



# St. Matthew's Church

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**STAFF**  
 Ellie Dorn.....Coordinator of Youth Ministry  
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 Andrea Freeman.....Parish Secretary  
 Rebecca Kiegle.....Parish Secretary  
 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 (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.



**September 14, 2008**

*Mass  for the Intentions  for the Week*

**Saturday, September 13**

5:00 PM: Ruth McGrath Torka- 5<sup>TH</sup> Anniv  
 & William McGrath – 45<sup>th</sup> Anniv  
 req. by: the McGrath Children

**Sunday, September 14**

**Feast of the Triumph of Holy Cross**

8:30 AM: Vincent Farley  
 req. by: Pat Hammond

10:30 AM: James Taber – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv  
 req. by: Taber Family

**Monday, September 15**

NO MASS

**Tuesday, September 16**

7:30 AM:

**Wednesday, September 17**

7:30 AM:

**Thursday, September 18**

NO MASS

**Friday, September 19**

7:30 AM:

**Saturday, September 20**

5:00 PM: James Nash  
 req. by: McGinty Family

**Sunday, September 21**

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM: Deceased Members of the  
 Men's Association  
 req. by: The Men's Association  
 and for : Ron Michalak- 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
 req. by: Gail Michalak

10:30 AM: Stacey Schmidt  
 req. by: Jim & Rebecca Kiegle  
 and for: Kelly Kirby  
 req. by: Linda & Bill Haaf

**Sunday ,Sept 14 –**

Rite of Baptism --10:30 AM – Mass

Christian Parenting – Session 2  
“ Story Telling” – following  
10:30 AM Mass

Grade 9 – 1-5 pm

**Monday, Sept 15 –**Baptism Prep – Mtg 1 & 2 7:00 PM  
Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM**Wednesday , Sept 17**

Music Ministry – 7:00 PM

**Saturday, Sept 20 –**

Name Tag Day- 5:00 PM Mass

**Sunday, Sept 21 –**Name Tag Day  
Blessing of New Parishioners  
8:30 & 10:30 MassSaint Matthew's Day Celebration  
12 Noon**Scripture Readings****Sunday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/  
Jn 3:13-17**Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/  
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/  
Lk 7:11-17**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 12:31--3:13/Lk  
7:31-35**Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11/  
Lk 7:36-50**Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk  
8:4-15**Next Sunday:** Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-  
24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

## SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

## Next Sunday is Saint Matthew's Day !!!

Join us at Liturgy

- ❖ Pick up your “Name Tag” as you arrive
- ❖ Join us in Blessing New Parishioners
- ❖ Begin a Novena for Saint Matthew

Join us at the Feast Day Picnic

- ❖ Enjoy food, games, music and fun for all ages
- ❖ Visit with Saint Matthew!
- ❖ Tickets available until Wednesday

Join in Ministry!

- ❖ Celebrate God's Gifts to you by sharing them with our parish!
- ❖ We need Lectors, Catechists, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir Members, Instrumentalists, Greeters, Parish Visitors, Computer Techs, Gardeners, Butchers, Bakers, and Candlestick Makers! We need what God has entrusted to you!
- ❖ Invite those you know to share their talents with the Church!

**SAINT MATTHEW'S JOURNEY**

Please help Saint Matthew journey to Voorheesville!

It has been suggested that our parish obtain a statue of our patron saint for the lobby of the church. A suitable one has been found and would love to travel here from Italy. If you would like to contribute to this effort (perhaps in memory of a loved one) please let us know. It would be wonderful to be able to have the statue in place for our Feast Day (or close to it).

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Our ancestors in today's first reading seem so ungrateful. For even though the Lord has freed them from slavery and has provided for their every need, they complain about their lives.

Christian Stewardship that shares what we have, shows that we realize how much we have been given and how grateful for it we are.

Last weekend parishioners and friends contributed \$7,073.12 in Christian Stewardship to the support of our Parish Community. We are thankful for their Generosity. Let's all be Grateful for what we have this week and let's try not to complain.

