



St. Matthew's Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:30 AM and 10:30 AM
Weekdays (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.



July 19, 2009

Mass for the Intentions of the Week

Saturday, July 18
5:00 PM: Living & Deceased Members of the Men's Association
 req. by: The Men's Association
 and for: **Thomas Kiegle**
 req. by: The Kiegle Family

Sunday, July 19
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM: William Pariso
 req. by: Ed & Kathie Lyons

10:30 AM: George Sr., George Jr. & Mary M. Hormovitis
 req. by: The Hormovitis Family
 and for: **Matthew Remmert**
 req. by: Mary Remmert

Monday, July 20
NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday, July 21
7:30 AM:

Wednesday, July 22
7:30 AM:

Thursday, July 23
NO MORNING MASS

Friday, July 24
7:30 AM:

Saturday, July 25
5:00 PM: Agnes Burns
 req. by: St. Matthew's Music Ministry
 and for: **Jim & Ruth Reynolds**
 req. by: Ricardo Vilar Family

Sunday, July 26
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM: Scott Waldren
 req. by: Grace Salisbury

10:30 AM: 5th Anniversary of Mary Ann Green
 req. by: John & Cathy Lawlor



NO EVENTS THIS WEEK

Scripture Readings

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/
Mk 6:30-34

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21---15:1/
Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/
Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/
Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Mk 6:34



SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH



Reflection Question of the Week:

Do you have a "deserted place" where you can go to be refreshed if you need to? If you don't should you?



BISHOP'S APPEAL RESULTS

Last week St. Matthew's proudly notified the Bishop's office that 322 donors from our parish have contributed and pledged a total of \$78,307 to this year's Bishop's Appeal. Our Pride is more than justified since we had added 18 more contributors this year than last year, showing both a growing appreciation for and understanding of what it means to be a part of a diocesan church. Such generosity makes a significant contribution to the work of the gospel and is much appreciated.

That appreciation comes from Saint Matthew's as well because we have exceeded our assessed responsibility of \$68,882, our parish will also benefit from your generosity. Many thanks to all who have been a part of this vital parish effort during a gloomy economic time but have none the less succeeded in demonstrating a Christian generosity of spirit. Thank you

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Today's Gospel reading reminds us that even Jesus and the disciples had to get away once in awhile so we know that many of our parishioners will be slipping away for a week or two during these wonderful days of summer. We wish you well during your vacations and look forward to your safe return. Please remember too that Saint Matthew's depends upon your regular support to meet expenses, so please make up your stewardship commitment to the Parish as soon as you can. We do appreciate and count on your generosity! If you are interested in joining our Parish E-Givers and not worry about regular envelopes anymore, sign up sheets are available outside the parish office.

SPECIAL DIOCESEAN COLLECTION

There will be a special diocesan collection taken at all Masses next weekend to benefit the works of the Holy Father. Known as the Peter's Pence Collection. The proceeds fund emergency relief assistance to those throughout the world who suffer from war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be as generous as you can.

MARK THE DATE

The Men's Associations is organizing a night of music and dance aboard the Captain J. P. Cruise Line on Friday, August 21, 2009. Dinner is available on board from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The cruise sails from Troy at 7:30 pm; returning at 10:30 pm. Live entertainment for the evening will be The Refrigerators and a DJ Dance Party. The cost is \$41 per person for dinner and cruise, for cruise only the cost is \$19.50 per person. Info about making reservations to follow. Plan for a fun night on the Hudson River!

BLESSING OF PREGNANCY

Expecting parents are invited to celebrate the Blessing of Pregnancy during all masses on the weekend of August 1 – August 2, 2009. If you would like to be a part of this special ceremony or know of someone who would, please call the parish office at 765-2805 to register.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents wishing to celebrate the Baptism of their children are reminded that the next cycle of preparation sessions begin on Monday, July 13, 2009 with the Rite of Enrollment to be conducted on the Saturday, August 1, 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.

*Rest in Peace*

Barbara Belsky, Mary Charron

and for

Eileen Court - mother of Linda Hladun

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 – August 8th
Please call Tom Dorn at 765-3304

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Onsite registration for the Fall of 2009 for grades Pre K- 10 will be held from August 22nd through September 4th.

Confirmation registration will be separate and those families will receive their information in the mail in August.

If your family will be away during our registration times, please call Rebecca at 765-2805 to make other arrangements.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Albany NY Chapter of *Magnificat* is hosting a Women's Retreat in *honor of the Queenship of Mary*. The retreat will take place on Saturday, **August 8** from 8 AM - 4 PM at **Our Lady of the Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY**. The cost is **\$30** (includes morning refreshments and box lunch). Our speaker will be **Pat Turbitt**. Pat is experienced with organizing and directing weekend retreats for women and in conducting Parish Missions and Retreat Days with her husband, Donald. Pat currently has a mission of preaching and teaching with her husband in Eastern Europe as country coordinators in 6 countries sponsored by Renewal Ministries with Ralph Martin. For info, call Ruth Lapierre at 785-1084. **Reservations due by July 31**. For more information regarding the Magnificat Ministry to Catholic Women, visit our website www.magnificatalbany.org

THOSE WHO ARE ILL...

Donna Amato, Gloria Bogart, Haysha Acebal, Raymond Banuls, Bill Boyd, Brendan Burke, Diana Burns, Carly Carey, Connie Castellana, 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, Catherine Johnston, Brett Lee, Jean LeCarl, Bob LeClair, Melissa Lee, Joe Markel, 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, Maureen Daugherty, Eric Dagner, Marilyn Farrell, Donald Lee, Evelyn Lobato, Nellie Ciupek, Molly Rourke and Katie Geiss.

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