



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

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Saint Matthew's Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	5:15pm
Sunday	9:30am
Weekdays (Wed., Friday)	8:30am
Holy Days	As Announced
Rosary & Novena	6:30 pm on Mondays
Sacramental Reconciliation	
Fridays 8:00am; Saturday evenings after the Vigil Mass; During Adoration on First Fridays or by appointment	

WEBSITE

stmatthewsvoorheesville.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday ~ Friday 10:00 AM to 4:00 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 Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the wedding date, to arrange.

Anointing of the Sick – Second Friday of the month immediately following 8:30 am Mass or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration – First Friday of the month 9:00am–11:00am

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.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) – Those who are interested in finding out more about joining the Catholic Church are asked to please call the Parish Office. All inquiries are kept confidential.

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.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THOSE WHO ARE ILL...

Joel Rivera, Brendan Farmer, Nick Siver, Susan Albright, Alexandra Simpson

Hospital or Home Visits

Please call the Parish Office

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Mon., April 28 Rosary 6:30pm

Tues., April 29 Faith Sharing 6pm

Wed., April 30 Book Club Meeting 1pm
Chair Yoga 4pm
OCIA 6pm
Music Ministry 7pm

ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY

April 27 — Anne Smolen

May 4 — Sue Reilly



NEW SCOTLAND COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

The pantry is looking to fill the following Board positions: Volunteer Coordinator and Community Outreach Coordinator. If interested, please leave your contact information at 518 765-3806 or email foodpantry.newscotland@gmail.com

The New Scotland Community is grateful for any and all donations. There is an on-going need for the following: Rice, Flour, Teabags, Peanut Butter, Shampoo and Toothpaste.

As always, thank you for your generosity.

STEWARDSHIP April 19 -20, 2025

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Rows include Offertory (\$2,809.00), E-Giving (\$1,720.50), and Total (\$4,529.50).

Budgeted Total Needed for Each Week...\$8,252.00

Easter Collection to Date: \$9,271.25



Pope Francis was called home to The Lord on April 21, 2025. Pope Francis lived life the way he preached life, by helping the poor, the homeless, the disabled, the migrant and the abused. Pope Francis was a true servant of The Lord serving others and providing hope.



DIOCESAN APPEAL 2024-2025

St. Matthew's needs your help... the 2024-25 Diocesan Appeal will end on June 30th. If we do not reach this by your generous support, the balance will have to come from our operating funds. Those same funds pay our electric bills, heat and air condition our building, pay salaries and support our Faith Development programs.

St. Matthew's Assessment is \$83,652.00

As of April 22, 2025 we have collected \$46,376.00

Total Number of Donors 105

Please reply to the Appeal mailing you received at home or pick up an envelope at either entrance of the church. Make your gift on line at: www.thediocesanappeal.org; Or mail a check payable to "Diocesan Appeal" to 40 N. Main Albany, NY 12203 and specify your parish

Thank you for supporting your parish!



ST. MATTHEW'S BOOK CLUB MEETING

Fr. Rick and Ellen Doolin will soon be holding their first book club meeting to discuss "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory". If you haven't had the opportunity to pickup your book, there are still some books available at both entrances of the church. The Book Club Group will meet Wednesdays at 1pm at St. Matthew's on the following dates: April 30, May 7, May 14, May 21, May 28 and June 4.

If you Miss a Wednesday, you can catch up at Christ The King 8am on Saturday mornings on April 26, May 3, May 10, May 17, May 24 and May 31.



CONGRATULATIONS

Please join us in welcoming the newest members of the Church who have completed the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults! Baptized, Confirmed and received Eucharist: Preetika Dewakar, Amber Lluberes and Cayden Savino! Confirmed and received Eucharist: Thomas Caron, Christina Oakley and Kristin Whitcher! St. Matthew's Parish wishes you all God's wonderful blessings.



2025 VOORHEESVILLE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

St. Matthew's will again be participating in the annual memorial day parade! The theme for this year is "**Honoring Our Heroes: Past, Present and Future**". St. Matthew's would like to honor the military heroes from our parish. We ask if you would submit the name and photo of your military heroes giving St. Matthew's the opportunity to create a visual tribute. **Please drop off your pictures in a frame to the office along with the name of the hero you are honoring! We ask for your submission no later than Friday, May 16th.** Additionally, we are seeking volunteers to march in the parade on **Saturday, May 24th**, while giving out candy to the crowd! Let us know if you'd like to march with us and Fr. Rick! We'd love the company!



ENGRAVED BRICKS FOR THE MARY GARDEN

The St. Matthew's Men's Association will be continuing Stephen Rapp's renovation of the Mary Garden this summer. Engraved bricks will be sold after Masses throughout the month of May. The cost of a brick is \$100. Cash or check will be accepted as payment. **Next weekend** order forms can be obtained at the back of the church or by emailing George Rapp at grapp@siena.edu



OPERATION RICE BOWL

The Lenten collection for Operation Rice Bowl has concluded. We ask for you to return your rice bowl to church. We thank you for your Lenten sacrifice and generosity.



