



St. Matthew's Church

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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.



May 11, 2008

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 10

5:00 PM: Joseph W. Smith
 9th Anniversary
 req. by: John F. Smith

Sunday, May 11

PENTECOST

8:30 AM: Eleanor Weigel
 req. by: Bill & Suzanne Horan
 10:30 AM: Florence Ames
 req. by: Joyce Potenza
 and for: Evelyn Mitchell
 req. by: Deborah Dittner

Monday, May 12

7:30 AM: Matthew Finn
 req. by: Maryanne & Eric Roth

Tuesday, May 13

7:30 AM:

Wednesday, May 14

7:30 AM :

Thursday, May 15

NO MASS

Friday, May 16

7:30 AM: Geno Giacomini
 12th Anniversary
 req. by: Catherine Giacomini

Saturday, May 17

5:00 PM: **The Walter & Ladesic Families**
 req. by: Christine & Thomas Walter
 and for: **Susan Flynn**
 req. by: Sandra Miller

Sunday, May 18

8:30 AM: - Doris Buscemi
 req. by: Ernie & Linda Kitchen
 and for: **Deceased Members of the Men's Association**
 req. by: The Men's Association
 10:30 AM: **Salvatore Di Mura**
 req. by: Mary Jean & George Scott



The candle in the chapel is lit this week
 in loving memory of
 The 12th Anniversary of
 Geno Giacomini
 Requested by Catherine

**Monday, May 12**

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM
 NSCFP 7:00 PM
 Planning Committee for Fr. Toole's
 Reception 7:00 PM

Wednesday, May 14

Music Ministry 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 17

Baptism at 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, May 18

"Called To Be Church" Information
 Session 9:30 AM
 Baptisms at 10:30 AM Mass
 Men's Association Mtg. 7:00 PM

Scripture Readings

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7,
 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/
 Jn 15:9-17

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday: Jas 3:1-10/Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/
 2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Jn 20:21-23

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

You're Invited!

Next weekend St. Matthew's Called to Be Church Team

will be hosting an
 Information Session

Sunday, May 18
 9:30 AM

St. Matthew's Social Hall

to present the recommendations of the parishes in our Local Planning Group.
 Please review the handouts that are available this weekend and join us next weekend
 to offer your comments.

2008 BISHOPS APPEAL

Last weekend St. Matthew's called 37 children to the Eucharist for the first time. That day is a joy for every parish. It is now our responsibility to be sure that the church, that will nourish their young faith, will be there for them in the future. We do that as Catholics in the Albany Diocese through our commitment to the Bishops Appeal. Already 221 parishioners have made their pledge to the Bishop's request. But the work of the church belongs to all of us! If you have not made your gift yet, please do so this week. Whatever you can give will be much appreciated. It is so important that all of us do our part together!



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM on Tuesday, May 13 and Wednesday, May 14 so that our staff may attend some courses offered at our Diocesan Spring Enrichment at the College of Saint Rose. The office will open on both days at 12:30 PM.

THE RITE OF BAPTISM

Next weekend on Saturday, May 17, 2008; during the 5:00 PM liturgy, St. Matthew's Parish will be welcoming four children into God's Church through the Sacrament of Baptism and will be welcoming three children on Sunday, May 18, 2008 during the 10:30 AM liturgy. Please join in this wonderful celebration and extend your warm welcome and wishes to the family.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INTIATION OF ADULTS – INQUIRERS & CANDIDATES WELCOME

It has been five weeks since we welcomed Gwen Genovesi to full Communion at the Easter Vigil. Several parishioners were instrumental in helping Gwen on her journey of faith. Our experiences with her were grace – filled and made us realize how powerful the Word of God can be, whether we are cradle Catholics or inquirers seeking to become Catholic. Several parishioners have non-Catholic spouses or know relatives and friends who might be interested in finding out what is involved in becoming a Catholic. This is a wonderful opportunity to exercise the ministry called forth in your baptism. We are all called, as St. Peter reminds us in his letter, to give an explanation to anyone who asks us for a reason for our hope in the Risen Christ. Please contact Deacon Paul in the parish office at 765-2805 or at pmdavignon@gmail.com.

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Many thanks to both parishioners and friends who contributed
 \$7,514.49 to St. Matthew's last weekend.

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents wishing to celebrate the Baptism of their children are reminded that the next cycle of preparation sessions begin on Monday, May 19, 2008, with the Rite of Enrollment scheduled to be celebrated during the June 14th liturgy. If you would like to be included in these next sessions, 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 for parents seeking the 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**.

ST. MATTHEW'S BLOOD DRIVE

St. Matthew's will sponsor a blood drive on Saturday, June 21st from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Social Hall. Please put a reminder on your calendar for this important event. Further information will follow. Thank you – Deacon Paul.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE CLOSED

The Faith Formation Office will be closed next week so that our Faith Formation staff may attend and teach courses offered at our diocesan Spring Enrichment held this week at the College of Saint Rose.

RESPECT LIFE

FLOWERS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

The Respect Life Committee is sponsoring their annual carnation sale on Mother's Day weekend, May 10th & 11th. Carnations will be sold at both entrances and will cost \$1.50. Put a smile on Mom's face and support the Respect Life Committee.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

MEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Men's Association's May meeting will be held Sunday, May 18 at 7 PM. All current and prospective members are encouraged to attend.

COME JOIN US IN SERVICE!

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

- June 7th - Ronald McDonald House
- June 28th - Capital City Rescue Mission
- July 12th - Habitat for Humanity
- September 12 - Capital City Rescue Mission

Please call Tom Dorn at 765-3304

COMMUNITY EVENTS

BASIC CHRISTIAN MATURITY COURSE

A basic Christian maturity course called **Growth in the Spirit** will be held at St. Edward's on May 17, 2008 from 9:00AM – 4:00 PM. This is a course in Practical Christian Living that will include such topics as how do we love God and one another and speak to one another as Christians, how does God guide us in our daily life, how do we overcome temptations living in the midst of the world today. While there is no cost, it is necessary to pre-register by calling 371-7911 or 237-7391 or email dcnjmrgigaitis@aol.com.

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

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, Mary Ann Morrison, Maureen Palumbo, Bryan Pettit, Nicole Retajczyk, Mike Ricci, Tina Rosen, Kathy Sansone, William Skicki, Allison Thomas, Mary Walas, Angie Jean Wimperman, John Withkowski, Anna Davis, Ruth Ulion, Walter Greene, Patrick DeWane, Jeannie Mormile, Kathy Jornov, Amanda Cole, Ron Smolen, Kelly Hogan Kirby, Aggie Tucker, and Payton Gordinier.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar:

A mother's presence can bring peace to a frightened child just like Jesus brought peace to the disciples in today's gospel. As bread and wine bring us Christ's presence in the Eucharist, mothers are the instruments of Christ's presence in the home.