



St. Matthew's Church

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9 AM to 3 PM

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STAFF

- Ellie Dorn.....Coordinator of Youth Ministry
- Suzanne Schultz.....Coordinator of Faith Formation
- Paul Davignon.....Deacon
- Andrea Freeman.....Parish Secretary
- Rebecca Kiegle.....Parish Secretary
- 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.



February 24, 2008

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 23

5:00 PM: John Biscone
 req. by: Gil & Pat Munroe
 and for: **John & Claire Prisolo**
 req. by: The Wilson Family

Sunday, February 24

3rd Sunday of Lent
8:30 AM: William & Annabelle Cullinane
 req. by: Sue & Nancy Burns
10:30 AM: Annabelle Cullinane
 req. by: Tom & Ellie Dorn
 and for: **Mildred Mooney**
 req. by: Mary Walas & Nellie Ciupek

Monday, February 25

7:30 AM:

Tuesday, February 26

7:30 AM:

Wednesday, February 27

7:30 AM:

Thursday, February 28

NO MASS

Friday, February 29

7:30 AM:

Saturday, March 1

5:00 PM: Florence Joyce
 req. by: Pat Hammond
 and for: **Edward O'Grady**
 req. by: Jim & Clare McAssey

Sunday, February March 2

4th Sunday of Lent
8:30 AM: Paul Fiero
 req. by: Mom & Dad
 and for: **Pat Tracy**
 req. by: Ron & Anne Smolen

10:30 AM: William Wilson
 req. by: Mary Remmert
 and for: **Hugh McDonald**
 req. by: McDonald 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.*

**Sunday, February 24**

No Pre K- -1

Monday, February 25Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM
Confirmation Session #4 7:00 PM**Tuesday, February 26**Grades 2-5 3:15 PM
Called to Be Church 7:00 PM**Wednesday, February 20**Grades 2-5 3:15 PM
Music Ministry 7:00 PM
Catechist Enrichment 7:00 PM**Sunday, March 2**Pre K- -1
Grades 6-8 4:30 PM**Scripture Readings****Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26,
39a, 40-42**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/
Mt 18:21-35**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14**Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7,
10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9,
13-17, 34-38

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.

Jn 4:9-10

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH**CALLED TO BE CHURCH PARISH MEETING**

St. Matthew's will be hosting one of four information sessions in our clusters about the **Called To Be Church** process now taking place in our diocese. This will be an opportunity to hear about the pastoral planning process that has been taking place during the past year as we make our plans for the diocesan church in the future.

Please join us if you can on **Tuesday, February 26 at 7:00 PM.**

The other sessions will be at:

- **St. Thomas the Apostle – Monday, March 3 at 7:00 PM**
- **St. Lucy/St. Bernadette – Wednesday, March 12 at St. Lucy's at 7:00 PM**
- **Christ the king – Monday, April 7 at 7:00 PM.**

In the meantime, we strongly urge you to visit the Diocesan website www.rcda.org and click on the link for **Called To Be Church.**

THANK YOU FROM VOLUNTEER MISSIONARY MOVEMENT

Dear Friends at St. Matthews:

Thank you for making the lives of those people we serve in Las Mezas, El Salvador, less fragile, their growth more predictable, and the harvest sooner. Your contribution of \$1,008.00 in support of our missionaries, the Foster family, is deeply appreciated and greatly needed

On behalf of the entire VMM family, thank you for your support. God's love is surrounding us with truly good people, such as you, when we need it most.

Your Friends at VMM

Because of your generosity St. Matthew's has also contributed an additional \$2,000.00 directly to the church building project that the Fosters are now working on.

RESERVATION CHAPEL

The Reservation Chapel which houses the tabernacle containing the Eucharist is always a place of quiet prayer and reverence. During the days of lent especially, feel free to stop by and take advantage of this quiet refuge from the business of life.

If during liturgy, your children need to be quieted or removed from the church for a moment, please use the Lobby (a basket of books, coloring books and crayons are available there!) rather than the chapel to allow them to roam.

