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  - Bill Rogers..... *Building Maintenance*
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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.



**January 25, 2009**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Monday, January 26**

**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, January 27**

**7:30 AM:**

**Wednesday, January 28**

**7:30 AM:**

**Thursday, January 29**

**NO MASS**

**Friday, January 30**

**7:30 AM:**

**Saturday, January 31**

**5:00 PM: Robert J. Burns Sr.**  
 req. by: Fr. Tom & St. Matthew's Parish  
 and for: **Albert Glath**  
 req. by: Kathleen Glath

**Sunday, February 1**

**Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**8:30 AM: Joseph J. Cillis**  
 req. by: Jim & Clare McAssey  
 and for: **Charlotte Birdsall**  
 req. by: Al Birdsall

**10:30 AM: Ken Guyer**

req. by: the Baugh Family  
 and for: **Patrick J. Shanahan**  
 req. by: the Kundel Family

*\*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.*

**Sunday, January 25**

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

**Monday, January 26**

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, January 27**

Grades 2- 5 3:15 – 4:30 PM  
Food Pantry Volunteer Training  
7:00 PM Parish Library

**Wednesday, January 28**

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

**Saturday, January 31**

Blessing of Pregnancy  
5:00 PM Mass

**Sunday, February 1**

Pre K- -1 10:30 AM  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation  
11:30 AM – 3:30 PM

**Scripture Readings**

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

**Monday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/  
Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/  
Mk 4:35-41

**Next Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20/  
1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



**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

Last weekend Deacon Paul attended liturgy at St. Zepherin's Church in Wayland, MA. At the end of the liturgy, parishioners were given a question to think about and perhaps discuss with family or friends during the week. Always anxious to try another community's idea, we now present:

*St. Matthew's Question of the Week:*

In today's Gospel, Andrew, Simon, John and James abandon their nets and their boats to follow Jesus.



Jesus is calling you at this moment in your life.

*What do you need to abandon in order to follow him?*

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Last weekend our worshippers and friends contributed \$5867.75 to the support of our parish, and we are grateful. Among the many bills that those contributions allowed us to pay was one for \$493.00 for electrical ballasts. This will be good news for those sitting in the increasing darkening sector of the church near the baptismal font. Once we can get those expensive little parts installed, the lights will be coming on again!

Please continue to be generous, and we will buy new bulbs!

BLESSING OF PREGNANCY

Expecting parents are invited to celebrate the **Blessing of Pregnancy** during the 5:00 pm mass on Saturday, January 31, 2009. If you would like to be a part of this special ceremony or know of some one who would, please call the parish office at 765-2805 to register.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents wishing to celebrate the Baptism of their children are reminded that the next cycle of preparation sessions begin on Monday, February 9, 2009, with the **Rite of Enrollment** to be conducted on the weekend of Feb 28 - March 1, 2009. 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: [www.stmatthewsvoorheesville.org](http://www.stmatthewsvoorheesville.org). 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.

This weekend Mr. Do Bee says:

*"Do Bee a hospitable worshipper  
always say hello or welcome to the  
stranger at church."*



**CABIN FEVER?**

Mark your calendar for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual St. Matthew's Sports Night, to be held on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 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 \$\$.

**FAITH FORMATION****9 & 10<sup>th</sup> GRADE REMINDER**

All 9 & 10<sup>th</sup> grade permission slips are due for our upcoming 9 & 10<sup>th</sup> grade programs. We are also in need of drivers for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade program. Please help us finalize our plans for our sessions by returning your teen's permission slip to the Faith Formation Office ASAP and please mark on your form if you can help provide transportation.

**FEBRUARY REMINDER**

There will be no Faith Formation for grades 2-5 for the month of February. Instead we will be offering a Family Faith Day, "**Together Through Lent**" on **February 28<sup>th</sup>**. Registration forms will be mailed out the 1<sup>st</sup> week in February and are due by the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION**

If your family is celebrating the sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Communion this spring, please be sure that your registration forms and your retreat fee to the Faith Formation Office no later than February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**MEN'S ASSOCIATION****PLANNING MEETING**

This **Sunday, January 24<sup>h</sup>, at 07:00 p.m.** we will meet to continue planning special events in 2009, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Men's Associations. All current and prospective members are invited to attend.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS****LADIES LUNCH**

The Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat is hosting a luncheon for all women of the diocese interested in women's issues. Our speaker will be Roxanne Angotta of Danbury, CT. The Luncheon will be held at the Italian-American Community Center, Washington Ave. Extension, Albany, on Saturday, February 7 from 11 AM-3 PM. For info, please call Ruth Lapiere at 785-1084. Reservations needed by Feb. 2.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Married couples, renew and revitalize your love affair with your spouse on a Marriage Encounter Weekend and celebrate Valentine's Day too. For information on the February 6 – 8 or March 20 –22 Marriage Encounter weekends please call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3242 or 1-877-697-9963.

**CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL**

The Dominican Retreat & Conference Center will be hosting "Chicken Soup for the Soul" with guest speaker Carol Davis, OP, MA, CASAC, on **Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** from **6:30 – 8:30 PM**. The evening will start with homemade chicken soup and bread followed by a presentation by Carol Davis on nurturing your relationship with God and will conclude with evening prayer in the spirit of Taize. The fee is \$20.00 per person. For reservations please call 518-393-4169, Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM.

**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