



# St. Matthew's Church

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 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)

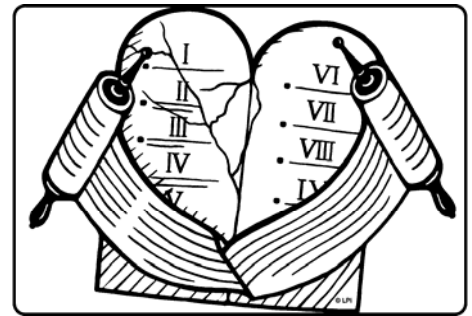
**Prayer Chain** – Call the Parish Office to initiate our parish Prayer Chain for any special intentions you may have.

**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.



**October 26, 2008**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Saturday, October 25**

**5:00 PM: Garry L. Petre**  
 req. by: Bill & Mary Ellen Rogers  
 and for: **John J. Coffey 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv**  
 req. by: his family

**Sunday, October 26**

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**8:30 AM: Vincent Farley**  
 req. by: Bill & Mary Ellen Rogers  
 and for: **Robert F. Graham**  
 req. by: Frank Budlong

**10:30 AM: Annette Playford**  
 req. by: Janet & Ed Ardizone  
 and for: **Frank C. Richardson 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv**  
 req. by: The Mackey Family

**Monday, October 27**

NO MASS

**Tuesday, October 28**

**7:30 AM:**

**Wednesday, October 29**

**7:30 AM: Butchino Family**  
 req. by: Janet Gauthier

**Thursday, October 30**

NO MASS

**Friday, October 31**

**7:30 AM: John & James Ferraro**  
 req. by: Catherine Giacomini

**Saturday, November 1**

**5:00 PM: Mary Rizzo**  
 req. by: Fr. Tom & Saint Matthew's Parish Community  
 and for: **Robert J. McCarthy**  
 req. by: Marianna McCarthy

**Sunday, November 2**

**All Soul's Day**  
**8:30 AM: Kelly Hogan Kirby**  
 req. by: Bill & Mary Ellen Rogers  
 and for: **Pat Tracy**  
 req. by: the Tracy Family  
**10:30 AM: Thomas Kiegle**  
 req. by: the Kiegle Family



**Saturday, October 25**—  
Social Hour following 5:00 PM Mass

**Sunday, October 26**—  
“**World Youth Sunday**”- Social Hr  
following 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Mass  
1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Brkfst/Mtg 9:00AM  
Grade Pre K-1<sup>st</sup> - 10:30 AM  
Grade 9 – 1:00 – 5:00 PM

**Monday, October 27**  
Rosary & Novena -- 6:30 PM  
Cluster Evangelization Team Mtg.--  
7:00 PM

**Tuesday, October 28**—  
Grades 2-5 -- 3:15-4:30 PM

**Wednesday, October 29** –  
Grades 2-5 -- 3:15-4:30 PM  
Music Ministry -- 7:00 PM

**Saturday, November 1** –  
Social Hour following 5:00 PM Mass

**Sunday, November 2** –  
Social Hour following 8:30 AM &  
10:30 AM Mass  
Grade Pre K-1<sup>st</sup> - 10:30 AM

## Scripture Readings

**Sunday:** Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

**Monday:** Eph 4:32—5:8/Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday:** Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16

**Wednesday:** Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30

**Thursday:** Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35

**Friday:** Phil 1:1-11/Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

**Next Sunday:** Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11  
or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

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

## SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

This past week, the fifth of nine weeks of prayer remembering Saint Matthew, the Icon of Matthew and his Relic were housed with Sue & Matt Burns, inviting their prayer together for our parish. This coming week, Natalie & Russ Reimer will host these items of devotion. All parishioners are invited to pray Matthew's prayer during this Novena. Prayer cards are available at the entrances of the church.

### Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Christians have long realized that we best fulfill the commandment of Jesus to love both God and neighbor through lives of good stewardship. The Christian Stewards of Saint Matthew's have contributed \$4,976.40 this past weekend for the support of our parish.

Their generosity allowed us to make a payment of \$1,099.66 to the already increasing bills of National Grid, \$868.14 to the Diocesan Health Insurance Fund, \$552.60 to The Evangelist and \$188.11 for sacramental preparation resources.

Thank you.

Please remember to make up your contribution to Saint Matthews for those weekends when you are away. Your parish really is counting on you.

In one week, the Church will celebrate All Souls Day on November 2<sup>nd</sup> as we do each year.



Because it falls on Sunday this year, with the liturgy also anticipated on Saturday evening, more of us will be involved in this ritual prayer for our beloved deceased. In order to include deceased friends and family in our prayer that weekend, please place their names on the small sheets of paper that are at both entrances of the church. These intentions will be included in our parish prayer during the days of November.

