



St. Matthew's Church

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STAFF

Ellie Dorn.....	Coordinator of Youth Ministry
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Paul Davignon.....	Deacon
Andrea Freeman.....	Parish Secretary
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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 (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.



September 20, 2009

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 19

5:00 PM: Paul J. Pettit
8th Anniversary
 req. by: Joan Pettit & Family
 and for: **John Burns**
 req. by: Diana & Bernie Burns

Sunday, September 20

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM: The People of the Parish
 req. by: Fr. Tom & St. Matthew's Parish Community

10:30 AM: Lil Stevens
 req. by: The McGinty Family
 and for: **James Nash**
 req. by: The McGinty Family
 and for: **Living & Deceased Members of the Men's Association**
 req. by: **The Men's Association**

Monday, September 21

NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday, September 22

7:30 AM:

Wednesday, September 23

7:30 AM:

Thursday, September 24

NO MORNING MASS

Friday, September 25

7:30 AM:

Saturday, September 26

5:00 PM: Paul Fiero
 req. by: Mom & Dad
 and for: **Agnes Burns**
 req. by: Cathy & John Lawler

Sunday, September 27

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM: Fr. Gerald McMahon S.J.
 req. by: The Hens Family
 and for: **John C. Coffey**
4th Anniversary
 req. by: His Family

10:30 AM: Paul J. Pettit
 req. by: Deb Engel & Family
 and for: **Vrszula Stachowska**
 req. by: Fr. Tom & St. Matthew's Parish Community



The
Week
Ahead

Sunday, September 20

Men's Association Mtg.
(immediately after feast day picnic)

Monday, September 21

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM

Confirmation Info Mtg. 7:00 PM

Parent Sacrament Meeting 7:00 PM

Wednesday, September 16

Music Ministry at 7:00 PM

Mid Level Catechist Mtg. 7:00 PM

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, 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, Katie Geiss, Marlene
Prentiss, Margaret Logan, Veronica
Monterio and Anne Roberts,

CAR WASH!

The Voorheesville Volunteer
Fire Department is hosting
A car wash on Sunday
September 20th from
8AM - Noon at the
fire department on
12 Altamont Rd.
In Voorheesville.

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

A NOVENA FOR ST. MATTHEW

Once again this year as part of a Parish Novena, we are inviting parishioners to remember our patron saint in prayer for 9 weeks, concluding on the feast of Christ the King. As a part of this novena we would also invite 9 individuals or families to accept into their homes two of our most sacred of objects: the Parish Relic of Saint Matthew, and an Icon of our patron saint. Those housing these objects of faith for a week would be asked to receive them at weekend liturgy and to return them the following weekend. While in your possession please pray for our parish dedicated to Saint Matthew, reading his Gospel in the course of the 7 days. If you could be a part of this prayer experience, please sign up in the lobby of the church.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend is the Annual Diocesan Collection for the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States. The Collection underwrites scholarships to help financially deserving students complete their education at the Catholic University of America and other Catholic institutions of higher education. We appreciate your efforts to help make this appeal.

INQUIRY SESSIONS

St. Matthew's is preparing a series of Inquiry Sessions for those non Catholics who might be interested in learning more about the Catholic Church. If you know of someone who might be interested in participating or who might be considering joining the Catholic Church, please invite them to call the parish office.

SHARING YOUR GIFTS WITH SAINT MATTHEW'S

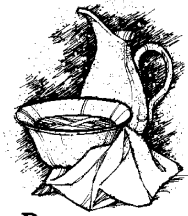
Now that the kids have returned to school, we can all follow their example and once again assume the responsibilities that are always seeking attention. If you could assist our weekly prayer as a Reader of Scripture or Eucharistic Minister please let Father Tom know. If you could join our Parish Music Ministry please call Madge Devine at 765-2457.

