



# 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*  
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 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.



**May 18, 2008**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**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**

**Most Holy Trinity**  
**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

**Monday, May 19**

**7:30 AM:**

**Tuesday, May 20**

**7:30 AM:**

**Wednesday, May 21**

**7:30 AM : Bobby LeClair (healing)**  
 req. by: Aunt Net

**Thursday, May 22**

**NO MASS**

**Friday, May 23**

**7:30 AM:**

**Saturday, May 24**

**5:00 PM: William & Marcia Campion & Mary B. Wisely**  
 req. by: The Campion Daughters

**Sunday, May 25**

**Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

**8:30 AM: - Pat Tracy**  
 req. by: John & Cathy Lawler  
 and for: **Lucile Steiner**  
 req. by: Bill & Mary Ellen Rogers

**10:30 AM: Donna Foy**  
 req. by: The McGinty Family  
 and for: **Kathleen Kane (healing)**  
 req. by: Tom & Ellie Dorn

**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

**Monday, May 19**

Baptism Session #1 7:00 PM

**Wednesday, May 21**

Music Ministry 7:00 PM

**Scripture Readings**

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

**Monday:** Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday:** Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday:** Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday:** Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50

**Friday:** Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday:** Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16

**Next Sunday:** Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/  
 1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him

**Jn 3:16-17**

**SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH****COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE**

A spiritual longing exists in societies shattered by the atheistic rule of communism. Catholics in Central and Eastern Europe are replanting the roots of faith after three generations of religious persecution. The theme for the 2008 Collection to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe—"Love is the only Light."

With a love that brings radiant light, Catholics in the United States help build parishes in many distant places through the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your generous donations support seminaries, social service programs, youth ministries, pastoral centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and the spreading of the Gospel message through the mass media. Please support this collection next weekend.

**2008 BISHOPS APPEAL**

Many thanks to all those parishioners and friends who worship with us for their contribution and pledges to this year's Bishop's Appeal. Envelopes are available this week for those who have not made a gift. We are hoping to increase the number of donors this year to demonstrate that St. Matthew's truly realizes its responsibility to the Gospel of Jesus and to our Bishop. Please make a contribution (whatever it's size) so that the spirit of Saint Matthew's may be clear to our Bishop and to ourselves!

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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**.


**Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish**

Many thanks to those parishioners and friends who contributed \$6156.60 to the support of Saint Matthew's. Your generosity allowed us to pay \$448.39 for furnace repairs, \$1,050 to the Priest Pension Fund, \$1169.46 to National Grid, \$172.00 to our Mid Level Faith Formation and \$150.00 for what we hope is the last plowing bill of the season!

Thank you for your stewardship!

Today's Gospel is sometimes called "the Gospel in miniature" because it so concisely sums up the Gospel message. In even more concise form, we could say "God loved...God gave...!" That is the paradigm for Christian Stewardship.

May our giving always flow from our loving!

 **Rest in Peace**

Violet Meakle  
 mother of Laura Morrill

**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](mailto:pmdavignon@gmail.com).

**ST. MATTHEW'S BLOOD DRIVE**

St. Matthew's will sponsor a blood drive on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**MEN'S ASSOCIATION****MEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING**

The Men's Association's May meeting will be held this 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 7<sup>th</sup> - Ronald McDonald House

June 28<sup>th</sup> – Capital City Rescue Mission

July 12<sup>th</sup> – Habitat for Humanity

September 12 – Capital City Rescue Mission

Please call Tom Dorn at 765-3304

**COMMUNITY EVENTS****MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Like a house without upkeep, a marriage if left unattended will look shabby and eventually fall apart. A Marriage Encounter Weekend can help keep your marriage and communication in great shape. Call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3243 or 877-6979963 for information on the June 20-22 or September 12-14 weekends.

**CELEBRATING THE VISITATION**

The Capital Region Frassati Chapter young-adult group is hosting "To Jesus through Mary: Celebrating the Visitation," on the Feast of the Visitation, Saturday, May 31, 12:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, 10 Lodge St. Albany, 12207. We will offer a presentation on Marian entrustment, a May coronation, a communal rosary, and beautiful devotional music. All are invited to join us for this offering of love to our Mother in Heaven. For more information please contact Brian at [crfrassatichapter@gmail.com](mailto:crfrassatichapter@gmail.com)

**Lesbian/Gay, Family and Friends Retreat**

There will be a Lesbian/Gay, Family and Friends on Retreat, June 6 - 8, 2008 at St. Mary's, on the Lake, Paulist Spirituality Center located in Lake George with Fr. Ken McGuire, CSP Retreat Director. Cost of the weekend is \$200.00. For further information and to register, please contact the Family Life Office at 453 - 6677 or [karen.fontanelli@rcda.org](mailto:karen.fontanelli@rcda.org).

**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 Wimpperman, John Withkowski, Anna Davis, Ruth Ulion, Walter Greene, Patrick DeWane, Jeannie Mormile, Kathy Jornov, Amanda Cole, Kelly Hogan Kirby, Aggie Tucker, Payton Gordinier, Gerri Koch and Donna DeVellis.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

**By Bud Ozar:**

Today's gospel teaches "love" is the result of our "giving." The selfless giving of spouses, parents and children for one another is not only the sign of a happy and holy family. Selfless giving is the gift and the challenge of family life.

**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