

Saint Matthew's Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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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)

Website: www.stmatthewsvoorheesville.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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.



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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, May 1

5:00 PM: Joseph Mainville

req. by: Mary McGinty

and for: **Aggie Tucker**

req. by: Fr. Tom & St. Matthew's
Parish Community

Sunday, May 2

5th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM: Marguerite Donaldson

req. by: William & Philomena
Donaldson

and for: **Charlotte & Joseph
Bartosch**

req. by: Ron & Anne Smolen

10:30 AM: People of the Parish

Monday, May 3

NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday, May 4

7:30 AM:

Wednesday, May 5

7:30 AM: Andrew & Kate Lapinski

req. by: Len & Anne Lapinski

and for: **Paul Fiero**

req. by: His Parents

Thursday, May 6

NO MORNING MASS

Friday, May 7

7:30 AM: Timothy Finnigan

req. by: Rev. Richard Leskovar

Saturday, May 8

5:00 PM: Joseph W. Smith

11th Anniversary

req. by: John F. Smith

and for: **Leland & Clara Frisbee**

req. by: The Frisbee Family

Sunday, May 9

6th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM: Megan Kearns

req. by: The Hens Family

also for: **Anthony Lisosky**

req. by: The Trautwein Family

and for: **Marge O'Connor**

req. by: William & Philomena
Donaldson

**10:30 AM: Mary Hormivitis &
Mildred Orff**

req. by: The Hormivitis Family

**Monday, May 3**

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM
Baptism Prep #2 7:00 PM

Wednesday, May 5

Music Ministry 7:00 PM

THOSE WHO ARE ILL...

Donna Amato, Gloria Bogart,
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,
Lynn Giudici-Reynolds, Christine
Gwaldis, Ricky Haggerty, Richard
Harrington, Catherine Johnston, Brett
Lee, Jean LeCarl, Melissa Lee, Joe
Markel, Nicole Retajczyk, Tina Rosen,
Kathy Sansone, William Skicki, Allison
Thomas, Mary Walas, John
Withkowski, Anna Davis, Jeannie
Mormile, Donna DeVellis, Richard
Arthur, Claire Broderick, Eric Dagner,
Nellie Ciupek, Katie Geiss,
Marybeth Saccone, Al Birdsall, Tom
Markert, Sr., Mike Jones, &
Marlene Prentiss

Jesus said: "My children, I will be
with you only a little while longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another."

— Jn 13:33a, 34a



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SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

2010 BISHOPS APPEAL

This weekend Saint Matthew's joyfully shares the Eucharist for the first time with 33 young people. Thanks to the ministry of their parents and catechists, these children are committing themselves again to the Christian faith that they have come to know here at St. Matthew's. Our congratulations go to them and their families as we pray that their young faith will grow to fulfillment in our midst. One of the ways that all Catholics in our diocese pass on our faith to a new generation is through our participation in the Bishop's Appeal. Once each year we are asked to make a sacrificial commitment to the Diocese of Albany to ensure that the church, that has nourished our faith and the faith of our children, will continue to survive.

So far 125 parish households have already made their pledge for the coming year. If you have not already done so, please complete a pledge envelope this week. Our parish and our diocese need your support, and our children need your example.

**Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish**

In today's gospel, Jesus gives his disciples, and us, a new commandment:

"Love one another."

Last weekend worshippers at Saint Matthew's showed their love for our parish through their sacrificial support, contributing \$5,198.66.

Thank you.

ROOF REPAIR UPDATE

The second phase of our planned three-phase roof repair has now been completed. That repair included the second half of the social hall, which also included the kitchen and the storage room, some of which have had some pretty significant leaking in the past. All seems dry now and in good order. \$9,465 of the \$15,000 expense of this second phase came from the very generous response of so many of our parishioners and friends to our request for a Lenten sacrifice dedicated to this essential repair to our parish facility. The generosity of that response is something of which Saint Matthew's can be very proud, and for which Saint Matthew's is very grateful.

BAKED GOODS NEEDED

Do you have a new dessert recipe you've been longing to make? Do you have a recipe handed down for generations that everyone always requests you make? Do you have a recipe that everyone wants to make, yet can't duplicate because they claim you must have a secret ingredient? Do you love making desserts for everyone to enjoy? We invite all parishioners to make dessert for our upcoming Roof Fundraiser: Theater and Dessert Evening. For further information, please call Peggy McQuade@ 872-9035.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We will have our first meeting on May 20th from 7-9 PM in the Parish Social Hall. Several signed up, more are welcome. Bring your knitting needles, crochet hooks, or scissors (to make a fleece shawl). If you have any questions please call Peg O'Connor at 765-4959.



CARE TEAM AT ST. MATTHEW'S

On May 5th at 7:00 PM, Sandy Monahan, Eddy's Alzheimer's Volunteer Care Team Program Manager will be at St. Matthew's to share with us what a Care Team is and how we could implement one at St. Matthew's. The team would provide support for people in our Parish who have a loved one suffering with Alzheimer's. If you could volunteer 2-3 hours a month please come and learn about this most rewarding and needed endeavor.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents wishing to celebrate the Baptism of their children are reminded that the next cycle of preparation sessions begin on **Monday, June 7, 2010**. 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.

RESPECT LIFE

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE

The Respect Life committee is sponsoring their annual carnation sale Mother's Day weekend, May 8th & 9th. Carnations will be sold at both entrances of the church after all masses. Put a smile on Mom's face and support the Respect Life's Committee's many projects.



MEN'S ASSOCIATION

COME JOIN US IN SERVICE!

Check your calendar to see if you can join us for the following service event:

Capital City Rescue Mission	Saturday, May 15
Habitat for Humanity	Saturday, May 22nd

Please call Tom Dorn at 765-3304

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FATHER PETER YOUNG FOUNDATION BENEFIT CONCERT

Jim Gaudet and the Railroad Boys are doing a benefit concert for The Father Peter G Young Foundation on Thursday, May 13 at 7PM at the Schuyler Inn in Menands. Father will host a reception to follow. Seating is limited. The cost is \$20 per person and tickets may be obtained by send a check to Father Peter Young Foundation, 40 Eagle Street, Albany, NY 12207 or calling Margie Reilly at 463-8109. All proceeds will go directly to benefit Father's numerous programs that help the needy, the addicted, the poor and the depressed. His work helps over 3000 a day and is statewide spreading from NYC to Buffalo.

"A TIME FOR REMEMBERING OUR PARENTS"

A special evening of prayer for grieving sons and daughters will be held on Friday, May 21, 2010 at 7:00 PM following evening prayer in St. Pius Chapel. The evening will include song, prayer and scripture, reflection time, intercessions, and a candle lighting memorial. It will conclude with a time for refreshments and fellowship. You might like to arrive at 6:45 PM or earlier for Eucharistic Adoration. For more information call Jeanne Pitkin at 462-1336.

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.



St. Matthew's presents

The Hilltown Players
production of

Spirit!

By Peg Kelhret
Courtesy of Pioneer Drama Inc.

Friday, May 14th
7:30 PM

in the Parish Social Hall

When 83 year-old Clara begins taking hula lessons, holding séances, and sending out for pepperoni pizza at the Happy Hollow Rest Home, the other residents are overjoyed but tensions are created between Clara and the manager. From the hilarious poker party to the touching final scene, this play offers charm, insight and heart-warming humor.

Come enjoy an evening of theater with light refreshments where you will laugh, smile and experience a heart rendering performance.

Tickets: \$10.00 Each
Ticket Sales will begin this weekend after all Masses and in the parish office.

Portions of the evening's proceeds will benefit Saint Matthew's Roof Fund