



St. Matthew's Church

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	Bill Rogers	<i>Building Maintenance</i>
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	Mary McGinty	<i>Trustee</i>

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:30 AM and 10:30 AM
Weekdays (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 15, 2009

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 14

5:00 PM: Eileen Court
 req. by: Rich & Lois Gallagher
and for: Michael Eaton
 req. by: Jim & Clare McAssey

Sunday, November 15

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Living & Deceased members of the Men's Association

req. by: the Men's Association
and for: Virginia Donaldson
 req. by: M/M William Donaldson
10:30 AM: Juliette Gingras
 req. by: Jack & Carol Stevens
and for: Ken Guyer
 req. by: Wayne & Ellen Boyer

Monday, November 16

NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday, November 17

7:30 AM: Jerry Lechowicz
 req. by: Mr. & Mrs. Andrzej Lechowicz

Wednesday, November 18

7:30 AM: Daryl Farley
 req. by: Pat Hammond

Thursday, November 19

NO MORNING MASS

Friday, November 20

7:30 AM: Susan Kulzer, 25th Anniv.
 req. by: Jim & Ruth Finnigan

Saturday, November 21

5:00 PM: Urszula Stachowska
 req. by: The McGinty Family
and for: Sharon Fredericks
 req. by: Penny Smith - Bogert

Sunday, November 22

Solemnity of Christ the King
8:30 AM: John O'Connor
 req. by: M/M William Donaldson
and for: Elizabeth Stevens
 req. by: M/M William Rogers
10:30 AM: Paul Walter
 req. by: Fr. Tom & St. Matthew's Parish
and for: Marlene R. Plant
 req. by: Pat Hammond

**Sunday, November 15**

Big Breakfast 7:30 AM – Noon
in the Parish Social Hall

Grades Pre-K – 1. 10:30 AM

10th Grade 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Men's Assoc. Mtg. 7:00 PM

Monday, November 16

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM

Confirmation Session #2 7:00 PM

Tuesday, November 17

Women's Group. 6:00 PM

Wednesday, November 18

Music Ministry at 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 21

Family Faith Day 2:00 PM

Rite of Enrollment & Rite of Baptism

5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, November 22

Grades Pre-K – 1. 10:30 AM

Rite of Enrollment & Rite of Baptism

10:30 Mass

10th Grade 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Men's Assoc. Mtg. 7:00 PM

THOSE WHO ARE ILL...

Donna Amato, Gloria Bogart,
Haysha Acebal, Raymond Banuls,
Bill Boyd, Diana Burns, Carly Carey,
Connie Castellana, Tim Colchin,
Joan Conway, Joseph Coury,
Mildred Coury, Philip Davis, Doris
Doyle, James Finnessey, Bobby
Flagler, Elizabeth Gaimari, Amanda
Gibbs, Lynn Giudici-Reynolds,
Christine Gwaldis, Ricky Haggerty,
Richard Harrington, Ricky Hoffman,
Catherine Johnston, Brett Lee, Jean
LeCarl, Melissa Lee, Joe Markel,
Maureen Palumbo, Bryan Pettit,
Nicole Retajczyk, Tina Rosen, Kathy
Sansone, William Skicki, Allison
Thomas, Mary Walas, Angie Jean
Wimpperman, John Withkowski,
Anna Davis, Ruth Ulion, Jeannie
Mormile, Kathy Jornov, Aggie
Tucker, Payton Gordinier, Donna
DeVellis, Bernie Pafunda, Richard
Arthur, Claire Broderick, Tim
Finnigan, Bertha Meservey, Maureen
Daugherty, Eric Dagner, Marilyn
Farrell, Evelyn Lobato, Nellie Ciupek,
Molly Rourke, Katie Geiss, Marlene
Prentiss, Jim Kiegle, Margaret
Logan, Marybeth Saccone and
Jennifer Kraemer.

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

Reflection Question of the Week:

If today were your last day what would you do with it?

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

The closing days of the liturgical year, much like the days preparing for the Thanksgiving holiday, remind us of all that we have been given by God. As Christian stewards we receive God's gifts gratefully, share them generously and return them to the Lord.

Last weekend those worshipping with us at St. Matthew's returned a gift of \$6578.00 through the support of our parish.

