



# St. Matthew's Church

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**STAFF**

Ellie Dorn.....	Coordinator of Youth Ministry
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Andrea Freeman.....	Parish Secretary
Rebecca Kiegle.....	Parish Secretary
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)

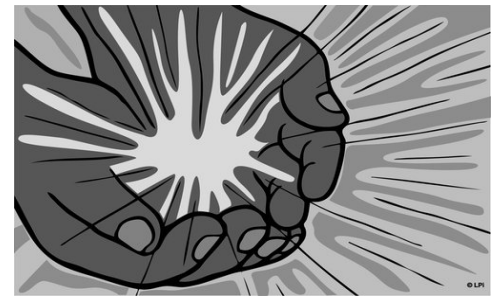
**Prayer Chain** – Call the Parish Office to initiate our parish Prayer Chain for any special intentions you may have.

**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 22, 2009**

*Mass  for the Intentions  for the Week*

**Saturday, March 21**

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

**Sunday, March 22**

**4<sup>th</sup> 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

**Monday, March 23**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Tuesday, March 24**

**7:30 AM: John Hayes**  
 req. by: Joanne Arpin

**Wednesday, March 25**

**7:30 AM: Margaret Lozano**  
 req. by: Pat Hammond

**Thursday, March 26**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Friday, March 27**

**7:30 AM: Kenneth Guyer**  
 req. by: Bernstein Family

**Saturday, March 28**

**5:00 PM: Antimina Maddaloni**  
 req. by: Fr. Tom & St. Matthew's Parish Community  
 and for: **Paul Summers**  
 req. by: Mary Summers & Family

**Sunday, March 29**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**8:30 AM: Dan & Claire Mackenzie**  
 req. by: Gail Michalak  
 and for: **Joseph Calabrese**  
 req. by: Kathie & Ed Lyons

**10:30 AM: John Burke**

req. by: Ellie Dorn & Suzanne Schultz  
 and for: **Patrick Dewane**  
 req. by: The Angermeier Family

**Saturday, March 21**

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

**Sunday, March 22**

Men's Assoc 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Big Breakfast 7:30 AM -Noon  
Pre K – 1 10:30 AM

**Monday, March 23**

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM  
Lenten Evening Prayer 7:00 PM

**Tuesday, March 24**

Grades 2-5 3:15 PM

**Wednesday, March 25**

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

**Sunday, March 29**

Pre K – 1 10:30 AM  
Mid Level – 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM

**Scripture Readings**

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

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/  
Heb 10:4-10/  
Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

**Next Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/  
Heb 5:7-9/  
Jn 12:20-33



**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 actions of yours cause you to prefer darkness  
rather than the light of God*

**HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Holy Week is almost upon us and we are making plans for the liturgies of those most special days. Those Liturgies cannot be properly celebrated without the involvement of all of our parishioners. If you will be attending the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday as all Catholics are invited to do, please let us know that you are available to help in some small way, making those liturgies reflective of our whole community, by signing up at the church entrances this week.

**SAINT MATTHEW'S PASSOVER SUPPER**

The Seder Supper is a celebration of the Hebrew Faith which is the foundation of our own Christian belief. It is the means by which through ritual, word and song, the lessons of the Exodus have been passed on from generation to generation. Those lessons are of course important to all of us, young and old alike. This year on

April 8<sup>th</sup>, the Wednesday of Holy Week, St. Matthew's will host a Parish Seder at 6:15 PM. Following the traditional order of the ritual, our time together (probably about 2 hours) will include a choice of lamb or chicken dinner. In order to make proper arrangements, we need to know the exact number of adults and children attending, and their choice of entrée.

Sign up sheets are available at the entrances or you can call the parish office by March 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a free-will offering to defer some of the cost, and seating will be limited. Please consider joining us in making this ancient custom a part of your own preparation for the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday).

**25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY BIG BREAKFAST**

The men's Association will sponsor a special breakfast this 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 its many activities around the parish. Adults \$5, Children \$3. To help Celebrate the Associations 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary there will be raffles, prizes and give-aways throughout the morning – don't miss out!

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds the Ephesians and us as well that we are "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds." We are grateful to those of our community whose good deeds this past week included their commitment to Christian Stewardship upon which the life of Saint Matthew's depends. Last weekend those contributions of \$6458.21 allowed the payment of \$300 for snow plowing (hopefully the last of the season!); \$464.68 for another heating pump, this time for the social hall (hopefully the last of those for the season!) and \$970.68 towards the Diocesan Health Insurance Fund (we know that there will be more of those!)

Thank you for your faithful stewardship of our parish.

**GOOD FRIDAY SIMPLE SOUP SUPPER**

On Good Friday, more than any other day of the year, Christians commemorate the passion, and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Christians mark this day in fasting prayer, repentance and meditation of the suffering of Jesus on the cross.



Prior to the evening's Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, we invite all parishioners to join with us on **Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**, at **6:15 PM** in St. Matthew's Parish Social Hall for our Annual Good Friday Simple Soup Supper. In order to prepare for this event, we ask you to sign the reservation forms located at both entrances of the church.

**CHRISM MASS**

Each year during Lent, every bishop of every diocese celebrates the Chrism Mass at which time he blesses the Oil of Catechumens and consecrates the Sacred Chrism, which are then sent to the parishes throughout the diocese for use in the coming year. Normally this celebration takes place at the cathedral but because our cathedral is closed for extensive repairs, this year in our diocese it will be celebrated on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Christ the King Church in Guilderland at 7:00 PM. Since this once a year event is so very close to us this year, you may want to mark your calendar and plan to attend.

**ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH CAMPING TRIP TO PYRAMID LAKE**

It's time to start making plans for the summer of 2009! We hope your plans will include camping at Pyramid Life Center (PLC) in the beautiful Adirondacks from **Sunday, July 5 through Friday, July 10**. This is an affordable vacation option which, in addition to accommodations (in rustic cabins) and meals, offers canoeing, sailing, kayaking, hiking, fishing, basketball, bonfires and much, much more. PLC is located in the town of Paradox, just 1 3/4 hours north of Albany (Northway Exit 28). Please contact Fran or Chris Gorka (861-7105 or [cgorka1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:cgorka1@nycap.rr.com)) to get more information and reserve a spot.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS****CHOCOLATE & WINE AN EVENING DEVINE**

Voorheesville Dollars for Scholars will be hosting a Chocolate and Wine Social Evening April 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Matthew's from 7:00 – 10:00 PM. The evening will feature a dessert buffet, wine, coffee, tea, raffles, live music and chair massages Tickets are \$10.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door. For tickets contact Karen or Linda at 765-2692.

**PRO LIFE POEM, ESSAY & POSTER CONTEST**

The Capital Region Pro Life Council is sponsoring it's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Poem, Essay & Poster Contest. The contest is open to middle and high school students. For entry forms, contest rules and more information, please contact Lucy at 869-1088. The deadline for contestants is Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**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