

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, November 12

5:00 PM: Janet Kerr
req. by: Ernie & Linda Kitchen
and for: Janet Kerr
req. by: Patty Barber & Amy Chiefari
and for: George Long
req. by: Howard & Gertrude Bishop

Sunday, November 13

The 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
**8:30 AM: Living & Deceased Members
of the Men's Association**
req. by: The Men's Association
and for: Della Mattot
req. by: William & Philomena Donaldson
10:30 AM: Michael Terraciano
req. by: Mazzaferro & Munroe Families
and for: Deacon Jerry DeMauro
req. by: Gil & Pat Munroe

Monday, November 14

Weekday in 33 week of Ordinary Time
NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday, November 15

Memorial of Saint Albert
8:30 AM: Morning Liturgy

Wednesday, November 16

**Memorial of Saint Gertrude &
Saint Margaret**
8:30 AM : Morning Liturgy

Thursday, November 17

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth
NO MORNING MASS

Friday, November 18

Memorial of Saint Rose
No Morning Liturgy

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, November 13th
 5th grade FF – 9:15 AM
 Pre K & 1st Grade FF – 10:30 AM
 Coffee Social hosted by 5th grade
 Grades 9 & 10 - 1:00 PM

Monday, November 14th
 Rosary & Novena – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, November 15th
 Grades 2 – 4@ 3:15 – 4:30 PM
 Getting to Know the New Roman
 Missal with Deacon Hook – 7:00 PM

Wednesday, November 16th
 Grades 2 – 4@ 3:15 – 4:30 PM
 Music Ministry – 7:45 PM

Thursday, November 17th
 Prayer Shawl Mtg – 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 19th
 Fair Trade Sale after Mass

Sunday, November 20th
 5th grade FF – 9:15 AM
 Pre K & 1st Grade FF – 10:30 AM
 Blessing of Pregnancy & Baptism
 10:30 AM Mass
 Fair Trade Sale after Masses
 Grades 6 - 8 - 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



HONEYBAKED 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 19th & 20th 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 \$8,303.31 to help us in meeting our parish expenses.
 Thank you

BIG BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS

Sunday, December 4th

7:30 AM - Noon

St. Matthew's Social Hall

Join the Men's Association 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 (9th grade through adult) will begin their practice on Wednesday,
 November 30th 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.

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WEEKS
 Until the New
 Roman Missal

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

New lector workbooks are available to be picked up in the sacristy. Lectors are asked to sign their names when they pick up their resource for ministry.

COFFEE SOCIAL

Next weekend on November 19th & 20th, we invite all parishioners and visitors to enjoy a Saint Matthew's Thanksgiving Coffee Hour after all masses. With Thanksgiving fast approaching this would be a wonderful opportunity to say hello and enjoy conversations of thanks with one another. We look forward to seeing you there!



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

RESPECT LIFE

GIVING TREE

The Respect Life Committee is sponsoring the Giving Tree this Christmas Season for Community Maternity Services (CMS), Birthright, and Mary's Corner. Starting November 19 & 20, tags will be available at both entrances of the church. This year the CMS agency is hoping to provide gifts for the whole family and you may see additional tags requesting gift cards to various stores to accommodate these requests. Birthright helps any girl or woman who is in need of help during their pregnancy. They are always in need of diapers and wipes. Mary's Corner, a new community center located in Cohoes, is in need of items for children newborn to 2 years old and the people who care for them.

Please return your **unwrapped gift with the tag affixed** to the tree **no later than Sunday, December 11th at 4pm** so they can be delivered to the agencies. Please note that December 11th is the **final date** to bring gifts in. We ask that if you purchase a gift after that date that you deliver it to the particular agency yourself. We appreciate your support of these very worthy organizations.

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

VIRTUS TRAINING

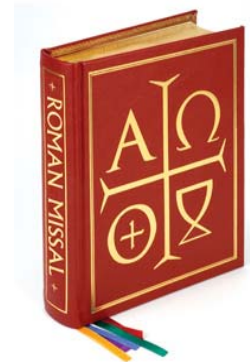
We will be hosting another VIRTUS training session which is a sexual abuse awareness program. It is mandatory that all those volunteering with children in any capacity within the diocese have this one time training. Our VIRTUS session will be held on Monday, November 21st at 6:30 PM in the parish social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

CHRISTMAS DECORATION NEEDED

In early December, our 9th 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. Many thanks for helping us to bring some joy to these families this Christmas season!

THIS TUESDAY!

GETTING TO KNOW THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL



Please join

Deacon Neil Hook

At 7 PM on

Tuesday,

November 15th

to discuss the

upcoming changes

to our Eucharistic

prayer which begin

November 27th.