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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.



March 14, 2010

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 13

5:00 PM: Aggie Tucker
 req. by: The Beadnell Family
and for: Sandra Quinn
 req. by: Bill & Janet Kerr
and for: John Ragule (Healing Mass)
 req. by: The Ragule Family

Sunday, March 14

4th Sunday of Lent
8:30 AM: Isabella Macri & Albert Neri
 req. by: Lou & Peg Neri

10:30 AM: John Fredette
 req. by: The Corbett Family
and for: Marie Mauriello & James Nash
 req. by: The McGinty Family

Monday, March 15

NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday, March 16

7:30 AM:

Wednesday, March 17

7:30 AM John & Agnes Burns
 req. by: Their nieces & nephews

Thursday, March 18

NO MORNING MASS

Friday, March 19

7:30 AM:

Saturday, March 20

5:00 PM: Paul Summers
 req. by: Mary Summers & Family
and for: Denis Ryan
 req. by: Keith & Peggy Mason

Sunday, March 21

5th Sunday of Lent
8:30 AM: Living & Deceased Members of the Men's Association

req. by: The Men's Association
and for: Ken Guyer
 req. by: His Family

10:30 AM: John Fredette
 req. by: Ron & Anne Smolen
and for: Ralph Pezzulo
 req. by: Gil & Pat Munroe



The
Week
Ahead

Saturday, March 13

Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser 4:00PM – 7:00 – Social Hall

Sunday, March 14

Pre-K – 1 10:30 AM
Grades 6-8 4:30 – 8:30

Monday, March 15

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM
Cluster Lenten Reconciliation at St. Thomas Church – 7:00 PM
NSCFP- 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 16

Grades 2-5 3:15 – 4:15 PM

Wednesday, March 17

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

Sunday, March 21

Pre-K – 1 10:30 AM
Grade 10 – 1:00 – 5:00

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, Tim Finnigan, 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

"God is waiting to embrace the repentant sinner."

More than any time in the year, the season of Lent invites the Christian to experience the healing Love of Christ in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Having heard the story of the Prodigal son returning to the forgiving embrace of his father in this weekend's gospel, this week seems especially appropriate to do so. Additional opportunities are scheduled which hopefully will make it easier for you to do so.

Cluster Reconciliation at St. Thomas Church in Delmar

Monday, March 15th at 7:00 PM

Individual Sacramental Reconciliation at St. Matthew's

Tuesday Evening, March 16th 6 – 7:00 pm

Wednesday Afternoon, March 17th 12 – 1:00 pm

Friday Morning, March 19th 11 – 12:00 pm

Every Saturday Afternoon, 4 – 4:30 pm

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

In today's reading the forgiving father commends his elder son for having been so faithful in his care for his father and their home. Our parish too commends those parishioners and friends who again last weekend demonstrated their faithful Christian Stewardship with contributions of \$7,801.80 toward parish support. Thank you.

The parable of the prodigal son, who had to lose everything before he could appreciate the value of what he had been given, also shows that is never too late to become a good steward of God's gifts. If you would like to support our parish through either Weekly Stewardship Envelopes or through our Parish E-Giving Program please call the parish office so we can get you started. The support of our parish is important and makes a real difference.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Saint Matthew's next celebration of infant baptism is being planned for Saturday, June 26th. A Baptism Preparation Group is now forming. If you would like to be included for the first preparation session, scheduled for Monday, April 12th at 7:00 PM, please call the parish office or Peggy McQuade, our Baptism Team Coordinator at 872-9035. This session is also open to godparents, grandparents and expectant parents who like to plan ahead.



The chapel candle is lit this week in loving memory of

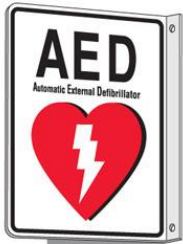
John J. O'Connell III

Requested by

Ellen & Tom Cocoran & Family

CENTERING PRAYER

Centering Prayer Gathering, Saturday, March 20th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon at Christ the King, Sumter Ave., Westmere. Includes a short video on the Method of Centering Prayer from Fr. Thomas Keating's DVD "Heartfulness: Transformation in Christ. Newcomers are welcome. Short intro to Centering Prayer provided. Free will offering. For further information contact Bruce Gardiner at 325-5546 or email brucegardiner@yahoo.com or see Peg O'Connor.



The development of Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) have saved many lives in recent years by immediately treating cardiac arrhythmia's with a dose of electrical energy to the heart of the affected person. These automated units have been so successful that many churches are now installing them so they are available for emergency use during liturgies or parish gatherings. St. Matthew's is now hoping to provide this safety equipment for our people. If you would like to contribute to this cost of nearly \$2000 defibrillator (which we hope will never have to use but would like to have if we need to!) please speak with Father Tom.

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

SERVICE PROJECT REQUEST

If you have any 5 gal. drywall compound pails (empty & clean) to donate; we would appreciate them for a 5th grade service project. Please drop off at Faith Formation Office. Thanks!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

POEMS, ESSAYS, AND POSTER CONTEST

The Capital District Pro Life Council in conjunction with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany is sponsoring the Fourth Annual Student "Pep" contest. Poems, Essays and Posters; entries for high school & junior high school students will focus on the theme "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you" Jeremiah 1:5. This contest is open to all public, private, and home schooled children. Entries must be postmarked no later than Monday, April 12, 2010. The awards ceremony and reception will be held at LaSalle Institute, 174 Williams Road, Troy, NY on Sunday April 25th at 1:00 pm. For contest applications and contest rules, contact Lucy at 869-1088. Prizes are substantial in all categories.

AN INVITATION

The United Methodist Women of the Voorheesville Church cordially invite the women of St. Matthew's to their symbolic Passover Supper, Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:00 PM. Reservations needed by March 19th. Please call Anne Smolen at 765-2463.

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE

This year's Dollars for Scholars' **Chocolate and Wine: Evening Divine II** will be held on Friday, March 19 from 7 – 10 PM at St. Matthew's Church featuring: Grand Dessert Buffet, Assorted Beverages, Chinese Raffle and Silent Auction, Camaraderie, and a Heck of a Good Time! **Tickets \$12 per person pre-sale, \$15 at the door** Tickets are currently available from: Valerie Zell, 573-4720 or Valeriezell@msn.com Karen Finnessey, 765 – 4361 or KFinnessey@nycap.rr.com Linda Pasquali, 765-4990, Lpasquali@nycap.rr.com

LENTEN SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT SERIES

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



Tuesday, March 16th 7pm
Christ the King Church
with Vic DeSantis.

Vic currently serves as Chaplain at Albany Memorial Hospital and president of the Pastoral Council at Christ the King Church.

Vic will present a program he calls, "Responding to God's Call"

LASALLE INSTITUTE

Open House

Thursday

March 18th

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Cadet Blue. Is it you?

Please join us and see what

La sale is all about!