



St. Matthew's Church

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 Jack Stevens.....Building Maintenance
 Bill Rogers.....Building Maintenance
 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.



March 2, 2008

Mass  for the Intentions  for the Week

Saturday, March 1

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

Sunday, 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

Monday, March 3

7:30 AM:

Tuesday, March 4

7:30 AM:

Wednesday, March 5

7:30 AM: Stanley Hemmett
 req. by Clare Hemmett

Thursday, March 6

NO MASS

Friday, March 7

7:30 AM:

Saturday, March 8

5:00 PM: John J. Biscone
 req. by: Joe & Mary Rumiesz
 and for: **Louis T. Leon**
 req. by: Mr & Mrs Ricardo Vilar

Sunday, March 9

5th Sunday of Lent
8:30 AM: Doris & Angelo Buscemi
 req. by: Estelle & Dennis Sullivan
 and for: **Pat Tracy**
 req. by: John Tracy & Family
10:30 AM: Lorriane Longobucco
 req. by: The Staff-St. Matthews

**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, March 2**

Pre K- -1
Grades 6-8 4:30 PM

Monday, March 3

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 4

Grades 2 - 5 3:15 PM
1st Communion Parent Mtg 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 5

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

Sunday, March 9

Pre K- -1
Grade 10 3:00 PM

Scripture Readings

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

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/
Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/
Rom 8:8-11/
Jn 11:1-45

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

Jn 9:35-38

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH**NEW DONATED FUNERAL PALL**

Many thanks to Alfonso and Sarina Fiero and their family who have recently donated a Funeral Pall and matching Chasuble to Saint Matthew's in memory of their son Paul. The Pall which is the large white cloth which covers the casket of a Christian during the funeral liturgy is meant to call to mind the Baptism of the deceased, at which time he or she was clothed with Christian dignity. It reminds us too of the great equality of all God's people who stand bathed in God's grace. This beautiful new pall powerfully calls to mind these Christian symbols and silently expresses our faith in the power of the Resurrection. Please take a moment to thank the Fiero's for so generously sharing this tribute to Paul with our parish community. Their faith and their kindness are much appreciated.

GIFTS

The most recent instruction on our liturgy reminded us that the practice of someone from the worshipping community bringing forward the gifts to be used at Eucharist is "praiseworthy" and of "spiritual significance." It is a wonderful way for someone to enhance their involvement in the liturgy on some special occasion.

If you would like to bring the gifts forward either individually or with your family at some weekend liturgy, please go to the sacristy and let the sacristan know 5-10 minutes before liturgy begins. This would be especially appropriate for those requesting the mass intention or if those requesting the intention are not available, it would also be appropriate for someone celebrating a birthday or anniversary or perhaps aware of some special.

CALLED TO BE CHURCH PARISH MEETING

The following churches in our cluster will hold a **Called To Be Church** session as follows:

- **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.**

All are welcome to attend.

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. Members 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.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Jean Denis Francois are neighbors in Coteaux, Haiti. For years they barely supported their families through subsistence farming. In 2002, they joined an agricultural cooperative organized by Catholic Relief Services and began to see change. They received and planted better seed, diversified their crops, found better techniques for raising livestock, learned to combat erosion, and generated surplus crops to take to market. Now their families no longer face hunger or malnutrition. As Jesus transformed the life of the blind man, so CRS transforms the lives of rural farmers. By giving through Operation Rice Bowl and purchasing Fair Trade products, you support the dignity of workers by ensuring just wages and economic self – sufficiency.

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Thanks to all our parishioners and friends who made contributions to our Weekly parish offertory, which totaled \$5562.75.

Special thanks to those who remembered to support Saint Matthew's even while they may have been away. While you may have been somewhere warm and sunny in recent weeks we have paid \$420 just to salt our lots!

Thanks to all who are so faithful to parish stewardship.

FAITH FORMATION**1st COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING**

Just a reminder that the 1st Communion Parents meeting will be held this Tuesday, **March 4 at 7:00 PM** in the social hall. It is important that one parent attend this meeting.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION**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**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

Marriage Tip #2: Don't dig up the past. If your "ex" manipulated, attacked or cheated on you, don't presume that your new spouse will repeat the pattern. Give him or her the benefit of the doubt and slowly build trust unless proven otherwise.

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.

EASTER MASS WITH BISHOP HUBBARD

Bishop Hubbard invites you to join him during the videotaping of his annual Easter Mass, to be held in the Chapel at the Academy of the Holy Names in Albany. The taping of the Mass will be held on Friday, March 7, 2008 beginning at 10:30 AM. If you are planning on attending, please dress as you would for Easter Sunday and arrive before 10 AM on that date. If you plan to attend, please contact the Albany Diocese Office of Prayer and Worship at 453-6645. All are invited to attend.

The Easter Mass will air over Time Warner, Channel 3 and on Fox 23 on Easter Sunday. At the time of the taping we will announce the time that the Mass will air.

COMMUNITY EVENTS**NEW SCOTLAND EXTRA HELPINGS**

The March Extra Helping Forms are available in the Parish Office and include:

Regular Menu @ \$20.00

3.75 avg. wt. Bavarian Holiday Ham Half, 1 lb. pkg. Natural Polish Kielbasa, 1 lb. Pkg. Hamburger (90/10), 1 lb. Pkg. Chicken Patties, 1 pint grape Tomatoes, 1 Cantaloupe

Special #1: @ \$17.75

8 lbs. avg. wt. Fresh Spiral Cut Ham

Special # 2: @ \$19.00 4 (6 oz.) Tuna, 2 (15 oz.) Fruit Cocktail, 2 (16 oz.) Peanut Butter, 4 (1 lb.) Elbow Macaroni, 2 (2 lb.) Rice, 6 (7.25 oz.) Macaroni & Cheese Mix, 4 (15oz.) canned peas, 4 (15oz.) canned Corn, 4 (16 oz.) canned Cut Green Beans

Special #3: @ \$30.00

2.lbs. Cranberry & Apple Stuffed Pork Chops, 3 lbs Honey Mustard Flavored Chicken Breasts, 3 lbs. Home Style Beef Patties, 2 lbs. Maple Breakfast Sausage Links, 3 lbs. Chicken Patties

Payment for orders accepted in **CASH** until **12:00 Noon on March 11th, 2007** and must be picked up at the **New Scotland Town Hall on Thursday, March 27th between 7:45 AM – 10:30 AM.**

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:

Failure to forgive blinds us to another's goodness. Lent provides an opportunity to wash away our blind spots in the pool of forgiveness. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "Go wash and see."