



# St. Matthew's Church

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**STAFF** Ellie Dorn.....Coordinator of Youth Ministry  
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 Andrea Freeman.....Parish Secretary  
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 Madge Devine.....Director of Music Ministry  
 Jack Stevens.....Building Maintenance  
 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.



**November 16, 2008**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Saturday, November 15**

**5:00 PM: James Dresser**  
 req. by: Bob & Anne Pennock  
 and for: **Charles Brown**  
 req. by: Patty Barber

**Sunday, November 16**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**8:30 AM: Paul Fiero**  
 req. by: Mom & Dad  
 and for: **Marion H. Tracy**  
 req. by: the Tracy Family

**10:30 AM: Deceased Members of the Men's Association**  
 req. by: The Men's Association  
 and for: **Robert Dorn**  
 req. by: Eileen, Kevin & Sean Kroencke

**Monday, November 17**

NO MASS

**Tuesday, November 18**

**7:30 AM:**

**Wednesday, November 19**

**7:30 AM:**

**Thursday, November 20**

NO MASS

**Friday, November 21**

**7:30 AM: Susan Kulzer -27<sup>th</sup> Anniv**  
 req. by: Jim & Ruth Finnegan

**Saturday, November 22**

**5:00 PM:**

**Sunday, November 23**

**Solemnity of Christ the King**  
**8:30 AM: Pat Tracy**  
 req. by: John Tracy & Family  
 and for: **Mary Krajewski**  
 req. by: Ron & Anne Smolen

**10:30 AM: Robert Dorn**

req. by: Fr. Tom & Saint Matthew's Parish Community

**Saturday, November 15-**

Sacrament of Baptism – 5:00 Mass  
 Faith Formation Grades 2-5  
 Family Day 2:00 – 5:00 PM

**Sunday, November 16**

Sacrament of Baptism – 8:30 & 10:30  
 Masses  
 Grade Pre K-1<sup>st</sup> – 10:30 AM  
 Grade 9 – 1:00 – 5:00 PM  
 Men's Assoc Mtg. – 7:00 PM

**Monday, November 17**

Rosary & Novena -- 6:30 PM  
 Confirmation Session #2 Parent/Teen  
 Candidate 7:00 PM

**Wednesday, November 19 --**

Music Ministry -- 7:00 PM  
 Holiday Choir --- 7:45 PM

**Saturday, November 22**

1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation -- 9:30 AM  
 Children's Choir – 9:30 -- 11:00 AM  
 Human Development – 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

**Sunday, November 23**

Human Development – 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection  
 Grade Pre K-1<sup>st</sup> – 10:30 AM  
 Grade 9 – 1:00 – 5:00 PM  
 Grades 6-8 – 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM  
 Youth Choir – 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

**Scripture Readings**

**Sunday:** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1  
 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15,  
 19-21

**Monday:** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday:** Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday:** Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44

**Friday:** Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday:** Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40

**Next Sunday:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1  
 Cor 15:20-26,28/Mt 25:31-46

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 eighth of nine weeks of prayer remembering Saint Matthew, the Icon of Matthew and his Relic were housed with Pat & Ron Rivers, inviting their prayer together for our parish. This coming week, Dan & Andrea Freeman 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.

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Today's Gospel assures us that faithful stewards of God's gifts will be rewarded for their stewardship. The stewards of this parish contributed \$8,748.00 to the support of Saint Matthew's. That generosity will allow us not only to meet our routine expenses but will also assist in the unexpected repairs to the rectory heating system which was necessary this week following the breakdown of the piping system built into the cement floor.

Thank you for your faithfulness to our parish!

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

Nearly 37 million people in the United States live below the poverty line, and 13 million of those are children. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) works to create lasting solutions to the problem of poverty through real community change. Please donate prayerfully and generously to CCHD next weekend to help those in poverty help themselves. Visit [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org) to learn more.

**LECTOR WORKBOOKS**

In just a few weeks with the Feast of Christ the King the current liturgical year will come to its close. The new liturgical year will begin the following week on the First Sunday of Advent. With the new year begins the new cycle of readings for our prayer together, this year it will be The Year of Saint Mark. In order to assist those serving the parish as Lectors at liturgy, we have once again gotten workbooks for their weekly preparation. The new books are now available for Lectors in the sacristy. Lectors are asked to pick one up during the next couple of weeks, and to sign the list so we know that they have gotten one.

