



St. Matthew's Church

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 Ellie Dorn.....Coordinator of Youth Ministry
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 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)

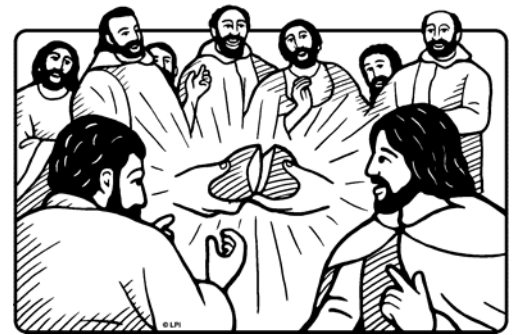
Prayer Chain – Call the Parish Office to initiate our parish Prayer Chain for any special intentions you may have.

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.



April 6, 2008

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, April 7

7:30 AM

Tuesday, April 8

7:30 AM

Wednesday, April 9

7:30 AM: Ken Phillips
 req. by: William & Philomena Donaldson

Thursday, April 10

NO MASS

Friday, April 11

7:30 AM

Saturday, April 12

5:00 PM: Ben Thomas
 req. by: Jenny Sickles
 and for: **Joseph DeVellis, 4th Anniversary**
 req. by: The DeVellis Family

Sunday, April 13

4th Sunday of Easter
 8:30 AM: Pat Tracy
 req. by: John Tracy & Family
 and for: **Martin Miller**
 req. by: Patricia Miller
 10:30 AM: William Wilson
 req. by: Fr. Tom & St. Matthew's Parish

**Sunday, April 6**

Grades P – 1 10:30 AM

(Last Session)

Grades 6 – 8 4:30 PM

(Last Session)

Monday, April 7

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM

Tuesday, April 8

Grades 2 - 5 3:15 PM

(Last Session)

Wednesday, April 9

Grades 2 - 5 3:15 PM

(Last Session)

Music Ministry 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 12

Rite of Enrollment 5:00 PM Mass

Scripture Readings

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

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1
Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

They returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Lk 24:33-35

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

HELLO AGAIN FRIENDS AND FAMILY FROM THE FOSTERS

The community is ecstatic about the new condition of the church. The progress since our last update has been phenomenal. We all expect it to be complete by Semana Santa (Easter Week). The effect of the St. Matthew's donation for the Las Mesas Church can be seen in the photos at the attached link as well as Mary's work and some everyday life pictures. <http://www.kodakgallery.com/l.jsp?c=v6iht0a.51ky7rca&x=0&y=-mwh4zk> Those who have supported us with donations and prayers can see some of the fruits of that support. Besides the work at the church, Mary has also been conducting and facilitating classes for both children and adults (Photos can be viewed at the link above).

To read more about Mary & Damien's work in El Salvador and their homecoming, please go to our church website, www.stmatthewsvoorheesville.org to view the entire letter and copy and paste the link into your browser to view their pictures.

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 sessions, 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**.

RITE OF ENROLLMENT

Next weekend on Saturday, April 12th during the 5:00 PM mass, four families will present their children to our parish as Baptism Candidates. This ceremony is part of the children's first initiation into the church and they will receive the church's first blessing along with their names being entered into the Book of Elect, signifying their future commitment to living a Catholic Christian life. We invite all parishioners to welcome the children and their parents and join in this special spiritual celebration.

CALLED TO BE CHURCH

As we move into the final phase of our Diocesan pastoral Planning process, we want to keep the dialogue continuing and all lines of communication open. Our team members Barry Bablin, Ellie & Tom Dorn, Fran Gorka, Bob Harms, Bill Kelly, Gerri Koch and Mary Mc Ginty, are always willing to answer your questions and receive any suggestions you may have or you may place a comment in our comment box located at both entrances of the church.

Additional meetings are being planned as we move along in the pastoral planning process. Please watch for continuing updates in the bulletin, our bulletin board or you can access further information on the diocesan Website www.rcda.org and click on the link for Called to BE Church.

Our cluster parishes are as follows:

St. Lucy's, Altamont	861-8770	Sat: 5:00 PM/ Sun: 8:30 AM
St. Bernadette's, Berne	872-1131	Sunday at 10:15 AM
Christ the King, Westmere	456-1644	Sat: 4:00 PM/ Sun: 8:00, 10:00 AM & Noon
St. Thomas, Delmar	439-4951	Sat: 5:00 PM/ Sun: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & Noon

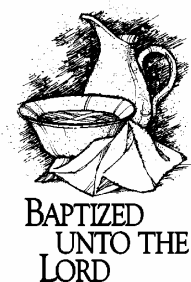
The next meeting will be at **Christ the king – Monday, April 7 at 7:00 PM.**

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Many thanks to both parishioners and friends who contributed

\$ 6,164.71 to St. Matthew's last weekend.

Your generosity makes so much of our parish life possible and is much appreciated.



On Sunday, March 30th St. Matthews welcomed into the church through the saving waters of baptism:

Tyler George Gifford
Son of George & Alicia Gifford

and

Katharine Anne Stapf
Daughter of Gerard & Courtney Stapf

FAITH FORMATION

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Make a child's eyes glow when he or she opens a bag and finds paper, pencils, colored pencils, erasers and rulers. Our mid-level Youth Ministry would like to reach out to local children served by our New Scotland Community Food Pantry and our friends in the village of San Jose de los Remates, Nicaragua by collecting much needed school supplies.

Please assist us by purchasing any of the following items and putting them in the marked collection boxes located at both church entrances: **Notebooks, crayons, pen/pencils, markers, erasers, loose leaf paper.**

Please Help Us Help Others!

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

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.

GARAGE SALE

St. Thomas the Apostle School is having their annual garage sale to benefit the 8th grade class trip to Washington, DC and Philadelphia. Pre-sale date is Friday, April 11 from 3:30 – 7:00 PM and admission is Free. For directions or to donate items to be sold, please call Kris at 475 – 0805 or Noreen at 475-9976.

APRIL EXTRA HELPINGS

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

Regular Menu @ \$20.00

1.5 lbs. Home style beef patties, 2 lbs. of boneless pork chops, 2 lbs. Eye round steaks, 1 lb. pkg. chicken patties, 1 lb bag of coleslaw mix, 1 lb. bag of baby carrots

Special #1: @ \$13.50

5 lbs. Block of sliced white american cheese

Special # 2: @ \$9.75 10 lbs. Bag of fresh chicken leg quarters

Special #3: @ \$30.00

2.5 lbs. chuck beef pot roast, 3 lbs. boneless/skinless IQF chicken breasts, 3 lbs. sweet Italian rope sausage, 3 lbs. pepper steaks, 2 lbs. breakfast sausage

Payment for orders accepted in **CASH** until **12:00 Noon on April 9th, 2008** and must be picked up at the **New Scotland Town Hall on Thursday, April 24th 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, 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, Jeannie Mormile, Kathy Jornov and Aggie Tucker.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar:

In today's gospel the disciples were returning home so "downcast" they did not recognize Jesus walking with them. In our homes we can also be so overwhelmed we don't see God with us. Today's gospel tells us to stop each day and open our eyes to the blessings we are to one another in our families.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Married life teaches one invaluable lesson: to think of things far enough ahead not to say them. What have you said to your spouse that you've regretted? You can't take the words back but it can help you slow down your speech.