



# 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 29, 2008**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### 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:

### Monday, June 30

7:30 AM:

### Tuesday, July 1

7:30 AM: For the health of Bernie Pafunda  
 req. by: Morning Mass Friends

### Wednesday, July 2

7:30 AM :

### Thursday, June 3

NO MASS

### Friday, July 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY

7:30 AM: NO MASS

### Saturday, July 5

5:00 PM: Raymond Brisson  
 req. by: Joe & Janice Genovesi

### Sunday, July 6

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

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

**Sunday, June 29**

Rite of Baptism 10:30 AM Mass

**Friday, July 4**

No Morning Mass

Parish Offices Closed

**Scripture Readings**

**Sunday (Vigil):** Acts 3:1-10/  
Gal 1:11-20/  
Jn 21:15-19

**Sunday (Day):** Acts 12:1-11/  
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/  
Mt 16:13-19

**Monday:** Am 2:6-10, 13-16/  
Mt 8:18-22

**Tuesday:** Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/  
Mt 8:23-27

**Wednesday:** Am 5:14-15, 21-24/  
Mt 8:28-34

**Thursday:** Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29

**Friday:** Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13

**Saturday:** Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17

**Next Sunday:** Zec 9:9-10/  
Rom 8:9, 11-13/  
Mt 11:25-30

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father."

**Mt 16:15-17****SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH****BOWING IS NOT JUST FOR STAGE**

Little boys who attended Catholic schools in the 1950's & 60's learned to bow whenever the pastor or principal came into the classroom. This sign of respect of course was not the innovation of the "good sisters" but was for centuries a part of the royal court, that eventually made it's way into the Christian liturgy before coming to the classroom.



Although the bow may be falling into disuse in our schools, it still has its place in our churches. This sign of respect was recently chosen by the American Bishops as the one to be used by Catholics in the United States before receiving Holy Communion. As we approach the priest, deacon or eucharistic minister offering Eucharist from both the plate and the cup, we are to do a simple bow and say "Amen." This is not our only bow at liturgy, however. We are also asked to bow during the creed when we say the words "by the power of the Holy Spirit, he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man." (this may be our most forgotten bow.)

It is also appropriate to bow to the altar (which is a principal symbol of Christ in our midst) as we enter our seats for worship; and when the Book of the Gospels is elevated during the Alleluia, as an acknowledgement that when the Gospel is proclaimed, "it is Christ himself who speaks "to us.

These silent gestures are powerful reminders to ourselves and to our community of these central tenets of our faith. Unfortunately, there are no longer many "good sisters" to teach them to our children, we now have to do it ourselves. Please try to pass along these little demonstration of faith the next generation of Catholic Christians by reverently modeling them during our weekly Eucharist.

**The 300**

The recent movie "300" tells how the courage and sacrifice of 300 Spartans allowed the Greeks in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century to withstand a Persian invasion against unbelievable odds. That 300 accomplished for their community what could never have been accomplished without them.

It seems that this year Saint Matthew's has it's own 300 of which we can be so proud. 300 donors from our parish have already contributed just under \$77,000.00 to our Bishop's Appeal. By doing so they will allow our diocesan community to accomplish so much for so many that would not have been possible without them. Because their stewardship has now exceeded our assessed responsibility to the diocese, any future gifts (and even the original Spartans who have appreciated a little more help!) will be shared with our parish church.

Many thanks to those who have been both faithful and generous to this essential aspect of parish life! If you have not yet taken part in this year's Bishop's Appeal, envelopes are available at the church entrances. Any contributions that you can make will be appreciated.

**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

The parish offices will be closed on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day and there will be no morning mass. The offices will re-open Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

**THE UNITED STATES FLAG**

As we look at the flag of our country, let us always remember its true meaning, for a flag without meaning is only a piece of cloth. The red of our flag stands for valor and bravery like that of those who fought to protect our freedoms. White signifies purity and innocence, as that of our Founding fathers' intent to secure the rights of all. Blue signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice, as all are needed in any government to secure the blessings of God. And as our stars and stripes point to the stars of the heavens and the rays of the sun, let us never forget that our country must depend upon God's blessing and protection.

**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY**

## Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

This weekend as we celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul we call to mind their tireless generosity in service of the Gospel. Although we cannot all be the outstanding examples of faith that Peter and Paul were, we can all be good stewards of the blessings God has given us.

Many thanks to those of our parish who contributed \$5791.57 to support the work of Saint Matthew's in the service to the building of God's kingdom to which we are called. Not all the requirements of building God's kingdom are very glamorous of course, but they are necessary. Your support this week allowed us to remove the stumps of two trees, for example, which God was inclined to knock down last week.

Thanks for making so much possible.

Please remember your stewardship of Saint Matthew's whenever you may be traveling this summer or throughout the year, we do depend upon your support even when you are away, so that we might be here when you get back!

### **THANK YOU BLOOD DONORS**

Saint Matthew's and the American Red Cross would like to thank the 32 donors who came out to donate blood last Saturday, June 21. Your donation will help to give the gift of life!



### **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.

### **MEN'S ASSOCIATION**

### **COME JOIN US IN SERVICE!**

Check your calendar to see if you can join us for the following service event:

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

September 12 – Capital City Rescue Mission

Please call Tom Dorn at 765-3304

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **MARIA COLLEGE HOUSING**

Maria College is in the process of updating it's housing list. If you have rental property available and would like to list it in our housing list, please fill out and submit to us our Application for Off Campus Student Housing as well as a rental profile. (Forms are available in the St. Matthew's Parish Office for Saint Matthew's parishioners)

### **ART AND SPIRITUALITY RETREAT**

Join us August 18, 19 & 20 at the Pyramid Life Center in Paradox, NY for an Art and Spirituality Retreat. Relax in the nature and paint in this exquisite environment and explore ways that art and spirituality relate. Art materials will be provided for beginning painters, others please bring your favorite painting supplies.

The retreat will be led by Sr. Joanne St. Hilare C.S.J., spiritual director, former faculty member of the College of St. Rose and artist Linda Nimmer, professional artist and St. Thomas the Apostle parishioner.

The cost for all meals, lodging and programs is \$120.00. Please call Linda at 518-439-3521 for registration or for any further details.

### **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.

### **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:**

In today's gospel Jesus renamed Simon. With the new name came Jesus' expectations of Peter. Naming is a serious and thoughtful family responsibility. When parents name a child, certain hopes, expectations and family connections are wrapped in the naming. What's in your name?