



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)

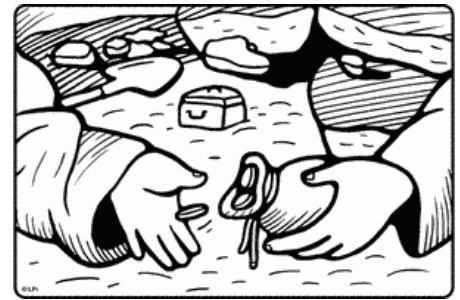
Prayer Chain – Call the Parish Office to initiate our parish Prayer Chain for any special intentions you may have.

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 27, 2008

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 26
5:00 PM: Shirley Wilkins
 req. by: St. Matthew's Music Ministry

Sunday, July 27
17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:30 AM: 2nd Anniversary of Denise Clinton
 req. by: Bill & Mary Ellen Rogers

10:30 AM: Maureen Nash
 req. by: The McGinty Family
and for: Matthew R Emmert
 req. by: Mary R Emmert

Monday, July 28
NO MASS

Tuesday, July 29
7:30 AM: Frank Conley
 req. by: The Conley Family

Wednesday, July 30
7:30 AM:

Thursday, July 31
NO MASS

Friday, August 1
7:30 AM: 1st Anniversary of Rose Ferraro
 req. by: Catherine Giacomini

Saturday, August 2
5:00 PM:
 req. by:

Sunday, August 3
18th Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:30 AM: Paul Fiero
 req. by: Mom & Dad
and for: Pat Tracy
 req. by: John Tracy & Family

10:30 AM: my mother Millie & my nephew Craig
 req. by: Joyce Robinson



Saturday, July 26th
Special Collection
Faith Formation Registration
(after mass in parish lobby)

Sunday, July 27th
Special Collection
Faith Formation Registration
(after both masses in parish lobby)

Scripture Readings

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/
Rom 8:28-30/
Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Jn 11:19-27
or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/
Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/
Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/
Rom 8:35, 37-39/
Mt 14:13-21

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

Mt 13:44-46

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

SPECIAL DIOCESEAN COLLECTION

There will be a special diocesan collection taken at all Masses this weekend to benefit the works of the Holy Father. Known as the Peter's Pence Collection, The proceeds fund emergency relief assistance to those throughout the world who suffer from war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be as generous as you can.

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

The Psalmist of today's liturgy proclaims that the word of God's mouth is more valuable than "gold and silver pieces." Many thanks to our parishioners and friends who showed their appreciation of God's word by sharing some of their gold and silver pieces to support the work of the church in its mission of proclaiming God's word.

Parish donations for last week were \$5063.50 with additional gifts toward the Missionary Appeal of \$1911.64.

Thanks to all of you who have supported both the local and universal church this week.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents wishing to celebrate the Baptism of their children are reminded that the next cycle of preparation sessions begin on **Monday, August 11, 2008**, with the Rite of Enrollment scheduled to be celebrated during the September 7th, liturgy. If you would like to be included in these next sessions, or would like a complete schedule on upcoming sessions, please call the office or Peggy McQuade, our Baptismal Team Coordinator at 872-9035. For your convenience, you may also view a copy of the Baptismal schedule, posted on the lobby entrance bulletin board and on our website: www.stmatthewsvoorheesville.org

Although required for parents seeking the Baptism of their children, Godparents, Grandparents and interested parishioners may also join in. Expectant parents are also welcomed and encouraged to attend, which would allow time to celebrate the Church's **Blessing of Pregnancy**.

RITE OF CANDIDACY / BLESSING OF SEMINARIANS

Please join Bishop Hubbard and the Church of Albany in the celebration of the Candidacy Rite with Dan Quinn and the blessing of seminarians: Jay Atherton, James Ebert, David Hammond, Brian Kennedy, Dan Quinn, Dan Ryan, Brian Slezak, Dan Smith, Michael Taylor, Rendell Torres, Quy Vo, and Matt Wetsel as they return to their studies. This will take place in the context of Solemn Evening Prayer at St. Pius X Church in Loudonville on Sunday, August 3 at 4 p.m. All are welcome.


DIOCESEAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE

The 36th Annual Marriage Jubilee Celebration sponsored by the Office of Evangelization, Catechists and Family Life will be held on October 18th at 1:00 PM at St. Clare's Church, Central Avenue, Colonie, New York. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Hubbard will celebrate the liturgy at 1:00 PM and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the Parish Center immediately following. Please register through the parish office.

LONG DISTANCE PRAYERS NEEDED

Lois Parmelee, a former Parishioner of Saint Matthew's, is in need of our prayers. Lois will be undergoing surgery on July 29th followed by treatments. If you would like to let Lois know you are thinking of her or you would like to send her a card of support, you can send it to:

216 Fairview Lane, Alexandria NH 03222-6307.

 *Rest in Peace*

John E. Hickey

FAITH FORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS! LOOKING FOR A CHALLENGE?

Looking for a challenge? Come be a S.A.L.T. teen this summer! S.A.L.T. (Service Action Learning Team) is a diocesan service immersion experience for high school youth. Young people will explore many social justice issues that confront our community including poverty, racism, unemployment, and homelessness. Each day is filled with hands – on opportunities! There are 2 sessions to choose from:

August 3rd – 7th or August 10th – 14th.

To find out more about how you can register, call Mrs. Dorn at 765-2373 or stmatthewsyouthministry@verizon.net or you can take a registration form from the Youth Ministry bulletin board.

REGISTRATION FOR 2008 - 2009

Our first registration session will be after all masses this weekend (July 26th & 27th) in the Parish Lobby. Any registrants after August 21st will be subject to a **\$25.00 late fee** and will be placed on a waiting list. All fees and registration requirements are included in our registration letter. If you have not received a letter, please contact Rebecca at 765-2805 to receive a copy.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

COME JOIN US IN SERVICE!

Check your calendar to see if you can join us for the following service event: September 12 – Capital City Rescue Mission

Please call Tom Dorn at 765-3304

COMMUNITY EVENTS

PART TIME OFFICE POSITION

The First United Methodist Church has an opening for a front office person who would be responsible for daily operation of the church office. Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel required. Publisher and newsletter experience preferred. Excellent communications skills needed. A perfect opportunity for an organized, creative and welcoming individual. Salary commensurate with experience. Please email resume and cover letter to fumcv68@yahoo.com. No phone calls please.

REFRIGERATOR NEEDED

The Town of New Scotland Senior Outreach program has a senior in need of a refrigerator/freezer that is still in good working order. If you have one that you would like to donate please call Sue Kidder at 439-9038 to arrange pick up.

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 Vincent Farney, Bernie Pafunda and Lois Parmelee.

OUR CLUSTER PARISHES

St. Lucy's, Altamont

Weekday: Tuesday & Thursday 5:15 PM

Weekend: Sat: 5:00 PM / Sun: 8:30 AM

St. Bernadette's, Berne Sunday at 10:15 AM

Christ the King, Westmere

Weekday: 9:00 AM Monday - Friday

Weekend: Saturday: 9 AM on the 1st Saturday of every month & 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 AM & Noon

St. Thomas, Delmar

Weekday: Monday and Friday: 12:15 PM, Tuesday and Wednesday: 7:00 AM,

Weekend: Saturday: 5:00 PM & Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & Noon

Remember to use your St. Matthew's envelopes when visiting our cluster churches because they will be returned to us!

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