

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)	7:30 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, March 5

5:00 PM: William Moore

req. by: Bob & Anne Pennock
and for: Agnes Burns
req. by: Her Family

Sunday, March 6

9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Francis Leisenfelder

req. by: Ernie & Linda Papa
and for: Catherine Scherer
req. by: Frank Budlong

10:30 AM: Therese Miranda

req. by: Friends at Health Plex Fitness
and for: Salvatore Basile
req. by: Michael & Ciaran Brennan

Monday, March 7

NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday, March 8

7:30 AM: Mary Gallagher

req. by: Jim & Clare McAssey

Wednesday, March 9

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:30 AM:

6:15 PM SIMPLE SOUP SUPPER

7:00 PM

Thursday, March 10

NO MORNING MASS

Friday, March 11

7:30 AM:

6:15 PM SIMPLE SOUP SUPPER

7:00 PM EVENING PRAYER

Saturday, March 12

5:00 PM: Louis Leon

req. by: Brandy Leon
and for: Marvin Kenneally
req. by: George & Mary Jean Scott

Sunday, March 13

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Sophie Cacchione

req. by: Ed & JoAnne Donohue
and for: Salvatore Basile
req. by: Bill & Mary Ellen Rogers

10:30 AM: Therese Miranda

req. by: Tom & Ellie Dorn
and for: Francis McGrath
req. by: Francis & Margaret Smith



The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 6th

5th grade 9:15 AM
Pre K -1st 10:30 AM
Mid Level -4:30PM – 8:30 PM

Monday, March 7th

Rosary & Novena - 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 8th

Grades 2 – 4 3:15 – 4:30 PM
NSC Food Pantry – 7:00 PM
Mardi Gras Celebration – 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 9th

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass – 7:30 AM
Grades 2 – 4 3:15 – 4:30 PM
Simple Soup Supper – 6:15 PM
Mass – 7:00 PM
Music Ministry -7:45 PM

Friday, March 11th

Simple Soup Supper – 6:15 PM
Evening Prayer – 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 6th

5th grade 9:15 AM
Pre K -1st 10:30 AM
Mid Level -4:30PM – 8:30 PM

THOSE WHO ARE ILL...

Donna Amato, Raymond Banuls, Bill Boyd, Diana Burns, Carly Carey, Connie Castellana, Tim Colchin, Joan Conway, Joseph Coury, Mildred Coury, Philip Davis, Doris Doyle, James Finnessey, 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, Marybeth Saccone, Tom Markert, Sr., Mike Jones, Brad Schmidt, Penny Smith – Bogert, Jerry DeMauro, Rosemary Lee, Ray Frisbee and William Golding.



Rest in Peace

Anthony Barothy - Langer

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH.

The 40 Days of Lent begin

this Wednesday, March 9th

Please join us in keeping these holy days by celebrating

ASH WEDNESDAY

with

EUCCHARIST

7:30 AM Wednesday morning or 7:00 PM Wednesday evening

and then plan on joining our community on

the **Fridays of Lent**

beginning with a **Simple Soup Supper** at 6:15 PM

and Followed by

Evening Prayer at 7 PM



Our guest this Friday is Fran Rossi-Szpylczyn, Retreat & Reflection Coordinator at her parish. Fran who will offer a reflection on *Visio Divina*. *Visio Divina* which invites us into the presence of God as we meditate upon sacred art and images. By opening our eyes to the Lord in this way, we explore ways to open our hearts as well, as we enter the Lenten season.

Please join us in keeping these days which have for centuries kept us together as a Christian people

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Thanks to all our parishioners who have contributed \$5,891.70 to parish support during this past week. Your faithfulness is allowing us to meet the expenses of snow and ice removal and heating costs during what has been a long and therefore expensive winter for all of us. Special thanks to all who have remained faithful to Christian Stewardship even though their personal finances may have suffered during this difficult economy. If you have been fortunate enough to have suffered little during the economic downturn, please consider increasing your commitment to Saint Matthew's to help compensate for those of our community unable to help as they once did. Whatever you contribute to our parish church is always appreciated.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

It has long been the custom of Christians during lent to recall the steps of Jesus on the way to his crucifixion. During the coming days of lent this may be a form of prayer which you may want to include in your spiritual observance. Several versions of these Stations of the Cross booklet will be available during the season for your use if you would like to visit the church during the day and keep some quiet time of meditation.



Praying the Stations of the cross

PASCHAL CANDLE

Each Easter the church renews the signs of Christ's presence in our community. One of those signs is the Paschal Candle, which calls to mind the "Light of Christ" and burns throughout the fifty days of Easter, and whenever the Church celebrates Baptism or a funeral liturgy during the year.

If anyone would like to donate this primary candle of the parish, which costs \$400.00, to the church in memory of or honor of a loved one, please call the office or speak with Father Tom.



BIG BREAKFAST

The Men's Association will sponsor a breakfast on Sunday March 27, 7:30 - Noon in the Social Hall. Menu items include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, toast, juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Members of the Youth Ministry will serve your breakfast.

Take-out meals will also be available. All are invited for an enjoyable time and a delicious meal while helping the Association raise money for its many activities around the Parish. Adults \$5, Children \$3."

HOLIDAY CHOIR PRACTICE TO BEGIN

The Holiday Choir will begin to practice for Holy Week on Wednesday, March 16th at 7:45. We will prepare music for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. You do not need to be present for all of the liturgies to participate.

Instead of giving something UP for lent, consider adding something to your life by joining us in celebrating our church's most important season. You not only participate fully in the liturgies but also contribute to the spirituality of the entire assembly.

We hope to see you on the 16th, if you have any questions, call Madge Devine at 765-2457.

YOUTH MINISTRY

MID - LEVEL YOUTH!

Our Men's Association is having a Big Breakfast **Sunday, March 27th** We are in need of volunteers to be servers at one of the following shifts 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM or 10:30 AM - 12 Noon. If you can help please contact Mrs. Dorn at 765-2373 or at stmatthewsyouthministry@verizon.net

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please join us in service.....

Saturday, March 19 - Capital City Rescue Mission

Saturday, April 9 - 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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS

The United Irish Societies of the Capital District will sponsor the annual St. Patrick's Day Mass at 9 AM on March 12, 2011 at Blessed Sacrament Church. A reception will follow immediately in the school hall, everyone is invited to attend.

Say goodbye to



until Easter

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

DON'T MISS OUT!



MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

Tuesday, March 8th 7:00 PM

All are invited to attend

Come share:

Deserts, Music Crafts & Fun

Reservation forms are due this Sunday, March 6th to the Faith Formation Office