



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.



March 23, 2008

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 22

Easter Vigil

8:00 PM:

req. by:

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 &

The Fletcher Family

req. by: The Kroencke Family

Monday, March 24

7:30 AM: David Kacerguis

req. by: David & Katrina Pacheco

Tuesday, March 25

7:30 AM: David Kacerguis

req. by: David & Katerina Pacheco

Wednesday, March 26

7:30 AM:

Thursday, March 27

7:30 AM:

Friday, March 28

7:30 PM:

Saturday, March 29

5:00 PM: Louis T. Leon

req. by: Steve & Joanne Vinciquetta

& Christopher

and for: Paul Summers

req. by: The Family

Sunday, March 30

2nd Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM: Dan & Claire McKenzie

req. by: Gail Michalak

and for: Charlotte Birdsall

req. by: The Corbett Family

10:30 AM: Barbara Bulger

req. by: Ben Seymour

and for: Henry McArdle

req. by: The McArdle Family



Saturday, March 22

Holy Saturday

Vigil Mass 8:00 PM

Sunday, March 23

Easter Sunday

Masses at 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Monday, March 24

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 25

Grades 2 - 5 3:15 PM

Wednesday, March 26

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Music Ministry 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 30

Grades P - 1 10:30 AM

Baptism 10:30 Mass

Scripture Readings

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

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/
1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you."

Mt 28:5-7

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH



May the joy and Peace
of the Risen Lord
fill your heart
this Easter Day and Always

Father Tom

THE RITE OF BAPTISM

Next weekend on Sunday, March 30th during the 10:30 AM liturgy, St. Matthew's Parish will be welcoming two children into God's Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please join us in this wonderful celebration and extend your warm welcome and wishes to the family.

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.

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 \$7669.55 to the support of our parish and who contributed another \$977.50 toward the cost of Easter flowers.

Your faithful stewardship is always appreciated.

If you are not yet receiving stewardship envelopes from St. Matthew's, please give the office a call so we can send some to you.

Although we appreciate your contribution to the parish no matter how it comes to us, envelopes offer several advantages. The use of envelopes makes our record keeping much easier and makes contribution statements possible for your own tax records as well. They also serve as reminders to our commitment to Christian Stewardship and parish support.

Long before the Academy Awards were given parish priests have asked for the "envelope please". If you can help Saint Matthew's in this way, please give us a call.

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 at **Christ the king – Monday, April 7 at 7:00 PM.**

FAITH FORMATION**CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL AT THE CATHEDRAL**

Confirmation rehearsal will be on Monday, March 24th at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany at 7:00 PM. Please remember that all candidates must attend with their sponsor, if your sponsor cannot attend, one parent must accompany you. Any questions please contact Mrs. Dorn at 765-2373.

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**

Rejoice! Whether the time you spend with your spouse today be brief, long or long distance, look at your beloved with fresh eyes. Recognize and remember why you promised to love each other forever. Although you can do this at any time, breaking bread at dinner might be a nice prompt.

PARENTING POINTERS

DO fight in front of your kids. Not violent, screaming matches but let them see that you don't always agree. Most of all, let them see how you eventually heal your arguments and forgive each other.

COMMUNITY EVENTS**GODSPELL AT COHOES MUSIC HALL**

The CBA Cadet players will be performing **Godspell** at the Cohoes Music Hall in Cohoes. Performances will be April 4 & 5 at 7:00 PM and April 6 at 2:00 PM. Reserved seats are \$15.00 and general admission is \$10.00. For tickets please contact Brother Casimir at 452-9809 ext. 119.

COMMUNITY DINNER

The First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville is hosting a dinner Sunday, March 30, 2008 from 4-7 PM for moms and/or dads with younger children. Childcare and dinner will be provided by adults to give parents an opportunity to relax and socialize with their peers. This is a community event and all are welcome. Please contact the church office at 765-2895 from 9 AM – 12 PM Mon. – Friday. for reservations by Wednesday, March 26th.

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.

LASALLE OPEN HOUSE

La Salle Institute will hold a Spring Open House for prospective students and families on Thursday, March 27 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. The entrance exam will be held Saturday, April 5th, you must call to register at 283-2500.

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, 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:

Today's gospel instructs us Jesus "**had** to rise from the dead." The dying we experience with unmet expectations in marriage and parenting is normal to family life. Families **must** rise above disappointments and be Easter people all year long.



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