



# St. Matthew's Church

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**STAFF**

Ellie Dorn.....	Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Suzanne Schultz.....	Coordinator of Faith Formation
Paul Davignon.....	Deacon
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.



**January 11, 2009**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Saturday, January 10**  
**5:00 PM: James Hannell**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
 req. by: The Family

**Sunday, January 11,**  
**Baptism of the Lord**  
**8:30 AM: Paul Fiero**  
 req. by: Mom & Dad

**10:30 AM: Kenneth Guyer**  
 req. by: Joseph & Shirley Frenzel

**Monday, January 12**  
**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, January 13**  
**7:30 AM: Joseph Cillis**  
 req. by: Morning Mass Friends

**Wednesday, January 14**  
**7:30 AM:**

**Thursday, January 15**  
**NO MASS**

**Friday, January 16**  
**7:30 AM:**

**Saturday, January 17**  
**5:00 PM: Living & Deceased Members**  
**of the Men's Association**  
 req. by: The Men's Association  
 and for: **Irvin Burch**  
 req. by – Clare Hemmett

**Sunday, January 18**  
**Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**8:30 AM: Ken Guyer**  
 req. by: Hank & Jeannie Piquette  
 and for: **Joseph J. Cillis**  
 req. by – Bill & Mary Ellen Rogers

**10:30 AM: Joseph Cillis**  
 req. by: Tom & Ellie Dorn

*\*Please remember that whenever the Voorheesville Central Schools District cancels or delays classes because of inclement weather, morning liturgy on that day will also be cancelled.*



**Sunday, January 11**  
Pre K- -1 10:30 AM  
Church de-greening after  
10:30 Mass

**Monday, January 12**  
Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM  
Baptism Session # 1 -7:00 PM

**Tuesday, January 13**  
Grades 2- 5 3:15 - 4:30 PM

**Wednesday, January 14**  
Grades 2- 5 3:15 - 4:30 PM  
Music Ministry 7:00 PM

**Sunday, January 18**  
Pre K- -1 10:30 AM

## Scripture Readings

**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1 11/  
Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/  
Mk 1:7-11

**Monday:** Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18/Mk1:29-39

**Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1  
Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



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

Richard Bailey, Evan Craig,  
Austin Freeman, Adam Kodra,  
CDR Dennis P. McKenna

## SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

### CALLED TO BE CHURCH UPDATE

During the Called to Be Church process of the past two years, the pastoral planning office of the diocese notified the cluster group of which St. Matthew's is a part (together with Christ the King, St. Lucy's, St. Bernadette's and St. Thomas) that we should plan for sometime in the future when only three priests will be available for Eucharist on the weekend. In preparation for that time, our cluster group recommended that during Ordinary Time, beginning in 2009, the priests now presiding at Eucharist in the parishes visit other parishes for liturgy. This would let both the people and the priests of the parishes become familiar with one another and any variations in liturgical practice. Therefore during one weekend in January and one weekend in February the priests of the cluster will be "rotating" within the five parishes. Next weekend Father David Berberian, Pastor of Saint Thomas will be presiding at Eucharist here at St. Matthew's. Please welcome them warmly to our parish. Father Tom will be presiding at Eucharist at Christ the King and St. Lucy's next weekend.



### BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents wishing to celebrate the Baptism of their children are reminded that the **next cycle of preparation sessions begin on Monday, January 12, 2009**, with the Rite of Enrollment to be conducted on January 31<sup>st</sup>. 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**.

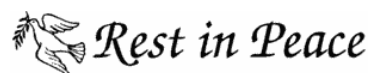
### Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Last weekend, our parishioners and friends contributed \$6,779.82 to the support of Saint Matthew's and we are grateful.

That generosity, together with the generosity of those who have contributed over \$19,000 in parish support as a Christmas offering will be a great resource as we respond to the increasing expenses of winter (alas, the costs of plowing and salting of the parish parking lots are already beginning to be felt!). We are especially appreciative of those who have remembered to make a Christmas contribution to Saint Matthew's although they may have actually celebrated Christmas Liturgy in some far away place. Remember it is never to late to make a Christmas or weekly contribution when you have been away.

