt welcome to all new parishioners. We invite each family or individual to please register with us by calling or stopping by the parish office. Registration places you on our mailing list and ensures you receive up-to-date information on parish happenings.



January 6, 2008

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 5

5:00 PM: Ernest J. Sacco
 req. by: Dorothy Sacco

Sunday, January 6

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM: John Wojewoda
 req. by: Ron & Anne Smolen
 and for: Angelo Buscemi
 req. by: St. Matthew's Music Ministry
 and for: Pat Tracy
 req. by: John Tracy and family

10:30 AM: John Scherer
 req. by: Mike & Kathy Fields

Monday, January 7

7:30 AM: Peter J. Relyea
 20th Anniversary
 req. by: His Wife

Tuesday, January 8

7:30 AM:

Wednesday, January 9

7:30 AM:

Thursday, January 10

NO MASS

Friday, January 11

7:30 AM

Saturday, January 12

5:00 PM: Julia Fields
 req. by: Agnes Tucker & Family
 and for: Arthur Benware
 req. by: Father Tom &
 St. Matthew's Parish Community

Sunday, January 13

The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 AM: Lucille Mangano
 req. by: John & Pat Tracy

10:30 AM: Jeanne Clancy
 req. by: The Trautwein Family
 and for: Gertrude Smith

**Please remember that whenever the Voorheesville Central Schools District cancels or delays classes because of inclement weather, morning liturgy on that day will also be cancelled.*

**Sunday, January 6**

Pageant 10:30 AM Mass
Faith Formation Grades 9 & 10
1:00 – 5:00 PM

Monday, January 7

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM
1st Communion Parent Meeting
in Social Hall 7:00 PM
Baptism Session #2 7:00 PM

Tuesday, January 8

Grades 2- 5 3:15 – 4:30 PM

Wednesday, January 9

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Music Ministry 7:00 PM

Sunday, January 13

Pre K – 1 10:30 AM

Scripture Readings

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a/
Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:66/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/ Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 –5:4/
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/ Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/ Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/
Acts 10:34-38/
Mt 3:13-17

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

THE PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE

Please take a moment after mass and visit our Parish Christmas Tree in the front of the church. We invite you to look at the many ornaments that bear the names of parish members who have celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) as well as those who have entered into Sacramental marriage this past year. There are also be 13 doves, which bear the names of those parish members who have died this year and are now born into eternal life.

Just as the Sacraments and those whos celebrate them with us, give beauty and meaning to our parish life, so now these small ornaments will do the same for our parish

MINISTRY SCHEDULES & AVAILABILTY FORMS

The Ministry schedules and the availability forms for March and April have been mailed out and need to be returned no later than January 14th to Deacon Paul. If you did not receive a schedule or an availability form, please contact the Parish Office.

THE FOSTER FAMILY IN EL SALVADOR

The Foster's are well and are doing much good work in service of the Gospel in El Salvador. They do need our help in completing the church which their community is currently building. There are receptacles available where you can make your contribution to this important Christian outreach.

If you would like to include a greeting card or note, we will, try to forward them to the Fosters.
(Please keep cards separate from your donations.)
Many thanks.

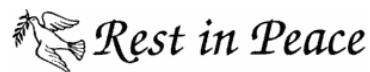


Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Many thanks to our parishioners and friends for their generous offerings this Christmas.

Our Christmas total this year was \$19,321.64
surpassing last year's total of \$14,519.55.

If you're still looking for a New Year's resolution,
please consider increasing your weekly offertory
to St. Matthew's if you haven't already.



Lara Foster

sister of Damien Foster

Our prayers and support go to the Foster family who lost a family member last week in a tragic accident. If you would like to forward a card or letter to offer your support or condolences, please place them in the boxes at both entrances of the church.

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION SPRING CALENDAR

The Spring 2008 Faith Formation calendar has been mailed. If you have not received a copy, please contact Rebecca in the Parish Office at 765-2805.

