

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Prayer Shawl Blessing - 8:30 AM &  
10:30 AM Masses  
1<sup>st</sup> Com Breakfast Mtg. - 9:00 AM  
Pre K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade FF - 10:30 AM  
Mid Level YM- 1-4:00PM

**Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

Rosary & Novena - 6:30 PM  
Baptism Prep Session #1 - 7:00 PM  
Lector & Eucharistic Minister  
Training - 7:00 PM

**Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Grades 2 - 4 @ 3:15 - 4:30 PM

**Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Grades 2 - 4 @ 3:15 - 4:30 PM  
Music Ministry - 7:00 PM

**Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

Lector & Eucharistic Minister  
Training - after 5:00 PM Mass

## 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,  
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

## REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DECEASED

The month of November more than any other month, calls the church "to remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest." The month begins with the celebration of All Saints Day on November 1<sup>st</sup> which calls, to mind those countless unknown Christians who although unrecognized by the Church universal, are recognized by the Christians who knew them as having lived their Christian vocations



so faithfully that we can be confident that they are now with God. From there they are capable of assisting, us as we continue to live out our Christian calling and they are worthy now of celebration.

All Souls Day on November 2<sup>nd</sup> calls to mind that tenet of our faith that the Christian community remains connected even to those Christians who have already died. Consequently, those still progressing to God's heavenly presence are assisted by the prayer and good works of the living. Please observe these special days as a part of our parish community by attending Eucharist on both All Saints Day, November 1<sup>st</sup> and All Souls Day, Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM. In preparation for All Souls Day, please inscribe the names of your beloved departed on cards at the church entrances so they might be included in our prayer during November along with those of our parish who have died during this past year.

One other way that Catholics have traditionally memorialized deceased loved ones throughout the year has been by naming them at Eucharist on days that are personally significant to them, such as birthdays, or anniversaries of death. The gifts made to the church at these times assist in parish support. As we remember during November those who have died, you may also want to schedule other liturgical remembrances for deceased family members on dates throughout the coming year. Please call the parish office to do so.

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Many thanks to our parishioners and friends who contributed \$6,867.63 to the support of Saint Matthew's this past week. Your generosity and faithful stewardship allowed us to pay \$856.57 for Worker's Compensation Insurance, \$735.30 for Faith Formation supplies and \$243.47 for parish stewardship envelopes. If you aren't yet getting Stewardship Envelopes for parish support or not yet enrolled in our E-Giving Program please call the office to be included among our faithful parishioners.

## ARE YOU PLANNING ON GOING SOUTH FOR THE WINTER?

Some of our parishioners are already making plans to travel to warmer climates for the coming winter. If you will be traveling south, please remember your stewardship to Saint Matthew's. All of us who remain behind to face the winter will be struggling to pay for plowing, ice melt and heat. Your faithfulness to parish support while away would be much appreciated. If you would like to do that through the ease of E-Giving please call the parish office. Thank you for your faithfulness to our parish.

**PLEASE WELCOME**

Next weekend Father Joe Dworak will be our guest at weekend liturgy. Father Dworak is a retired priest of the diocese living in Albany. Please welcome him to St. Matthew's when you see him.

**NEW LECTOR & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING**

Training sessions for new Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are now scheduled for:

- Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
- Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> after 5:00 PM Mass
- Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

If you would like to be included in these important and satisfying ministries please call the parish office.

**COFFEE SOCIAL**

Next weekend on October 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, we invite all parishioners and visitors to enjoy a Saint Matthew's Coffee Hour after all masses. Now that we have settled into the season of autumn, this is a wonderful opportunity to say hello and enjoy conversations with one another. We look forward to seeing you there!

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Saint Matthews's next celebration of infant baptism is being planned for the Saturday, January 14, 2012. **A Baptism Preparation Group is now forming.** If you would like to be included for the first preparation session, **scheduled for Monday, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**MEN'S ASSOCIATION**

**MONTHLY MEETING & WORLD SERIES 50/50 RAFFLE**

The Men's Association will begin their monthly meetings this Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM in the parish social hall, new members are welcome to attend. This weekend is your one and only chance to purchase World Series 60/40 Raffle tickets which will be on sale this week after all masses.

Only 1 week left to get your orders in for  
**Dan's Chocolates**

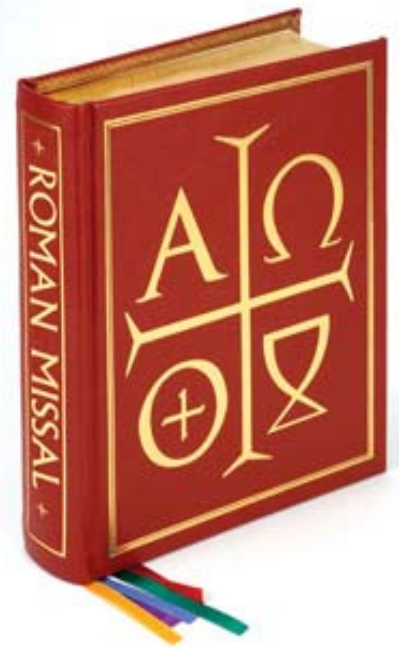
Just in time for  
Thanksgiving visits, Holiday Parties & Christmas Giving.

If you would like to place an order for  
Gourmet Truffle Balls or uniquely flavored Chocolate Bars  
and benefit Saint Matthews please call the Parish Office.

Your orders will be here November 18<sup>th</sup>.



Getting to Know  
The Roman Missal



Please join  
Deacon Neil Hook  
At 7 PM on  
Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>  
to  
discuss the upcoming  
changes to  
our  
Eucharistic prayer which  
begin  
November 27<sup>th</sup>.