### ALL SOUL'S DAY

On November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> as part of Saint Matthew's remembrance of All Soul's Day, we invite all parishioners and guests to gather for a light reception after all Masses.

### BIG BREAKFAST

The Men's Association will sponsor a breakfast on Sunday November 9, 7:30 AM -- 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 an enjoyable time and a delicious meal while helping the Association raise money for its many activities around the Parish. Adults \$5, Children \$3."

### THANKSGIVING PACKAGES FROM HOME

In the near future we will be asking for names and addresses of those young people of the parish who are away from us for college or military service. Our young children in Faith Formation grades 2 - 5 and their families will be packaging up treats and sending their prayers as part of a Thanksgiving Family Faith Day on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

*A Great Escape for Married Couples!* Enjoy a weekend with the most important person in your life. Let your love nurture and be nurtured as you enjoy the quiet and privacy at the Marriage Encounter Weekend, November 14 – 16<sup>th</sup>. Call Ed & Rhonda Staats @ 518-279-3243 or email: [MEalbany@juno.com](mailto:MEalbany@juno.com)

**FAITH FORMATION/ YOUTH MINISTRY**

**VOICE TO THE VOICELESS**

Last Sunday, our 10<sup>th</sup> grade youth spent the afternoon learning about the issue of poverty and how our Catholic Social Teachings call us to action on behalf of the poor. Martha Pofit and Sr. Mary Ann Comfort of the Diocesan Office on Public Policy shared their insights on how we can all be faithful citizens by advocating for long-term solutions that will eliminate poverty. Our young people wrote letters to John McEneny and Terry O'Neill to seek their positions on how they will respond to the needs of the poor if elected. Kudos to our teens for standing up for giving a voice to the voiceless!

**APPLE PIE FUNDRAISER**



Thank you to all who supported our annual Youth Ministry Apple Pie Fundraiser. We made \$543.00, which will go a long way to support our Youth Ministry activities throughout the year. We hope you enjoyed eating the pies as much as we enjoyed making them!

**ANGELS FOR "BRAVE WILL"**

The children in our grades 2-5 Faith Formation made over 100 hand decorated guardian angels and a prayer book for an infant who is the grandchild of parishioners. Please join us in keeping "Brave Will" in your prayers as he recovers from his illness.

**"KID'S CLOSET" DONATIONS NEEDED**

Our high school Youth Ministry is collecting clean, gently used teen clothing to be donated to the "Kid's Closet" at DePaul Residence. Now is a good time to clean out your closet and bring your donations to the marked box placed under the Youth Ministry bulletin board. Thank you!

**SHOES FOR THE SHOELESS CAMPAIGN**

Once again, our Youth Ministry will collect good, wearable shoes and boots for the Shoes for the Shoeless Campaign. All donated shoes will be distributed to people in Appalachia. Drop off boxes are located at both church entrances from October 6<sup>th</sup> thru November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**BABY FOOD JARS NEEDED**

We are in need of empty baby food jars for an upcoming project in our mid-level program. Please place your donations in the marked container under the Youth Ministry bulletin board in the Social Hall lobby. Many thanks to our parish babies for their help in this project!

**YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER**

During the month of October, our Youth Ministry is having a Yankee Candle Fundraiser to help defray costs for a service trip to Appalachia. This is a great opportunity for you to purchase some Christmas gifts while supporting our parish youth. Please pick up your catalog at either entrance to the church. Thank you.

**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**

Entertainment books are available after weekend masses for \$30 each. Some of the offers this year include savings totaling \$20 at Hannaford, coupons for reduced admissions \$6.50 at Regal Cinemas, and even a coupon for a free movie pass on your birthday! Thanks again for supporting our effort.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**CITRUS FRUIT SALE**

The Voorheesville Central School District Friends of Music is conducting a fruit sale of oranges and grapefruit. The delivery will be received right before Thanksgiving from Indian River Groves in Florida. All orders must be received by October 28<sup>th</sup>. Oranges, grapefruit and mixed cartons can be ordered in 1/5 bushel (10 Lbs.) for \$16, 2/5 bushel (20 lbs.) for \$22. or 4/5 bushel (40 lbs.) for \$30. Please contact Amy at 768-8046 for more information or to place an order.

**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, 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 Jornov, Amanda Cole, Aggie Tucker, Payton Gordinier, Donna DeVellis Vincent Farney Bernie Pafunda, Lois Parmelee, Richard Arthur, Claire Broderick and Tim Finnigan, Bertha Meservey, Marie Cullen, Joseph Long, Will Hladun, Moureen Daugherty, Eric Dagner



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

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