



St. Matthew's Church

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STAFF Ellie Dorn.....*Coordinator of Youth Ministry*
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 Paul Davignon.....*Deacon*
 Andrea Freeman.....*Parish Secretary*
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 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 13, 2008

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, April 14

7:30 AM

Tuesday, April 15

7:30 AM

Wednesday, April 16

7:30 AM

Thursday, April 17

NO MASS

Friday, April 18

7:30 AM

Saturday, April 19

5:00 PM: Albert Nalli
 req. by: Father Tom
and for: Diana Burns (living)
 req. by: her husband Bernie

Sunday, April 20

5th Sunday of Easter
8:30 AM: John J. Biscone
 req. by: Lou & Peg Neri
10:30 AM: Mary Ann Greene
4th Anniversary
 req. by: John & Cathy Lawler
and for: Frank McDermott
 req. by: Cindy McDermott

**Monday, April 14**

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM
New Scotland Comm. Food Pantry
7:00 PM – Parish Library

Tuesday, April 15

Parish Office closes at 3:00 PM

Wednesday, April 16

Respect Life 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 17

Parish Office closed

Scripture Readings

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

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/
Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/
Jn 14:1-12

"All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

Jn 10:8-10

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH**2008 BISHOPS APPEAL**

Next weekend, Catholics throughout the Diocese of Albany will join together in support of our 54th Annual Bishop's Appeal. As in the past, each of you will be asked to join together in the spirit of stewardship by making a financial commitment to the Church of Albany. Our Bishop's Appeal provides essential operating support for more than thirty offices that provide direct services to both this parish and thousands of people throughout fourteen countries that comprise this Diocese. A successful Bishop's appeal is vital to the continued health of this parish and our Diocesan Church. As our parish and Diocese are one, comprising the Body of Christ, neither can exist without the other and both need your support.

During this week, please consider what contributing to this appeal really means – your support of this Appeal ensures that our schools and our religious education programs remain vital sources of learning and support for the young people who will one day lead our Church. It ensures that the profound needs of the sick, the troubles and elderly are continuously met by the various office of Catholic Charities, it ensures continuous and essential training for all those who are called to ministry within our Diocese, and it ensures that your Diocese remains a vital, faith driven community. Please be a part of this diocesan wide effort to continue the ministry of Jesus.

SPRING BREAK OFFICE HOURS

This weekend spring break vacation for our local schools begins. During this vacation week the Faith Formation Office will be closed, but the Parish office will be open Monday through Wednesday from 9 AM – 3 PM and Friday from 9 AM – 3 PM. The office will not be open late on Tuesday and will be closed on Thursday.

CHILDREN'S PICTURE MISSALS

On order to help some of our youngest worshippers to better appreciate our weekend liturgy, copies of Our Picture Missal are available at the entrances of the church. Please share these booklets with your children if you think they will help them to follow the Mass. They can be returned to the baskets and used each weekend. Many thanks of Chris Allard whose concern for our children's faith and whose generosity has provided these missals for us.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents wishing to celebrate the **Baptism** of their children are reminded that the next cycle of preparation sessions begin on **Monday, April 21ST**, with the Rite of Enrollment scheduled to be celebrated during the **April 27th liturgy**. 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**.

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Many thanks to both parishioners and friends who contributed
\$ 7,509.76 to St. Matthew's last weekend.

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

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

The Committee will be collecting gently used or new children's books as well as pregnancy books. We plan to donate them to Birthright who will give them to the women and children they serve. Birthright is an organization that helps any girl or woman who calls for support or friendship during a pregnancy, delivery, and beyond. You will find baskets at each entrance of the church during the weekends of April 19 / 20 and April 26 / 27. Thank you for your continued support of the Respect Life activities.



OUR CLUSTER PARISHES

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

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 link on the St. Matthew's home page as well as Mary's work and some everyday life pictures. 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.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who supported our school supply drive! We are happy to report that our Mid-level Youth Ministry decorated and filled 29 shopping bags with supplies to send to the children of San Jose de los Remates, Nicaragua. We also donated several boxes of supplies to benefit the children of the New Scotland Community Food Pantry. Thank you for helping us to put our faith into action by reaching out to those in need.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

COMMUNION BREAKFAST SUMMARY

More than 30 parishioners attended the Association's annual Communion Breakfast April 6th at the Colonie Country Club. Fr. Toole was our guest speaker and everyone enjoyed learning of his parish assignments throughout the Diocese and associated life lessons learned along the way. From an unprecedented number of applicants (9), Jason Freeman and Kate Prendergast were chosen as winners of \$300 Association scholarships. In addition, Anthony Loccisano and Brianna Bissell received \$150 awards. Please join us in recognizing the outstanding contributions these young adults have made to our Parish community.

Retiring President Tom Dorn received the Jim MacDonough Parish Service Award. Many thanks to Tom for his 2-year term as president. Officers elected for the coming year: Dave Morrill president; Tom Markert vice president; Kevin Kroencke treasurer; Steve Goss secretary. There will be no Association meeting this month; the Communion Breakfast took its place. The next meeting will be Sunday, May 18th at 7:00 PM at the church.

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

5th ANNUAL SPRING RUN - OFF

Shake the winter blah's at St. John's St. Ann's 5th Annual Spring Run – Off on Saturday, April 26th at the Albany Riverfront Amphitheater at the Corning Preserve, Albany. All proceeds will benefit St. John's/St. Ann's Outreach Center. There will be a 5k & 10k run and a 1 Mile Family Fun Walk with a free pasta dinner Friday evening for pre-registrants. For complete details and registration visit www.springrunoff.com or call Christopher Quinn at 489-2806.

OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS TO THOSE WHO ARE ILL...

Donna Amato, Gloria Bogart, Haysha Acebal, Raymond Banuls, 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, Elizabeth Gaimari, 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, Amanda Cole and Aggie Tucker.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar:

The shepherd in today's gospel called each sheep by name. Naming is a serious family function because our name is our life-long identity, connecting us to a family history and how we will be remembered forever.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Are you in a mixed religion marriage? Celebrate the commonalities and respect the differences. Rejoice if your spouse values a spiritual life even though it may be a different path than your own.