**BLESSING OF PREGNANCY**

Expecting parents are invited to celebrate the **Blessing of Pregnancy** during all masses on the weekend of **November 22<sup>nd</sup> & November 23, 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.

**RITE OF ENROLLMENT** Next weekend on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and November 23<sup>rd</sup> during all masses, families will present their children to our parish as Baptismal Candidates. This ceremony is part of the child's first initiation into the Church. The children will receive the Church's First Blessing, along with their names being entered into the "Book of The Elect", signifying his/her future commitment to living a Catholic Christian life. We invite all parishioners to join in this special spiritual celebration.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

The Children's Christmas Choir will begin their practices on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> in the church. We will have four practices, all on Saturday morning from 9:30 - 11:00. We will not meet on November 29<sup>th</sup> because of it being the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. We invite all children who are in grades 3 - 5 to participate. This choir sings at the 4:00 Christmas Eve mass. We know that everyone is very busy this time of year but this is one way to be a true part of the Christmas celebration. Please encourage your child/children to participate. Madge Devine will be the director and Jessica Ransbury will be our accompanist. Your children/child will receive a form at their religious education class. Please fill out the permission slip and return it to the church on or before the date requested. If you have any questions, please call Madge at 765-2457.

**THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

The annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service for our area will be held at St. Thomas' Church in Delmar on Sunday, November 23rd at 7:00pm. Choir members from fourteen churches around this area participate. St. Matthew's has eleven music ministry members in the choir. The choir totals 130 in number. It's a wonderful, welcoming and joyful celebration... a great way to begin your Thanksgiving week. The service is always very crowded so be sure to arrive early to get a good seat. We hope to see you there.

**WINTER ITEMS NEEDED**

Birthingright has requested several items to help them start off the winter season. They are in need of new baby blankets (appropriate for winter nights), new mittens (both adult and children sizes), new sweatshirts (all children sizes), and gently used snow suits (size 0-3 months). You will find a box at both entrances where you can place the items this weekend November 15 & 16. Thank you for your support.

**FAITH FORMATION/ YOUTH MINISTRY****COOKIES IN A JAR**

Christmas is fast approaching and Santa's elves will soon be busy! Our mid level youth will be making "Cookies in a Jar" for our New Scotland Community Food Pantry. We are in need of quart size canning jars including lids and bands.

**MEN'S ASSOCIATION****SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER**

Many thanks to all who attended last Sunday's Big Breakfast. Thanks also to members of the Youth Ministry who helped serve the great food. Your support helps the Association continue its activities in and around the Parish and our community.

**MONTHLY MEETING**

The Men's Association monthly meeting will be held at 7 pm on Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Church. All present, previous and prospective members are welcome. We will discuss holiday activities and plans for 2009.

**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**

**Ronald McDonald House –Saturday Nov 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Capital City Rescue Mission – Saturday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>**

**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.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS****SILENT AUCTION**

On Saturday, November 22, 2008, from 9am to 1pm, the Voorheesville Community Preschool, 68 Maple Avenue, will be having a silent auction. Bid on great auction deals and help support our community preschool! Donated items include: 4 one day Hopper Passes to Disney World, 4 for 18 holes of golf -including cart and lunch at Albany Country Club, A Breakaway Weekend at The Desmond, Tickets to the ballet at SPAC, bread for a year from Panera, and many gift baskets and gift certificates.

**ST PETER'S LIFELINE SERVICE**

We all want to age in our own homes. However, accidents happen. Let St. Peter's Lifeline enable you to get the needed medical help in an emergency. Lifeline secures immediate response – just by the push of a button. Lifeline reduces the risk of living alone and offers protection 24 hours a day, 365 days a year! Call now and receive **FREE INSTALLATION** for the month of December!

St. Peter's Lifeline Office: 525-1004. Remain in your home – with Lifeline!

**CRAFT FAIR**

Christian Brothers Academy proudly presents its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Fair Saturday, November 22, 2008 -- 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Location: 12 Airline Drive, Albany, NY Over 125 vendors, bake sale, café breakfast and lunch, plentiful parking and raffle prizes. Admission is free to the public.

**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, 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, Marie Cullen, Joseph Long, Will Hladun, Moureen Daugherty, Eric Dagner

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

Richard Bailey, Evan Craig, Austin Freeman, Adam Kodra, CDR Dennis P. McKenna, Tim Wickersham