



St. Matthew's Church

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Bill Rogers.....	Building Maintenance
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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 15, 2009

Mass Intentions for the Week

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**

Monday, March 16
NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday, March 17
7:30 AM: John Sullivan
 req. by: Joyce Robinson

Wednesday, March 18
7:30 AM:

Thursday, March 19
NO MORNING MASS

Friday, March 20
7:30 AM: Kenneth Guyer
 req. by: Bernstein Family

Saturday, March 21
5:00 PM: Lenore House
 req. by: John & Mary Bowen
 and for: **Jane Roes**
 req. by: Jessica Bogert

Sunday, March 22
4th Sunday of Lent
8:30 AM: Kenneth Guyer
 req. by: Ron & Anne Smolen & Family
 and for: **Roger J. Farney, Sr.**
 req. by: Fr. Tom & St. Matthew's Parish Community

10:30 AM: Joseph Cillis
 req. by: Ian & Lynn McNaughton
 and for: **Helen McGinty**
 req. by: Fr. Tom & St. Matthew's Parish Community



Sunday, March 15

Pre K – 1 10:30 AM
 Grade 10 1 – 5 PM
 Men's Assoc Mtg. 7:00 PM

Monday, March 16

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM
 Lenten Evening Prayer 7:00 PM
 Baptism Session # 2 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 17

Grades 2-5 3:15 PM

Wednesday, March 18

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

Saturday, March 21

Rite of Enrollment 5:00 PM Mass
 Big Breakfast set up 6:00 PM

Sunday, March 22

Men's Assoc 25th Anniversary
 Big Breakfast 7:30 AM -Noon
 Pre K – 1 10:30 AM
 Grade 10 1 – 5 PM

Scripture Readings

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

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/
 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
 or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
 Eph 2:4-10/
 Jn 3:14-21



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

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



Reflection Question of the Week:

What increases your zeal to live and die as Jesus did?

What lessens your zeal to live the Christian life?



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

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

ST. MATTHEW'S PASSOVER SUPPER



Someone has said, "You can't be Catholic, unless you're Jewish." Certainly the closeness of our two faiths is undeniable, but rarely is it as obvious as it is this year. This year the days of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) and the days Passover fall within the same week, Holy week. If ever it were appropriate for a Christian community to share a Seder Supper together, this would be the year.

Therefore Saint Matthew's would like to do what so many other parishes have done, and that is to mark the beginning of Passover with a Seder Meal on Wednesday, April 8th at 6:15 PM. This parish gathering will also serve as a prelude to our own celebration of the liturgies of Holy Week. The Seder meal is both a remembrance of Hebrew faith and a celebration of it, which tries to teach its truths to the next generation. Because the Seder is a real meal with ritual and symbolic elements probably lasting an hour to an hour and a half it is necessary to make reservations in advance, in order to make proper preparation. We must know the exact number of adults and children that will be attending. There will also be a free will offering to defer some of the cost. Sign up sheets will be available next weekend. If you would like to attend please sign up then or call the office. Seating will be limited.

Rest in Peace

Joseph Long – husband of Winnie Long
 and for

Jeanne Williams – mother of Peggy Mason

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Many thanks to those who contributed \$7088.71 to the support of Saint Matthew's.

As Always some of that income was used to teach the faith directly.

This week \$513.74 was spent for Faith Formation supplies and \$545.70 for parishioner subscriptions to The Evangelist. There were also staff expenses like \$970.68 for Diocesan Health Insurance, Liturgy expenses like \$487.39 for missalettes, building expenses like \$85.90 for pest control, \$215.55 for rest room supplies and \$464.68 for what is hopefully the last of this season's repairs to the heating system.

Your faithful stewardship does much good work and also seems to fund our mini – stimulus plan, and is much appreciated.

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!

RITE OF ENROLLMENT

Next weekend on March 21, 2009 at the 5:00 PM Mass five 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.

FAITH FORMATION**BIG BREAKFAST HELP NEEDED**

We are in need of more wait staff for the Men's Association Big Breakfast. Any mid – level or high school youth who would like to help serve the breakfast should call (765-2373) or email Mrs. Dorn at stmatthewsyouthministry@verizon.net

MUSIC MINISTRY**HOLIDAY CHOIR**

The Holiday Choir has begun it's practices for Holy Week at 7:45 on Wednesday's and will continue for the next three weeks at that same time. We will prepare the music for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. 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**CHILDREN AT THE WELL: Interfaith Youth Story Telling**

St. Francis de Sales will be holding an Interfaith Youth Storytelling program on Sunday, March 29th at 3:30 PM. All are welcome to attend and are asked to bring a vegetarian potluck dish to share for the potluck dinner that will be held following the program. For more information please contact Gert Johnson at 374 – 0637 or GRSJohnson@aol.com.

EASTER MASS TAPING WITH THE BISHOP

Bishop Hubbard invites all to join him for the videotaping of his annual Easter Mass on Friday, March 27th at 10:30 AM at St. Mary's of the Assumption Church at Broad and Sixth Streets in Waterford. We ask that if you plan to attend please dress as you would for Easter Sunday, and arrive before 10:00 AM on that date. If you plan to attend, please contact the Albany Diocese of Prayer and Worship at 453 – 6645. The Easter Mass will air on Time Warner Channel 3 and on fox 23 on Easter Sunday.

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