**HOMEMADE ITEMS NEEDED**

As part of our St. Matthew's Day Celebration we will have a sale of "Homemade" items such as pies, cakes, other bake goods, jams, jellies, pickles, salsa, craft items, etc. If you have a specialty that you'd like to donate to us for that day, please contact Suzanne Schultz in the Faith Formation Office at 765-2373. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of a Statue of Saint Matthew for our Parish Center Lobby.

**NAME TAG WEEKEND**

With the excitement and anticipation of our annual Saint Matthew's Feast Day we will be welcoming those who have recently registered as new parishioners at Saint Matthew's. We will share the blessing of our Community with them for the first time and present them with a small memento of our Patron Saint. Next weekend on September 20 & 21 we will have "Name Tag Day", in which we will be asking everyone to take and wear a color coded name tag. This will provide an opportunity to better know each other as parishioners and also welcome visitors into our Community of Faith.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Parents wishing to celebrate the Baptism of their children are reminded that the next cycle of preparation sessions begin on **Monday, September 15, 2008**, with the Rite of Enrollment scheduled to be celebrated during the October 18th, liturgy. 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](http://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**.

**FAITH FORMATION/ YOUTH MINISTRY**

**REMINDER—9<sup>th</sup> GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM BEGINS THIS WEEKEND.** In order for parents to have a clear vision of the program and its expectations I ask that one parent accompany their teen for a brief informational meeting at the start of our first session. **Sunday Sept 14<sup>th</sup> —1:00 PM** Thank You, Ellie Dorn

**MEN'S ASSOCIATION**

**COME JOIN US IN SERVICE!** Check your calendar to see if you can join us for the following service event --- **Please call Tom Dorn at 765-3304**

**Habitat for Humanity – Saturday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Ronald McDonald House – Saturday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup> & Saturday Nov 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Capital City Rescue Mission – Saturday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>**

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

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 efforts

**MONTHLY MEETING**

The Men's Association will resume its schedule of monthly meetings on Sunday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend and potential new members are welcome as we plan for the upcoming year.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS****GIRLS SCOUTS—INFORMATIONAL EVENING**

Come and discover all the new and exciting adventures of Girl Scouting along with mixing in some of the old traditions. The Voorheesville Service Unit is holding an "Informational Evening" on Wednesday, September 17, 2008; 7:00 pm at the Voorheesville Public Library. In order to help provide all girls the same opportunity to enjoy the Girl Scouting Experience, we could not do this without the help of Adult Volunteers. If you are unable to make this event or have questions regarding Girl Scouts, please contact Lizzy Sullivan at: 521-1841 [punkintownlizzy@aol.com](mailto:punkintownlizzy@aol.com). We invite you and your daughter to join in this fascinating Journey to see how you can help "Build Girls of Courage, Confidence and Character, to make the world a Better Place".

**OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS TO THOSE WHO ARE ILL...**

Donna Amato, Gloria 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, Robert Dorn, Doris Doyle, James Finnessey, Bobby Flagler, Richard Frank, Elizabeth Gaimari, Amanda Gibbs, Lynn Giudici-Reynolds, Christine Gwaldis, Meg Haff, Ricky Haggerty, Richard Harrington, Ricky Hoffman, Lorraine Holland, Catherine Johnston, Brett Lee, Jean LeCarl, Bob LeClair, Melissa Lee, Joe Markel, Helen McGinty, Mary Ann Morrison, Maureen Palumbo, Bryan Pettit, Nicole Retajczyk, Mike Ricci, Tina Rosen, Kathy Sansone, William Skicki, Allison Thomas, Mary Walas, Angie Jean Wimpperman, John Withkowski, Anna Davis, Ruth Ulion, Walter Greene, Patrick DeWane, Jeannie Mormile, Kathy Jor nov, Amanda Cole, Aggie Tucker, Payton Gordinier, Donna DeVellis Vincent Farney Bernie Pafunda, Lois Parmelee, Richard Arthur, Claire Broderick and Tim Finnigan, Bertha Meservey

**OUR PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION OF OUR FRIENDS & FAMILY IN THE ARMED FORCES**

Richard Bailey, Evan Craig, Austin Freeman, Adam Kodra, Tim Wickersham