In fact we are depending upon your doing just that.

Thank you for making your support of our parish a part of your regular budget, that helps us to make our budget too.



Joseph P. Laccetti,

Thomas McCarty - son of Thomas & Mary McCarty  
and for

Frank Tommell, Sr.

**THE PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS TO TAKE HOME**

The Parish Christmas Tree in the front of the church was decorated this Christmas with many ornaments that bore the names of parish members who have celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). There were ornaments for those who have entered into Sacramental marriage this past year and doves, for the names of those parish members who have died this year and are now born into eternal life.



We are happy to have available these commemorative ornaments for you take home and enjoy. The ornaments will be available in the parish lobby this weekend after all masses and throughout the week.

*Do You Hear What I Hear?* That question asked by a “little lamb”, a “shepherd boy” and even a “mighty king” in the popular Christmas Carol is not asked at Christmas alone. Often at church we wonder whether those with diminished hearing are able to adequately hear the proclamation of the word and the spoken words which guide our common prayer. Here at St. Matthew’s we are fortunate to have a couple of individual amplification devices which receive the signal of the church sound system. Parishioners who have used them, have told us that these small devices are very effective in enhancing their appreciation of and participation in our weekend liturgies. If there are other persons who worship with us who would benefit from trying one of these listening devices please let us know as soon as possible. We are preparing to order a couple of additional ones that would be available for visitors and would like to include as many who could benefit as we are able.

**CAR KEY FOUND**

A key was found on the table of the front foyer of the church the week of December 19<sup>th</sup>. It is a single car key with a Honda marking on the key & a Keeler Honda tag attached. The key can be picked up at the parish office.

**FAITH FORMATION****ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL TEENS**

If you are interested in sharing your faith with younger parishioners at the 10:30 AM Mass, please contact Mrs. Schultz. We would like our Liturgy of the Word for Children program to resume as soon as possible

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT RESCHEDULED**

The Confirmation Retreat scheduled for January 2009 has been cancelled and rescheduled for Friday & Saturday February 6-7, 2009 here at St. Matthew’s. All retreat forms must be in by January 12<sup>th</sup>. Any questions please contact the Faith Formation Office at 765-2373 or at [stmatthewsyouthministry@verizon.com](mailto:stmatthewsyouthministry@verizon.com)

**MEN’S ASSOCIATION****CHURCH DE-GREENING**

De-greening of church will take place after 10:30 AM mass Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Please help if you can.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS****OPEN HOUSE**

St. Thomas of Delmar will be hosting an open house for families with children in 4, 5, 6 and 7<sup>th</sup> grade on Monday, January 12 from 4:30 – 7:30 PM and will feature activities, refreshments and guided tours. As you experience these critical years, you’ll see how a Catholic school education is an investment that increases in value for a lifetime. For information or directions, please call 439-5573.

**THINK SPRING BROOKS CHICKEN BARBEQUE**

The Voorheesville Varsity Cheerleaders are sponsoring a “Think Spring” Brooks Chicken Barbeque on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 3-6 PM. The barbeque will be **to-go only** and can be obtained by driving your car to the back of the Voorheesville High School Sports Complex entrance. Chicken dinners will be \$10.00 and rib dinners will be \$11.00. If you wish to bring your returnable bottles or cans (any brand) that you want to get out of your garage or closet, bring them along. Any questions, please call Amy at 768-8046 or 366-8786.

**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, 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, Aggie Tucker, Payton Gordinier, Donna DeVellis, Bernie Pafunda, Richard Arthur, Claire Broderick, Tim Finnigan, Bertha Meservey, Marie Cullen, Joseph Long, Will Hladun, Katie Traudt, Maureen Daugherty, Eric Dagner, Marilyn Farrell

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