



St. Matthew's Church

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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.



March 30, 2008

Mass &  for the Intentions of the Week

Saturday, March 29

5:00 PM: Louis T. Leon
 req. by: Steve & Joanne Vinciguerra & 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

Monday, March 31

7:30 AM: Margaret Seminary
 req. by: Clare Hemmet

Tuesday, April 1

7:30 AM: Sandy & Lee Morrale
 req. by: Dominick & Mary Lou Curro

Wednesday, April 2

7:30 AM: Gerry Arpin
 req. by: Joanne & Family

Thursday, April 3

NO MASS

Friday, April 4

7:30 AM: Harold Dewitt
 req. by: William & Philomena Donaldson

Saturday, April 5

5:00 PM: Alice Pratt
 req. by: Tom & Edie Martin
 and for: **Stephanie D'Angelo**
 req. by: The Wakefield Family

Sunday, April 6

3rd Sunday of Easter
8:30 AM: Paul Fiero
 req. by: Mom & Dad
 and for: **Deceased Members of the Men's Association**
 req. by: The Men's Association
10:30 AM: Eugene Clerkin
 req. by: The Trautwein Family

**Sunday, March 30**

Grades P – 1 10:30 AM
Baptism 10:30 Mass

Monday, March 31

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM

Tuesday, April 1

Grades 2 - 5 3:15 PM

Wednesday, April 2

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

Saturday, April 5

1st Communion Parent & Child
Retreat 9:30 Am - Noon

Sunday, April 6

Grades P – 1 10:30 AM
(last session)
Grades 6-8 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM
(last session)

Scripture Readings

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

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/
1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Jn 20:27-29

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH**EASTER THANK YOU**

Many thanks to all those who worked so hard and so faithfully to make the days of the Sacred Triduum the wonderful days of prayer and worship that they are meant to be. We appreciate the ministry of those who prepared the worship space throughout the week and planned the liturgies themselves as well as those who served in our hospitality for our Pot Luck Dinner and Simple Soup Supper. The choir, the cantors and musicians once again added so much to our musical prayer for which St. Matthew's is so well known. Together with all the liturgical ministries of lector, eucharistic ministers, sacristan, servers, ushers and greeters, our Holy week did credit to the mysteries of faith which it celebrates. Thanks to you all.

HOLY WATER BOTTLES

Like churches everywhere, on Holy Saturday night at the Easter Vigil, Saint Matthew's renewed the waters of the baptismal font for another year. We have prepared small bottles of that Holy Water for parishioners to take home if they would like. Catholics have long kept Holy Water in their homes for use throughout the year. For example, many parents would bless their children with it at night or when leaving or returning to the house. Those bottles are available at the Baptismal Font for you.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents wishing to celebrate the **Baptism** of their children are reminded that the next cycle of preparation sessions begin on **Monday, April 7th**. If you would like to be included in the next session or would like a complete schedule on upcoming session, please call the office or Peggy McQuade, our Baptismal Team Coordinator at 872-9035. For your convenience, you may also view a copy of the Baptismal schedule, posted on the lobby entrance bulletin board.

Although required parents seeking baptism of their children, Godparents, Grandparents and interested parishioners may also join in. Expectant parents are also welcomed and encouraged to attend, which would allow time to celebrate the Church's **Blessing of Pregnancy**.

WELCOME

Saint Matthew's Joyfully recognizes Gwen Genovesi and Dick Patrick, who both completed their initiation into the Catholic Church with their celebration of the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. We are Happy and proud to have them as members of our community and look forward to their sharing their faith lives with us for many years. Please welcome them personally when you have the opportunity.

