

# 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](http://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 14

5:00 PM: Joseph W. Smith –  
12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

req. by: John F. Smith  
also for: Albert Birdsall  
req. by: Bill & Diane Corbett  
and for: Dorothy McDonald  
req. by: Dollard Family

### Sunday, May 15

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM: George Stackman  
req. by: Pete & Jean Mattimore  
also for: Marguerite Donaldson  
req. by: Philomena & William Donaldson  
and for: Vincent Colletti  
req. by: Donna Pandolfo

10:30 AM: Geno Giacomini -  
15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

req. by: Catherine Giacomini  
and for: Living & Deceased Members  
of the Men's Association  
req. by: The Men's Association

### Monday, May 16

NO MORNING MASS

### Tuesday, May 17

7:30 AM:

### Wednesday, May 18

7:30 AM:

### Thursday, May 19

NO MORNING MASS

### Friday, May 20

7:30 AM:

### Saturday, May 21

5:00 PM: Andrew Barothy Langer  
req. by: Fr. Tom & St. Matthew's  
Parish Community

also for: Joseph Quinn  
req. by: Frank Budlong  
and for: Vincent Riscavage  
req. by: Barbara Riscavage

### Sunday, May 22

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM: Robert DeLong  
req. by: Fr. Tom & St. Matthew's  
Parish Community  
and for: Marge O'Connor  
req. by: Philomena & William Donaldson

10:30 AM: Richard Kirkpatrick, Sr.

req. by: Jim & Rebecca Kiegle  
also for: Joanne St. Dennis  
req. by: Jack & Carol Stevens  
and for: Gary Crandall  
req. by: His Family



**Monday, May 16<sup>TH</sup>**

Rosary & Novena 6:30PM

**Wednesday, May 18<sup>TH</sup>**

Music Ministry – 7:00 PM

## THOSE WHO ARE ILL...

Donna Amato, 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, Richard Arthur, Eric Dagner, Katie Geiss, Lucy Bennard, Mike Jones, Brad Schmitt, Penny Smith-Bogert, Deacon Jerry DeMauro, Rosemary Lee, Ray Frisbee, William Golding, Frank Kodra, Michael Duncan, & Lawrence Kremer

"I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." - Jn 10:9-10

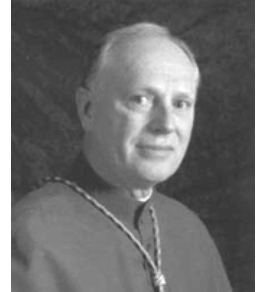


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## SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend marks the beginning of our annual Bishop's Appeal. For the past 57 years, the people of God, living and worshiping in the fourteen counties of the Church of Albany have united to donate the financial resources needed to sustain the ministries which nurture the faith and serve people in need. The generosity shown by so many people over more than five decades, has made possible untold acts of service, compassion and love, keeping alive the mission of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ here in our local church.



As we begin our annual Appeal let us recall the words of Jesus from the Gospel of St. Matthew; "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many." This year we chose as a campaign theme: "Being Christ for Others". The Bishop's Appeal provides the financial resources which allow the services and ministries of your Church to go forward. Every day throughout the diocese there are dedicated people who assist those in need, those who are homeless or hungry, who are sick or living in despair. Every day there are people who teach our young in Catholic schools, who strengthen the faith through young adult education and lay ministry formation. Young men are training in the seminary, following a priestly vocation to serve Jesus and His people.

Every day, people in our Church of Albany go forward and bear witness to Jesus and to the Gospel by being Christ for Others. It is never easy to ask for money and in times such as these it is especially hard. Yet the important work we do in caring for God's people and in keeping the Faith alive relies on the donations received from the Bishop's Appeal. What I said last year is more pertinent today. In times good and bad, families come together. It is my hope and prayer that we as a family, our diocesan family, will come together again in faith, in hope and in love to ensure that in spite of the hardships and pitfalls placed before us, we will carry on the work of the Lord Jesus.

Please give as generously as you can to the 2011 Bishop's Appeal and may Almighty God bless you.

