



St. Matthew's Church

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 Madge Devine.....Director of Music 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.



October 5, 2008

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, October 6

NO MASS

Tuesday, October 7

7:30 AM:

Wednesday, October 8

7:30 AM:

Thursday, October 9

NO MASS

Friday, October 10

7:30 AM:

Saturday, October 11

5:00 PM: Oscar Tucker
 req. by: Agnes Tucker & Family
 and for: **Charles "Mickey" Fields**
 req. by: Agnes Tucker & Family

Sunday, October 12

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Sal Morreales

req. by: Claudia Cole-Doyle

10:30 AM: Clifford Marks

req. by: William & Marilyn Lloyd

and for: **Kelly Kirby**

req. by: William & Marilyn Lloyd



Sunday, October 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

Monday, October 6 –
 Rosary & Novena -- 6:30 PM

Tuesday, October 7 –
 Grades 2-5 -- 3:15-4:30 PM

Wednesday, October 8 –
 Grades 2-5 -- 3:15-4:30 PM
 Music Ministry -- 7:00 PM

Sunday, October 12 –
 Grade Pre K-1st -- 10:30 AM

Scripture Readings

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

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

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

This past week, the second of nine weeks of prayer remembering Saint Matthew, the Icon of Matthew and his Relic were housed with Tom & Peg O'Connor, inviting their prayer together for our parish. This coming week, Pat & Gil Munroe 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.

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

In the Gospel this weekend, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers, but there was not a single steward on the property! A steward is one who manages the affairs of another. A Christian steward is one who realizes that he or she is really managing the affairs of God because everything we have has been given to us by God. The Stewards of our community have contributed \$6,666.11 this past week to support the mission of Saint Matthew's. That generosity allowed us to make the first of four payments of \$2,230 to the Lay Employee's Pension Fund, the first of four payments of \$449.90 to the Life Insurance Fund. We also made repairs to the church boiler for \$780. and replaced two of the microphones used in the church for about \$1600. Those of you who contributed, did a lot this week!

Thank you.

In honor of the Feast of Saint Francis

Saint Matthew's will have its

Fifth Annual

Blessing of the Pets

TODAY, October 5th at 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

BLESSING OF PREGNANCY

Expecting parents are invited to celebrate **the Blessing of Pregnancy** during all masses on the weekend of **October 18 & October 19, 2008**. If you would like to be a part of this special ceremony or know of someone who would, please call the parish office at 765-2805 to register.

FAITH FORMATION/ YOUTH MINISTRY

SHOES FOR THE SHOELESS CAMPAIGN

Once again, our Youth Ministry will collect good, wearable shoes and boots for the Shoes for the Shoeless Campaign. All donated shoes will be distributed to people in Appalachia. Drop off boxes are located at both church entrances from October 6th thru November 1st.

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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

DIOCESAN ROSARY CELEBRATION

All are invited to come and pray the Rosary for World Peace on Sunday October 5, 2008 at 2:00 pm with Bishop Hubbard presiding. Christ the King Church, 20 Sumpter Avenue, Albany.

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 information or registration forms.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

HARVEST DANCE

The Voorheesville Fire Dept. is holding its annual Harvest Dance at the firehouse on Saturday, October 18th from 8 pm to midnight. Featuring classic rock band The Hooligans. Door prizes; 50/50; appetizers; beer, wine and soda. Tickets are \$10 per person, must be 21+. For more information, call 765-7905 or 765-4048.

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 Wimperman, 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, Marie Cullen, Joseph Long, Will 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