



St. Matthew's Church

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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.



March 8, 2009

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 7

5:00 PM: Ken Guyer
 req. by: Rick & Nora Vilar
 and for: **Lenore House**
 req. by: Jim & Rebecca Kiegle

Sunday, March 8

2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM: Joseph J. Cillis
 req. by: Jim & Claire Kiegle
 and for: **Florence Langhauser**
 req. by: Father Tom & St. Matthew's Parish community

10:30 AM: Patrick Dewane

req. by: Bill & Mary Ellen Rogers
 and for: **Ellen Piccini**
 req. by: John & Pat Carmody

Monday, March 9

NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday, March 10

7:30 AM:

Wednesday, March 11

7:30 AM: Edward Bunk
 req. by: Pat Hammond

Thursday, March 12

NO MORNING MASS

Friday, March 13

7:30 AM:

Saturday, March 14

5:00 PM: Frank Tommell
 req. by: Jim & Rebecca Kiegle
 and for: **Will Hladun**
 req. by: Father Tom & St. Matthew's Parish Community

Sunday, March 15

3rd Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM: Paul Fiero
 req. by: Mom & Dad
 and for: **Joseph Calabrese**
 req. by: Gail Michalak

10:30 AM: Living & Deceased Members of the Men's Association

req. by: Men's Association
 and for: **Louis Leon**
 req. by: Dawna & Brandy Leon



The
Week
Ahead

Sunday, March 8

Pre K – 1 10:30 AM
Christian Parenting: Story Telling
11:30 AM with Deacon Paul
Grade 9 1:00 PM

Monday, March 9

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM
Lenten Evening Prayer 7:00 PM
NSC Food Pantry 7:00 PM
Baptism Session #1 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 10

Grades 2-5 3:15 PM
1st Comm. Parent Mtg. 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 11

Grades 2-5 3:15 PM
Music Ministry 7:00 PM
Holiday Choir 7:45 PM

Sunday, March 15

Pre K – 1 10:30 AM
Grade 10 1 – 5 PM

Scripture Readings

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or
20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/
1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25



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

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

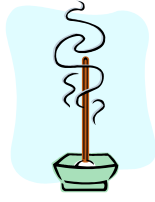
SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH



Reflection Question of the Week:

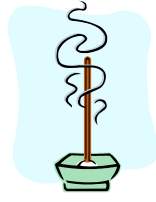
What keeps you from listening to
the "Beloved Son" of God?





During our Lenten Journey
join us for
Monday Evening Prayer
7:00 PM

March 9, The Second Week of Lent
March 16, The Third Week of Lent
March 23, The Fourth Week of Lent



BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents wishing to celebrate the Baptism of their children are reminded that the **next cycle of preparation sessions begin on Monday, March 9, 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

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.**

HEALING MASS

The next Diocesan Service Committee Charismatic Healing Mass will be held on Wednesday March 12th at 7:30 PM at St. Ambrose Church in Latham. Prayer and praise begin at 7:00 PM with Fr. J. Thomas Connery and healing prayer to follow the liturgy. For more info call Ruth LaPierre at 785-1084

MEAL BLESSING

Here is a prayer you may want to use before meals.

Let us pray (pause for silent prayer)

To you, O Lord, do we give thanks
for the food we are about to share.

Provide also for those who are in need, and gather us
all together at the blessed table of your kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

After the meal:

Leader: Not on bread alone are we to live.

All: But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.



Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

In today's first reading, we are reminded that Abraham's love for God was so great that he would sacrifice his own son. Here at Saint Matthew's we know that many Parishioner's love for God is revealed in the sacrifices they make for our parish.

Your gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure are truly appreciated, thank you!!

During these days of economic worry, we are especially grateful for all of you who are sacrificing other things to remain faithful to your support of Saint Matthew's. Last weekend parishioners contributed \$8196.81 to weekly parish support and an additional \$119.43 to the support of the Black and Indian Missions of the United States. We can truly be proud of that kind of Christian Stewardship

Thank you

25th ANNIVERSARY BIG BREAKFAST

The men's Association will sponsor a special breakfast on Sunday, March 22, 7:30 AM - Noon in the social hall. Menu items include pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, home fries, toast, juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Members of the Youth Ministry will serve your breakfast. Take-out meals will also be available. All are invited for an enjoyable time and a delicious meal while helping the Association raise money for it's many activities around the parish. Adults \$5, Children \$3. To help Celebrate the Associations 25th Anniversary there will be raffles, prizes and give-aways throughout the morning - don't miss out!

ATTEND A CURSILLO

A Cursillo is a retreat experience for active Catholics who want a closer relationship with God and want to enrich their faith. The Cursillo for women is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, March 16th - Sunday, March 22nd and the weekend for men is scheduled for Thursday, June 11th - through Sunday, June 14th. If interested, please call Peg & Tom O'Connor at 765-4959.

FAITH FORMATION**FIRST COMMUNION PARENT REMINDER**

There will be a brief parent only session on **Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 PM**. This is part of the preparation program so please make every effort to attend.

MUSIC MINISTRY**HOLIDAY CHOIR**

The Holiday Choir will begin practicing for Holy Week on Wednesday, March 11th at 7:45 and will continue for the next four weeks at that same time. We will prepare the music for Palm Sunday (April 4th/5th), Holy Thursday (April 9th @ 7PM), Good Friday (April 10th @ 7PM), Easter Vigil (April 11th @ 8PM) and Easter Sunday (April 12th @ 8:30 & 10:30). You do not have to be available to do all of these masses to participate. We will all work together to make this holiest of weeks a meaningful and spiritual journey. Please consider joining us. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Madge Devine at 765-2457.

COMMUNITY EVENTS**DONATIONS FOR THE SCHUYLER INN**

The Schuyler Inn is a Shelter in Menands that is run by Father Peter Young's housing and serves homeless families and war vets. Currently there are 30 families ranging from the elderly vets to families with babies that are in critical need of the following items: warm winter gloves, scarves, hats, blankets, pillow cases, sheets, NEW underwear, cribs (in good condition), socks, pajama's of all sizes, school supplies, backpacks, fleece or quilted, good children's books and toiletries. If you can help and would like to donate please contact Maryann Morrison at IT TAKES AVILLAGE, 765-5901.

THE BOY FRIEND AT COHOES MUSIC HALL

The CBA Cadet players will be performing *The Boy Friend* at the Cohoes Music Hall in Cohoes. Performances will be March 13 & 14 at 7:00 PM and March 15 at 2:00 PM. Reserved seats are \$15.00 and general admission is \$10.00. For tickets please contact Brother Casimir at 452-9809 ext. 119.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL...

Donna Amato, Glori 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, 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, 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, , Jeannie Mormile, Kathy Jornov, Aggie Tucker, Payton Gordinier, Donna DeVellis, Bernie Pafunda, Richard Arthur, Claire Broderick, Tim Finnigan, Bertha Meservey, Katie Traudt, Maureen Daugherty, Eric Dagner, Marilyn Farrell, Donald Lee, Evelyn Lobato, Nellie Ciupek

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