



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.



September 28, 2008

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 27

5:00 PM: Gary Petre
 req. by: Fr. Tom & St. Matthew's Parish Community
 and for: James J. Mason
 req. by: Keith & Peggy Mason

Sunday, September 28

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Salvatore Morreale
 req. by: Fr. Tom & St. Matthew's Parish Community
10:30 AM: Lucile Steiner
 req. by: St. Matthew's Music Ministry

Monday, September 29

NO MASS

Tuesday, September 30

7:30 AM:

Wednesday, October 1

7:30 AM:

Thursday, October 2

NO MASS

Friday, October 3

7:30 AM:

Saturday, October 4

5:00 PM: Louise L. Smith 8th Anniversary
 req. by: John F. Smith
 and for: Matt O'Dell
 req. by: Kathy & Kara O'Dell

Sunday, October 5

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Pat Tracy
 req. by: John Tracy & Family
10:30 AM: Rose Foy
 req. by: Sean & Mary McGinty



Saturday, Sept 27 –
Special Collection-Catholic Universities

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Grade 10 – 1:00- 5:00 PM

Monday, Sept 29 –
Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM

Wednesday, Oct 1
Music Ministry – 7:00 PM

Saturday, Oct 4 –

Sunday, Oct 5 –
Sacrament of Baptism 10:30 AM Mass
Blessing of the Pets – 12:00 noon
parking lot of Parish Center
Grade Pre K-1st – 10:30 AM
Grades 6-8 -- 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Scripture Readings

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or
2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-
12a/Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk
9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-
62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk
10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk
10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt
21:33-43:

We are a Roman Catholic
Community called by
Jesus Christ to proclaim the
Kingdom of God through
sacramental lives of prayer
and ministry. Guided by the
Holy Spirit, we strive to give
witness to the Gospel by
serving God and others.

Our Parish Mission Statement

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

In honor of the Feast of Saint Francis

Saint Matthew's will have its

Fifth Annual

Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, October 5, 2008 - 12:00 Noon



In the Parking Lot of the
Saint Matthew's Parish Center

Bring your dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, gerbils, turtles, birds, fish and
exotic pets

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

The first son in this weekend's Gospel said that he would do his father's bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked.

That reading, of course, challenges us to ask ourselves to
which son are we more similar?

Last weekend several of our parishioners heard the call to Christian service and responded as our patron Saint Matthew. Several suggested the names of others who could be called to ministry. We are grateful to them all.

If you weren't here with us last weekend but could assist our parish as a lector, choir member, Communion Minister, or any other ministry, please let us know.

We are also grateful to those parishioners and friends who contributed \$5,908.05 to our regular weekend offertory for the support of our parish. In addition to the more mundane expenses of our parish, that generosity allowed us to underwrite some of the expenses of the Feast Day Celebration. Things like the bouncey-bounce which the kids always love. Thank you

This past week, the first of nine weeks of prayer remembering Saint Matthew, the Icon of Matthew and his Relic were housed with the Logan family, inviting their prayer together for our parish. This coming week, Tom & Peg O'Connor will host these items of devotion.

All parishioners are invited to pray Matthew's prayer during this Novena. Prayer cards are available at the entrances of the church. The last 2 weeks of our Novena are available if you would like to welcome St. Matthew's Icon and Relic into your home.

THE RITE OF BAPTISM: Next weekend on Sunday, October 5 during the 10:30 AM 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.

FAITH FORMATION/ YOUTH MINISTRY

CATECHIST MEETINGS

Wednesday October 1st
Grades Pre K – 5 at 3:15 PM
Grades 6 – 8 at 7:00 PM

Please make every effort to attend the meeting that applies to you. Thank you.

BABY FOOD JARS NEEDED

We are in need of empty baby food jars for an upcoming project in our mid-level program. Please place your donations in the marked container under the Youth Ministry bulletin board in the Social Hall lobby. Many thanks to our parish babies for their help in this project!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

You are invited to attend an Adult Faith Formation Offering on "THE CREED" to be presented by Fr. Art Becker. The presentation will be Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 7pm in the Chapel of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, Delmar. Please join us.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

COME JOIN US IN SERVICE! Check your calendar to see if you can join us for the following service event --- **Please call Tom Dorn at 765-3304**

Habitat for Humanity – Saturday, Nov 1st
Ronald McDonald House – Saturday, Oct 25th & Saturday Nov 29th
Capital City Rescue Mission – Saturday, Dec 13th

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment books are available after weekend masses for \$30 each. Some of the offers this year include savings totaling \$20 at Hannaford, coupons for reduced admissions \$6.50 at Regal Cinemas, and even a coupon for a free movie pass on your birthday! Thanks again for supporting our effort.

FOSTER FAMILY UPDATE

We've received an email from the Fosters. They thank all who have followed their family with prayers through this past year. They are now back in the U.S. living in Massachusetts. Their family now includes their nieces Shannon and Sydney and their nephew Luke. Their email address is still daemianmary@earthlink.net their new mailing address is:

40 Church St
 Westborough, MA 01851

DIOCESAN NEWS

PARISH CONVENING 2008

Bishop Hubbard and the Diocesan Pastoral Council invite all parishioners to the Parish Convening 2008 on Saturday, October 25th from 9:30 am – 1:30pm at Christian Brothers Academy in Albany. The theme will be Leadership for the Harvest: Cultivating Our Hope with Bishop Matthew Clark of Rochester delivering the keynote. Kim & Reggie Harris will lead prayer and song and a variety of workshops will be offered to enrich your faith journey and parish life. Cost is \$18/person and registrations are due by October 15. Brochure and registration forms can be found for download at www.rcda.org. For further information or questions, please call 453-6661.

Mother Nadine Brown, the founder of the Intercessors of the Lamb community in Omaha, Neb. consisting of priests, nuns, hermits and lay people, will present a **mini-conference at St. Edward the Confessor on Oct. 17 from 7-9 pm and Oct. 18 from 9-3:30.** Mother Nadine is world-renowned for her gift of prayer and teaching and provides you with a rare opportunity to listen, learn and pray with a modern day contemplative nun with extraordinary gifts of prayer. This dynamic prayer warrior and holy sister was called out of the cloister to bring the contemplative spirituality and its fruits to everyone. Pre-registration cost is \$20 by October 10. Call 371-7911 or 399-7316 for further info. or registration forms.

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, 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, Tim Finnigan, Bertha Meservey, Marie Cullen, Joseph Long, William Hladun, Moureen Daugherty



OUR PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION OF OUR FRIENDS & FAMILY IN THE ARMED FORCES

Richard Bailey, Evan Craig, Austin Freeman, Adam Kodra, Tim Wickersham