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- STAFF**
- Ellie Dorn..... *Coordinator of Youth Ministry*
  - Suzanne Schultz..... *Coordinator of Faith Formation*
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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 29, 2009**

*Mass  for the Intentions  for the Week*

**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: Joseph Calabrese**  
 req. by: Ed & Kathie Lyons

**10:30 AM: John Burke**  
 req. by: Ellie Dorn & Suzanne Schultz  
**and for: Patrick Dewane**  
 req. by: The Angermeier Family

**Monday, March 30**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Tuesday, March 31**

**7:30 AM:**

**Wednesday, April 1**

**7:30 AM: Ann Boucher**  
 req. by: Pat Hammond

**Thursday, April 2**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Friday, April 3**

**7:30 AM: Gerry Arpin 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
 req. by: The Arpin Family  
**and for: Pat Tracy & Mary Valente**  
 req. by: The Tracy Family

**Saturday, April 4**

**5:00 PM: Joseph DeVellis, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
 req. by: The DeVellis Family  
**and for: Ben Thomas, 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
 req. by: his sister Jenny Sickles

**Sunday, April 5**

**Palm Sunday**

**8:30 AM: Joseph Cillis**  
 req. by: Ron & Anne Smolen  
**and for: Harold Dewitt**  
 req. by: William & Philomena Donaldson

**10:30 AM: Helen McGinty**  
 req. by: Tom & Ellie Dorn  
**and for: Frank McDermott**  
 req. by: His Family

**Sunday, March 29**

Pre K – 1 10:30 AM

Mid Level – 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Men's Association 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Planning Meeting 7:00 PM

**Monday, March 30**

Rosary &amp; Novena 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, March 31**

Grades 2-5 3:15 PM (last session)

**Wednesday, April 1**

Grades 2-5 3:15 PM (last session)

Music Ministry 7:00 PM

Holiday Choir 7:45 PM

**Saturday, April 4**1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat

9:30 – 12 Noon in Social Hall

**Sunday, April 5**

Grades 9 &amp; 10 1 – 5PM

Program for Parents and Teens

**Scripture Readings****Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/  
Jn 12:20-33**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30,  
33-62 or 13:41c-62/  
Jn 8:1-11**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/  
Jn 8:31-42**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56**Next Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or  
Jn 12:12-16 /  
Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/  
Mk 14:1---15:47 or 15:1-39

**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:**

*When and in what way have you seen new life  
come back from what you thought was death?*

**HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The liturgies of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) are more than any others, the liturgies of the whole church. Celebrated just once a year they are meant to gather us all together they also require unique participation of those present in a variety of simple ways. If you are able to assist in these liturgies (for example by carrying something in procession) please sign up on the volunteer sheets at the church entrances. We do need your help to make our prayers complete.

**COMMUNIAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

The season of Lent has more than any other time on the year been the season to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Saint Matthew's together with our cluster parishes will continue that tradition as we gather for

**A Communal Celebration of Reconciliation  
on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
at St. Thomas Church in Delmar**

Please join us for this Lenten celebration of God's mercy. (there will be no Evening Prayer at St. Matthew's this week.)

**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.

**Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish**

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus invites his followers to also be his servants. Again last weekend the followers of Jesus who worship with us at Saint Matthew's showed their willingness to live as servants of the church by their sacrificial support of \$5251.62. That generosity allowed the payments of the utilities and routine expenses that we all have as well as some expenses that few households know; like \$1428.00 for our service contract on our copier, or \$378.21 for palms for Palm Sunday.

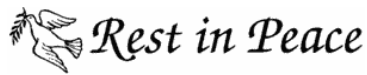
Your stewardship is always appreciated.

Our parish also contributed \$971.22 to support the work of Catholic Relief Services. Those who are participating in Operation Rice Bowl as a Lenten sacrifice will also add that gift at the end of the season.

St. Matthew's is now offering an easy alternative to the weekly routine of writing checks for parish support. Join our parish group of E-Givers and have your financial stewardship offering transferred directly to our parish account. Sign - up is available this weekend after liturgies or by calling the parish office.

## 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 ¼ 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.



*Rest in Peace*

Dean P. Kenney

### FAITH FORMATION

#### CONFIRMATION REMINDER

Just a reminder to all Confirmation teens, if you have not emailed Mrs. Dorn with your chosen Confirmation Name, please do so as soon as possible. You may email Mrs. Dorn at [stmatthewsyouthministry@verizon.net](mailto:stmatthewsyouthministry@verizon.net)

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION RETREAT

The 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat will be on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM – 12 Noon in the Parish Social Hall. At least one parent should attend with each child and please be sure to **bring your finished banners with you**. Any questions please contact Suzanne Schultz at 765-2373.

### MEN'S ASSOCIATION

#### SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER

Many thanks to all who attended last Sunday's Big Breakfast. Thanks also to members of the Youth Ministry who helped serve the great food. Your support helps the Association continue its activities in and around the Parish and our community. Plus, more than a dozen patrons won door prizes to help mark the Association's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

#### 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PLANNING MEETING

The Association's Anniversary planning team will meet at 7:00 PM on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Church. All Association Members are welcome. We will discuss upcoming anniversary events.

#### COME JOIN US IN SERVICE!

Check your calendar to see if you can join us for the following service event:

**Capital City Rescue Mission – April 25**

Please call Tom Dorn at 765-3304

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### CHOCOLATE & WINE AN EVENING DIVINE

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.

#### FESTIVAL OF PRAYER & PRAISE

The Diocesan Service Committee for the Charismatic Renewal Diocesan is having the Festival of Prayer and Praise in celebration of Palm Sunday on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Clifton Park. The evening will begin with a procession of palms and ends with refreshments and fellowship. Teaching: Fr. Marty Fisher, testimony: Anna Mietta and music: Joyful Heart.

### 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