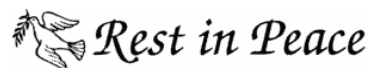
THE COMPLETE IDIOT'S GUIDE TO THE CATHOLIC CATECHISM

Mary DeTurris Poust, is an author and an active member of St. Thomas Church in Delmar. She has a new book out on the Catholic Catechism. I have read half of the book and highly recommend it for Faith Formation teachers and for parents who want a crash course on the Catholic Faith. I purchased a copy at Barnes and Noble and they are also available at I Love Books in Delmar and at the Book House in Stuyvesant Plaza. Mary was a guest presenter at St. Matthew's last All Soul's Day on the subject of Parenting a Grieving Child, her previous book. Deacon Paul

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Many thanks to our parishioners and friends who have already made their Easter gift to Saint Matthew's which together have totalled \$12586.00 so far. We always appreciate your faithful stewardship to our church, but especially at Easter and Christmas, which your financial support is such a counted on part of our budget.

Thank you for your generosity.



Roberta Sackett – Mother of Karen Spinelli

THANK YOU CASA MIA!

St. Matthew's would like to thank Joe & Laura from Casa Mia's of East Berne for their catering service, generosity and for the delicious soup they prepared for our Good Friday Simple Soup Super. We would also like to thank all parishioners who gave a helping hand during our Holy Week Dinners. The meals were delicious and your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

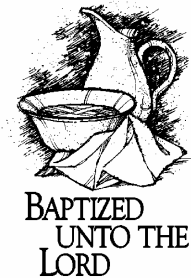
ST. MATTHEW'S FAMILY CAMPING AT PYRAMID LAKE

It's time to start making plans for the summer of 2008! We hope that they will include family camping in the beautiful Adirondacks at Pyramid Life Center (PLC) for **Thursday, July 3 through Monday, July 7**. Enjoy canoeing, sailing, kayaking, hiking, fishing, basketball, bonfires and much more with friends from St. Matthew's. PLC is located in the town of Paradox, just 1 ¼ hours north of Albany (Northway Exit 28).



This year our space is more limited than in years past so reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis!

Please contact: Fran or Chris Gorka (861-7105 or cgorka1@nycap.rr.com).



On Sunday, March 23 St. Matthews welcomed into the church through the saving waters of baptism:

Ethan Giovanni Mazzeo

Son of John Mazzeo & Ruth Augusta Mazzeo

FAITH FORMATION

CHABHA FUNDRAISER

We have now closed out our CHABHA Fundraising efforts! We raised \$225.50 with our own mid – level kids collection in water bottles. Our "Spread the Love: Dessert party and doll sale raised \$1550.00 and our young children in grades 2 – 5 collected \$138.75 in change in their pencil shaped holders. All together we raised almost \$2000.00, \$1944.25 to be exact! This will be a wonderful help to send African children to school.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The annual Communion Breakfast will be held on **April 6th** at the **Colonie Country Club** after the 8:30 AM Mass. Father Toole will be our guest speaker and would love to see as many of you as he can. Our scholarship and award winners along with our service award winner will be honored. Admission this year is \$12.00 per person and all parishioners are welcome to attend please contact Tom Dorn at 765-3304 by April 1st if you can attend.

The Men's Association is extremely proud to announce that this year we are granting 2 scholarships of \$300.00 as well as 2 awards of \$150.00 to 4 of our graduating seniors. The recipients of the \$300.00 scholarship were Jason Freeman and Kate Prendergast and the recipients of the \$150.00 awards are Anthony Lociassano and Brianna Bissell. All will be recognized at the Communion Breakfast on April 6th. Come join us and listen to Father Toole address the gathering.

COME JOIN US IN SERVICE!

Check your calendar to see if you can join us for the following service event:
Capital City Rescue Mission – April 26
Habitat for Humanity – May 3
 Please call Tom Dorn at 765-3304

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.

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, Patrick DeWane and Aggie Tucker.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar:

In today's gospel Jesus tells us: "As the Father sent me, so I send you." Become who you are called to be, ambassadors of peace and forgiveness.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

(April fool's eve) Think of a way to be playful wit your honey on April 1st. It may sound silly but a little prank my husband's been doing lately is to move a rubber ducky around to different spots in the house and wait for me to notice it. Bringing a smile to your beloved's face doesn't take diamonds, just a little creativity.