



St. Matthew's Church

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 Bill Kelly.....*Trustee*
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MASS SCHEDULE

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| 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) |

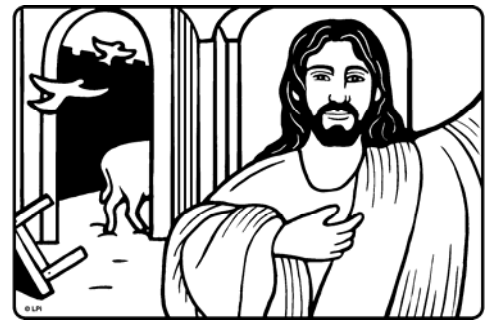
Prayer Chain – Call the Parish Office to initiate our parish Prayer Chain for any special intentions you may have.

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 9, 2008

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, November 10

NO MASS

Tuesday, November 11

7:30 AM:

Wednesday, November 12

7:30 AM:

Thursday, November 13

NO MASS

Friday, November 14

7:30 AM:

Saturday, November 15

5:00 PM: James Dresser
 req. by: Bob & Anne Pennock
 and for: Charles Brown
 req. by: Patty Barber

Sunday, November 16

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Paul Fiero
 req. by: Mom & Dad
 and for: Marion H. Tracy
 req. by: the Tracy Family

10:30 AM: Deceased Members of the Men's Association
 req. by: The Men's Association
 and for: Robert Dorn
 req. by: Eileen, Kevin & Sean Kroencke



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
Grade 10 – 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Monday, November 10
Rosary & Novena -- 6:30 PM
First Reconciliation Parent Mtg.
7:00 PM – Social Hall
Baptism Session # 1 – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, November 11-
Veterans Day – Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, November 12 --
Music Ministry -- 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 15-
Sacrament of Baptism – 5:00 Mass
Faith Formation Grades 2-5
Family Day 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 16
Sacrament of Baptism – 10:30 Mass
Grade Pre K-1st – 10:30 AM
Grade 9 – 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Scripture Readings

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

Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20,
30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or
25:14-15, 19-21

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 seventh of nine weeks of prayer remembering Saint Matthew, the Icon of Matthew and his Relic were housed with Ron and Anne Smolen, inviting their prayer together for our parish. This coming week, Pat Rivers 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

This weekend as we celebrate the Dedication of the Church of Saint John Lateran in Rome, the Pope's church for the Diocese of Rome, we remember with appreciation all those who contribute so much to the support of our local parish church. Last weekend parishioners and friends contributed \$7,530.10 to support Saint Matthew's.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

Last weekend as we celebrated All Souls Day with the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed we remembered especially those of our parish who died during this past year. We marked those deaths with a rose to remind us of the new life to which the deceased have been called.

This past week, the annual cycle of commemoration began again. The family of Francis Dombleski whose funeral was celebrated on Wednesday, placed a cross, which bears his name and had been placed on his coffin, at the baptismal font. That cross, together with other crosses from the funerals we celebrate this year, will hang there until next All Souls Day.

They are visual reminders that our own baptism and our own death also share in the baptism and the death of Christ himself. Please remember these departed Christians in your prayer.

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.

THE RITE OF BAPTISM: Next weekend on Saturday, November 15th and Sunday, November 16th during the 5:00 PM and 10:30 AM liturgies, St. Matthew's Parish will be welcoming two children at each liturgy into God's Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please join in this wonderful celebration and extend your warm welcome and wishes to the family.

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 is sponsoring a breakfast this 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-outs are also 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

Birthright 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**THREE COINS FROM THE INNKEEPER**

An original play will be performed for St. Matthews youth on Sunday December 14th. Auditions will be held at St. Matthews on Friday November 14th at 7:00PM. Looking for ages from 10 to 18. Please call Ed Bablin at 424-6579 for information.

SHARE THE BOUNTY

Please turn in your responses for our "Share the Bounty" Family Day for families on November 15th. Also if you have a family member away at college or military service and would like them to receive a package from these children please furnish their name and address to the Faith Formation office. Thanks!

SHOES FOR THE SHOELESS CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all who supported our annual "Shoes for the Shoeless" Campaign. Over 450 pairs of whose were donated. We can no longer accept any more shoes, but you can start saving up for next year!

"KID'S CLOSET" AT DE PAUL RESIDENCE

This Sunday, November 9 our 10th grade youth ministry will be bringing the large amount of donated teen clothing to De Paul Residence to stock their "Kid's Closet". We are very grateful to the youth of our parish for reaching out to their peers in need.

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.

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, CDR Dennis P. McKenna, Tim Wickersham