



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 31, 2009

Mass for the Intentions  *for the Week*

Saturday, May 30

5:00 PM: Marie Cullen
 req. by: Tom & Alice Mensching
 and for: **Jeanne Williams**
 req. by: Peggy & Keith Mason

Sunday, May 31

Pentecost Sunday

8:30 AM: Augusto Cardona
 req. by: Ron & Anne Smolen

10:30 AM: Joseph Long
 req. by: Anne & Jack Green
 and for: **Neil Shaughnessy**
 req. by: Fr. Tom and St. Matthew's Parish Community

Monday, June 1

NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday, June 2

7:30 AM:

Wednesday, June 3

7:30 AM:

Thursday, June 4

NO MORNING MASS

Friday, June 5

7:30 AM: Jane Postle
 req. by: Her Cousin Catherine Giacomini

Saturday, June 6

5:00 PM: Joseph Calabrese
 req. by: Frank & Delores Pierro
 and for: **Anthony J. DiMura Sr.**
 req. by: **Andrea & Danny Freeman**

Sunday, June 7

Trinity Sunday

8:30 AM: Joseph Calabrese
 req. by: DeMichele Family

10:30 AM: Louis Leon
 req. by: Dawna & Brandy Leon
 and for: **Frank Stapf**
 req. by: Fr. Tom and St. Matthew's Parish Community



Sunday, May 31st
Christian Parenting Session II
11:30 AM

Monday, June 1st
Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM
Baptism Session #2 7:00 PM

Sunday, June 17th
Rite of Enrollment

Scripture Readings

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or
Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or
Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or
Jn 15:26-27;16:12-15

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8/Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/
Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde,
9-17; 8:4-9a/Mk 12:28-32

Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/
Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/
Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

“But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming.”

Jn 16:13



SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH



Reflection Question of the Week:



What gift has God given to me for the common good, and how could I share as generously as God intends?

ALWAYS GOD'S PEOPLE CARING FOR EACH OTHER

So far 258 families and individuals from Saint Matthew's Has contributed to the Bishop's Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift we need your help.

Father John McCall used to say that although his family was fed during the depression with food from the parish food bank, they always saved a can or two of stewed tomatoes to share with someone else. Not because they didn't like stewed tomatoes, but because no matter how little you thought you had, they knew it was always important to share something. The Bishop's Appeal operates on that same valuable truth. No matter what you can give, great or small please be a part of this important effort of our parish and our diocese. Bishop's Appeal envelopes are available at the church entrances, please use one for your gift today.



Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

On this Pentecost weekend Saint Paul reminds us that the Holy Spirit is the source of all the gifts, which are given “for the common good.”

Thank to all those parishioners and friends who contributed \$5, 236.27 for the good of our parish. Among some of our routine expenses that were paid recently was \$1436.14 for National Grid, \$169.22 for our dumpster expense and \$678.30 for last months subscription to The Evangelist. A special thanks to all those who make the effort to make up their parish support for those weekends when they are away during the summer months.

We appreciate your faithfulness.

If you would like to ensure that your parish support is maintained without writing any checks just call the parish office to be included in our group of E-Givers!

It's easy for you and good for Saint Matthew's!

RITE OF ENROLLMENT

Next weekend, on Sunday, June 7, 2009 during the 10:30 am Mass, a family will present their daughter to our parish as a Baptismal Candidate. This ceremony is part of the child's first initiation into the Church. The child will receive the Church's First Blessing, along with her name being entered into the “Book of The Elect”, signifying her future commitment to living a Catholic Christian life. We invite all parishioners to join in this special spiritual celebration.

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Matthew's will sponsor a blood drive on Saturday, June 12th from 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM in the Social Hall. Fifteen volunteers will be calling previous donors. Please put a reminder on your calendar for this important event. As of May 12, 2008, donors with a history of non-blood cancer such as breast, brain, colon and prostate, can now donate 12 months after their last treatment has been completed. Please remember that the coming summer is often accompanied by blood shortages.

BLESSING OF PREGNANCY

Expecting parents are invited to celebrate The Blessing of Pregnancy at either the 8:30am or 10:30am Mass on Sunday, June 7, 2009. If you would like to be a part of this special ceremony or know of some one who would, please call the parish office at 765-2805 to register.

CHRISTIAN PARENTING SESSIONS

Next Sunday, May 31st, after the 10:30 AM liturgy, parents of young children who are looking for guidance in sharing our faith are invited to a parenting session on "God and Nature." If you would like to join in this discussion, and assist your children in recognizing some tangible signs of God's love in the world, please call the parish office.



**BAPTIZED
UNTO THE
LORD**

On Saturday, May 23, 2009,
St. Matthew's welcomed
into the Church through the
saving waters of Baptism:

Joseph Alexander Bablin
Son of Julie & Barry Bablin
and

Max Christopher Donohue
Son of Kara & Thomas Donohue

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 – June 13
Habitat for Humanity - June 27th
Please call Tom Dorn at 765-3304

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CHICKEN BBQ DINNER

Voorheesville Girl Scouts are conducting a **Chicken BBQ Dinner (Take Out)**, Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at St. Matthew's Church; 4:00pm - 7:00pm . **Paid Reservations Only.** Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased by contacting Peggy McQuade: PEGGYMCQ@nycap.rr.com or 872-9035. Please help support your local Girl Scouts! Thank you!

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Scout Troop 83 in cooperation with the Joseph E. Zaloga Post is collecting personal care items for our servicemen in Iraq & Afghanistan. A donation box will be available in for the next two weeks at both entrances starting May 29th. If you would like to donate an item the suggestions are:

- moist towelettes/baby wipes
- toothbrushes
- travel size toothpaste
- hand lotion
- mouthwash
- sun block
- travel size shaving cream
- disposable razors
- lip balm
- Q-tips
- phone cards
- AA &AAA batteries
- foot powder
- band aids
- deodorant.

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 Mesurvey, Katie Traudt, Maureen Daugherty, Eric Dagner, Marilyn Farrell, Donald Lee, Evelyn Lobato, Nellie Ciupek, Marlene Prentiss, Barbara Belsky 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