



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.



February 28, 2010

Mass  *for the Intentions* *for the Week*

Saturday, February 27

5:00 PM: Aggie Tucker
 req. by: Michael & Kathleen Fields
 and for: **John Pennock**
 req. by: Bill & Janet Kerr

Sunday, February 28

2nd Sunday of Lent
8:30 AM:
10:30 AM: Frank & Emily Tommell
 req. by: The Family
 and for: **John & Claire Prisolo**
 req. by: The Wilson Family

Monday, March 1

NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday, March 2

7:30 AM:

Wednesday, March 3

7:30 AM Jeanne Williams
 req. by: Peggy & Keith Mason

Thursday, March 4

NO MORNING MASS

Friday, March 5

7:30 AM:

Saturday, March 6

5:00 PM: Aggie Tucker
 req. by: Bob & Marlene Prentiss
 and for: **Paul Walter**
 req. by: Bob & Susan Dougherty

Sunday, March 7

3rd Sunday of Lent
8:30 AM: John Pennock
 req. by: Bill & Mary Ellen Rogers
10:30 AM: John Fredette
 req. by: Ernie & Linda Kitchen
 and for: **Ellen L. Jones**
 req. by: Bill & Mary Ellen Rogers

Please remember that whenever the Voorheesville Central School District cancels or delays classes because of inclement weather, morning liturgy on that day will also be cancelled.

**Sunday, February 28**

Pre-K – 1 10:30 AM
 Prayer Shawl Ministry 11:30 AM
 in the Social Hall
 10th Grade 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Monday, March 1

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 2

Grades 2-5 3:15 – 4:15 PM
 1st Communion Parent Meeting
 7:00 PM Social. Hall

Wednesday, March 3

Grades 2-5 3:15 – 4:15 PM
 Music Ministry 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 6

Big Breakfast Prep 6 PM

Sunday, March 7

Big Breakfast 7:30 AM – Noon
 in the Social Hall
 Pre-K – 1 10:30 AM
 9th Grade 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

THOSE WHO ARE ILL...

Donna Amato, Gloria Bogart,
 Raymond Banuls, Bill Boyd,
 Diana Burns, Carly Carey, Connie
 Castellana, Tim Colchin, Joan
 Conway, Joseph Coury, Mildred
 Coury, Philip Davis, Doris Doyle,
 James Finnessey, Bobby Flagler,
 Amanda Gibbs, Lynn Giudici-
 Reynolds, Christine Gwaldis, Ricky
 Haggerty, Richard Harrington,
 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, Jeannie
 Mormile, Kathy Jornov, Donna
 DeVellis, Richard Arthur, Claire
 Broderick, Bertha Meservey, Eric
 Dagner, Nellie Ciupek, Katie Geiss,
 Marybeth Saccone, Al Birdsall,
 Tom Markert, Sr., & Gertrude
 Richardson

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

PLEDGING LENT TOGETHER

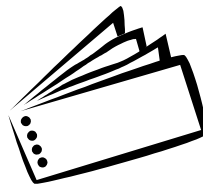
Each week as liturgy concludes, small cards will be available to suggest ways that we can live the Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving throughout the coming week. Still available this weekend are small metal images of the Lamb of God, who is the Christ and who "takes away the sins of the world". There are also prayer cards with a Lenten Table Blessing for use at home during this season. Please take one for your own use during these special days. This season which begins this week calls us to enter that place of transformation which is the desert, let us pray that by doing that together we may know the transforming grace of God.

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Today's Gospel reminds us how Peter, James and John wanted to stay on the mountain top with the transfigured Lord. They realized however that they were meant to be about the work of building the Kingdom of God. Last weekend our parishioners and friends contributed to Saint Matthew's efforts towards that responsibility with gifts of \$6,844.10. In addition, we received parish gifts of \$1,216.01 in support of the church in Latin America. Thank you. We have already received 44 responses to our request for a Lenten sacrifice dedicated to the next phase of our church roof repair, providing \$2030 toward those repairs. If every parish household responds that generously we will not only be able to complete phase 2, but we will be on our way to making the final repairs as well! Thank to all of you whose faithful stewardship responded so generously to local needs, special needs and the needs the whole church all in one weekend!

