

# 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](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, November 19

**5:00 PM: Louis Leon**  
req. by: Brandy Leon  
and for: Janet Kerr  
req. by: Andrea & Sean McCue  
and for: Aggie Tucker  
req. by: Patty Barber & Family

### Sunday, November 20

**Christ the King**  
**8:30 AM: Virginia Donaldson**  
req. by: William & Philomena Donaldson  
and for: John Fredette  
req. by: Barbara Fredette  
**10:30 AM: Ann Foley**  
req. by: Gil & Pat Munroe  
and for: Francis & Tim Knapik  
req. by: The Trautwein Family

### Monday, November 21st

**Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
NO MORNING MASS

### Tuesday, November 22nd

**Memorial of Saint Cecilia**  
**8:30 AM: Month's Mind Liturgy for Robert C. Morrison**  
and for: Susan Kulzer  
req. by: The Finnigan Family

### Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Memorial of Saints Clement & Columban**  
**8:30 AM : Morning Liturgy**

### Thursday, November 24

**THANKSGIVING DAY**  
**Memorial of Saint Andrew**  
**9:00 AM : Morning Liturgy**

### Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

**Memorial of Saints Catherine & Alexandria**  
NO MORNING MASS

### Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

**5:00 PM: Pettit & Czernicki Families**  
req. by: The Family  
and for: Janet Kerr  
req. by: Harold & Claire Wilson  
and for: Jean & Joe Ozimek  
req. by: Tom & Gloria Ozimek

### Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**8:30 AM: John O'Connor**  
req. by: William & Philomena Donaldson  
and for: Patricia Tracy, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
req. by: John Tracy & Family  
**10:30 AM: Charles Fairman**  
req. by: The Bernhard Family

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

Blessing of Pregnancy & Baptism  
8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses  
5<sup>th</sup> grade FF – 9:15 AM  
Pre K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade FF – 10:30 AM  
Fair Trade Sale after Masses  
Grades 6 - 8 - 1:00 PM

**Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

Rosary & Novena – 6:30 PM  
VIRTUS Training – 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**NO FAITH FORMATION**

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**Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Morning Liturgy - 9:00 AM  
Parish Offices Closed

**Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Offices Closed

## THOSE WHO ARE ILL...

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, 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,



**1 week  
until the  
New  
Roman Missal**

## SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

## ANNUAL ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, the Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar. It is a service of prayer and music sung by a choir of approximately 120 voices representing about 15 area churches including members of our choir here at Saint Matthews. The Bethlehem Lutheran Church bell choir will also perform. A free will offering will be received and after expenses, it will be sent to the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless. All are welcome to attend.



## HONEY BAKED HAM GIFT CERTIFICATES

Why not start your Black Friday shopping early? St. Mathew's will be selling \$25.00 Honey Baked Ham Gift Certificates for only \$20.00. Beginning the weekend of November 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> certificates will be available after all masses or through the Parish Office. They make great hospitality gifts when visiting friends and family for Thanksgiving too!

## SNOW CANCELLATIONS

The days of autumn remind us that the days of winter are not far behind. Be reminded therefore, that whenever the Voorheesville Central Schools District cancels or delays classes because of inclement weather, morning liturgy on that day will also be cancelled. This will lessen the risk for parishioners, and will also allow more time to remove snow and ice from church property without cars in the lot. Any intentions will be rescheduled. The cancellation of Faith Formation sessions is announced on the School Closings Network. Please check your TV if you think sessions may be cancelled.

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Thanks to our parishioners and friends who are shown to be examples of Christian Stewardship by their faithful support of our parish. Last weekend they contributed \$6,782.10 to help us in meeting our parish expenses.

Please consider E-giving if you will be away for the winter.

For more information please call the Parish Office.

Thank you

## BIG BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS

Join the Men's Association on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 AM – 12 Noon for pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, toast, juice, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate served by members of Youth Ministry. Takeout available.. **Adults \$6 Children \$3.** All proceeds help to benefit the many activities around the parish.



## HOLIDAY CHOIR

The Holiday Choir (9<sup>th</sup> grade through adult) will begin their practice on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:45. Practices will be each Wednesday in the month of December at that time. All are invited to join. We will be providing the music for the 9pm Christmas eve mass. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Madge Devine at 765-2457.

**SCHOHARIE FLOOD RELIEF FUNDRAISER**

Thank you to everyone who baked and volunteered at the Coffee House Fundraiser this past Saturday. With your help we were able to raise \$2,000.00 for the flood victims in Schoharie. All Proceeds will be donated to Catholic Charities who already has a fund set up and a group of volunteers that are helping the people of Schoharie. The Winner of the Nintendo DSi was Joey Bilinski and the winner of the Kindle was Suzanne Schultz. Congratulations and thank you for your wonderful efforts!



**SNOW REMOVAL**

Are you the kind of person who likes the feel of clean winter air in the lungs? Do you enjoy the beauty of freshly fallen snow? Are you invigorated by exercise first thing in the morning? If you are and if you are also looking for a part-time job, we might need you right here at St. Matthews!

We are currently looking for some able-bodied soul who would be available to clean the sidewalks around the church of any unnecessary snow that our God may see fit to place there! If you are interested in this exciting career opportunity, please call the office and begin to know the joys of snow blowing with the next flurry.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Saint Matthews's next celebration of infant baptism is being planned for Sunday, Feb 12, 2012. **A Baptism Preparation Group is now forming.** If you would like to be included for the first preparation session, **scheduled for Monday, Dec 5th** 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**

The Men's Association will have their monthly meeting this Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Parish Library. New and old members are welcome to attend.

**FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY**

**VIRTUS TRAINING**

We will be hosting another VIRTUS training session which is a sexual abuse awareness program. It is mandatory that all those volunteering with children in any capacity within the diocese have this one time training. Our VIRTUS session will be held on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM in the parish social hall. You may register for this session at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org).

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION NEEDED**

In early December, our 9<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Ministry will be reaching out to the flood victims of Schoharie. There is a great need for Christmas decorations to replace those destroyed by the flood. If you can contribute any new or gently used Christmas decorations, please place them in the marked box under the Youth Ministry bulletin board by **December 4th**. Many thanks for helping us to bring some joy to these families this Christmas season!

**BRAVE WILL**

We are most grateful to all who saved their spare change to benefit the Brave Will Foundation. All those pennies, nickels dimes and quarters added up to \$558.00! On Behalf of Brave Will and his family...THANK You!

**KID'S KLOSET**

Parish teens! Now is a great time to do some fall cleaning and sort through some of your closets and drawers for clothing you no longer wear. We are in need of clean, gently used teen clothing to help stock the "Kids Kloset" at DePaul Residence in Albany. Please bring your contribution to the marked box under the Youth Ministry bulletin board by **December 11**.

**DAN'S CHOCOLATES**

Our candy sale of Dan's Chocolates was a large success raising \$2,700.00. Thank you to all who participated. If you ordered candy you can pick it up after all masses this weekend.



**ADVENT WREATH**

If you are setting up an Advent wreath in your home this year, here are some prayers you could say while you light its candles.

You may say these before or after a meal, when waking up, before going to bed, or whenever you and the members of your household can gather for prayer. Before you say the prayer, read, talk over the Gospel you heard at Sunday Mass that week.

*Week 1:*

O God, who asks us to be watchful and alert because we do not know when you will come, let this candle give us light and help us stay awake. At those times when you ask us to act, give us strength to respond at once. Through Christ our Lord.