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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 22, 2008**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**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**

12<sup>th</sup> 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

**Monday, June 23**

7:30 AM:

**Tuesday, June 24**

7:30 AM:

req. by:

**Wednesday, June 25**

7:30 AM :

**Thursday, June 26**

NO MASS

**Friday, June 27**

7:30 AM:

**Saturday, June 28**

5:00 PM: Stella Liptak

req. by: Dan & Andrea Freeman

**Sunday, June 29**

Solemnity of Saint Peter & Saint Paul

8:30 AM: - John Radloff

req. by: John & Ruth O'Connor

10:30 AM:

req. by:

**Sunday, June 22**

Christian Parenting Class 11:30 AM  
 Bike Blessing 12 Noon  
 Men's Association Mem. Cookout  
 6:00 PM

**Sunday, June 29**

Rite of Baptism 10:30 AM Mass

**Scripture Readings**

**Sunday:** Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/  
 Mt 10:26-33

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/  
 Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday:** Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/  
 1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17  
 Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/  
 Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/  
 Mt 7:15-20

**Thursday:** 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29

**Friday:** 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Mt 8:1-4

**Saturday:** Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/  
 Mt 8:5-17

**Next Sunday:** Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/  
 Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19  
 Day: Acts 12:1-11/  
 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/  
 Mt 16:13-19

"Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."

**Mt 10:29-32**

**SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH****THE RITE OF BAPTISM**

Next weekend on Sunday, June 29, 2008, during the 10:30am liturgy, St. Matthew's Parish will be welcoming a child into God's Church through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Please join in this wonderful celebration and extend your warm welcome and wishes to the family.

**SALUDOS FROM La FAMILIA FOSTER'S**

Dear Family and Friends,

This will be our last newsletter from El Salvador as we are coming home to the United States in just two weeks. Although we are really looking forward to reuniting with people at home, it is very hard to prepare to say goodbye to the friends we have made here in Las Mesas.

Chesna has told several people that she would like to lift the whole of Las Mesas, trees, houses and all, and bring it with her, and I think each of us shares this wish to live in both places.

Each member of the family is contributing to this newsletter so that we can share the experience with you one last time while we are still physically here, although I believe a part of our spirits will always remain in Las Mesas. We have felt very loved and supported by people at home throughout this past year, and we want you to know how good it has been to have that connection with you. We hope you enjoy hearing our stories, and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.



To read the full article about the updates on the construction of the church in Las Mesa please visit our parish website [www.stmatthewsvoorheesville.org](http://www.stmatthewsvoorheesville.org).

**SAINT LUKE'S CHALLENGE**

This past week on the Today Show, host Matt Lauer reminded Tim Russert's son Luke that he was named for Saint Luke who quoted Jesus as saying, "From those who been given much, much will be expected." Lauer then commended the young Russert for doing much good with the much that his father had given him.

Nearly 300 donors from Saint Matthews are similarly to be commended for the blessings they have shared through this year's Bishop's Appeal. Our total from gifts and pledges is nearly \$77, 000.00 exceeding our diocesan responsibility and allowing our parish itself to benefit from the generosity of our donors. Saint Matthew's can readily be proud of this example of Christian Stewardship lived out in our midst.

If you would like to be a part of this response to Saint Luke's challenge to us all, please pick up an envelope, and make a contribution today.

**TABLE AND CHAIRS RENTALS**

We have been reminded by the Insurance Office of our diocese that parishes are not to lend out or rent such things as tables and chairs. Previous loans have resulted in lawsuits against other parishes and we are no longer permitted.

**Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish**

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that

"Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed."

Many from our parish will need never be embarrassed if their stewardship to our church was made known. Last weekend parishioners and friends contributed \$6354.35 to the support of our Saint Matthew's. Their sacrifice is appreciated by us all.

Please remember Saint Matthew's in both your prayers and support if you will be traveling this summer.

We are counting on both of them.

**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.



**SAINT MATTHEW'S BLOOD DRIVE**

Saint 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. 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.

**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 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**

**DONATION WEBSITE**

Since we are all going GREEN, reuse, recycle there is a wealth of places to take most anything you have to get rid of and a large need for those items as well. Just go to [www.beyondclutter.com/wishlist.htm](http://www.beyondclutter.com/wishlist.htm) and there are **Local Organizations**, name, address and needs then further down is **Specific Items**, suggestions of places to try for specific items, everything from pet supplies to tools. You can also list your organization.

**PEYTON CENTER PILGRIMAGE TRIP**

Family Rosary is sponsoring a bus trip to the Father Patrick Peyton Center in North Easton, Massachusetts on Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. The trip will include a luncheon, visit and presentation on Father Peyton at the center, celebration of the Eucharist, a visit to the gravesite and dinner at the Tavern on the Hill in Holyoke on the way home. The cost is \$45.00 per person and the bus will leave from Christ the King Church, Guilderland at 7:00 AM and will return at approximately 9:00 PM. For more information or reservations, please call Kathy Nolles at 456-1644 or Laetitia Rhatigan 452-3082.

**JULY MAY EXTRA HELPINGS**

The July Extra Helping Forms are available in the Parish Office and include:

Regular Menu @ \$20.00

1.5 lbs. Chicken Breast stuffed w/Broccoli & Cheddar Cheese (4/6 .oz), 1 lb. Sirloin Beef Sandwich Steaks, 1.5 lbs. Home Style Beef Patties, 4 lb. bag Chicken Wings, 1 bunch of Celery, 1 lb bag of Baby Carrots.

Special #1: @ \$10.00

2 lbs. Bag Bay Scallops 80/120s (no glazing & no chemicals added)

Special # 2: @ \$13.00

6 lb. Italian Sweet Sausage links (2-3lb boxes)

Special #3: @ \$30.00 Meat Box

3lbs. Home Style Beef Patties, 3 lbs. Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breasts, 2.5 lbs. Boneless Center Cut Pork Chops, 2 lbs. Maple Flavored Breakfast Sausage, 3 lbs. Salisbury Steak.

Payment for orders accepted in **CASH** until **12:00 Noon on July 9<sup>th</sup>** and must be picked up at the **New Scotland Town Hall on Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> between 7:45 AM – 10:30 AM.**

**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:**

Jesus says, "Do not be afraid" three times in today's gospel and reminds us "all concealed secrets will be revealed." Do not be afraid to acknowledge problems in your family. If they remain "hidden in darkness" they will "destroy body and soul." Healing, understanding and hope are found only "in the light" of openness. "Do not be afraid."