



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.



June 8, 2008

Mass  for the Intentions  for the Week

Saturday, June 7

5:00 PM: Arthur Savoy
 req. by: Fr. Tom & the St. Matthew's Parish Community
and for: Stephaniea 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

Monday, June 9

7:30 AM: Betsy Carter
 req. by: her mother

Tuesday, June 10

7:30 AM: Helen Reedy 12th Anniversary
 req. by: Fragomeni Family

Wednesday, June 11

7:30 AM :

Thursday, June 12

NO MASS

Friday, June 13

7:30 AM:

Saturday, June 14

5:00 PM: Deceased Members of Men's Association
 req. by: Men's Association

Sunday, June 15

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: - Pat Tracy
 req. by: Jim & Rebecca Kiegle
and for: Helena H. Pratte
 req. by: Mary & Gerard McGreevy

10:30 AM: Lucile Steiner

req. by: Dan & Andrea Freeman
and for: Barbara Anne Coffey
 req. by: Margaret & Vincent Nicotina



Sunday, June 8

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

Monday, June 9

Baptism Session # 2 7:00 PM

Tuesday, June 10

Baptismal Prep. Committee. Mtg.
7:30 PM

Friday, June 13

Catechist Appreciation Dinner
Parish Center 7:00 PM

Saturday, June 14

Rite of Enrollment 5:00 PM Mass

Scripture Readings

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

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/
Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/
Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/
Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36-10:8

The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" He heard this and said, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Mt 9:11-13

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

2008 BISHOPS APPEAL

The movie "Young at Heart" (now playing at the Spectrum in Albany) is a documentary about a choir formed of 70, 80, and 90 year olds. As they interview the participants, they ask one woman why she joined the chorus and she says she wanted to be a part of "something big", she wanted to do something she couldn't do by herself. Our participation in the Bishops Appeal, allows us as Catholics to be apart of "something big", to accomplish something together that we couldn't do by ourselves. So far 278 persons and families from Saint Matthew's have been a part of this effort, but we are hoping for at least 300 of us to come together in the effort. If you haven't yet contributed, please be one of the 22 that we are waiting for. If you contributed this week you can reward your own generosity by seeing the movie. It really is very good. Thank you for your commitment to our diocese.



Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

In today's first reading the prophet Hosea says that "It is Love that I desire, not sacrifice." It has also been said that although "you can give without loving, you cannot love without giving". Many thanks to those parishioners and friends of Saint Matthew's who showed their Love for our parish contributing \$7,677.90 through Christian Stewardship to the support of our church. Special thanks to those who so faithfully "make-up" their weekly gifts when they are away.

BLESSING OF THE BICYCLES

As summer begins and both adults and children take to the roadways, Saint Matthew's invites its parishioners and friends to gather outside the church hall on Sunday June 22 at 12 noon for the Parish Blessing of Bicycles. Helmets can substitute for bicycles if you can't peddle to the church, but we hope that you can join us as we ask God's blessing on your summer travels.



LITURGICAL AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

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:

SAINT MATTHEW'S BLOOD DRIVE

Saint Matthew's will sponsor a blood drive on Saturday, June 21st from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Social Hall. sixteen volunteers will be calling previous donors. Please put a reminder on your calendar for this important event. Please remember that the coming of summer is often accompanied by blood shortages.

As of May 12, 2008, donors with a history of non-blood cancer such as breast, lung, brain, colon and prostate, can now donate 12 months after their last treatment has been completed.

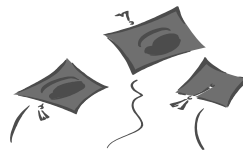
CHURCH GROUNDS

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.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Congratulations to all 2008 graduates in our parish. May God bless you in all of your new endeavors.



RESPECT LIFE

DIAPER DRIVE

The Respect Life Committee is holding a diaper drive for Community Maternity Services. We are collecting diapers from newborn to size 5 as well as Pull Ups. You will find baskets at both entrances on the weekends of 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 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

ADVANCED HEALTH CARE ARRANGEMENTS

Join Dr. Julie Phillips and Father Paul Smith on Thursday, June 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.**

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:

Every family is imperfect. We fail ourselves and those we love. In today's gospel Jesus tells us, "I did not come for the righteous, but for sinners." By showing "mercy" we avoid the shame and blame game and discover love and acceptance in our family.