



St. Matthew's Church

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 Madge Devine.....*Director of Music Ministry*
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 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)

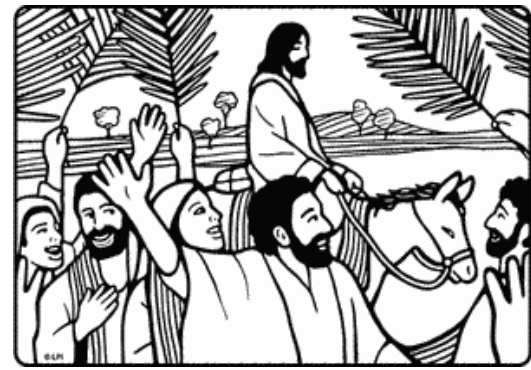
Prayer Chain – Call the Parish Office to initiate our parish Prayer Chain for any special intentions you may have.

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.



March 16, 2008

Mass  for the Intentions  for the Week

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

Monday, March 17

7:30 AM:

Tuesday, March 18

7:30 AM:

Wednesday, March 19

7:30 AM:

Thursday, March 20

Holy Thursday

7:00 PM:

Friday, March 21

Good Friday

7:00 PM: David & Della May
 req. by: Rebecca Kiegle

Saturday, March 22

Easter Vigil

8:00 PM:

Sunday, March 23

Easter Sunday

8:30 AM: John J. Biscone

req. by: Matthew Neri
 and for: **Pat Tracy**
 req. by: Bill & Mary Ellen Rogers

10:30 AM: Ralph Pezzulo

req. by: Gil & Pat Munroe
 and for: **John Doyle & Florence Family**
 req. by: Kroencke Family

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

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Grade 9 1:00 PM

Men's Association mtg. 7:00 PM

Monday, March 17

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 18

Grades 2 - 5 3:15 PM

Wednesday, March 19

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Music Ministry 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 20**Holy Thursday**

Pot Luck Dinner 6:00 PM

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

7:00 PM

Friday, March 21**Good Friday**

Simple Soup Supper 6:00 PM

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:00 PM

Saturday, March 22**Holy Saturday**

Vigil Mass 8:00 PM

Sunday, March 23**Easter Sunday**

Masses at 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

Mt 21:9-11

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

PASCHAL CANDLE

Each Easter the church renews the signs of Christ's presence in our community. One of those signs is the Paschal Candle, which calls to mind the "Light of Christ" and burns throughout the fifty days of Easter, and whenever the Church celebrates Baptism or a funeral liturgy during the year.

If anyone would like to donate this primary candle, which costs \$250.00, to the church in memory of a loved one, please call the office or speak with Father Tom.

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.

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.

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Many thanks to our parishioners and friends who contributed \$5837.52 to support our parish expenses last weekend. Although we didn't reach our recent weekly average of \$6423.00, we were still able to pay for this weekend's palms, (\$249.00) and last month's snow plowing (\$780.00).

As always, your faithful stewardship to Saint Matthew's is much appreciated.

Next week during the days of Holy Week your generosity can extend beyond our own parish expenses. Contributions on Holy Thursday will support immediate local requests for assistance and on Good Friday will support the Catholic Community in the Middle East and protect the shrines of the Holy Land.

May your Christian Stewardship always be an act of faith.



Rest in Peace

Henry McArdle - Father of John McArdle,
Margaret Seminary - Mother of Nan Bonham
and for
Louis Leon

Scripture Readings

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

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Chrim Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/

Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/

Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

FAITH FORMATION

TUESDAY FOR TEENS: New Teen Program at this year's Spring Enrichment

This year teens from throughout the Albany Diocese are invited to attend a special program of workshops, speakers and activities during "Spring Enrichment" at our new "Tuesday for Teens" program on Tuesday, May 13, from 3:30 – 8:15 PM. Check out the brochure at www.rcda.org (look for the link to "Spring Enrichment") – for more information and the registration form. Since space is limited, registration for "Tuesday for Teens" will be limited to the first 100 entrants so register on line now or call Mrs. Dorn at 765-2373 (email stmatthewsyouthministry@verizon.net) today!

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY MEETING

The Men's Association will hold their monthly meeting this Sunday at 7:00 PM in the Parish Library. Old and New members are welcome to attend.

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

BREAKFAST WITH THE SAINTS: MARY MAGDALENE

Need a break in your day? Come on March 25th 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 dslcny@nycap.rr.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

VOORHEESVILLE AREA AMBULANCE

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

BUS TRIP TO BOSTON

Friends of the Voorheesville Library are sponsoring a bus trip to Boston on Saturday, April 5. The bus will leave the elementary school parking lot at 7:00 AM and then leave Boston (aquarium) at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$30.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-members. Please sign up at the library circulation desk or you may call Jeannie McDonnell at 765-9072 with any questions.

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, Walter Greene and Aggie Tucker.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar:

The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God is present during the suffering. Bad things happen but God does not abandon us.



The candle in the chapel is lit
this week in memory of
John J. O'Connell
requested by
Ann Corcoran & Family