



# St. Matthew's Church

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 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 26, 2009**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**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

**Monday, April 27**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Tuesday, April 28**

**7:30 AM: Mary McCarty**  
 req. by: Joanne Arpin  
 and for: Laura Butchino  
 req. by: Her Daughter

**Wednesday, April 29**

**7:30 AM:**

**Thursday, April 30**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Friday, May 1**

**7:30 AM: Joseph & Charlotte Bartosch**  
 req. by: Ron & Anne Smolen

**Saturday, May 2**

**5:00 PM: Leland & Clara Frisbee**  
 req. by: The Frisbee Family  
 and for: Joseph Cillis  
 req. by: Mike & Mary Gerardi

**Sunday, May 3**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**8:30 AM: Marguerite Donaldson**  
 req. by: Mr. & Mrs. William Donaldson  
 and for: Martin Miller  
 req. by: Patricia Miller

**10:30 AM: Tina LaBella**

req. by: The McGinty Family  
 and for: Rose Lynch Conlon  
 req. by: Trautwein Family

**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Spaghetti Fundraiser Ticket sales  
in Parish Lobby after mass

**Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Communion Rehearsal  
after 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Masses  
Spaghetti Fundraiser Ticket sales  
in Parish Lobby after masses

**Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

Music Ministry 7:00 PM

**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Communion 5:00 PM Mass  
Spaghetti Fundraiser Ticket sales  
in Parish Lobby after mass

**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Communion 8:30 AM &  
10:30 AM Masses  
Spaghetti Fundraiser Ticket sales  
in Parish Lobby after masses

**Scripture Readings**

**Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/  
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51---8:1a/Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

**Next Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12/  
1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day."

Lk 24:45-46

## SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

**Reflection Question of the Week:**

*The disciples of Emmaus said they recognized the risen Lord in the "breaking of the bread."*

*What was one time when you recognized the risen Lord with you??*

**ALWAYS GOD'S PEOPLE CARING FOR EACH OTHER**

If you have not made your pledge to this year's Bishop's Appeal this weekend, please do so during this coming week. Our monthly pledge whatever the amount makes us a part of the mission of our diocese that the Risen Lord has entrusted to our care. The people of Saint Matthew's have always done our part in this vital work of the church and Bishop Hubbard depends upon that Support. Please prayerfully consider how you can join in this shared effort of both our diocese and parish. We are counting on your pledge, and assure you that it will be most appreciated by so many people.

**Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish**

Many thanks to all those parishioners and friends who contributed \$5958.81 last weekend to the support of our parish. Thanks too to those parish members who were away for Easter but are making up their Easter contributions. We always count on that collection to meet some of our routine expenses. This week we wrote checks for \$2426.70 for our monthly payroll taxes, \$1172.50 for priests pension fund, \$668.49 for unemployment insurance and \$194.50 for our monthly offertory envelopes.

Thank you.

**A REMINDER ABOUT LITURGICAL BOWING**

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we too, meet the risen Lord in the living words of scripture and in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup of salvation. We acknowledge that encounter in many ways, one of which is our posture. The Bishops of the United States have asked that those receiving Holy Communion demonstrate their faith in the Eucharistic presence not only by saying "Amen" upon reception, but also with a reverent bow of the head before both the sacred body of Christ and His precious blood.



A similar bow is appropriate when the Book of the Gospels is raised before the Gospel is read. This gesture of reverence reminds us of the belief that when the Gospels are read, "it is Christ Himself who speaks". Please include a reverent bow when the priest or deacon presents the Book of the Gospels during the singing of the Alleluia. May this simple gesture better prepare us to listen more attentively to the spoken word of God.

The forgotten bow of our liturgy is often the bow prescribed during the Creed, when we remember that Jesus "by the power of the Holy Spirit, was born of the Virgin Mary". These simple gestures remind us that our Christian faith is not limited to our minds, but also seeks physical expression. Please try to include them in our shared prayer together.

**E-GIVING is coming to St. Matthew's in May!**

Call the Parish Office if you would like to fulfill your Parish Stewardship without checks, envelopes or stamps!

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Parents wishing to celebrate the Baptism of their children are reminded that the next cycle of preparation sessions begin on **Monday, May 11, 2009**, with the Rite of Enrollment to be conducted on the Sunday, June 7, 2009. If you would like to be included in these next sessions, or would like a complete schedule on upcoming sessions, please call the office or Peggy McQuade, our Baptismal Team Coordinator at 872-9035. For your convenience, you may also view a copy of the Baptismal schedule, posted on the lobby entrance bulletin board and on our website: [www.stmatthewsvoorheesville.org](http://www.stmatthewsvoorheesville.org). Although required for parents seeking the Baptism of their children, Godparents, Grandparents and interested parishioners may also join in. Expectant parents are also welcomed and encouraged to attend, which would allow time to celebrate the Church's **Blessing of Pregnancy**.

**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 who 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. Sign up sheets and tickets will be available after all masses this 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.

**MEN'S ASSOCIATION**

**COME JOIN US IN SERVICE!**

Check your calendar to see if you can join us for the following service event:  
**Habitat for Humanity – May 2**  
**Ronald McDonald House – May 9th**  
 Please call Tom Dorn at 765-3304

**COMMUNION BREAKFAST RESULTS**

Nearly 70 parishioners and friends attended the Association's 25<sup>th</sup> annual Communion Breakfast April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Colonie Country Club. Fr. Tom was our guest speaker, and everyone enjoyed catching up with Fr. Toole, who also arranged his schedule to attend. From a large pool of applicants, Amanda O'Brien, Brittany Finnigan, and Lauren Finnessey were chosen as winners of \$300 Frank McDermott memorial college scholarships. Please join us in recognizing the outstanding contributions these young adults have made to our Parish community. Peggy McQuade and John Schachne received Jim MacDonough Parish Service Awards. Officers reelected for the coming year: Dave Morrill president; Tom Markert vice president; Kevin Kroencke treasurer; Steve Goss secretary.

**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



**BAPTIZED  
 UNTO THE  
 LORD**

On Sunday, April 19, 2009  
 St. Matthew's welcomed  
 into the Church through the  
 saving waters of Baptism:

**Kate Madaket Ryan**  
 Daughter of Keith and Colleen Ryan