



St. Matthew's Church

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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 27, 2008

Mass for the Intentions  *for the Week*

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

Third 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

Monday, January 28

7:30 AM: Mary Spath
 req. by: Mike & Maryann Malark

Tuesday, January 29

7:30 AM: Lynn Giudici-Reynolds (living)
 req. by: Her Family

Wednesday, January 30

7:30 AM:

Thursday, January 31

NO MASS

Friday, February 1

7:30 AM:

Saturday, February 2

5:00 PM: Florence Joyce
 req. by: **M/M Richard Grimmer**
 and for: John Biscone
 req. by: Fr. Tom & St. Matthew's
 Parish Community

Sunday, February 3

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Paul Fierro
 req. by: Mom & Dad
 and for: **Pat Tracy**
 req. by: John Tracy & Family

10:30 AM: Angelo Buscemi

req. by: Tom & Ellie Dorn

**Sunday, January 27**

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

Monday, January 28

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM

Tuesday, January 29

Grades 2- 5 3:15 – 4:30 PM
 Mid-Level Catechist Mtg 7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 30

Grades 2- 5 3:15 – 4:30 PM
 Music Ministry 7:00 PM

Saturday, February 2

CHABHA Fundraiser 6:00 PM
 4:30 – 8:30 PM

Sunday, February 3

1st Communion Family Prep.
 9:00 AM Social Hall
 Pre K- -1 10:30 AM
 Grade 9 – 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Scripture Readings

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

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

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/
 Mk 3:1-6

Wednesday: 1Sm 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**MINISTRY AVAILABILITY FORMS**

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 \$\$.

FAITH FORMATION**CHABHA FUNDRAISER**

It's almost here! Grab your sweethearts and join us for

***Spread the Love
 a decadent desserts buffet
 & specialty coffee bar
 to benefit
 CHABHA****

***Saturday, February 2nd
 6:00 – 8:00 PM
 St. Matthew's Social Hall
 Adults: \$10.00***

Children: Free (children's activities, too)

****CHABHA (Children Affected by HIV/AIDS)***

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

As is our tradition, our parish will participate in the *Souper Bowl of Caring*, a national campaign to collect funds to support local agencies for the hungry. On the weekend of February 2nd and 3rd our 9th grade youth will be stationed at our church entrances with soup pots to receive your donations. All proceeds from this collection will be delivered in person by our youth to St. Charles Lawanga Homeless Shelter.

1st COMMUNION REMINDER

The parent and child First Communion Family Preparation is on February 3rd at 9:00 AM in the social hall. We will have a continental breakfast and learning followed by attending 10:30 AM mass together.

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**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

Ronald McDonald House – March 22

Capital City Rescue Mission – April 26

Habitat for Humanity – May 3

Please call Tom Dorn at 765-3304

FROM THE DIOCESE**RETRouvILLE WEEKEND**

Are you hurting in your marriage? Make a resolution for this year that will last a lifetime. If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, or if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, but you want to try again - then Retrouville ('re-tro-vi') can help you. A confidential program, this weekend is led by couples who themselves have known misery in their marriages. For confidential inquiries and registration, please call (315)735-6210 or visit www.thegoodnewscenter.org

RETREATS

God's Invitation to Intimacy, A Journey of Forgiveness, Unconditional Love, and New Life. A Lakeside Retreat at Serenity, Queensbury, Friday February 29th to Saturday March 1st. The cost is \$75.00 and reservations must be made by February 1st.

Sensing God's Presence in the Cathedral of Nature and in Listening Hearts.

A woman's weekend retreat at the Ocean in Rye, N.H. from Friday, May 2nd to Sunday, May 4th. The cost is \$150.00, reservations and a deposit of \$25.00 are due by February 15th.

Please call Marge Milanese at 235-2960 for further information and reservations for these retreats.

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.

LEARNING FAIR AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

St. Thomas the Apostle School in Delmar invites you to its 2008 Learning Fair and Open House Reception on Monday, January 28th from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Enjoy refreshments while exploring the school in a casual, personal setting. Visit our gymnasium-turned-exploratorium to sample our students' creative Learning Fair projects, meet our teachers and tour the classrooms. Openings in pre-school for the Spring session and pre-school through middle school grades 2008-09 school year. 42 Adams Place, Delmar. For more information, please call principal Tom Kane at 439-5573 or email stthomas@nycap.rr.com.

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:**

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.