BIG BREAKFAST

The Men's Association will sponsor a breakfast on Sunday, March 9, 7:30 – Noon in the Social Hall. Menu items include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, toast, juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Member of the Youth Ministry will serve your breakfast. Take – out meals will also be available. All are invited for an enjoyable time and a delicious meal while helping the Association raise money for it's many activities around the Parish. Adults \$5, Children \$3.

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Thanks to all our parishioners and friends who made contributions to our weekly parish offertory which totaled \$5,508.25 .

Your generosity allowed us to make payments toward some of our recent parish expenses which included: \$1,050.00 to the Priest's Pension Fund, \$1,044.00 to repair the church boiler and \$705.00 toward our parish subscriptions to The Evangelist .

Thank you for your parish stewardship which allowed us to make these payments.

Thanks especially to those of you who "make-up" your contributions when you have been away.

We appreciate your faithfulness.

FAITH FORMATION**CONFIRMATION SESSION #4**

Just a reminder that the parent and teen Confirmation Session #4 will be Monday, February 25th at 7:00 PM.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION**JIM MACDONOUGH AWARD & COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications for the St. Matthew's Men's Association college scholarship can be found at the church entrances. All applications should be filled out and placed in the Men's Association mailbox in the Parish office, or apply via email as instructed at the bottom of the application by Sunday, February 24th.

All entries submitted by the due date are eligible for the \$300 scholarship. The scholarship winner will be announced in March and the award will be presented at the Men's Association Annual Communion Breakfast in April.

If you wish to nominate one or more persons for the 2008 Jim Mac Donough Award, please fill out a nomination form, found at the church entrances. Or you may Email your nomination to sgoss1@gmail.com no later than Sunday February 24, 2008. Please include a brief reason for your nomination. Men's Association members will vote on the nominations received. The winner(s) will be announced in late March, and be presented with a plaque at the Men's Association Communion Breakfast in April.

COME JOIN US IN SERVICE!

Check your calendar to see if you can join us for the following service event:

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**REMARRIAGE TIP #1**

The first step in making a second marriage work is to honestly face what contributed to the failure of the first. Maybe it really was mostly your ex's fault or immaturity. Regardless, reflect on what you contributed to the problems and how you will prevent a bad habit from repeating itself.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Married couples! Home improvement is not about hammers and nails. It's about relationship. Enrich your marriage and enrich your home on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Sign up soon so you can renew your love for one another. Call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3243 for information on the March 28-30 or June 20-22 weekends.

MEN'S EVENING REFLECTION

Rev. Patrick Butler will host an evening of reflection at the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center on March 4, 2008 at 6:00 – 9:15 PM. This evening of reflection will look at John's Gospel story of Thomas's encounter with the Lord. The fee is \$25.00 and is open to all men. For more information or reservations call 393-4169 Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM or email dslcny@nycap.rr.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS**CELEBRATION FOR ED CLARK**

A celebration for Ed Clark for his 32 years of Municipal Service will be held Saturday, March 8th at 7:00 PM at the Voorheesville American Legion. Reservations are required and the cost is \$20.00 per person. Please contact Susan Rockmore by February 29th at 765-4598 or email at party4ed@nycap.rr.com for further information and reservations.

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS

"I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me as you say". Those words, some of the very few Mary speaks in Scripture, set in motion the process of our redemption. Those words also opened for Mary a life that she could never have imagined, one which certainly was blessed with happiness as well as great sorrow. Mary, Mother of Jesus, made the first way of the cross. In this special presentation by women from the parish community, "Angels to Each Other". we see through Mary's eyes what Jesus was going through on the way to Calvary. **This presentation will be conducted at St. Margaret Mary's Church on Friday evening, February 29, at 7 PM.** All are invited to attend.

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:

We share our faith with our children so that one day they will say; "We no longer believe because of your word; we have heard for ourselves and worship what we understand." But first, children must hear "your word."