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 - 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.



April 5, 2009

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 4

5:00 PM: Joseph DeVellis, 5th Anniversary
 req. by: The DeVellis Family
and for: Ben Thomas, 15th 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

Monday, April 6

NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday, April 7

7:30 AM:

Wednesday, April 8

7:30 AM:

Thursday, April 9

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 PM:

Friday, April 10

The Passion of our Lord

7:00 PM

Saturday, April 11

Easter Vigil

8:00 PM

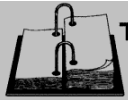
Sunday, April 12

Easter Sunday

8:30 AM: Ken Phillips
 req. by: William & Philomena Donaldson
and for: Jeanne Williams
 req. by: Kathleen Quinn

10:30 AM: Joseph J. Cillis

req. by: James & Rebecca Kiegle
and for: Geoffrey Major
 req. by: Kevin & Eileen Kroencke



The
Week
Ahead

Sunday, April 5th

Grades 9 & 10 1 – 5PM
Program for Parents and Teens

Monday, April 6th

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM

Wednesday, April 8th

Seder Supper 6:15 PM
Holiday Choir 8:15 PM

Thursday, April 9th

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 PM

Friday, April 10th

Good Friday

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
AT 12 NOON**

The Passion of our Lord
7:00 PM

Saturday, April 11th

Easter Vigil

8:00 PM
a light reception to follow

Sunday, April 12th

Easter Sunday

Masses at 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Scripture Readings

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

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/
1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13---53:12/ Heb 4:14-16;
5:7-9/Jn 18:1---19:42

Saturday:

Vigil: Gn 1:1---2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,
15-18/Ex 14:15---15:1/Is 54:5-14/
Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32---4:4/
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/
Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9
or Mk 16:1-7

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH



Reflection Question of the Week:



*What is the one thing that you seem
to have been born to do?*

Holy Thursday – April 9, 2009

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM

Good Friday – April 10, 2009 - Soup Supper - 6:15 PM

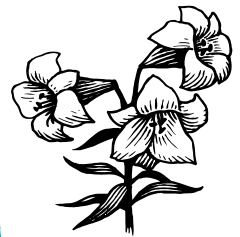
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday – April 11, 2009

Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday – April 12, 2009

Easter Masses – 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM



PASCHAL CANDLE

Each Easter the church renews the signs of Christ's presence in our community. One of those signs is the Paschal Candle, which calls to mind the "Light of Christ" and burns throughout the fifty days of Easter, and whenever the Church celebrates Baptism or a funeral liturgy during the year. If anyone would like to donate this primary candle, which costs \$300.00, to the church in memory of a loved one, please call the office or speak with Father Tom.



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 10th**, 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.

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.

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

On this Palm Sunday weekend as we call to mind the Passion of our Lord Jesus, we cannot help but be mindful of the great sacrifice he made for the church and the world.

Each weekend we also remember those parishioners and friends who sacrifice for the support of this parish community. Last weekend worshippers contributed \$6595.95 to help us in meeting our parish expenses. Some of those expenses included the third of four payments of \$2,240.00 for the insurance of our parish buildings, \$321.00 for postage and \$218.00 for our little after liturgy social the weekend of Latere Sunday.

Thank you for your stewardship.

Thanks too to those of our community who have already enrolled for E-Giving here at St. Matthew's. That program will soon be beginning and we are grateful to those who will soon be making their contributions in this way. If you would like to enroll, please fill out the authorization form and return it to the office.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Offices will be closing at 12 Noon on Good Friday, April 10th and will be closed on Monday, April 13th.

APRIL 19th COMMUNION BREAKFAST

This annual Men's Association sponsored event has added significance this year, as 2009 marks the Association's 25th year anniversary. The event will begin at 8:30 Mass with members attending as a group. All parishioners and friends are then welcome to join in as festivities move to the Colonie Country Club. There will be a full buffet breakfast. Father Tom will be our guest speaker. We will honor winners of Association scholarships and the Parish Service Award. As a 25th anniversary bonus there will be prizes and a raffle. All are welcome to come enjoy a fine breakfast and the celebrations. Reservations please: The price per person is just \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Tickets will be available at Masses on Sunday, April 12 or by calling Dave Morrill (765-9109) or Tom Walter (765-2768).

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MEN'S ASSOCIATION

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

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 5th 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 Meservery, 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