



# 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.



**April 20, 2008**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**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**

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

**Monday, April 21**

**7:30 AM**

**Tuesday, April 22**

**7:30 AM**

**Wednesday, April 23**

**7:30 AM – Ned & Kathleen Glavin**  
 req. by: Bill & Ann Kelly

**Thursday, April 24**

**NO MASS**

**Friday, April 25**

**7:30 AM –**

**Saturday, April 26**

**5:00 PM: John & Claire Prisolo**  
 req. by: The Wilson Family

**Sunday, April 27**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**8:30 AM: John J. Biscone**  
 req. by: Marion Pezzulo  
**10:30 AM: Mildred Orf**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
 req. by: The Family

**Monday, April 21**

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM  
Baptism Session #1 7:00 PM

**Wednesday, April 23**

Music Ministry 7:00 PM

**Thursday, April 24**

1<sup>st</sup> Communion Pot Luck Dinner  
6:30 PM

**Sunday, April 27**

Grades 9 & 10 1 PM  
(last session)

**Scripture Readings**

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

**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/  
Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

**Friday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

**Next Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/  
1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-2

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am, you also may be."

Jn 14:1-3

## SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

**2008 BISHOPS APPEAL**

This week, during his visit to the United States, Pope Benedict reminded us that as American Catholics we are all called through baptism, to be a light to the world and do our part to ensure that the local Church is strong, vibrant and able to meet the needs of so many. While we can not always be present to comfort the grieving, feed the hungry, teach the young and minister to those in need – we can – through our generosity to the Bishops Appeal ensure that our Diocesan Church is strong and vital.

Every Catholic throughout our local Church is asked to participate in the Bishop's Appeal. This is a vital sign of our unity in Christ as we reach out in faith and love to one another constantly in Jesus' name. Supporting this Appeal is also a very meaningful way of expressing our gratitude to God for his many blessings. Please be a part of this parish effort and return your pledge envelope as soon as you can.

**CHILDREN'S PICTURE MISSALS**

In 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, to Chris Allard whose concern for our children's faith and whose generosity has provided these missals for us.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION & BLESSING OF PREGNANCY**

Parents and parents - to -be wishing to celebrate the **Baptism** of their children are reminded that the next cycle of preparation sessions begin on **Monday, April 21<sup>ST</sup>**, with the **Rite of Enrollment** and the **Blessing of Pregnancy** scheduled to be celebrated during the **April 27<sup>th</sup> liturgy**. If you would like to be included in the next session and these rituals 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.

**RITE OF ENROLLMENT**

Next weekend on Sunday, April 27, 2008 during the 10:30 AM Mass, four families will present their children to our parish as Baptismal 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 The Elect, signifying their future commitment to living a Catholic Christian life. We invite all parishioners to welcome the children and join in this special spiritual celebration.

**Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish**

Many thanks to both parishioners and friends who contributed

\$ 5,730.73 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

**FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**

**1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION POTLUCK DINNER – THURSDAY, APRIL 24 @ 6:30 PM**

All 1<sup>st</sup> Communion families please plan to join us. If you haven't signed up to bring something yet—we could use another Main Dish or two.....Thanks & see you then!

**HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION**

Our final High School Faith Formation will meet on Sunday, April 27 from 1-5pm. We will assemble into carpools and head out in teams to do yard work for area Senior Citizens. We will reassemble back at St. Matt's for reflection and prayer. Teens, please remember to bring your rakes, work gloves, and some yard bags.

**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**

**GREAT STRIDES**

Taking Steps to Cure Cystic Fibrosis. Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at The Crossings of Colonie at 9:00 AM Join our Voorheesville Team "Celebrate Nell". Register at [www.cff.org](http://www.cff.org).

"65 ROSES" has been used by children of all ages to describe their disease. Making it easier to say doesn't make cystic fibrosis any easier to live with.

14k gold or sterling silver "65 ROSES" pendants on sale at Refined Designs, 38 South Main St., Voorheesville. 765-3750. All profits go to The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Thank You!

**" ALL OF LOVE'S A STAGE "**

**Sunday, April 27th at 3:00 PM, St. Margaret Mary Parish Hall, 1168 Western Ave, Albany....** Take a musical journey with Rose Hargrave, soprano and Michael Clement, piano, as they explore the 'Stages of Love' through your favorite songs from Jazz to Broadway! Featuring songs by George Gershwin, Oscar Hammerstein, Cole Porter and others. Tickets: \$10 for adults and \$8 seniors/students. Tickets can be purchased at the St. Margaret Mary Parish Office or at the door on the day of the concert. For more information, call the Parish Office at 482-4497 or email: [stmargm5@cstdsl.net](mailto:stmargm5@cstdsl.net).

**COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

Do you want to give back to the community? Please join our Girl Scout Adult Recruitment Evening, Wednesday, April 30, 2008 – 7:00 PM at the Voorheesville Public Library. All are welcomed and you do not have to have a family member in Girl Scouts to be a volunteer.

If you are unable to attend and would still like to learn more, please contact Peggy McQuade at 872-9035. Come see how you can help Girl Scouts build girls of Courage, Confidence, and Character who make the world a better place.

**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, Scott Herzog, Ricky Hoffman, Lorraine Holland, Kelly Hogan Kirby, 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:**

We ask children to trust us because "we know the way." What we ask of our children, Jesus asks of us in today's gospel, "I am the way" so "don't be troubled. It is a matter of trust.