



St. Matthew's Church

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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.



January 18, 2009

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 17

5:00 PM: Living & Deceased Members of the Men's Association
 req. by: The Men's Association
 and for: **Irvin Burch**
 req. by – Clare Hemmett

Sunday, January 18

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Ken Guyer
 req. by: Hank & Jeannie Piquette
 and for: **Joseph J. Cillis**
 req. by – Bill & Mary Ellen Rogers

10:30 AM: Joseph Cillis
 req. by: Tom & Ellie Dorn

Monday, January 19

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 20

7:30 AM:

Wednesday, January 21

7:30 AM:

Thursday, January 22

NO MASS

Friday, January 23

7:30 AM:

Saturday, January 24

5:00 PM: Paul J. Pettit
 req. by: Joan Pettit & Family
 and for: **Jodi Decker-Royce**
 req. by – Jim & Clare McAssey

Sunday, January 25

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Mary Devellis, 2nd Anniversary
 req. by: The Devellis Family
 and for: **Joseph J. Cillis**
 req. by – J. Slingerland & Gainor Family

10:30 AM: Robert Dorn
 req. by: Nancy & Tony Paino
 and for: **Robert De Fluemer**
 req. by – Janice & Larry Dedrick

**Please remember that whenever the Voorheesville Central Schools District cancels or delays classes because of inclement weather, morning liturgy on that day will also be cancelled.*



The
Week
Ahead

Sunday, January 18

Pre K- -1 10:30 AM
Men's Association Monthly Meeting
7:00 PM in the Library

Monday, January 19

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM

Tuesday, January 20

Grades 2- 5 3:15 – 4:30 PM

Wednesday, January 21

Grades 2- 5 3:15 – 4:30 PM
Music Ministry 7:00 PM

Sunday, January 25

Pre K- -1 10:30 AM

Scripture Readings

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
Jn 1:35-42

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25---8:6/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/
Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/
1 Cor 7:29-31/
Mk 1:14-20



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

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

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

CALLED TO BE CHURCH UPDATE

During the Called to Be Church process, the priests of our cluster will be celebrating Eucharist at different parishes in the cluster, one weekend in January, and one weekend in February. As a part of that rotation schedule, Father Paul Catena from Christ the King and Father David Berberian from St. Thomas are celebrating liturgy here at St. Matthew's. this weekend We are happy to have them with us. Father Tom will be celebrating Eucharist at Christ the King and St. Lucy's.

Also this weekend the diocese will be announcing Bishop Hubbard's decisions on parish closures, mergers and linkages. Our Local Planning Group submitted its recommendations to the Diocese in June of 2008. The decision regarding those recommendations and those for the entire Pastoral Plan of the Diocese are expected to be announced. Although there will probably be extensive coverage in The Evangelist and other local media outlets, the Diocesan Website will also post all of those decisions. The web address for the Roman Catholic Diocese is www.rcda.org.

The challenge for all of us as we face the changes of our church structures for the future, is to always remember that our faith is not tied to a particular building or location. Rather it's embodied in the collective presence of our brothers and sisters in Christ, wherever we may be.



Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Last weekend, with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, the Church concluded it's Christmas celebration for another year. It was truly a White Christmas this year with a lot of snow, ice and winter weather.

Although it can be beautiful it also imposed many hardships upon many people. The winter weather can also diminish attendance at weekend liturgies and also lessen weekly church support. We are grateful to those parish members and friends who made the effort to join us in prayer last weekend despite less than ideal weather conditions and who contributed \$5,026.30 to support the parish. Thank you.

We do hope that those who were not able to be with us do make up their regular parish offertory gift. Ironically, it is when our attendance is low that our expenses are high (thanks to heat and salt and snow removal costs!).

Please help us to lessen the financial costs of winter if you can.

PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS TO TAKE HOME

The ornaments are still available for this week only. Please stop by the parish lobby and pick up your ornament if you have not done so already.

