



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 15, 2008

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, June 16

7:30 AM:

Tuesday, June 17

7:30 AM:

req. by:

Wednesday, June 18

7:30 AM :

Thursday, June 19

NO MASS

Friday, June 20

7:30 AM:

Saturday, June 21

5:00 PM: John & Claire Prisolo
req. by: The Wilson Family
and for: Elizabeth Lawson
req. by: Bob & Anne Pennock

Sunday, June 22

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: - Lucile Steiner
req. by: Ron & Anne Smolen

10:30 AM: Kluz & Nadeau Families
req. by: John & Lois Kluz

**Saturday, June 14**

Rite of Enrollment 5:00 PM Mass

Saturday, June 21Blood Drive 8 AM – 1 PM
Social Hall**Sunday, June 22**Christian Parenting Class 11:30 AM
Bike Blessing 12 Noon
Men's Association Mem. Cookout
6:00 PM**Scripture Readings****Sunday:** Ex 19:2-6a/Rom 5:6-11/
Mt 9:36-10:8**Monday:** 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18**Thursday:** Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15**Friday:** 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/
Mt 6:19-23**Saturday:** 2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34**Next Sunday:** Jer 20:10-13/
Rom 5:12-15/
Mt 10:26-33

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Mt 9:36-38**SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH****THE "BIG NUMBER"**

Each evening on the MSNBC political program "Hardball", host Chris Matthews announces the day's "Big Number." It might be the number of times a politician has evaded the same question in one interview, or it might be the amount a candidate has spent for each vote in an election. The "Big Number" could refer to almost anything.

If we had a "Big Number" here at Saint Matthew's, we would have several possibilities this week. It could be \$76,568 the total of gifts and pledges already made to this year's Bishop's Appeal (for which we are very grateful).

It could be \$262.22 the average amount of each gift given from our parishioners and friends to support the mission of our Diocesan Church.

But although those numbers are truly note worthy, the "Big Number" at Saint Matthew's this weekend is 9. That is the number of additional gifts that we need to surpass our goal of 300 participating households in this year's campaign. If you have not yet made a contribution to this year's Bishop's Appeal, we still need your help.

Please be a part of this ministry of the diocese by making your gift this week.

**Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish**

In today's Gospel, Jesus sends his disciples out in ministry, calling on them to be aware of the needs around them, and responding to those needs as generously as they can.

He tells them and us: "*the gift you have received as a gift, give as a gift.*"

Many thanks to those of our parishioners and friends who have shared God's gifts to them with Saint Matthew's this past weekend. Our weekly stewardship contributions totaled \$6319.35 and helped meet recent expenses like *The Evangelist* for our parishioners for five weeks which cost \$700.50, \$962.00 towards our bill for natural gas and \$85.90 for pest control. Not many of our expenses are noteworthy, but the faithfulness of so many in meeting them is noteworthy indeed.

Thanks to all of you who are supporting Saint Matthew's as an act of Christian Stewardship.

CHRISTIAN PARENTING SESSIONS

Have you ever wondered how to teach your children about God and Jesus? Have you found yourself wondering how to communicate religious ideas to your child or even stumbled with how to begin these teachings?

St. Matthew's is offering a new exciting series of four "**Christian Parenting Sessions**" to help families teach and nurture the love of God to their children. The first session entitled "**God and Nature**", will be held at St. Matthew's on **Sunday, June 22, 2008, after the 10:30 mass**. These sessions will offer guidance to parents between the sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion, providing a good stepping stone for teaching your children, tangible ways about God's love.

All Parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend. If you are interested in attending or know of someone who would, please call the parish office at **765-2805**. In addition, this will fulfill a preparation requirement for parents seeking baptism for a second child at St. Matthew's within a three-year period. We hope you can join in this wonderful journey, which will provide our children with invaluable lessons of God's love.

2008 CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

This weekend's special collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. The theme of our 2008 campaign is "How the Good News Gets Around." Your gift helps the CCC and our diocese to provide television, radio and print materials that spread the Good News of Christ's abiding love for each and every one of us, such as the presentation of the Sunday Mass, "Table of the Lord", on our local television stations.

Thank you for your continued support.

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.

**THANK YOU!**

Operation Rice Bowl would like to thank Saint Matthew's for their generous donation of \$448.42. Operation Rice Bowl, the official Lenten Program of Catholic Relief Services began in 1975 in the Diocese of Allentown Pennsylvania as a response to the drought in the African Sahel. For 33 years, Operation Rice Bowl (ORB) has called participants to pray with their families and faith communities; fast in solidarity with those who are hungry; learn about our global community and the challenges of poverty overseas; and give sacrificial contributions to those in need.

Since it's beginning, ORB has raised more than \$160 million to fund development projects that improve peoples' ability to access food. Today, more than 13, 000 faith communities across the United States participate in ORB as a way to respect human dignity and foster solidarity with the poor around the world and in their local dioceses.

Twenty – five percent of contributions remain in the Albany Diocese to fund our food pantries and soup kitchens thereby affirming the importance of our global responsibility as Christians to assist those in need both around the corner and around the world.

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.

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.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION**ANNUAL COOKOUT DATE CORRECTION**

The Men's Association will hold their Annual member's Cookout on Sunday, June 22 at 6:00 PM on the Parish Patio. All past, current or interested new perspective members are encouraged to attend. Please be sure to note the date change and mark it on your calendars.

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 Wimperman, 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:

There are many "troubled and abandoned" children needing guidance. They are "sheep without a shepherd." Today on Father's Day, let our "hearts be moved to pity for these children." Jesus reminds all men, "the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few. Without cost you received, without cost you must give. Go to the lost sheep."