



# St. Matthew's Church

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**STAFF**

Ellie Dorn.....	Coordinator of Youth Ministry
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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)

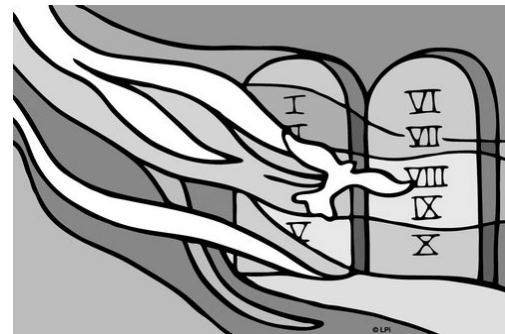
**Prayer Chain** – Call the Parish Office to initiate our parish Prayer Chain for any special intentions you may have.

**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.



**May 17, 2009**

*Mass  for the Intentions for the Week*

**Sunday, May 17**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**8:30 AM: Joseph Calabrese**  
 req. by: Fr. Tom & St. Matthew's Parish Community

**and for: Roger J. Farney Sr.**  
 req. by: Bill & Mary Ellen Rogers

**10:30 AM: Joseph Long**  
 req. by: Anne & Jack Green  
**and for: Augusto Cardona**  
 req. by: Cathy & John Lawler

**Monday, May 18**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Tuesday, May 19**

**7:30 AM:**

**Wednesday, May 20**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Ascension of the Lord**

**7:00 PM:**

**Thursday, May 21**

**Ascension Thursday**

**7:30 AM:**

**Friday, May 22**

**7:30 AM:**

**Saturday, May 23**

**5:00 PM: William & Marcia Campion & Mary B. Wisely**

req. by: The Campion Daughters  
**and for: Marie Cullen**  
 req. by: Bill & Mary Ellen Rogers

**Sunday, May 24**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**8:30 AM: Joseph Calabrese**  
 req. by: John & Cathy Lawler  
**and for: Frank Stapf**  
 req. by: Ron & Anne Smolen

**10:30 AM: Julianna Fero**  
 req. by: Andrea & Dan Freeman  
**and for: Estelle Doran**  
 req. by: Vicki Martin

**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser  
in Parish Lobby 4 – 7 PM

**Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

Women's Group 6:00 PM

**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

NO MORNING MASS

Ascension of the Lord

Mass at 7:00 PM

Music Ministry 8:00 PM

**Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Ascension of the Lord

Mass at 7:30 AM

**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Parish Offices Closed

## Scripture Readings

**Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35,  
44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/ Jn 15:9-17

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/  
Jn 15:26---16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22---18:1/  
Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Ascension of the Lord:  
Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23  
or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7,  
11-13/Mk 16:15-20

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/  
Jn 16:23b-28

**Next Sunday:** Acts 1:15-17,  
20a, 20c-26/  
1 Jn 4:11-16/  
Jn 17:11b-19

**"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete."**

Jn 15:10-11

## SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH



## Reflection Question of the Week:



*When are you most aware of being loved by God?*

## 2009 BISHOPS APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you to the 210 parish members and friends who have already made their pledge of sacrificial support of this year's Bishop's Appeal. Your Christian Stewardship in care for both our parish and diocesan church is very much appreciated by very many people! Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. We can only make our fair share parish goal if every Catholic household does its part too. Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church. Please return some part of God's Gifts to you to the service of God's church. Your generosity will be appreciated.



## ASCENSION THURSDAY IS THIS WEEK

This week the Church celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> day of Easter, remembering the beginning of Christ's Reign at the right hand of the Father. Ascension Thursday is one of the few weekdays of the year which the Church marks as being important as Sunday, the Lord's Day. Please keep that tradition by joining for Eucharist either on Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM or on Thursday morning at 7:30 AM.

## COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCHES IN EUROPE

Catholics in Central and Eastern Europe are replanting the roots of faith after generations of religious persecution. Catholics in the United States help build parishes in many distant places through the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your generous donations support seminaries, social service programs, youth ministries, pastoral centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and the spreading of the Gospel message through the mass media. Please support this collection next weekend.

### Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

In today's Gospel, Jesus commands his disciples to love one another.

Last weekend those disciples of Jesus worshipping here at St. Matthew's demonstrated their love for our parish community by their sacrificial support of \$6,737.

Many thanks for their faithful parish stewardship.

## PENTECOST CELEBRATION

The Fiftieth Day of Easter, Pentecost Sunday, has always been the day when Christians have celebrated the gifts of the Holy Spirit giving breath to the Church. As part of our Pentecost Celebration this year, we will be welcoming those who have registered as new parishioners at Saint Matthews. We will share the blessing of our community with them for the first time and present them with a small memento of our patron saint. We will also be asking everyone to take and wear a nametag as they enter the church. This will be a way to better know each other and members of our parish and visitors on this day of Christian Community. Wearing something red for the liturgy would also make it special. We will also have a Strawberry Festival after all masses in the lobby area of the church. Please be a part of this Pentecost liturgy on May 30 – May 31<sup>st</sup>.



### Spring into 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.

### THE RITE OF BAPTISM

Next weekend on Saturday, May 23, 2009; during the 5:00PM liturgy, St. Matthew's Parish will be welcoming two children into God's Church through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Please join in this wonderful celebration and extend your warm welcome and wishes to the family.

### 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 3/4 hours north of Albany (Northway Exit 28). Please contact this year's new organizers **Matt & Valerie Zell** at 439-8492 or [valeriezell@msn.com](mailto:valeriezell@msn.com) to get more information and reserve a spot.

### 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.

### MEN'S ASSOCIATION

#### MONTHLY MEETING REMINDER

The May monthly meeting will be held on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at the Church. All members and prospective members are welcome. We will be planning our summertime activities.

#### COME JOIN US IN SERVICE!

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

#### **Capital City Rescue Mission – June 13**

Please call Tom Dorn at 765-3304

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### RIDE NEEDED

A cancer patient in the Voorheesville area is in need of transportation assistance so that he may get to his doctor appointments. If you are able to assist, please call 248-6370 or 256-4612.

### 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, 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, Marlene Prentiss and Molly Rourke.

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