



St. Matthew's Church

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 Bill Kelly *Trustee*
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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 13, 2008

Mass & Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, January 14

7:30 AM:

Tuesday, January 15

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 16

7:30 AM:

Thursday, January 17

NO MASS

Friday, January 18

NO MASS

Saturday, January 19

5:00 PM: Arthur Lenseth
 req. by: The Wilson Family

Sunday, January 20

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:30 AM: Gertrude Smith
 req. by: Linda & Jim Giglio
and for: Annabelle Culinane
 req. by: Music Ministry

10:30 AM: Maureen & James Nash
 req. by: The McGinty Family

**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.*



Saturday, January 12
Baptism 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, January 13
Pre K – 1 10:30 AM
Mass with our Confirmation
Candidates 10:30 AM

Monday, January 14
Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM
Baptism Session #1 7:00 PM

Tuesday, January 15
Grades 2-5 3:15 – 4:30 PM

Wednesday, January 16
Grades 2-5 3:15 – 4:30 PM
Music Ministry 7:00 PM

Sunday, January 20
Pre K-1 10:30 AM
Men's Association Mtg. 7:00 PM

Scripture Readings

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

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/
Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/
1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

THE PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS TO TAKE HOME

The Parish Christmas Tree in the front of the church was decorated this Christmas with many ornaments that bore the names of parish members who have celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation).

There were ornaments for those who have entered into Sacramental marriage this past year and doves, for the names of those parish members who have died this year and are now born into eternal life.

We are happy to have available these commemorative ornaments for you take home and enjoy. The ornaments will be available this Monday, January 14, in the Parish Lobby and will be available for one week.

PRAYER CHAIN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The St. Matthew's Prayer Chain is in need of more volunteers to add to its call list. Parishioners call the office when they would like a prayer said for someone who is ill, troubled, or in need of spiritual help for any situation. That call is passed on to the first person on the call list and activates the phone prayer chain. If you would like to be a part of this prayer service, please contact Rebecca in the Parish Office.

FATHER AWAY

Father Tom will be gone to warmer environs this coming weekend. Next weekend Father Greg Weider will be our guest and will preside at weekend Eucharist. Father Dick Leskovar will also be here to preside at weekday Eucharist on Wednesday, January 16th and Wednesday, January 23. Please welcome them both as they lead our prayer here at St. Matthew's.

2008 MISSION STATEMENT

This week the Parish Pastoral Council adopted the following mission statement to be our guide throughout 2008:

We are a Roman Catholic Community called by Jesus Christ to proclaim the Kingdom of God through sacramental lives of prayer and ministry. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to give witness to the Gospel by serving God and others.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Do you have a regular date night? Your calendar reflects your priorities. Consider penciling in "date night" once a week on your 2008 calendar. If something comes up you can switch it to another night that week. Do it now, the year will be over before you know it.

PARENTING POINTERS

For those in the heat of everyday parenting, remember that some day – when you're in the empty nest stage, you will SO look forward to these children coming home...for a temporary visit.

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

"Give and gifts will be given to you."

Luke 6:38

Many thanks to both parishioners and friends who contributed \$6,139.05 to St. Matthew's last weekend.

Our generosity makes so much of our parish life possible and is much appreciated.

Many thanks to those of our parish who contributed \$1,086.59 to support the missionary work of the Foster Family in El Salvador. Your generosity to that effort met the matching fund challenge and will increase the gift by another \$1,000!

FAITH FORMATION

CHABHA

Our mid-level and high school Youth Ministry have been learning about the plight of children in Rwanda and South Africa, and their struggle in dealing with the ramifications of losing their parents to the AIDS epidemic. One of our parishioners, Beth DeAngelis, is a board member of the grassroots organization CHABHA (Children Affected by HIV/AIDS). CHABHA's redo is:

"All children have the fundamental right to health, safety and a nurturing environment in their dependant years. CHABHA fosters physical, social and emotional health, education, and economic independence of children who have been made vulnerable by the AIDS pandemic in sub-South Africa. CHABHA works directly with community-based programs in Rwanda and South Africa to promote independence and well-being of vulnerable children."

CHABHA'S focus is to help promote the education of children, whereby they are fed intellectually as well as physically and emotionally by the social support of peers and teachers. Our youth want to reach out and help make this happen. So far, our mid-level youth have saved spare change, totaling \$255.00. But we want to do so much more!! We are planning a fundraiser:

"Spread the Love"
a decadent desserts buffet
&
specialties coffee bar
Saturday, February 2nd
6:00 – 8:00 PM
St. Matthew's Social Hall

Please mark your calendar and watch for more info in an upcoming bulletin flyer!

FUZZY FLEECE FABRIC FUN

Our mid – level Youth Ministry is in need of yards of juvenile –print fleece fabric to make baby blankets for Community Maternity Services infants. Please help us with this fun service project by dropping off your 1-yard minimum fabric donation in the labeled box under the Youth Ministry bulletin board. Thank you!

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to Peg Neri and her son John for taking on the role of Catechist for our opening in the fourth grade. We are so grateful for your help.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

CHURCH DE-GREENING

De-greening of church will take place after 10:30 AM mass Sunday, January 13th. Please help if you can.

SAVE THE DATE

Sports night will be held February 5, 2008.
This year's guest speaker will be Times Union Sports columnist Mark McGuire.

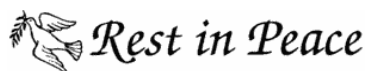
COME JOIN US IN SERVICE!

Check your calendar to see if you can join us for any of the following service events:
Capital City Rescue Mission dinner services – January 26
Please call Tom Dorn at 765-3304

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.



Rest in Peace

John J. Biscione – father of John Biscione, & Joanne Justice
and for

Richard Spreer – husband of Mary Spreer

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, 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 Wimperman, John Withkowski, Anna Davis and Ruth Ulion.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar:

The words in today's gospel, "This is my beloved, with Him I am pleased" are words every child needs to hear often. Affirmation is important to raise happy and confident children.