PASCHAL CANDLE

Each Easter the church renews the signs of Christ's presence in our community. One of those signs is the Paschal Candle, which calls to mind the "Light of Christ" and burns throughout the fifty days of Easter, and whenever the Church celebrates Baptism or a funeral liturgy during the year. If anyone would like to donate this primary candle, which costs \$350.00, to the church in memory of a loved one, please call the office or speak with Father Tom.

**E-GIVING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT CARDS**

E-Givers who have been using their weekly offering acknowledgement cards at liturgy may soon be running out. If you would like a new supply, please call the office and we will be happy to give you more. If you would like to be included in our parish group of E-Givers, it never too late to join this happy group of ecologically-minded parish stewards. Just contact Andrea in the parish office to start your E-Giving right away!

BIG BREAKFAST

The Men's Association will sponsor a breakfast on Sunday, March 7th from 7:30AM – Noon in the Social Hall. Menu items include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, toast, juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Members of the Youth Ministry will serve your breakfast. Take-out meals will also be available. All are invited for enjoyable time and a delicious meal while helping the Association raise money for its many activities around the parish. Adults \$5, children \$3.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

On Sunday, **Feb. 28th**, following the 10:30 mass, Sr. Mavis Jewell MS RN from St. Peter's Hospital, will speak on the Prayer Shawl Ministry in our Parish Social Hall. The *Prayer Shawl* symbolizes peace, shelter, and sustenance and brings comfort to the wearer. They are often made for someone suffering through a transition, crisis, or special need, but can also be made for special occasions or to honor an individual. The key is that the work is done intentionally for the comfort and blessing of someone else. They are never sold. All yarn is donated. Come and learn about this ministry we look to begin at St Matthew's in the near future.

RUN FOR VOCATIONS

The Diocese of Albany is holding a 5K Run for Vocations at Christian Brothers Academy on April 24, 2010. Through this event, we hope to raise awareness and encourage prayer for all vocations: those who are considering marriage, the single life, diocesan priesthood, diaconate or religious life as well as for those who are already living commitments to these vocations. If you are a runner, or even a walker and could participate in this consciousness raising event pick up a registration form or call the parish office. We are also looking for individuals who could support the efforts of the runners by pledging prayers on that day. There will also be a Fun Run for those 10 years old and younger. Please be a part of our first Run 4 Runners. The pledges for the day are prayers, not dollars! Brochures are available at the church entrances or contact the Parish Office for information to sign up.



THANK YOU CASAMIA

St. Matthew's would like to thank Joe & Laura from **Casa Mia's of East Berne** for their catering service, generosity and for the delicious soup they prepared for our Ash Wednesday Simple Soup Supper.

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 Saturday, March 20th
Please call Tom Dorn at 765-3304

FAITH FORMATION

1st COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

The next 1st Communion Parent meeting will be held this Tuesday, March 2 at 7:00 PM in the Social hall. Since the Cluster Lenten series on "Family Spirituality" will also be taking place in our Church at the same time, you may want to attend that program after our First Communion Session.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER/FUNDRAISER

There will be a corned beef & cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 13th in the Parish Social Hall from 4:00 – 7:00 PM to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation featuring Irish Music, raffles and door prizes. Tickets will be sold after each mass. Adults \$10.00, Seniors/Children \$8.00. Call Eileen Bates (765-2668) or Erin Pritchard (765-4320) for tickets or more information.

DIOCESAN MEMORIAL MASSES

The Albany Diocesan Cemeteries will celebrate Memorial Masses on the following dates to remember the souls of the faithful departed entrusted to our care. Masses are celebrated in the Mausoleum Chapels and begin at 9:00 a.m.
April 10th at St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands
April 17th at St. Mary's Cemetery in Troy

LENTEN SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT SERIES

All parishioners are welcome from the cluster. Please join us, no reservations required.



**Tuesday, March 2nd 7pm
Saint Matthew's Church
Voorheesville**

Deacon Ed Solomon and his wife, Karen will speak about recipes for Spiritual Feasts and Fasts at Home - Nurturing Family Spirituality. Discover and reclaim life-giving practices that will enhance your family's spiritual journey!



**Tuesday, March 9nd 7pm
Saint Lucy's Church, Altamont**

Ellie Dorn will talk with us about the benefits of guided meditation in our spiritual lives and will lead us on a guided meditation. Ellie has served as the Youth Minister at St. Matthew's Church for 11 years and often incorporates meditation into her work.