



# 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**

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| 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 27, 2008**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**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 28**

7:30 AM: - Mary McCarty  
 req. by: Joanne Arpin

**Tuesday, April 29**

7:30 AM: - Cissie Connah  
 req. by: Jerry & Mary Clark

**Wednesday, April 30**

7:30 AM – Mary Valente  
 req. by: John Tracy  
**Ascension Vigil**  
 7:00 PM –

**Thursday, May 1**

**Ascension Thursday**  
 7:30 AM – Mary Valente  
 req. by: John Tracy

**Friday, May 2**

7:30 AM – Margerite Donaldson  
 req. by: William & Philomena Donaldson

**Saturday, May 3**

5:00 PM: Leland & Clara Frisbee  
 req. by: The Frisbee Family  
 and for: Louis T. Leon  
 req. by: Jim & Carol Conley & Family

**Sunday, May 4**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8:30 AM: - Pat Tracy  
 req. by: John Tracy & Family  
 10:30 AM: - Edna Madeline Baldwin  
 req. by: The Zell Family

**Sunday, April 27**

Grades 9 & 10 1 PM  
(last session)

**Monday, April 28**

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, April 29**

Baptism Prep Committee Mtg.  
7:00 PM

**Wednesday, April 30**

Music Ministry 8:00 PM  
Ascension Thursday Vigil Mass  
7:00 PM

**Thursday, May 1**

Ascension Thursday  
Mass 7:30 AM

**Friday, May 2**

1<sup>st</sup> Communion Rehearsal 6:00 PM  
(for 5:00 PM Mass families)

**Saturday, May 3**

1<sup>st</sup> Communion Rehearsal 11:00 AM  
(for 8:30 7 10:30 AM Mass families)  
1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass 5:00 PM

**Sunday, May 4**

1<sup>st</sup> Communion Masses  
8:30 & 10:30 AM

**Scripture Readings**

**Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/  
1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/  
Jn 15:26-16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/  
Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

**Next Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11/  
Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

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

Last week during his visit to the United States, Pope Benedict reminded American Catholics of the many responsibilities which flow from our faith. Some of those responsibilities are fulfilled through the Bishop's Appeal. Each year through our support of the Bishop's Appeal, Catholics of the Albany Diocese consciously act together as the living body of Christ to continue his mission and his ministry in our.



Last weekend, the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Appeal began in the Diocese. Here at Saint Matthew's 122 families and individuals have already made their pledges. We know many people were away last week (some even with Pope Benedict!) and have not yet made their pledge. We also know that if we are to be successful not only in meeting our parish goal but also in fulfilling this responsibility as Catholic Christians we need the participation of our whole parish.

If you have not yet returned a pledge envelope, please pick one up this weekend, prayerfully preview the giving guide on the flap and return the completed envelope this week. Your support is crucial to so many.

**PARISH PAPAL PILGRIMAGE PICTURES**

Some of our Parishioners were fortunate to win tickets from The Evangelist to attend Mass with Pope Benedict XVI.

Colleen Schultz and her mother Marilyn and Tom and Ellie Dorn were part of the Albany diocesan pilgrimage that traveled to Yankee Stadium for this historic event. Check out the bulletin board in the social hall lobby for pictures of their special journey.

**ASCENSION THURSDAY**

Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> is Ascension Thursday, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM (Vigil) and Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 AM.

**PENTECOST CELEBRATION**

The Fifteenth Day of Easter, Pentecost Sunday, has always been the day when Christians have celebrated the gifts of the Holy Spirit giving breath to the Church. As part of our Pentecost Celebration this year we will be asking everyone to take and wear a nametag as they enter the church. This will be a way to better know each other and members of our parish and visitors on this day of Christian Community. Wearing something red for the liturgy would also make it special. Please be a part of this Pentecost liturgy on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish**

Many thanks to both parishioners and friends who contributed

\$ 5,847.58 to St. Matthew's last weekend.

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

**FATHER TOOLE'S 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

This year marks Father Toole's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a priest. To help celebrate his anniversary there will be a mass here at St. Matthew's at 10:30 AM on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> with a reception to follow. There will be a bulletin insert next week with further details. If anyone would like to help with the reception, please contact Karen Finnessey at 765-4361.

**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.

**SPRING ENRICHMENT**

Are you going to be "Enriched" this May? "Encountering the Living Christ," our Diocese's thirty-fifth annual Spring Enrichment is just two weeks away. Starting on Monday, May 12, this four day adult faith formation conference is designed to meet the needs of all people interested in increasing their knowledge of the Catholic faith and the skills to minister in the area of catechesis, youth ministry, liturgy, pastoral care and parish life. Sponsored by the Albany Diocese's Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, it also provides the opportunity to fulfill diocesan certification requirements.

You are invited to join nearly 1,000 other catechists, youth ministers, priest, deacons, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, liturgical and pastoral care ministers, and other adults who will take part in nearly 150 different courses and workshops at Albany's College of St. Rose. Check the diocesan website ([www.rcda.org](http://www.rcda.org)) for a brochure and registration. All registrations are due by May 5<sup>th</sup>

**FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY****1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION MASSES**

The weekend of May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> is 1<sup>st</sup> Communion weekend. We anticipate being at full capacity at the 10:30 AM mass. We hope everyone can join in our celebration of the Sacrament which will also be celebrated at the 5:00 PM and the 8:30 AM masses.

**MEN'S ASSOCIATION****COME JOIN US IN SERVICE!**

Check your calendar to see if you can join us for the following service event: 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!

**MAY EXTRA HELPINGS**

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

**Regular Menu @ \$20.00**

2lbs. of Angus Beef Patties, 3 lb. bag of Boneless Chicken Breasts, 4 (6oz.) Chicken Cordon Blue, 1 lb. All Beef Hot Dogs, 1 lb. Fresh Strawberries, 5 lb. Bag of Potatoes

**Special #1: @ \$12.50**

5 lbs. Box Boneless Country Style Spare Ribs

**Special # 2: @ \$17.50**

10 lb. Bag of Fresh Boneless/ Skinless Chicken Breasts

**Special #3: @ \$30.00**

3lbs. Boneless Spare Ribs, 3 lbs. Salisbury Steaks, 3 lbs. 80/20 Beef patties (4/4 oz. Per lb.), 3 lbs. Chicken Tenders (2/1.5 lbs.), 2 lbs. Maple Flavored Breakfast Sausage Links

Payment for orders accepted in **CASH** until **12:00 Noon on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008** and must be picked up at the **New Scotland Town Hall on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> between 7:45 AM – 10:30 AM.**

**WHEELS FOR WORK PROGRAM**

Catholic Charities of Schenectady County's Wheels for Work Program is seeking donations of pre-owned vehicles to donate to families in Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady Counties. The donated cars are for families who are in need of assistance getting to work. Cars should be 1995 and newer with 150,000 miles or less and can be made mechanically roadworthy for \$1,000.00. To make arrangements please call Tammy Brooks, Program Director at (518) 346-3861.

**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, Ron Smolen and Aggie Tucker.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE****By Bud Ozar:**

Because family relationships are imprinted in our hearts, today's gospel reminds us our loved ones "always remain with you." Even death and distance cannot erase this presence. We only need to pause and remember and our loved one is present to us again. It is a different presence, but a REAL presence.