



St. Matthew's Church

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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 20, 2008

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, January 21

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 22

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 23

7:30 AM:

Thursday, January 24

NO MASS

Friday, January 25

NO MASS

Saturday, January 26

5:00 PM: Anna Lynch
 req. by: The McAssey Family
 and for: **Mary Devellis**
1st Anniversary
 req. by: The Devellis Family

Sunday, January 27

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Rhonda Irvin
 req. by: New Scotland Community
 Food Pantry
 and for: **Pat Tracy**
 req. by: Dave & Rose Symula

10:30 AM: Angelo Buscemi
 req. by: The Men's Association
 and for: **Jim Hannell**
 req. by: Mary Hannell

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

Monday, January 21
PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM

Tuesday, January 22
Grades 2- 5 3:15 – 4:30 PM

Wednesday, January 23
Grades 2- 5 3:15 – 4:30 PM
Music Ministry 7:00 PM

Sunday, January 27
Pre K- -1 10:30 AM
Grades 6-8 & Parent Program
4:30 – 8:30 PM

Scripture Readings

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

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37,
40-51/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/
Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or
Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/
Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/1
Cor 1:10-13, 17
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

5:00 PM MASS LECTORS NEEDED

St. Matthew's is in need of lectors for the 5:00 PM Mass for January 26th. Please contact the parish office if you are available to lector on this date. We have a continued shortage of lectors at this Mass. If you can lector occasionally at the 5:00 PM Mass please fill out a ministry availability sheet for the Months of March and April.

The **Ministry Availability Sheets** for **March & April** have been extended to the end of January. Please make every effort to hand yours in to Deacon Paul. Thank you.

PRAYER CHAIN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The St. Matthew's Prayer Chain is in need of more volunteers to add to it's 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.

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.

CABIN FEVER???

Mark your calendar for the 12th annual St. Matthew's Sports Night, to be held on Tuesday, February 5th at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. This is Primary Day in NY so there will be voting in the lobby. Our featured speaker will be Times Union Sports Columnist Mark McGuire. This year's winner of the Mike Burns Sports Award will also be announced and recognized. Sandwiches, pizza and refreshments will be served, and there will be lots of great prizes and admission tickets from local merchants and area sports teams. Admission is still just \$5.00, and all parishioners and guests are welcome. Reservations appreciated - please call Tom Walter at 765-2768. Last year nearly 60 people were eligible for \$1,000+ in prizes, and one lucky person won \$95 in our 50/50 raffle. Come, bring other sports enthusiasts, and have an enjoyable evening for only a little \$\$.

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

"For everything is from you, and we only give you
what we have received from you."

1st Chronicles 29:14-16

Many thanks to both parishioners and friends who contributed
\$6,498.75 to St. Matthew's last weekend.

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



**BAPTIZED
UNTO THE
LORD**

On Saturday, January 12, 2008,
St. Matthew's welcomed
into the Church through the
saving waters of Baptism:

Jayden Lynn Foley
Daughter of
Carlie & Matthew Foley

FAITH FORMATION

CHABHA FUNDRAISER

Please join us Saturday, February 2nd, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM in the Social Hall for our Specialty Coffee Bar and Dessert Buffet CHABHA Fundraiser. Donations are Adults \$10.00 and children are free. Please see this weeks bulletin insert for more information.

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!

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY MEETING

The Association's monthly meeting will be held Sunday, January 20 at 7:00 PM at the Church. All current, former and prospective members are welcome. Discussion topics will include plans for Sports Night, McDonough and Burns awards, annual scholarships, upcoming community service dates, and more.

COME JOIN US IN SERVICE!

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Parents are you looking for academic excellence, character formation, Christian values, a nurturing environment and a welcoming community for your child? Then attend **Christ the King School's Open House on Sunday, January 27th from 2:00 – 4:00 PM.** You will find that Christ the King offers all of this and much more. Christ the King School has a variety of programs for various ages and needs including a 3 year old Nursery program, all year –round pre-school, a 4 year old Pre-K, a full day kindergarten and grades 1-8. Registration for the 2008-2009 school year will be available. For further information call 456-5400.

VOORHEESVILLE COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday, January 26, 2008, from 10 AM – 12 PM, the Voorheesville Community Preschool will be having an Open House and Registration for the 2008-2009 school year. Come meet the teacher and tour the school. Registration forms will be available and accepted. Please contact registrar, Jennifer Hampston at 765-3112 or jenhamston@yahoo.com with any questions.

THE 35th ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

"What is urgently called for is general mobilization of consciences and a united ethical effort to activate a great campaign in support of life. All together, we must build a new culture of life." John Paul II, the Culture of Life, n. 95

Prayer to End Abortion

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life
and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.

I know that there is nothing that destroys life more than abortion.

Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son.

Today I commit myself, never be silent, never be passive,
never to be forgetful of the unborn.

I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement.

And never stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected
and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice

not for some, but for all through Christ our Lord,

AMEN.

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 Wimpperman, John Withkowski, Anna Davis and Ruth Ulion.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar:

Can you say "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?" If you aren't talking about Jesus in your family, you aren't testifying. If you are talking and not walking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.