DIOCESE OF ALBANY – STEP UP MEN'S CONFERENCE 2025

The Step Up Men's Conference will give men the tools needed to grow in holiness in their everyday lives. Presentations from **Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers** and **Fr. James Walsh** plus, Reconciliation, Mass, Adoration, Rosary, refreshments, and lunch. **Saturday, August 9 from 8:15 AM to 3:30 PM at St. Edward the Confessor Church 569 Clifton Park Center Road, Clifton Park.** Early registration cost is \$45 per person until July 31 and includes lunch & snacks. College



age and younger men are **FREE**. For information and to register: register <https://www.rcda.org/StepUp> All attendees **MUST** register. Space is limited. You can register with the QR code!

FAMILY PROMISE CAPTIAL REGION FUNDRAISER

Lost Radio Rounders is helping us celebrate our 10 year anniversary with a special gospel concert. Tom Lindsay, Paul Jossman and Michael Eck, masters of acoustic Americana, will present classic spirituals, street corner gospel blues and front porch folk hymns at **McKownville United Methodist Church on Thursday, May 1st at 7 p.m.** There is no charge for admission. Donations accepted at the event in support of Family Promise. Please join us to help celebrate our mission!

SPIRITUAL PAUSE AND REFLECTION

You are invited to participate in a "**PRAYERFUL PAUSE**" for the Easter Season. Silence, prayer and individual sharing/responding will help us find perspective about what is life-giving for us and our world. **Six sessions will take place on Wednesdays April 30th - June 4th 12noon - 1pm at the Consultation Center (790 Lancaster Street, Albany).** Come when you can: \$10/session or \$50 total. To find out more or sign up, contact Kris Rooney at kris.rooney@gmail.com or 518-346-6137 X239. Kris is a trained Spiritual Director. "**The place God calls you to, is where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet**" Frederick Buechner



NOTRE DAME-BISHOP GIBBONS OPEN HOUSE

Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons School, 2600 Albany Street, Schenectady, will be hosting an Open House for prospective students and families on Wednesday, April 30, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. To register go to <https://nd-bg.org/admissions/openhouse/> or

contact us at (518) 393-3131 ext. 107.

MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND – May 3-4, 2025

5:15PM GREETER

Rich Bogdany
Melissa Usher

Student Volunteers may be available as Greeters

USHER

Rich Bogart
Katy Bogart
Rich Bogdany
David Smith

Student Volunteers may be available as Ushers

LECTOR

Jim Connolly
Ruth Wakefield

Student Volunteers may be available as Lector

COMMUNION MINISTER

Andrea Freeman—P
Melissa Usher—P
Ron Rivers—C

Volunteer Needed—C

ALTAR SERVERS

Brandon McMillen
Collin Terry
Lizzy Terry

SACRISTAN

Bob Harms
Mark Barrett

Gift Bearers: Student Volunteers

9:30 AM GREETERS

Nancy Dilanni

Volunteer Needed

Student Volunteers may be available as Greeters

USHER

Stephen Rapp
Ernie Papa
John Dilanni
Maria Mick

Student Volunteers may be available as Ushers

LECTOR

Stephen Rapp
Davida Marks

Student Volunteers may be available as Lector

COMMUNION MINISTER

John Tracy—P
Anita Guagliardi—P
Nancy Dilanni—C
John Dilanni—C

ALTAR SERVERS

Robbie Greco
James Greco

SACRISTAN

George Rapp

Gift Bearers: Student Volunteers

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 26

5:15PM: Vincent Ozimek

req by: Barbara Riscavage

and for: John Madison

req by: Marianne and Eric Roth

and for: Mary Allerot

req by: Mary Wallace

Sunday, April 27

Second Sunday of Easter

9:30AM For the Deceased members of the

MacKenzie Family

req by: Gail Michalak

and for: Dr. William Petersen

req by: Mary Gay Wood

and for: Tim Finnigan

req by: Christine Finnigan-Hunter

Monday, April 28

Memorial of St. Peter Chanel and St. Louis

Grignon de Montfort

NO MORNING LITURGY

Tuesday, April 29

Memorial of Catherine of Siena

NO MORNING LITURGY

Wednesday, April 30

Memorial of St. Pius V, Pope

8:30AM: Edward Gannon

req by: Marie and Family

Thursday, May 1

Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker

NO MORNING LITURGY

Friday, May 2

Memorial of St. Athanasius

8:30AM: Bill Kelly—3rd Anniversary

req by: Ann and Family

Saturday, May 3

5:15PM: John Kiernan—1yr Anniversary

req by: Fr. Rick and St. Matthew's Parish

and for: Stephanie & Francis McLean

For their Wedding Anniversary

req by: The Palumbo & McLean Families

and for: Marge O'Connor

req by: Philomena and William Donaldson

and for: Clara, Leland, Raymond and

Leland Jr. Frisbee

req by: The Frisbee Family

Sunday, May 4

Third Sunday of Easter

9:30AM William Sehl

req by: His Cousin

and for: Margaret Bartosch

req by: Ron & Anne Smolen

and for: Jim Moore

req by: Ann Kelly