



St. Matthew's Church

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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.



May 3, 2009

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, May 4

NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday, May 5

7:30 AM: Paul Fiero
 req. by: Mom & Dad

Wednesday, May 6

7:30 AM:

Thursday, May 7

NO MORNING MASS

Friday, May 8

7:30 AM:

Saturday, May 9

5:00 PM: Joseph W. Smith,
10th Anniversary
 req. by: The Smith Family
 and for: **Helen F. McGinty**
 req. by: Dan & Andrea Freeman

Sunday, May 10

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM: Marge O'Connor
 req. by: Mr. & Mrs. William Donaldson
 and for: **Stanley Gesek**
 req. by: Tom & Edie Martin

10:30 AM: Mary Hormovitis & Mildred Orf

req. by: The Hormovitis Family
 and for: **Jody Decker - Royce**
 req. by: Vicki Martin

**Saturday, May 2nd**

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

Sunday, May 3rd

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

Monday, May 4th

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM

Tuesday, May 5th

Confirmation 6:00 PM
at Christ the King, Guilderland

Wednesday, May 6th

Music Ministry 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 9th

Respect Life Flower Sale
in Parish Lobby after mass
Spaghetti Fundraiser Ticket sales
in Parish Lobby after mass

Sunday, May 10th

Respect Life Flower Sale
in Parish Lobby after mass
Spaghetti Fundraiser Ticket sales
in Parish Lobby after masses

Scripture Readings

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

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24---13:5a/
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/
1 Jn 3:18-24/
Jn 15:1-8

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH



Reflection Question of the Week:

*Who Might you be leaving out of your life
that God wishes you would invite in?*



2009 BISHOPS APPEAL

This weekend Saint Matthew's joyfully shares the Eucharist for the first time with 40 young people. Thanks to the ministry of their parents and catechists, these children are committing themselves again to the Christian faith that they have come to know here at St. Matthew's. Our congratulations go to them and their families as we pray that their young faith will grow to fulfillment in our midst. One of the ways that all Catholics in our diocese pass on our faith to a new generation is through our participation in the Bishop's Appeal. Once each year we are asked to make a sacrificial commitment to the Diocese of Albany to ensure that the church, that has nourished our faith and the faith of our children, will continue to survive.



So far 144 parishioners have already made their pledge for the coming year. If you have not already done so, please complete a pledge envelope this week. Our parish and our diocese need your support, and our children need your example.

CHRISTIAN PARENTING SESSIONS

Have you ever wondered how to teach your children about God and Jesus? Have you found yourself wondering how to communicate religious ideas to your child or even stumbled with how to begin these teachings?

St. Matthew's is offering a new exciting series of four "Christian Parenting" Sessions to help families teach and nurture the love of God to their children. The next session entitled "God and Nature", will be conducted at St. Matthew's on **Sunday, May 31, 2009, after the 10:30 mass**. These sessions will offer guidance to parents between the sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion, providing a good stepping stone for teaching your children, tangible ways about God's love.

All Parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend. If you are interested in attending or know of someone who would, please call the parish office at **765-2805**. In addition, this will fulfill a preparation requirement for parents seeking baptism for a second child at St. Matthew's within a three year period. We hope you can join in this wonderful journey, which will provide our children with invaluable lessons of God's love.

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

On this "Good Shepherd Sunday" we are reminded that just as Christ always cared for his flock, so too every Christian is to care for the Church. Many thanks to those parishioners and friends who showed their care for St. Matthew's last weekend by contributing \$6234.80 helping us to meet our parish expenses. Among those recent expenses were \$654.50 for repairs to chairs in the church and \$120.96 for fertilizer and garden supplies (Which is always easier to pay than snow removal!).

Thank you for your faithfulness as Christian stewards.



May has finally arrived and so has E-GIVING!

Many thanks to those of our parish whose commitment to parish support is assured even when they can't be with us. If you would like to join our E-Givers and no longer worry about checks and Church envelopes, just call the parish office.

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. 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. Tickets are still available this weekend and after masses next weekend, so if you plan to attend please be sure to purchase your tickets. Tickets will also be available in the parish office. 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 weekend of May 9/10. Any questions, please feel free to contact Rebecca in the Parish Office.

RESPECT LIFE ANNUAL FLOWER SALE PLANNED

Put a smile on Mom's face – get her a carnation this weekend from the Respect Life Ministry's annual Carnation Sale after all masses. The donation is just \$1 for a flower. Proceeds will help support the projects of the Respect Life Ministry.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

COME JOIN US IN SERVICE!

Check your calendar to see if you can join us for the following service event:
Ronald McDonald House – May 9th
Capital City Rescue Mission – June 13
 Please call Tom Dorn at 765-3304

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FAMILY BUS TRIP TO BOSTON

Girl Scout Troop # 1284 is organizing a Family Bus Trip to Boston: Saturday, June 13, 2009. Shop; See the Sites and the Attractions of Boston. Tour the Aquarium; Take a Boat Ride with Boston Harbor Cruises; Test your mind and skill at finding the mummy and your way out of The "Tomb", presented by "5 Witts Production Company" or enjoy a day in Boston on your own.

BUS ONLY: \$37 Add additional prices for EACH package listed above. Bus leaves Crossgates Mall 7:00am and leaves Boston at 7:00pm. **PAID RESERVATIONS ONLY.** This is a fundraiser to benefit Voorheesville Girl Scout Troop #1284. For additional information, please contact: **Peggy McQuade; PEGGYMCQ@nycap.rr.com 872-9035**
Deadline: May 13, 2009

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, and Marlene Prentiss

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