

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 15

5:00 PM: Bertha Meservy
req. by: Saint Matthew's Men's Association
and for: **Diana Burns**
req. by: Anne & Bob Pennock
and for: **3 Month's Mind Liturgy for Janet Kerr**
req. by: Bill & Mary Ellen Rogers

Sunday, October 16

The 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:30 AM: Jack Cahill
req. by: The Jack Brennan Family
10:30 AM: Carol Lansing, Rose Marie Hume, & Frances Palozzi
req. by: The Lansing Family
and for: **Living & Deceased Members of the Men's Association**
req. by: The Men's Association
also for: **Ann Foley**
req. by: Tom & Ellie Dorn

Monday, October 17

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch
NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday, October 18

Feast of Saint Luke
8:30 AM: Gerry Arpin
req. by: Joanne Arpin

Wednesday, October 19

Memorial of Saint John De Brebeuf & Saint Isaac Jogues
8:30 AM : Rev. Gerrard LaFleur
req. by: Rev. Jerry Gingras

Thursday, October 20

Memorial of Saint Paul of the Cross
NO MORNING MASS

Friday, October 21

Weekday in 28 week of Ordinary Time
8:30 AM: Morning Liturgy

Saturday, October 22

5:00 PM: Bertha Meservy
req. by: Peter & Donna Amato
and for: **Diana Burns**
req. by: Bill & Mary Ellen Rogers
and for: **Janet Kerr**
req. by: Jack & Carole Stevens

Sunday, October 23

The 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:30 AM: Maureen Peters
req. by: The Jack Brennan Family
10:30 AM: Frank & Gertrude Richardson
req. by: The Mackey Family
and for: **Gerard & Muriel Curley**
req. by: The Olechowski Family
also for: **Horace Breedlove**
req. by: The Kundel Family

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sunday, October 16th**
 Altar Server Training after 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Masses
 5th Grade FF – 9:15 AM
 Pre K & 1st Grade FF – 10:30 AM
 9th Grade YM- 1-5:00PM
 Men's Assoc. Mtg. – 7:00 PM
- Monday, October 17th**
 Rosary & Novena – 6:30 PM
 Confirmation Session #1 – 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, October 18th**
 Grades 2 – 4@ 3:15 – 4:30 PM
- Wednesday, October 19th**
 Grades 2 – 4@ 3:15 – 4:30 PM
 Music Ministry – 7:00 PM
 50th Anniversary Mtg – 6:30 PM
- Saturday, October 22nd**
 Lector & Eucharistic Minister Training – 4:00 PM
 Prayer Shawl Blessing - 5:00 PM
- Sunday, October 23rd**
 Prayer Shawl Blessing - 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Masses
 1st Communion Breakfast – 9:00 AM
 Pre K & 1st Grade FF – 10:30 AM
 Mid Level YM- 1-4:00PM

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



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 1st 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 2nd 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 1st and All Souls Day, Wednesday, November 2nd 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.

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Each year at tax time, we conscientiously give "to Caesar what belongs to Caesar." Each weekend our Church calls us "to give to God what belongs to God" through our Christian Stewardship. Please try to make up your support of the church truly reflective of your appreciation of God's blessings to you. Last weekend our parishioners and friends contributed \$5,689.38 to the support of Saint Matthew's. Thank you

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.

NEW LECTOR & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

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

- Saturday, October 22nd at 4:00 PM
- Monday, October 24th at 7:00 PM
- Saturday, October 29th after 5:00 PM Mass
- Thursday, November 11th at 7:00 PM

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

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 after all masses the weekend of October 15th & 16th for those interested and hope to install a new group to assist our prayer in this way soon.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

In order to include the prayer of our whole parish in the Prayer Shawl Ministry, we will be blessing the Prayer Shawls that have already been prepared at liturgy next weekend. 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.

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. Saint Matthews's next celebration of infant baptism is being planned for the weekend of January 7 - 8, 2012.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

October 23rd is World Mission Sunday. The heart of the Church is missionary. The Good News of Jesus is meant to be shared by all of us. Pope Benedict XVI has written "the missionary mandate which Christ entrusted to the Apostles truly involves us all." The World Mission Sunday appeal offers us an opportunity to pray for the Missions and to offer a sacrificial gift so that the Gospel may continue to be proclaimed. Please be as generous as possible.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY MEETING & WORLD SERIES 50/50 RAFFLE

The Men's Association will begin their monthly meetings this Sunday, October 16th at 7:00 PM in the parish lounge, new members are welcome to attend. There will also be a World Series 50/50 Raffle on sale this week after all masses.

For the next 2 weeks

Saint Matthew's is selling 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 18th.



**PET BLESSING
CERTIFICATES**

The Certificates of Blessing for those who brought their pets to our observance of St. Francis Day last weekend are available to be picked up outside the parish office.



**A
New Year's
Eve Party!**

**Join us for an enjoyable
evening with
music & dancing
hors d'oeuvres
wine & beer
midnight dessert buffet
& a champagne toast**