CATECHIST NEEDED

We are still in need of a 4th grade catechist for January – April on Tuesday afternoons from 3:15 – 4:30 PM. Please see Suzanne or call 765-2373 to hear more.

MUSIC MINISTRY

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the teens who sang at the 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass: Amy Ragule, Kelly Flansburg, Caroline Babin, Rebecca Barron, Joanne Skinner, Alana Fierro, Denise Schultz, Mike & Frank Parker and Morgan Zell. A special thank you to Madge Devine, Doug Bernhardt, Sandra Ragule, Ryan Devine, Terry Devine and the supportive members of the Music Ministry

Your talents gladly exceeded expectations and were greatly appreciated!

Mrs. Kiegler

FROM THE DIOCESE

POPE TO HOLD MASS NEW YORK CITY

Pope Benedict XVI will celebrate Mass in Yankee Stadium on April 20, and Bishop Hubbard has asked The Evangelist to be in charge of distributing tickets. The Jan. 3 issue of The Evangelist will include a front-page story about a random drawing for tickets and a coupon on page 3 for those interested in entering the drawing. THIS IS THE ONLY TIME THE COUPON WILL BE PUBLISHED.

Parishioners who are not subscribers have an opportunity to enter the drawing. There will be extra copies of the paper available at each entrance to the church. Entries must be postmarked by January 9th.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

The three magi's search for Jesus reminds us that Jesus came for all humankind, not just the Jewish people. So too married love is not a gift to be hoarded. Reach out to someone who is sad, in trouble, or from a different culture. Can you do it together?

COMMUNITY EVENTS

GIVE A PINT, GET A POUND BLOOD DRIVE

The United Methodist Church will be having a blood drive on January 7, 2008 from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. To make an appointment call 1-800 GIVE-LIFE, or visit www.donatebloodnow.org. All participating donors will receive a coupon for a pound of Dunkin' Donuts coffee.

ACADEMY OF HOLY NAMES ENTRANCE EXAMS

The Academy of the Holy Names will be having their entrance exams for prospective students. The exam for grades 2-12 will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2008 at 8:30 AM. For more information please contact the Admissions Office at 438-7895.

EMMAUS HOUSE DONATIONS

The Emmaus House, which assists poor and homeless families are in need of the following donations: **non perishable food, laundry detergent, soap, toilet paper, monetary donations (made payable to the Emmaus House) and gift cards to Hannaford or Price Chopper.** For more information Please call Fred Boehrer at the Emmaus House at 482-4966. (45 Trinity Place, Albany, NY 12202)

“And behold, the star that they had seen at it's rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.”

- Mt 2:9-11

OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS TO THOSE WHO ARE ILL...

Donna Amato, Gloria Bogart, Haysha Acebal, Raymond Banuls, Arthur Bouchard, Bill Boyd, Brendan Burke, Diana Burns, Carly Carey, Connie Castellana, Mary Charron, Susan Coffey, Tim Colchin, Joan Conway, Joseph Coury, Mildred Coury, Philip Davis, Robert Dorn, Doris Doyle, James Finnessey, Bobby Flagler, Bryce Fortran, Richard Frank, Amanda Gibbs, Lynn Giudici-Reynolds, Christine Gwaldis, Meg Haff, Ricky Haggerty, Richard Harrington, Ricky Hoffman, Lorraine Holland, Catherine Johnston, Brett Lee, Louis Leon, Jean LeCarl, Bob LeClair, Melissa Lee, Joe Markel, Helen McGinty, Evelyn Mitchell, Mary Ann Morrison, Maureen Palumbo, Bryan Pettit, Nicole Retajczyk, Mike Ricci, Tina Rosen, Kathy Sansone, William Skicki, Lucile Steiner, Allison Thomas, Mary Walas, Angie Jean Wimpperman, John Withkowski, Anna Davis and Ruth Ulion.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar:

Today's gospel tells us "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled."

A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you.