Thank you.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPEMENT

For nearly 40 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has embodied Catholic social teaching through pursuing justice and upholding the dignity of the human person. CCHD funds community projects led by low-income individuals. As more Americans feel the weight of the economic crisis, CCHD needs your support in next week's collection more than ever. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

THE RITE OF BAPTISM

Next weekend, November 21 - November 22, 2009, St. Matthew's Parish will be welcoming five children 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.

RITE OF ENROLLMENT

Next weekend, Sunday, Nov 22, 2009, during the 10:30 am mass, a family will present their child to our parish as a Baptismal Candidate. This ceremony is part of the child's first initiation into the Church, where they will receive the Church's First Blessing, along with their name being entered into the "Book of The Elect", signifying her future commitment to living a Catholic Christian life. We invite all parishioners to join in this special celebration.

BLESSING OF PREGNANCY

Expecting parents are invited to celebrate the **Blessing of Pregnancy** during all masses on the weekend of Nov 21st – Nov 22, 2009. If you would like to be a part of this special ceremony or know of someone who would, please call the parish office at 765-2805 to register.

LITURGICAL BITS & BYTES

How does prayer at liturgy differ from other forms of prayer?

Liturgy is defined as the "work of the Church."

It is what the Church does that makes it uniquely itself. The Church is the assembly of believers, gathered by God to do worship in the name of Jesus Christ. Therefore the prayer of the Church is communal prayer, not individual prayer. It comes from our individual prayer, arises from our habit of prayer as individuals and as groups outside of liturgy. The prayer we do during liturgy is the prayer of the assembled Body of Christ. It is a collective prayer, which we offer to God by the right (and the duty) which comes from our baptism. When we gather together to pray at liturgy, we come not as a group of individuals, but as the Church itself.

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FALL HARVEST BANQUET

Nearly 70 people participated in this event last Saturday in the Social Hall. Many thanks to all who helped with the preparations, including the Youth Ministry for the great decorations and Jack Stevens for stringing the ceiling lights. The dinner was great and the dancing was fun. Attendees also enjoyed more than \$600 in door prizes awarded throughout the evening.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The Men's Association's sale of Entertainment books continues. The price of the book is still just \$30. Books will be available for sale at the end of weekend masses or you may contact Dave Morrill at 765-9109 to get books. Thank you to all for supporting our fund raising efforts.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Come Join Us In Service!

In recent headlines, political leaders urge all people to step up and volunteer in their communities. Three opportunities to do so are being organized by the Men's Association. All members of the parish are invited to join them in any or all of the following scheduled service events. Please consider spending a few hours in service to those in need.

Saturday, December 12th: Ronald McDonald House

Saturday, December 26th: Capital City Rescue Mission

If interested or if you have questions, please contact Tom Dorn at 765-3304."

FAITH FORMATION

NOVEMBER REMINDER FOR GRADES 2-5

There is no Faith Formation for grades 2-5 on Tuesday or Wednesday in November. Please plan to attend Family Faith Day, "Wait, Watch & Wonder" on Saturday, November 21st from 2 – 5PM ending with 5:00 PM Mass. If you did not receive a flyer in the mail and wish to register, please contact Suzanne at 765-2373 by November 15th.

CONFIRMATION SESSION #2

A reminder to all Confirmation Parents and teens, confirmation session #2 will be this Monday, November 16th at 7:00 PM.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

WHEELS FOR WORK PROGRAM

Catholic Charities of Schenectady County is looking for donations of old cars that can be made mechanically road-worthy for \$1,000.00. The cars must be from 1995 or newer with 150, 000 miles or less. All donated cars are donated to families in Albany, Rennselaer and Schenectady Counties to assist them in getting to work and child care paving the way for self-sufficiency. To make arrangements please call Michelle Abel at 346-3861.

THANK YOU TO
TO THOSE WHO HAVE
ALREADY ORDERED!

If you still want to place
an order, please contact the
Parish Office!



Gourmet Cookie Dough
Tub Order Form

\$15.00 per Tub
Approximately 36 cookies
per tub

Name _____

Phone _____

FLAVOR	QTY
Chocolate Chip	_____
Peanut Butter	_____
Oatmeal Raisin	_____
Triple Choc. Chip	_____
Butter Sugar	_____
White Chunk	_____
Macadamia	_____
Chocolate Chocolate	_____
Chunk	_____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS
PAYABLE TO:

St. Matthew's Youth Ministry



Please cut out this order form and
return it with your payment to the
Faith Formation office no later
than November 16th.