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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.



June 1, 2008

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 31

5:00 PM: Stella Liptak
 req. by: Fr. Tom & the St. Matthew's Parish Community
 and for: **Lucile Steiner**
 req. by: Joe & Diane Deeley

Sunday, June 1

9th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: - Paul Fiero
 req. by: Mom & Dad
 and for: **Pat Tracy**
 req. by: John Tracy & Family

10:30 AM: Father Toole's 50th Anniversary

Monday, June 2

7:30 AM:

Tuesday, June 3

7:30 AM:

Wednesday, June 4

7:30 AM : Marge O'Connor
 req. by: William & Philomena Donaldson

Thursday, June 5

NO MASS

Friday, June 6

7:30 AM: NO MASS

Saturday, June 7

5:00 PM: Arthur Savoy
 req. by: Fr. Tom & the St. Matthew's Parish Community
 and for: **Stephania Hawryluk**
 req. by: Bernie & Diana Burns

Sunday, June 8

10th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: - Mary Wilcenski
 req. by: John & Cathy Lawler
 and for: **Lucile Steiner**
 req. by: Ernie & Linda Kitchen

10:30 AM: Hicks & Dayhaw Families
 req. by: John & Lois Kluz
 and for: **Evelyn Mitchell**
 req. by: Ed & Janet Ardizone



Sunday, June 1

Father Toole's 50th Anniversary Reception in Parish Center After 10:30 AM Mass

Monday, June 2

Baptism Session # 2 7:00 PM

Tuesday, June 3

Baptismal Prep. Committee. Mtg. 7:00 PM

Wednesday, June 4

Music Ministry 7:00 PM

Sunday, June 8

Graduate Mass 10:30 AM Reception in Parish Center after 10:30 AM Mass

Scripture Readings

Sunday: Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32/ Rom 3:21-25, 28/Mt 7:21-27

Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/ Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/ Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Hos 6:3-6/ Rom 4:18-25/ Mt 9:9-13

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock."

Mt 7:24-25

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

2008 BISHOPS APPEAL

The current primary season has made it clear that the Candidates are not just hoping to get the most votes, but that success is also measured by the number of states won. The success of the Bishop's Appeal is measured in a similar way.

It is not just the parish goal that we are hoping to achieve, but we are also hoping to increase the number of parish contributions to the appeal.

272 Persons and families have already made gifts and pledges to the Bishop's Appeal and we are very grateful for their support to the diocesan church of which our parish is a part. We are hoping however that Saint Matthew's can increase our percentage of contributions by reaching at least the 300 gift mark. If you have not made a gift yet (or if you would like to make a second one!), please take an envelope from the church entrance and return it this week! If everyone registered in our parish made some gift to the appeal, we would be far exceeding our goals. Please join together and try to help.



- Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Today's scripture readings call all Christians to active discipleship. It is not enough to know the commandments; we must actually obey them. It is not enough to hear the words of Jesus, we must act on them. Good Stewards, caretakers of all God's gifts, demonstrate their gratitude by sharing these gifts. Many thanks to those who have exercised their Christian Stewardship through their weekly support of our parish church.

Last week parishioners and friends contributed 4747.55 to help defray our expenses. Among the recent expenses paid was \$2,061.00 toward our insurance bill, and \$6433.00 toward our Catholic School Assessment, and we did some smaller bills, like \$69.65 for Altar Breads used at liturgy and \$267.09 for flowers and gardening supplies. Some churches are already using electronic transfers to allow parishioners to make contributions and keep their stewardship commitment even when they are away. Although St. Matthew's is not yet ready for that, please remember to make up any weekly contributions that you miss while you're away this summer.

The bills of course keep coming, and St. Matthew's is depending on you.

LITURGICAL AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Last weekend we celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (what was called Corpus Christi). It is an annual reminder of the great gift which is the Eucharist. It is an appropriate time to therefore call forward men and women to serve the church as Eucharistic Ministers.

If you know of someone from our parish or you yourself feel called to serve our church in this ministry, please let us know. If you know of someone who you believe would be a good Reader of God's Word at Liturgy, or a young person who could act as a Mass server please let us know that as well. The travels of summer can make the scheduling of an adequate number of various ministers difficult and we always appreciate the contributions of those talents that the Lord has placed in our midst.

(Please fill out and return to the Parish Office)

Suggestions of persons Who might serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Readers of God's Word or Altar Servers:



CHURCH GROUNDS

One of the nice things about our parish is the setting of the church. The grounds around the building are really beautiful and call to mind the God who creates all things. The flowers, the shrubs and lawns do take a lot of effort to maintain, however (God can't do everything!). Please try to preserve their beauty by treating flowerbeds gently and disposing of cigarettes (we are a non-smoking facility) and trash properly. Thanks for your cooperation.

CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS

Memorial Day signals the beginning of summer and with summer comes summer schedules! Here at Saint Matthew's the Parish Office hours will be reduced slightly. We will discontinue our Tuesday evening office hours, (nobody really ever came), and we will try to close the office by noon on Friday. We hope these adjustments won't be too inconvenient and will reinvigorate our dedicated office staff.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

GRADUATE MASS

On Sunday, June 8th at the 10:30 AM mass, we will have a Baccalaureate Mass for the high school graduates of the Class of 2008. Graduates will process into church at 10:15 AM. Please join us for this joyous blessing of our youth.



RESPECT LIFE

DIAPER DRIVE

The Respect Life Committee will be holding a diaper drive for Community Maternity Services. We will be collecting diapers from newborn to size 5 as well as Pull Ups. You will find baskets at both entrances on the weekends of May 31/June 1, June 7/8 and June 14/15. Respect life would also like to thank everyone who bought carnations at our annual Mother's Day sale. This money will be used for hosting speakers, educational materials for both adults and students, among other things. We thank you for your continued support and our activities.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL COOKOUT

The Men's Association will hold their Annual member's Cookout on June 20th at 6:00 PM on the Parish Patio. All past, current or interested new perspective 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

EVENING OF ADVANCED CARE ARRANGEMENTS

Join Dr. Julie Phillips and Father Paul Smith on Thursday, May 19 at 7:30 PM at Christ the King to learn more information on the following health care topics: Health Care Proxy, Living Will, DNR Arrangement, Organ Donation, and other topics. This is a cluster event that is open to all and there will be no cost.

DONATE YOUR OLD CELL PHONE

Albany County is starting an important new program to distribute recycled cell phones to local seniors for use in an emergency. By giving free cell phones to vulnerable seniors we can improve their chances of reaching vital support services. Bins will be available at both entrances of the church. Please make sure that the cell phone can be powered on and is accompanied by its charger. Please **bundle the phone and charger together in a zip - lock bag, padded envelope or something similar.**

COLLECTION DRIVE FOR OUR TROOPS

The Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department is collecting donations for our troops in Iraq. The donations will be forwarded to Kyle Morse, a friend of one of the firemen. Kyle is a 1st Lt in the 1st Squadron, 2nd Stryker Calvary Regiment, stationed at Camp Taji. The donations will be for 42 soldiers in his command. Donations can be dropped off on June 14th at the Voorheesville Fire Department from noon - 3:00 PM. For a list of items to donate, please check the Parish bulletin board located by the parish lobby doors.

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, Donna DeVellis and Bernie Pafunda.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar:

Today's gospel is Jesus' "Walk the Talk" speech challenging us to be who we profess to be. Build your family on fidelity: to God, your family and self. Then you will have foundation to withstand the "rains, floods and winds" of life?