With deep gratitude I remain,  
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Howard J. Hubbard, D.D.  
Bishop of Albany

## Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Many thanks to all those parishioners and friends whose Christian Stewardship provided our parish with \$7,407.15 to help meet with expenses. Although the costs of snow removal are now behind us for a while, and those of fertilizer and mowing seem less burdensome, we always depend upon your generosity to Saint Matthew's. Please remain faithful to your weekly support even on the weekends when you may be traveling, we really do depend upon your regular support. If joining our group of parish E-Givers would make that easier for you please call the parish office to be included.



**BAPTIZED  
UNTO THE  
LORD**

On Sunday, May 8, 2011  
St. Matthew's welcomed into the Church  
through the saving waters of Baptism:

**Griffin Thomas Owens**  
Son of Barbara & Frank Owens

**IS IT REALLY 50 YEARS AGO?**

Fifty years ago Father Tom carried the crown for the May Procession at Saint Agnes Church in Cohoes. Do you have pictures of what was happening here at St. Matthew's 50 years ago? or 40? or 25? Would you be willing to share them with us as we prepare for our Golden Anniversary? If you can help in this search for history, or would like to help plan a celebration please call the parish office.



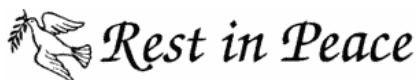
**PREPARING FOR THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL**

The third edition of the Roman Missal which shapes the Eucharistic prayer of the Catholic Church is now being prepared. It will take effect among the English speaking churches on the First Sunday of Advent, in November of this year. It is now just 28 weeks until it's arrival.

Our pastoral council will be using these weeks to provide our parish with the opportunity for greater understanding and appreciation for the liturgical prayer of our church which we can so easily take for granted. From now on and throughout summer green bulletin inserts will be provided to help us in this effort. Please read through them when you can. Later on we hope to have opportunities to discuss the new missal together, so that our prayer together can be as meaningful for all of us as it can be. Please be a part of this exciting time in the life of our church!

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Next weekend there will be a special collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe whose theme is "Great Needs Remain - Give Faith to the Future." Proceeds from the collection go directly to build churches and support scholarships for ministry formation, social programs, and essential pastoral projects.



William Hotaling - Father of Brett Hotaling  
Gerard Curley - Father of Robert Curley  
Bertha Merservy - Mother of Fred Merservy

**FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY**

**FALL 2011 REGISTRATION**

Registration for our 2011 - 2012 programs will begin next weekend **May 21<sup>st</sup>** and will end **July 31<sup>st</sup>**. Packets will be available in the parish lobby for each family to pick up. If you are new to the Faith Formation Program, or have a new addition to your family, new registration packets are also available. All completed packets must be returned no later than **July 31<sup>st</sup>**. To save on postage costs, we will not be mailing any registration packets. For more information or questions, please contact Rebecca at 765-2805 ext 16.

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**

You have most likely received info in the mail regarding the diocesan S.A.L.T. program, a life changing summer service immersion experience. Check it out and call/email Mrs. Dorn to sign up.

**MEN'S ASSOCIATION**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

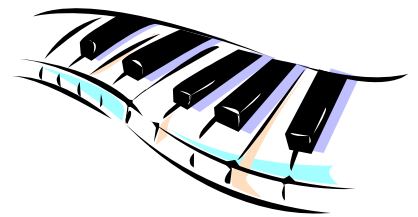
Please join us in service.....

**Saturday, May 21 - Capital City Rescue Mission**

**Saturday, June 4 - Ronald McDonald House**

Please contact Tom Dorn at 765-3304 or email: TDorn92781@aol.com to register or help. all Parishioners are welcome to join in service.

**BUY A KEY**



St. Matthew's has long been blest to have a talented and generous music ministry guiding our sung prayer together. Every ministry needs to be supported by the community of which they are a part. As a parish we do that by singing the parts that are our responsibility. We also do that by providing the music and the tools that the choir needs.

In a couple of weeks we will be asking our parishioners and friends "to buy a key" towards the purchase of a new keyboard for the church. After 18 years of faithful service this electronic instrument (which is essentially an 18 year old computer) is showing its age! But if we can get 88 keys donated for \$40 each we can be practically up to date, and also improve the lighting for the increasing number of eyes in the choir area of the church and make some improvements to the sound system.

Please consider if you could donate a note when you have a chance in the coming weeks.