ARE YOU A DO BEE?

Those who are old enough to remember the television program Romper Room, for children growing up in the fifties and sixties might also remember Mr. Do Bee. Mr. Do Bee would often remind viewers of little lessons of life that they could sometimes forget. For example "Do Bee a car sitter. Don't bee a car stander." For church goers like ourselves, Mr. Do Bee might remind our children and ourselves of church courtesies that we might forget.

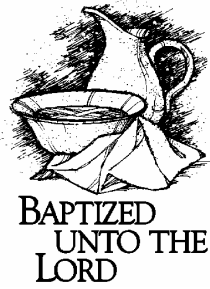
This weekend Mr. Do Bee says:

"Do Bee a good example for your children by arriving on time for liturgy and staying until the liturgy and the final song have ended."



CHRISTIAN PARENTING SESSIONS: STORY TELLING

We are sorry to announce, we have postponed the above event, slated for January 25, 2009. A new date will be announced. Thank you.



On Saturday, January 10, 2009,
St. Matthew's welcomed into the Church
through the saving waters of Baptism:
Allison Grace Csiza
daughter of Sarah Hannell & Andrew Csiza
and
Madison Rian Ericksen
daughter of Tina Cascone & Erick Ericksen

Congratulations and welcome to these newest members and their families as they all begin a new relationship with our God and God's church.

FAITH FORMATION

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

If you are interested in sharing your faith with younger parishioners at the 10:30 AM Mass, please contact Mrs. Schultz. We would like our Liturgy of the Word for Children program to resume as soon as possible

MID LEVEL PROGRAM CANCELLED

Due to state testing and mid-terms, the grades 6-8 session for January 26th has been cancelled.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

CABIN FEVER?

Mark your calendar for the 13th annual St. Matthew's Sports Night, to be held on Wednesday, February 4th at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. Our featured speaker will be FM104.5's Brian Sinkoff. Brian is the host of "Sound-off with Sinkoff", the Capital Region's only local afternoon sports talk show. Brian is also currently a regular contributor on TW 3, Time Warner Sports Television Network. This year's winner of the Mike Burns Sports Award will also be announced and recognized.

Sandwiches, pizza and refreshments will be served, and there will be lots of great prizes and admission tickets from local merchants and area sports teams. Admission is still just \$5.00, and all parishioners and guests are welcome. Reservations appreciated - please call Tom Walter at 765-2768. Last year more than 50 people were eligible for nearly \$1,500+ in prizes, and one lucky person won \$60 in our 50/50 raffle. Come, bring other sports enthusiasts, and have an enjoyable evening for only a little \$\$.

MONTHLY MEETING

The Association's monthly meeting will be held Sunday January 18 at 7 pm at the Church. All current, former, and prospective members are welcome. Discussion topics will include plans for Sports Night, McDonough and Burns awards, annual scholarships, upcoming community service dates, and more.

RESPECT LIFE

THANK YOU!

To the parishioners of St. Matthew's,
We are bombarded with the secular side of this important season, making it easy to forget the true meaning of Christmas. You, at St. Matthew's, have not forgotten this true meaning. We couldn't continue to help our clients without your generosity. God Bless!
Birthright of Albany

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DRIVER FOR SENIOR CITIZEN NEEDED

I am looking for someone who is available on a Friday afternoons from 1 - 4:30 to drive my mom to the hairdressers and market. We would negotiate payment. Anyone interested, please call: Gina Luke at: home - 475-1751 or (c) 542-7075. Thank you!

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, 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, Aggie Tucker, Payton Gordinier, Donna DeVellis, Bernie Pafunda, Richard Arthur, Claire Broderick, Tim Finnigan, Bertha Meservey, Marie Cullen, Joseph Long, Will Hladun, Katie Traudt, Maureen Daugherty, Eric Dagner, Marilyn Farrell, Jack Burke & Donald Lee

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