

# 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 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

### Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

**Monday of the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent**

**NO MORNING MASS**

### Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

**Tuesday of the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent**

**8:30 AM: Pat Tracy, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

req. by: John Tracy

### Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

**Memorial of Saint Andrew**

**8:30 AM : Joanne St. Denis**

req. by: Anne Smolen, Cathy Lawler & Donna Parker

### Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

**Thursday of the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent**

**NO MORNING MASS**

### Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Friday of the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent**

**8:30 AM : Pat Rivers**

req. by: Ron Rivers

### Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

**5:00 PM: Mr. & Mrs. Wittman,**

**Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas J. Smith, Jr.**

req. by: John F. Smith

**and for: John Pennock**

req. by: Bob & Anne Pennock

**and for: Jean & Joe Ozimek**

req. by: Jim & Ruth Finnigan

### Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**8:30 AM: May & Charles Rogers &**

**Dr. Charles & Helen Rancourt**

req. by: Bill & MaryEllen Rogers

**and for: Janet Kerr**

req. by: Ed & Joanne Donohue

**10:30 AM: Jennie Riscavage**

req. by: Barbara Riscavage

**and for: Ralph Pezzulo**

req. by: Marion Pezzulo &

Gil & Pat Munroe

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Rosary & Novena – 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO FAITH FORMATION**

**Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Gr. 2 – 4 @ 3:15  
Music Ministry – 7:00 PM  
Holiday Choir – 7:45 PM

**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Reconciliation Retreat 9:30AM  
Big Breakfast Set up

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Big Breakfast with Saint Nicholas  
7:30 AM – 12 Noon  
5<sup>th</sup> grade FF – 9:15 AM  
Pre K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade FF – 10:30 AM  
Children's Choir – 12 Noon SH &  
12:30 in the church  
Grade 9 - 1:00 PM

**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, 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,



**SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH**

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR ADVENT  
THIS MONDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 PM at

**ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE  
DELMAR**



Please make this Sacramental Celebration of God's  
Mercy and Love a part of your spiritual preparation  
for Christmas.

**THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
(the national Feast of the United States) is  
**Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. It is one of those few  
days which our Church considers as important  
as Sunday itself, The Lord's Day.

Please join us for Eucharist as our tradition  
requires on

*Wednesday evening December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM*

or

*Thursday Morning December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM.*



**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.

On Sunday, November 20, 2011  
St. Matthew's welcomed into the Church  
through the saving waters of Baptism:

**Samuel Joseph Farrell**

**Sophie Lynn Farrell**

Twins of Erica & Timothy Farrell

&

**Calvin Michael Popolizio**

Son of Julie & Thomas Popolizio



**BAPTIZED  
UNTO THE  
LORD**



**HONEY BAKED HAM GIFT CERTIFICATES**

Why not start your Black Friday shopping early? St. Matthew's will be selling \$25.00 Honey Baked Ham Gift Certificates for only \$20.00. 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!

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

Reservations are now being taken for St. Matthew's New Year's Eve Party on Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 PM - 12:30 PM. Join us for an enjoyable evening of music, dancing, hot & cold hors d'oeuvres, wine & beer, midnight dessert buffet and champagne toast. Tickets are 25.00 per person. For reservations contact Judy Goodsell at 768-2392 by December 15, 2011.



**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 5<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**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Please join us in service.....  
**Friday, December 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.

**FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY**

**KUDOS TO KIDS**

Students of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade faith formation program, their catechists and families would like to thank all of those who shared time with us at this past weekend's coffee hours. Through the sales of handmade Christmas cards, ornaments and homemade desserts, the 5<sup>th</sup> graders raised \$252 to benefit the New Scotland Food Pantries December Holiday Meal and Children's Gift Program. Thank you again.

**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 4<sup>th</sup>**. Many thanks for helping us to bring some joy to these families this Christmas season!

**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**.



**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 2:*

O God who sent John the Baptist to proclaim a baptism of repentance let these two candles prepare the way or the Lord within us. Forgive our sins and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Make us ready to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Through Christ our Lord.