



# 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.



**April 19, 2009**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Sunday, April 19**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**8:30 AM: Paul Fiero**  
 req. by: Mom & Dad  
 and for: **Living & Deceased Members of The Men's Association**  
 req. by: The Men's Association

**10:30 AM: Patrick DeWane**  
 req. by: Andrea & Dan Freeman  
 and for: **August Cardona**  
 req. by: Father Tom & St. Matthew's Parish Community

**Monday, April 20**  
**NO MORNING MASS**

**Tuesday, April 21**  
**7:30 AM:**

**Wednesday, April 22**  
**7:30 AM:**

**Thursday, April 23**  
**NO MORNING MASS**

**Friday, April 24**  
**7:30 AM:**

**Saturday, April 25**  
**5:00 PM: John & Claire Prisolo**  
 req. by: The Wilson Family  
 and for: **Marie Cullen**  
 req. by: Ken & Andrea Stewart

**Sunday, April 26**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**8:30 AM: Jack Burke**  
 req. by: Bill & Mary Ellen Rogers  
 and for: **Joseph Calabrese**  
 req. by: Ron & Anne Smolen

**10:30 AM: Mildred Orf, 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
 req. by: The Family  
 and for: **William C. Walsh**  
 req. by: Nancy Carter

**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Rite of Baptism 10:30 AM Mass

**Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM  
Baptism Session #2 7:00 PM**Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**Women's Club 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
Parish Social Hall**Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**1<sup>st</sup> Communion Pot Luck Dinner  
6:00 PM Social Hall**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**Confirmation Day of Reflection  
8:50 AM**Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**1<sup>st</sup> Communion Rehearsal  
after 8:30 Am & 10:30 AM Masses**Scripture Readings****Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/  
Jn 20:19-31**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15**Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20**Next Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1/  
Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Thomas answered and said to him,  
"My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him,  
"Have you come to believe because you  
have seen me? Blessed are those who  
have not seen and have believed."

Jn 20:28-29

## SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

**Reflection Question of the Week:***In today's Gospel, the disciples are still locked away in fear.**Of what fears do you hope that your faith can free you this Easter?***ALWAYS GOD'S PEOPLE CARING FOR EACH OTHER**

Next weekend, Catholics throughout the Diocese of Albany will join together in support of our 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Appeal.

As in the past, each of you will be asked to join together in the spirit of stewardship by making a financial commitment to the Church of Albany. Our Bishop's Appeal provides essential operating support for more than thirty offices that provide direct services to both this parish and thousands of people throughout fourteen countries that comprise this Diocese. A successful Bishop's appeal is vital to the continued health of this parish and our Diocesan Church. As our parish and Diocese are one, comprising the Body of Christ, neither can exist without the other and both need your support.

During this week, please consider what contributing to this appeal really means – your support of this Appeal ensures that our schools and our religious education programs remain vital sources of learning and support for the young people who will one day lead our Church. It ensures that the profound needs of the sick, the troubles and elderly are continuously met by the various office of Catholic Charities, it ensures continuous and essential training for all those who are called to ministry within our Diocese, and it ensures that your Diocese remains a vital, faith driven community. Please be a part of this diocesan wide effort to continue the ministry of Jesus.

**Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish**

In the Acts of the Apostles read at Easter, we are reminded how generous the first Christian were in support of the Church. This past weekend worshippers at St. Matthew's have continued that generosity, contributing \$13,896.48 to support our parish. Thank you! Thanks also to those parishioners who although not able to celebrate Easter Sunday with us here, are still faithful to their parish stewardship and are making their Easter gifts to the parish now.

We appreciate and depend upon your sacrificial giving.

Thank you.

**THANK YOU!**

Many thanks to all those of our parish who worked so hard to make the days of Holy Week so meaningful for all who were able to be a part of those events. That generous sharing of time and talent truly made those days the centerpiece of the entire liturgical year that the church has always intended them to be. Thank you!

**CALLING ALL LADIES!**

Come join the Women's Group on **Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 6pm-9pm** in St. Matthew's social hall. We will spend some time catching up with old friends and meeting new friends. Please bring a project of your choice to work on. Some suggested ideas are: scrap booking, stamping, painting, sewing, crocheting, knitting, quilting, painting, journaling, coupon cutting or paper work. You choose what you would like to work on or come discover a new craft. This is some great "Me Time" just for you. No fee will be charged to participate. A light snack and beverage will be served. Please rsvp. Valerie Zell to confirm your attendance or with questions at [valeriezell@msn.com](mailto:valeriezell@msn.com). or 573-4720. We hope to see you there.

**ANGERMEIER SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER**

On Saturday, May 16, 2009 the community of St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church in Voorheesville will be hosting a fundraiser spaghetti dinner to aid one of our teen parishioners.

James Angermeier is an 18 year old young man who is battling Rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare form of cancer. All proceeds from this event will help his family pay for the mounting medical bills not covered by their insurance. Please support this fundraiser by attending this supper or by signing up to help make a dessert, set-up, clean up, help prep the food, teens to serve food or adults to serve wine. Sign up sheets and tickets will be available after all masses next weekend and the weekends of May 2/3 and May 9/10. Tickets will also be available in the parish office. Any questions, please feel free to contact Rebecca in the Parish Office. Please help to make this fundraiser a success!

**LEGISLATION UNFAIRLY TARGETS CHURCH**

The New York Legislature is considering a bill that would allow individuals to file civil lawsuits claiming abuse at anytime in the past. The bill does not apply evenly to all victims and all institutions. It is selectively targeted at the Catholic Church and other private organizations. Significantly, it would not apply to public schools or other public entities. The proposal would rescind the statute of limitation on abuse-related lawsuits against private organizations for one year, rejecting a legal doctrine respected by generations of judges and legislatures that civil claims should be brought in a timely fashion to ensure a fair and just resolution based on the facts. The New York State Catholic Conference and other religious organizations have urged the Legislature to adopt alternative legislation that treats all victims and institutions fairly and evenly. The unfair legislation, if enacted, could imperil all the Church's missions and ministries in New York State. For more information and to contact your legislators about this important issue, please visit [www.protectnychildren.com](http://www.protectnychildren.com)

**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

**FAITH FORMATION**

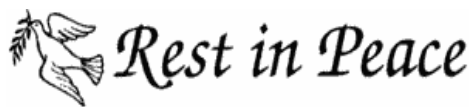
**1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION REHEARSAL REMINDER**

Just a reminder that the rehearsals for 1<sup>st</sup> communion are as follows:  
 5:00 PM Mass Candidates – after the Pot Luck Supper  
 8:30 AM Mass Candidates – after the 8:30 AM Mass on April 26<sup>th</sup>  
 10:30 AM Mass Candidates – after the 10:30 AM Mass on April 26<sup>th</sup>

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**NEEDED IN THE NSC FOOD PANTRY**

The New Scotland Community Food Pantry is in need of cans or boxes of soup. If you would like to donate soup to the pantry, please bring them to the church and place them in the parish lobby.



Agnes Burns

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord;  
 and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

**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