



St. Matthew's Church

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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.



November 2, 2008

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, November 3

NO MASS

Tuesday, November 4

7:30 AM:

Wednesday, November 5

7:30 AM:

Thursday, November 6

NO MASS

Friday, November 7

7:30 AM: Della Mattot
 req. by: Philomena & William Donaldson

Saturday, November 8

5:00 PM: John F. Smith, Helen Smith, Clare Smith-Robinson, Helen K. Wormer
 req. by: John F. Smith

Sunday, November 9

Dedication of Lateran Basilica in Rome
8:30 AM: Virginia Donaldson
 req. by: Philomena & William Donaldson
and for: Mary Valente
 req. by: the Tracy Family

10:30 AM: Mary A. Krajewski
 req. by: Fr. Tom & Saint Matthew's Parish Community
and for: Robert Dorn
 req. by: Mary Ellen & Bill Rogers



Saturday, November 1 –
Social Hour following 5:00 PM Mass
All Souls Day Remembrance Service

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

Monday, November 3
Rosary & Novena -- 6:30 PM

Wednesday, November 5 --
Music Ministry -- 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 8 --
Men's Association- Brkfst Set-up

Sunday, November 9 –
Men's Association Big Breakfast –
7:30am til Noon – Social Hall
Grade Pre K-1st - 10:30 AM

Scripture Readings

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

Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16 17/Jn 2:13-22

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 sixth of nine weeks of prayer remembering Saint Matthew, the Icon of Matthew and his Relic were housed with Natalie & Russ Reimer, inviting their prayer together for our parish. This coming week, Ron and Anne Smolen 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

On the Feast of All Souls we remember all those Christians who have gone before us and now stand before God. As parish members we especially remember those who sacrificed so much for the good of St. Matthews, and we pray that our God will always reward their generosity for which we are grateful. We are also grateful of course for those who now continue the tradition of Christian Stewardship through their consistent support of our parish. Last weekend, parishioners and friends contributed \$6,134.30 in sacrificial gifts to Saint Matthews. Thank you!

Included in this weekend's bulletin is our annual Financial Report. Please take a moment to review it, and even allow yourselves some satisfaction in knowing what your generosity and stewardship is able to maintain.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

In just a few weeks with the Feast of Christ the King the current liturgical year will come to its close. The new liturgical year will begin the following week on the First Sunday of Advent. With the new year begins the new cycle of readings for our prayer together, this year it will be The Year of Saint Mark. In order to assist those serving the parish as Lectors at liturgy, we have once again gotten workbooks for their weekly preparation. The new books are now available for Lectors in the sacristy. Lectors are asked to pick one up during the next couple of weeks, and to sign the list so we know that they have gotten one.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents wishing to celebrate the Baptism of their children are reminded that the next cycle of preparation sessions begin on Monday, November 10, 2008, with the Rite of Enrollment to be conducted on the weekend of Nov 22nd- Nov 23rd. 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

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**.

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."

SNOW CANCELLATIONS

The days of Autumn remind us that the days of winter are not far behind. Be reminded therefore, that whenever the Voorheesville Central Schools District cancels or delays classes because of inclement weather, morning liturgy on that day will also be cancelled. This will lessen the risk for parishioners, and will also allow more time to remove snow and ice from church property without cars in the lot. Any intentions will be rescheduled. The cancellation of Faith Formation sessions is announced on the School Closings Network. Please check your TV if you think sessions may be cancelled.

WINTER ITEMS NEEDED

Birtheright has requested several items to help them start off the winter season. They are in need of new baby blankets (appropriate for winter nights), new mittens (both adult and children sizes), new sweatshirts (all children sizes), and gently used snow suits (size 0-3 months). You will find a box at both entrances where you can place the items on the weekends of November 8 & 9 and November 15 & 16. Thank you for your support.

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 – 16th. Call Ed & Rhonda Staats @ 518-279-3243 or email: MEalbany@juno.com

FAITH FORMATION/ YOUTH MINISTRY**OUR SHOE BLESSING**

Our Grades 2-5 Tuesday Faith Formation children helped clean and sort the hundreds of donated shoes we received for our "Shoes for the Shoeless" campaign. Emily Burke, Marissa Muth, Rachel Blow, and Ryan Burczak wrote this beautiful blessing that we prayed:

GOD,

Please bless these shoes that we are going to give to those less fortunate than us.

The people in need who are not greedy and they won't be needy.

Help the children who receive them to be happy and joyful.

This is a small thing we can do to help them, but please help them with the bigger things and keep them safe. AMEN

"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!

COOKIES IN A JAR

Christmas is fast approaching and Santa's elves will soon be busy! Our mid level youth will be making "Cookies in a Jar" for our New Scotland Community Food Pantry. We are in need of quart size canning jars including lids and bands.

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**

Ronald McDonald House –Saturday Nov 29th
Capital City Rescue Mission – Saturday, Dec 13th

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**HELP AVAILABLE**

We have a parishioner who is available to help with "adult companionship" situations in our area. If you have an elderly family member that could use this service, please contact the parish office.

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



The candle in the chapel is lit this week in loving memory of
John & James Ferraro
Requested by
Catherine Giacomini