

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, October 1

5:00 PM: Richard Ogilvie

req. by: by his children Paul & Denise

and for: Diana Burns

req. by: Linda & Ernie Kitchen

and for: Janet Kerr

req. by: Mary Ann & Frank Camaino & the Rothwein Family

Sunday, October 2

The 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Timothy & Denis Ryan

req. by: Gail Ryan

and for: Jane Smith – 1st Anniversary

req. by: Bill & Mary Ellen Rogers

10:30 AM: Deacon Jerry DeMauro

req. by: Tom & Ellie Dorn

and for: Peggy Deely

req. by: Tom McKenna Family

and for: Rita Trautwein – 1st Anniversary

req. by: NYS Education Dept
Office of Counsel

Monday, October 3

Weekday in 27 week of Ordinary Time

NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday, October 4

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi

8:30 AM: Rev. Gerard LaFleur

req. by: Father Jerry Gingras

Wednesday, October 5

Weekday in 27 week of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM : Eucharist

Thursday, October 6

Memorial of Saint Bruno &

Saint Marie – Rose Durocher

NO MORNING MASS

Friday, October 7

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30 AM: Eucharist

Saturday, October 8

5:00 PM: Louise L. Smith

11th Anniversary

req. by: John F. Smith

and for: Matthew O'Dell

req. by: Kathy & Kara O'Dell

and for: Joseph Ozimek

req. by: Kris & Harry Keefe

Sunday, October 9

The 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Oscar Tucker

req. by: Patty Barber & Family

and for: Michael Iosue

req. by: Dick & Beth Stewart

10:30 AM: Larry & Josephine Brennan
(Wedding Anniversary)

req. by: Ciaran & Michelle Brennan

and for: Deacon Jerry DeMauro

req. by: Saint Matthew's Men's Assoc.



Sunday, October 2nd

5th Grade FF – 9:15 AM
 Pre K & 1st Grade FF – 10:30 AM
 Pet Blessing – 12:00 Noon
 10th Grade FF- 1-5:00PM

Monday, October 3rd

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

Tuesday, October 4th

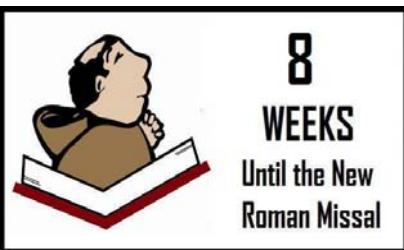
Grades 2 – 4 @ 3:15 – 4:30 PM
 50th Anniversary Mtg. – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 5th

Grades 2 – 4 @ 3:15 – 4:30 PM
 NSC Food Pantry – 6:30 PM
 Music Ministry – 7:00 PM

THOSE WHO ARE ILL...

Donna Amato, Bill Boyd, Carly Carey, Connie Castellana, Tim Colchin, Joan Conway, Joseph Cury, Mildred Cury, 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, John Withkowski, Anna Davis, Jeannie Mormile, Richard Arthur, Eric Dagner, Katie Geiss, Mike Jones, Brad Schmidt, 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.

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Many thanks to our parishioners and friends who contributed \$7173.48 last weekend to the support of Saint Matthew's. We appreciate your faithfulness.

ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY

St. Matthew's is in need of new volunteers for the washing of altar purificator cloths and towels. The job is easy and only requires about an hour of your time 1 or 2 months a year. If you can help out please call Pat Carmody at 765-4076 for information. Thank you. Saint Matthews's next celebration of infant baptism is being planned for the weekend of January 7 -8, 2012.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE

The 39th Annual Marriage Jubilee Celebration sponsored by the Office of Evangelization, Catechesis and Family Life will be held Saturday, October 15th 2011 at 2:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Hubbard will celebrate the liturgy at 2:00 PM and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following. Please register by calling the Parish Office by **October 3rd**.

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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

A **Baptism Preparation Group** is now forming. If you would like to be included for the first preparation session, **scheduled for Monday, Oct 24th** at 7:00 PM, Please call the parish office or Peggy McQuade, our **Baptism Team Coordinator** at 872-9035. This session is also open to godparents, grandparents and expectant parents who like to plan ahead.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

For just over a year now, a group of our parishioners have been conducting a Prayer Shawl Ministry. Meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month they knit or crochet a Prayer Shawl as a symbol of God's peace, shelter and sustenance for those who will wear them. Already several shawls have been given to persons who are sick or grieving the loss of a loved one. In order to include the prayer of our whole parish in this ministry, we will be blessing the Prayer Shawls that have already been prepared at weekend liturgy on October 22 and 23rd.

They will include our prayer when they are shared in the coming months. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, plan on joining them for their next meeting October 20th or call Peg O'Connor at 765-4959. If you would like to make a donation of yarn to the committee they need 14 oz. to 16 ozs. of yarn of the same kind for each shawl. Donations of cash to purchase yarn would also be appreciated. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this ministry.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please join us in service.....

Saturday, October 6 – Capital City Rescue Mission

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

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

BAKERS NEEDED!

All Mid – Level and High School youth are encouraged to help bake apple pies for our annual fundraiser. Time slots to sign up are 9:00 Am – 12 Noon or 12 Noon - 3:00 PM. Please call 765-2373 or email smatthewsyouthministry@verizon.net to say you can help.

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!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

HEY GIRLS!

Are you interested in finding out about **Girl Scouts**? All girls K-12 are invited to come join us at the library for an information session. We would love to meet you to talk about all the pathways available in Girl Scouts. Troops, Individual members, Programs, Camps - Girl Scouts is what you make of it!! Come check us out! Monday, Oct 3rd, 7:00pm at the Voorheesville Public Library.

Adult volunteers are always needed as well. You don't have to have a daughter to want to help girls grow in Courage, Confidence and Character. We are looking for everything from *troop leaders* and *teen mentors* to *one time program volunteers*. Not comfortable working directly with the girls? We have behind the scenes needs in our organizational *Service Unit* level. We definitely have a place for YOU. No registration necessary if you can come. If you can't make the date, contact our Recruitment Coordinator, Michele Reilly at 765-3411 for more information.

TAG SALE

The Voorheesville American Legion Auxiliary is holding their second annual Tag Sale, October 8, 2011 8 AM thru 3 PM at the American Legion Hall, Voorheesville Ave. Anyone interested in donating please call Robin Hull- Pease 765-4580 Or Eileen Lawrence 765-4280 to make arrangements.

THIS SUNDAY

October 2nd at 12 Noon

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

in Celebration of St. Francis Day



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