

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)	8:30 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, September 17

5:00 PM: James Nash
req. by: The McGinty Family
and for: **Living & Deceased Members of the Men's Association**
req. by: the Men's Association
and for: **Janet Kerr**
req. by: Linda & Bill Haaf

Sunday, September 18

The 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Deacon Jerry DeMauro
req. by: Linda & Ernie Kitchen
and for: **Nancy Mosher**
req. by: Pete & Jean Mattimore

10:30 AM:

and for: **Paul J. Pettit – 10th Anniversary**
req. by: the Family
and for: **Jack Cronin**
req. by: The McGinty Family

Monday, September 19

Weekday in 25 week of Ordinary Time
NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday, September 20

Memorial of St. Andrew KimTaegon, St. Paul Chong Hasang & their companions

8:30 AM : Fr. Gerard Lafleur
req. by: Fr. Jerry Gingras
and for: **Jane Ordway (for healing)**
req. by: The Jasinski Family

Wednesday, September 21

Feast of Saint Matthew

8:30 AM : Kate & Andrew Lapinski
req. by: the Family

Thursday, September 22

Weekday in 25 week of Ordinary Time
NO MORNING MASS

Friday, September 23

Memorial of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

8:30 AM: Shanthi Fernando
req. by: Burns Family

Saturday, September 24

5:00 PM: Louis Leon
req. by: Brandy Leon
and for: **Lorraine Schryver & Janet Kerr**
req. by: the Men's Association
and for: **John Coffey**
req. by: the Family

Sunday, September 25

The 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Paul Fiero
req. by: his parents
and for: **Vincent Colletti**
req. by: his sister

10:30 AM:

and for: **Donald Miller**
req. by: Richard & Sheila Gorman
and for: **Deacon Jerry DeMauro**
req. by: Bill & Diane Corbett



Monday, September 19th
6:30 PM - Rosary & Novena

Tuesday, September 20th
7:00 PM – 1st Communion & Reconciliation Parent Information Meeting

Wednesday, September 21st
7:00 PM - Music Ministry

Sunday, September 25th
1:00 – 4:00 PM Mid Level (6-8)

THOSE WHO ARE ILL...

Donna Amato, Bill Boyd, Carly Carey, Connie Castellana, Tim Colchin, Joan Conway, Joseph Coury, Mildred Coury, Philip Davis, Doris Doyle, 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, Mike Jones, Brad Schmitt, Susan Coffey, Rosemary Lee, William Golding, Frank Kodra, Michael Duncan, Lawrence Kremer, Jean Thomas, Nell Pritchard, Jane Cartwright, Benjamin Longale, & Bob Morrison



SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH



A NOVENA FOR ST. MATTHEW

Once again this year we will be keeping a Parish Novena, inviting parishioners of our parish to remember our patron saint in prayer for 9 weeks, concluding on the feast of Christ the King. As a part of this parish novena we would also invite 9 individuals or families to accept into their homes two of our most sacred of objects: our Parish Relic of Saint Matthew, and an Icon of our patron saint. Those housing these objects of faith for a week

would be asked to pray for our parish which is dedicated to Saint Matthew, reading his Gospel in the course of the 7 days. If you could be a part of this prayer experience, please sign up at the front entrance the church.

RESPONDING TO LOCAL AND WORLD NEEDS

In recent weeks we have been reminded again of the devastating power of water and of its lack. In our diocese the floods caused by Hurricane Irene have destroyed homes, farms and businesses. Trying to keep them from destroying more lives we need to provide basic human essentials until normalcy can be restored. It will be a long time.



In Africa the drought has increased the suffering of countless persons who are starving there.

As disciples of Jesus we must do our best to respond to this terrible need around us. Next weekend we will take a second collection to support the work of Catholic Charities for the flood victims of our own area. (Envelopes for Catholic University will be forwarded to the university.) In two weeks we will take a second collection to support the efforts of Catholic Relief services in Africa. Please be as generous as you can.

ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE AS A LECTOR?

The new liturgical year will be beginning soon. This year it will be the Year of Saint Mark. With the new year we will also be beginning a new cycle of scripture readings at liturgy. It is a good time for us now to expand the number of lectors who serve our parish by proclaiming the scriptures at weekend Eucharist. If you or someone you know would be interested in proclaiming these cherished texts at liturgy please call the parish office to let us know. The importance of this ministry to our Christian community can't be exaggerated. It is a blessing to the assembly and to the readers as well.



DO YOU HAVE DIFFICULTY HEARING AT MASS?

The Scripture Readings which are such an important part of our weekend prayer together can only be appreciated if they are heard. If you are hard of hearing, we have listening devices that amplify our sound system in church and may be of assistance to you. If you would like to give one a try please speak with Father Tom.



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

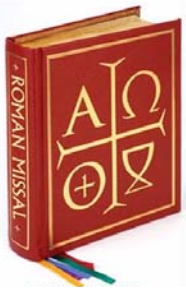
One of the best ways to help our children to appreciate our liturgy is to help them be more involved with it. They can do that by becoming Altar Servers at weekend Eucharist. If you have a child who has already received First Communion and would be interested in the Ministry of Altar Server please call Andrea at the Parish Office. We are now planning a training session for those interested and hope to install a new group to assist our prayer in this way soon.



A Daily Table Prayer for Autumn remembering the blessing of Saint Matthew is available for use at mealtime in your homes. Please pick up as many of those prayer cards as you need to include this custom in your own prayer.

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Many thanks to our parishioners and friends who contributed \$5,390.00 last weekend to the support of Saint Matthew's. We appreciate your faithfulness.



THE THIRD EDITION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL

Catholic parishes will soon be learning prayers and music to accompany the publication of the Third Edition of the Roman Missal. Although the Missal itself is not yet available, every parish will need at least one copy of this new book to guide our celebration of the Eucharist. The cost of the new missal is expected to be about \$150.00. If you would like to contribute this essential volume of prayer to our parish please talk with Father Tom. The new missals are expected to be available in October.

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

BABIES OF THE PARISH...EAT YOUR FRUITS & VEGGIES!

Our Youth Ministry is in need of baby food jars with lids for a service project we will do in October. We will have a marked box placed under the Youth Ministry bulletin board for any jar donations. Many thanks!



YOUTH MINISTRY REACHES OUT

A Columbia County peach tree farm suffered severe devastation from the recent hurricane. One of our parishioners, Mary Ruberti, vowed to help the farmer come up with ways to use the peaches that would otherwise be thrown out. She offered some to our Youth Ministry, who ended up making 20 peach pies and 1 cobbler and then hand delivered them to area flood victims and our local fire departments and ambulance squads.

Many thanks to Mary for donating the peaches and to John McKenna, Alana Fiero, Nicole Reimer, Peter Wilkins, Morgan Zell and Joann Skinner for giving up their Saturday to reach out in compassion to these hurting families and dedicated first responders. We are also grateful to parents Russ Reimer, Janet and Jack Wilkins and Peggy McQuade for helping to transport us and the pies to our destinations.

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

in Celebration of St. Francis Day

Sunday, October 2nd at 12 Noon



Please bring your family pets (real or stuffed) to this annual parish event at the side entrance to the Parish Hall