If you could assist in laundering the altar linens a couple of times a year, Pat Carmody would love to hear from you at 765-4076. Ellie Dorn and Suzanne Schultz are happy to have additional catechists to share our faith with our children. All these ministries are gifts to the church and to the individuals who fulfill them. Please make your contribution of service if you can.

WELCOME OUR NEW DEACON

We have received word from Bishop Hubbard that he is assigning Deacon Gerald DeMauro to ministry here at Saint Matthew's. Deacon Gerry who holds a PhD in Developmental Psychology from SUNY Stony Brook and works part time as a Managing Educational Assessment Scientist for American Institutes for Research. He has published widely in the fields of educational measurement and Catholic perspectives on the social sciences. As a part of his ministry here at Saint Matthew's, he will be working with Deacon Paul in the development of our parish catechumenate by which we initiate new Christians into the life of the Church.

Deacon Gerry lives in Weather field with his wife Mildred who everyone knows as Bunny. We are happy to have both of them with us and we hope that you will welcome them warmly as the people of Saint Matthew's always do.



BAPTIZED
UNTO THE
LORD

On Saturday, September 12, 2009,
St. Matthew's welcomed
into the Church through the
saving waters of Baptism:

Madelyn Elizabeth Spath
daughter of Leon Spath and Trisha Hartnett

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Many thanks to those parishioners and friends who
contributed \$6236.74 to support of Saint Matthew's.
As always your faithful stewardship is much appreciated.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

In the spirit of celebrating their 25th Anniversary, the Men's Association
has organized another parish event for you to mark on your calendar.
There will be a Fall Harvest Banquet on Saturday, November 7th.
Details for the banquet will be available at a later date, so please save the date!



ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALE FUNDRAISER

The Men's Association is starting its annual sale of Entertainment books. The price
of the book remains at \$30 and will be available for sale at the end of weekend masses.
Thank you to all for supporting our fund raising efforts.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY MEETING

The Men's Association resumes its schedule of monthly meetings this Sunday,
September 20th, immediately following the Parish Feast Day Celebration. All members
are encouraged to attend and potential new members are welcome as we plan for the
upcoming year.

COME JOIN US IN SERVICE!

Check your calendar to see if you can join us for the following service event:
Habitat for Humanity – October 3rd
Capital City Rescue Mission – October 10th
Ronald McDonald House – October 17th
Please call Tom Dorn at 765-3304

FAITH FORMATION

PARENT SACRAMENT MEETING

Preparation for the Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion is done in a
family centered program separate from regular Faith Formation. Children must be
enrolled in our regular Faith Formation and be 7 years old or older to be eligible.
To hear more please plan to attend the Sacrament Information meeting this Monday,
September 21st at 7:00 PM in the parish Social hall.

CONFIRMATION PARENT & TEEN INFORMATION MEETING

Our Confirmation information meeting will be held this Monday, September 21, 2009
promptly at 7:00 Pm in the church and will end at 9:00PM. Please be sure to bring your
registration form and your fees.

VIRTUS TRAINING

The Diocesan program of Sexual Abuse will be offered at CTK on Tuesday, September
29 at 6:30 PM. All those volunteering with children or young people must go through this
one time only commitment. We will host one again in November when we have our CYO
coaches. Please make every effort to support us in this endeavor.



St. Matthew's and our
Cluster Parishes invite
you to

**An Afternoon
with**

Father

Edward L. Beck, C.P.

speaking on

**“Soul Provider:
Limitless Love”**

**Sunday, October 4th
2-4 PM**

**Christ the King
Church**

Edward L. Beck, C.P., is a
Roman Catholic priest of
the Passionist Community.

In addition to giving
retreats and
workshops nationally
and internationally, Father
Beck is a commentator on
religious and faith issues for
various media outlets.

His latest book,
Soul Provider,

is on sale for \$11.00
here at St. Matthew's.

Please join us for an
inspirational and
memorable event.

To learn more about
Father Beck, visit his
website at

www.EdwardLBeck.com.