



# St. Matthew's Church

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**STAFF** Ellie Dorn.....*Coordinator of Youth Ministry*  
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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.



**March 9, 2008**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**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**

*5<sup>th</sup> 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 of St. Matthews

**Monday, March 10**

7:30 AM:

**Tuesday, March 11**

7:30 AM:

**Wednesday, March 12**

7:30 AM:

**Thursday, March 13**

NO MASS

**Friday, March 14**

7:30 AM:

**Saturday, March 15**

**5:00 PM: Deceased Members of The Men's Association**  
 req. by: The Men's Association  
 and for: **Paul E. Summers**  
 req. by: The Summers Family

**Sunday, March 16**

*Palm Sunday*

**8:30 AM: Patricia Tracy**  
 req. by: Father Tom & St. Matthew's Parish Community  
 and for: **Rose Marie Pickett**  
 req. by: Tom & Peg O'Connor  
**10:30 AM: James Nash**  
 req. by: The McGinty family  
 and for: **Robert Schleinitz**  
 req. by: Father Tom & St. Matthew's Parish Community

*\*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 9**

Men's Association Big Breakfast  
7:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
Pre K- -1  
Grade 10 3:00 PM

**Monday, March 10**

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, March 11**

Grades 2 - 5 3:15 PM

**Wednesday, March 12**

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

**Sunday, March 16****Palm Sunday**

Pre K- -1  
Grade 9 1:00 PM

## Scripture Readings

**Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/  
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17,  
20-27, 33b-45

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30,  
33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/  
Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/  
Rom 4:13,16-18, 22/  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
or Lk 2:41-51a

**Next Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/  
Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-  
27:66 or 27:11-54

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

Jn 11:25-27

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

Comment boxes and cards have been placed at both entrances of the church. If you would like to ask a question or express a concern about the pastoral planning now taking place in our diocese, please feel free to do so. The names and contact information for St. Matthew's team members are also available for you there.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 12 at 7PM at St. Lucy's in Altamont.

**PENANCE SERVICES**

Please join us this Lenten season for one of the following penance services:  
Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM – St. Thomas in Delmar  
Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM - Christ the King

**HOLY WEEK PARTICIPATION**

The Three days of Holy week are the most sacred of the entire liturgical calendar. The liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday call the whole parish to gather together. If you can help with one of the processions or one of the ritual tasks of those days, please let us know by volunteering on one of the sign up sheets at the church entrances.

**MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS**

Mary, Mother of Jesus, made the first way of the cross. In this special presentation by the women's group from St. Margaret Mary Parish, "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 for the second time, in church, on Friday evening, March 14th at 7pm. All are cordially invited to attend this moving and powerful presentation. It is an excellent preparation for all of us as we enter into Holy Week.

**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 intention.

**BIG BREAKFAST**

The Men's Association is sponsoring a breakfast this **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.

## Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Christian Stewardship is an act of our faith.

Many thanks to our parishioners and friends who made contributed \$6790.66 last weekend for the support of our parish and who contributed another \$1064.50 to the work of Catholic Relief Services.

Your faithfulness and generosity are very much appreciated.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL**

You know catholic Relief Services helps people around the world – and some of them may be your own neighbors! Your diocese keeps one quarter of the funds raised through Operation Rice Bowl to assist the needy in your own community. For example, the Diocese of Venice, Florida, sends money to the social outreach center at St. Peter Claver Catholic Mission to help struggling families in Fort Myers. Latronia Latson's family faces it's own challenges, but that hasn't kept her from volunteering at the center for over four years. She insists, "if I give up, there will only be more trouble in the world. By taking care of my family, I help take care of my community." We are called, like Latronia, to see the face of the suffering Christ – spit upon, bruised, bleeding – in the face of our suffering neighbors. Giving with Operation Rice bowl helps good people like Latronia alleviate suffering and strengthen communities.

**FAITH FORMATION****LENTEN PRAYER CARDS**

As a Lenten Service, our mid – level Youth Ministry made prayer cards for our parishioners. Please feel free to take one from the baskets at the church entrances.

**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****THE "HARD" EMOTIONS – FEAR**

We live in a world that seems to be overshadowed by fear. Since 9/11, we have terror alerts, fear of another terrorist attack, the increase of school violence, the effect of global warming, etc. All these fears loom in the background of our lives. Then there are the individual fears we all are haunted by in the recesses of our own minds. Join us Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at the Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave in Albany. In this workshop fear will be explored from a psycho/social/spiritual perspective. Together, we will look at strategies to recognize our fears and begin to develop an approach to not be controlled by them. For registration and more information, please call 489-4431.

**BREAKFAST WITH THE SAINTS: MARY MAGDALENE**

Need a break in your day? Come on March 25<sup>th</sup> for a morning repast, a lovely breakfast and short presentation given by Sr. Deborah Baker, OP. on Mary Magdalene, one of the saints included on the mural in our chapel. You'll still have plenty of time to move back into the other activities of your day! There are 7 sessions total and the cost is \$15.00 per person per session or \$90.00 for all 7 sessions. For information and or reservations, call the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center at 518-393-4169 or email [dslcnv@nycp.rr.com](mailto:dslcnv@nycp.rr.com).

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

2<sup>nd</sup> marriage tip #3: Don't let your children become pawns in an unfinished match. No matter how much you feel your "ex" may be a cad or irresponsible, your children need to have their own relationship not tarnished by your biases. In time, they will see each parent's true character. Focus on honoring your new spouse, not putting down your "ex."

**PARENTING POINTERS**

Most parents of young children kiss their kids goodnight. Continue this custom during the teen years by asking your teen to give you a good night kiss when returning from a night out. Not only does it assure you they are home safe, but helps you know they've been drinking.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS****VOORHEESVILLE AREA AMBULANCE**

The Voorheesville Area Ambulance will hold their annual breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM – Noon at the Voorheesville Legion Post 1493. Children 5-12 are \$4.00 and adults are \$6.00.

**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, Ruth Ulion and Aggie Tucker.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

**By Bud Ozar:**

Families can become wrapped up chasing things we perceive will make us happy. Jesus' words to Lazarus, He says to us: "Come out" from what entombs you. In this fifth week of Lent "untie" yourself and be free from unnecessary possessions.