



St. Matthew's Church

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 Bill Kelly.....Trustee
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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.



July 6, 2008

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, July 6
 14th 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

Monday, July 7
 7:30 AM:

Tuesday, July 8
 7:30 AM

Wednesday, July 9
 7:30 AM :

Thursday, June 10
 NO MASS

Friday, July 11
 7:30 AM: Charles Brown
 req. by: His wife

Saturday, July 12
 5:00 PM: Lisa Emerick Cardona
 req. by: Burns, Merwin & Saccone Families
 and for: 1st Anniversary of Angelo Ricci
 req. by: Aggie Tucker

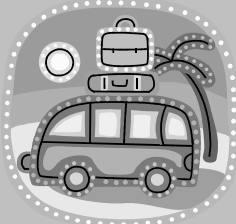
Sunday, July 13
 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Edna Pagone
 req. by: Father Tom &
 St. Matthew's Parish Community

10:30 AM: Elizabeth Williams
 req. by: Dan & Andrea Freeman



No events this week



Have a happy & safe summer!

Scripture Readings

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

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/
Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9/
Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/
Rom 8:18-23/
Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Mt 11:28-30

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & ALTAR SERVERS

The deadline for the ministry availability sheets is July 12th. At the present only 65 ministers out of 137 have returned their sheets. Please fax (765-3701) your sheets or drop them off at the Parish Office. The number of available ministers for August is very low and it is vital that we have enough of our ministries at mass, if you can help please contact Deacon Paul.

Because summer is upon us it is important to remember that if you are unable to serve as scheduled it is most important that you please find a substitute and let the Parish Office know by 3:00 PM on Thursday. This will help with any confusion and scrambling for substitutes before each mass.

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.

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Many thanks to those of our parish who contributed \$7,334.25 to support the work of Saint Matthew's in the service to the building of God's kingdom to which we are called. 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!



BAPTIZED
UNTO THE
LORD

On Sunday, June 29, 2008,
St. Matthew's welcomed
into the Church through
the saving waters of Baptism:

Chase Edward Mazuryk

Son of Joseph and Kristen Mazuryk
Grandson of Steve & Sue Vanderwarker

The 300

The recent movie "300" tells how the courage and sacrifice of 300 Spartans allowed the Greeks in the 4th 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.



FAITH FORMATION

ATTENTION 1ST COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION FAMILIES

If you wish to keep your preparation book as a memento, you may. If you have no need for your book we would really appreciate having it back. By recycling these books it will help us to defray costs. Thank you!

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

COME JOIN US IN SERVICE!

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

July 12th – Habitat for Humanity

September 12 – Capital City Rescue Mission

Please call Tom Dorn at 765-3304

COMMUNITY EVENTS

APARTMENTS AVAILABLE IN ALTAMONT

The Altamont Oaks Apartments now have 1 and 2 bedroom apartments available. These apartments are available for low-income families with a qualified senior 62 years or older, or for any individual that is disabled. The units include: appliances, carpeting and laundry facilities on the premise, on site management office and maintenance. Any interested prospect can call 861-5396.

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 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, Aggie Tucker, Payton Gordinier, Gerri Koch, Donna DeVellis and Bernie Pafunda.

Our **BULLETIN DEADLINE** is by **9:00 AM** on **Wednesday**. If it is a holiday week the deadline is **Monday** at **9:00 AM**.