



# St. Matthew's Church

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**STAFF**  
 Ellie Dorn.....Coordinator of Youth Ministry  
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 Bill Rogers.....Building Maintenance  
 Bill Kelly.....Trustee  
 Mary McGinty.....Trustee

### 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.



**September 7, 2008**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, September 6

5:00 PM: Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Smith & Frank & Ann Hart  
 req. by: John F. Smith  
 and for: John H. Burns  
 req. by: his family

### Sunday, September 7

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Pat Tracy  
 req. by: John Tracy & family  
 and for: John Burns  
 req. by: Bernie & Diana Burns

10:30 AM: Thomas Shea

req. by: Ron & Pat Rivers  
 and for: Adam J. Jones  
 req. by: Pat & John Carmody

### Monday, September 8

NO MASS

### Tuesday, September 9

7:30 AM:

### Wednesday, September 10

7:30 AM:

### Thursday, September 11

NO MASS

### Friday, September 12

7:30 AM:

### Saturday, September 13

5:00 PM: Ruth McGrath Torka- 5<sup>TH</sup> Anniv  
 & William McGrath – 45<sup>th</sup> Anniv  
 req. by: the McGrath Children

### Sunday, September 14

Feast of the Triumph of Holy Cross

8:30 AM: Vincent Farley  
 req. by: Pat Hammond

10:30 AM: James Taber – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv

req. by: Taber Family



**Sunday ,Sept 14 – Rite of Baptism  
--10:30 AM – Mass**

**Christian Parenting – Session 2  
“ Story Telling” – following  
10:30 AM Mass**

**Monday, Sept 15 – Baptism Prep  
Meeting 1 & Meeting 2 – 7:00 PM**

## Scripture Readings

**Sunday :** Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/ Mt 18:15-20

**Monday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31/  
Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/  
Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/  
Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22/  
Lk 6:43-49

**Next Sunday:** Nm 21:4b-9/  
Phil 2:6-11/ Jn 3:13-17

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’”  
– Mt. 18:15-16

## SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

### SAINT MATTHEW'S JOURNEY

Please help Saint Matthew journey to Voorheesville! It has been suggested that our parish obtain a statue of our patron saint for the lobby of the church. A suitable one has been found and would love to travel here from Italy. If you would like to contribute to this effort (perhaps in memory of a loved one) please let us know. It would be wonderful to be able to have the statue in place for our Feast Day (or close to it).



## Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

All three of this weekend's scripture readings remind us that we are all responsible for our brothers & sisters. One of the ways, in which we fulfill that responsibility is through our commitment to the stewardship of our parish.

Last weekend parishioners, friends and those worshipping with us contributed \$6,872.56 to the support of Saint Matthew's.

Thank you.

Christian Stewardship also includes the gift of service. There are countless ways that Christians are called to response in service. In two weeks, as apart of our St. Matthew's Day observance we will be asking all our parishioners to accept a ministerial commitment to the church. Whether it be as a lector, Eucharistic minister, catechist, hospitality person or whatever! Our faith teaches that we have all been given some ability to share. This will be an opportunity to exercise that part of our Christian Vocation. During the coming weeks please be considering what talents that God has given you to share, as well as what talents you have seen in other parish members that you believe improve our faith life together.

Thank you again!

### FEAST OF THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS

Next weekend the Church celebrates the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. Originating as a celebration of the finding of Christ's cross, over the centuries, the feast became a celebration of the “new creation” that was made possible by the crucifixion of Christ. It's placement in the calendar during the month of September, with the diminishing hours of daylight, makes it an “ordinary – time” reminder of Good Friday, which is still a half – year away.

This year we will mark the feast not only with the liturgical use of the color red, but also with the placement of an image of the crucified Christ on the cross. This image of Christ's in suffering reminds us of Christ's presence in our suffering as well as in our triumphs. By alternating this image with the Risen Christ we are able to better emphasize differing aspects of our faith throughout the liturgical year.

### HOMEMADE ITEMS NEEDED

As part of our St. Matthew's Day Celebration we will have a sale of “Homemade” items such as pies, cakes, other bake goods, jams, jellies, pickles, salsa, craft items, etc. If you have a specialty that you'd like to donate to us for that day, please contact Suzanne Schultz in the Faith Formation Office at 765-2373. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of a Statue of Saint Matthew for our Parish Center Lobby.

**THE RITE OF BAPTISM:** Next weekend on Sunday, September 14, 2008; during the 10:30am liturgy, St. Matthew's Parish will be welcoming two children into God's Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please join in this wonderful celebration and extend your warm welcome and wishes to the families.

**CHRISTIAN PARENTING SESSIONS – “STORY TELLING”**

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 next session in the series is entitled: “**Story Telling**”.

Come, listen and participate with your imagination as Deacon Paul Davignon guides you through this marvelous journey. While viewing a unique collection of children's books, you will experience the magical art of **Story Telling**, which is a fun and fascinating way to interact with your children and provide them with invaluable lessons of God's precious love. This session will be held at **St. Matthew's** on **Sunday, September 14, 2008, after the 10:30 mass**. The Christian Parenting Sessions 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. All Parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend. If you are interested in attending, please call the parish office at **765-2805**. We look forward to sharing in this adventure with you.

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.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Parents wishing to celebrate the Baptism of their children are reminded that the next cycle of preparation sessions begin on **Monday, September 15, 2008**, with the Rite of Enrollment scheduled to be celebrated during the October 18th, 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:

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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**.

**FAITH FORMATION**

**PLEASE HELP**

We have no one coming forward as a catechist for the third grade on either Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons. We will be unable to begin Faith Formation until we do. Please call Suzanne 765-2373.....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: **September 12 – Capital City Rescue Mission** .....Please call **Tom Dorn at 765-3304**

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED**

The New Scotland Community Food Pantry is collecting school supplies for the children of families they serve. When you are out shopping, won't you please pick-up an item or two to help a child in need? Some suggestions are: pens, pencils, pocket folders, 1" or 2" binders, composition notebooks, filler paper, box of tissues, backpacks. Thank you for your generosity.

**GIRLS SCOUTS—INFORMATIONAL EVENING**

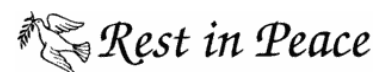
Come and discover all the new and exciting adventures of Girl Scouting along with mixing in some of the old traditions. The Voorheesville Service Unit is holding an "Informational Evening" on Wed, September 17, 2008; 7:00 pm at the Voorheesville Public Library. In order to help provide all girls the same opportunity to enjoy the Girl Scouting Experience, we could not do this without the help of Adult Volunteers. If you are unable to make this event or have questions regarding Girl Scouts, please contact Lizzy Sullivan at: 521-1841 [punkintownlizzy@aol.com](mailto:punkintownlizzy@aol.com). We invite you and your daughter to join in this fascinating Journey to see how you can help "Build Girls of Courage, Confidence and Character, to make the world a Better Place".

**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, Ricky Hoffman, Lorraine Holland, 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, Donna DeVellis Vincent Farney Bernie Pafunda, Lois Parmelee, Richard Arthur, Claire Broderick and Tim Finnigan, Bertha Meservey



The candle in the chapel is lit this week in loving memory of Louis & Mary Gnip and Francis L. & Helen Polzin  
Requested by  
The Gnip & Polzin Families



Vincent J. Farley, Jr.  
husband of  
Nancy Farley