

# Saint Matthew's Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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Chrisi Young ..... Pastoral Associate for Faith Development 6-12

Mary Gay Wood..... Trustee

Stephen Goss ..... Trustee

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	5:15 pm
Sunday	9:30 am
Weekdays (Wed., Friday)	8:30 am
Holy Days	As Announced
Rosary & Novena	6:30 pm on Mondays

### Sacramental Reconciliation

Fridays 8:00 am; Saturday evenings after the Vigil Mass;  
During Adoration on First Fridays or by appointment

## WEBSITE

[stmatthewsvoorheesville.org](http://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 9:00 am - 11:00 am

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,  
 Jay Brown  
**Hospital or Home Visits**  
 Please call the Parish Office

**Mon., April 6** NO Rosary  
**Tues., April 7** Women's Spirituality  
 Ministry Group 1pm  
 Faith Sharing  
 In Person 6pm  
**Wed., April 8** Prayer Shawl Ministry 1pm  
 Brothers Walking with  
 Christ Ministry 6:30pm  
 Music Ministry 7pm  
**Thurs., April 9** Senior Lunch 11:30am  
 NO Chair Yoga  
**Sat., April 11** OCIA 10:30am

**ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY**  
 April 5 — Carol Haley  
 April 12 — Rita Hadeka

**NEW SCOTLAND COMMUNITY  
 FOOD PANTRY**  
 The New Scotland Community Food Pan-  
 try is grateful for any and all dona-  
 tions. **There is a need for the following:**  
**Sugar, Flour, Gravy, Snacks and Crack-**  
**ers.** As always, thank you for your gen-  
 erous support!

**STEWARDSHIP March 28— March 29, 2026**  
 Offertory.....\$6,156.00  
 E-Giving.....\$2,421.00  
 Total.....\$8,577.00

**Budgeted Total  
 Needed for Each Week.....\$8,252.00**  
**E - GIVING**  
 If you would like to give a one-time dona-  
 tion **OR** set up a continuous contribution  
 payment, please scan the QR Code. Your  
 stewardship will help us  
 meet our weekly expenses!  
*Thank You!*



**DIOCESAN APPEAL 2025-2026**

St. Matthew's needs your help... the 2025-26 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 \$69,596  
 As of March 26, 2026 we have collected \$43,291  
 Total Number of Donors 88

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!



Fr. Rick, Fr. Des, Deacon Nick  
 & St. Matthew's Staff Wish you a  
 Blessed Easter Season



The Parish Office will be  
 Closed on  
 Monday, April 6th  
 In Observation of Easter.

**ST. MATTHEW'S BBQ  
 FUNDRAISER**  
 Join us on **THURSDAY, April  
 16th 4PM—6PM** for a  
 delicious dinner provided by  
**Frese's Catering!** Choices  
 are: **Pulled Pork with Mac &  
 Cheese OR BBQ Chicken  
 with Roasted Potatoes.** All dinners come with Corn Bread, Coleslaw  
 and a Cookie! **All dinners are \$16. Prepaid orders are required with a  
 Deadline of this Tuesday, April 7th.** A great way to begin the spring  
 season with a BBQ Dinner!



# Grateful Giving Campaign Updates

Number of Pledges: 137

Average Pledge: \$40 weekly

High Pledge: \$500 weekly

Low Pledge: \$3 weekly

% of Registered Families who have pledged: 12.90%

E-Givers: 39

Envelope Users: 77

Retirement Account (QCD) Inquiries: 12

*Thank you to all who have pledged!*

Please remember to return your commitment/intention page.

## SENIOR SOUP TIME

We will be serving soups for our next senior soup day, which will be this coming Friday on **April 10<sup>th</sup>**. Sign up forms are at both entrances of the church. **Pick up times will be 9:00am –9:30am in the social hall.** April will be the last month for soup before we transition to our Pasta Salad first Fridays.



## TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS

The 17th annual conference provides resources you can use when a senior relies on you. The program is presented by the Capital Region Caregiver Coalition and will be on **Saturday, April 25, 2026 8AM—1PM at Hudson Valley Community College, Bulmer Communications Center, 80 Vanderburgh Avenue, Troy, NY 12180.** There will be: Workshops, Continental Breakfast along with a Vendor Fair. Attendance is free, however registration is required. You may register online or by contacting [crcaregivercoalition@gmail.com](mailto:crcaregivercoalition@gmail.com) **518-250-6867(Touching Hearts at Home).**



## BOOK CLUB

Our next read will be focusing on "Gaudium et Spes" " - The Constitution of the Church in the Modern World. Pope Leo is encouraging us to review some of the Vatican II documents in this 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. "The joy and hope, the grief and anguish of the people of our time...are those of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts." (#1) "God alone is the judge and the searcher of hearts: he forbids us to pass judgement on the inner guilt of others." (#28) This would be a different kind of read - more of a study that invites us to ponder how God and the Church intersect with our lives. It is suggested reading this in 2 parts, starting a bit after Easter. You may visit: [https://www.vatican.va/archive/hist\\_councils/ii\\_vatican\\_council/documents/vat-ii\\_const\\_19651207\\_gaudium-et-spes\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_const_19651207_gaudium-et-spes_en.html) If you haven't been receiving emails regarding the Book Club and would like to, please call Christina in the office at 518-765-2805.



## HEALING WEEKEND

The Beginning Experience Ministry is inviting men and women of all ages and faiths who **grieve the end of a marriage or spousal relationship** due to death, divorce or separation to an in-person weekend program at the **Mount Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls, NY on April 10-12, 2026.** For information or to register please call **Phyllis at 914-261-5812 OR Gloria at 646-281-4790.**

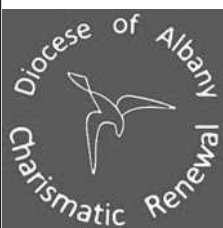


## GARAGE SALE

St. Thomas the Apostle School will be holding their 17th Annual Garage Sale. If you are doing spring cleaning and would like them to take unwanted items off your hands, the **drop off date is Thursday, April 16th 8:30am.** (Items that **cannot be accepted:** computers, TV's, mattresses, stuffed toys, clothes and large appliances) If you can't transport the items, pickup "may" be available. **Call 518-439-5573.**

## CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENWEAL

The next monthly healing Liturgy will be **April 8th at Christ Our Light Church, 1 Maria Drive, Albany, NY 12211, 7:00pm Praise and Worship with Mass at 7:30pm.** Presider for the Mass will be Fr. Gary Gelfenbien. Individual Healing Prayer after Liturgy. All are welcome, please join us and bring a friend!



## THANK YOU FROM FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise of the Capital Region, along with St. Matthew's Church, is tremendously grateful for the generosity our parishioners who provided needed items for their food pantry. Your immense kindness has been felt and appreciated by all of the families in need.



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND APRIL 11-12, 2026**

**5:15PM** **GREETER**  
Mark Barrett  
Melissa Usher

**USHER**  
Ernie Papa  
David Smith  
Ron Rivers  
Melissa Usher

**LECTOR**  
Stephen Hensel  
Ruth Wakefiled

**COMMUNION MINISTER**  
Bob Boyle—P  
Michele Boyle—P  
Cathy Beadnell—C  
Ernie Katzwinkel—C

**ALTAR SERVERS**  
Christopher Usher  
Charlotte Usher

**SACRISTAN**  
Bob Harms  
Mark Barrett

**9:30 AM** **GREETERS**  
Nancy Dilanni  
Margaret Schachne

**USHER**  
Nancy Dilanni  
John Dilanni  
Maria Mick  
Peg Neri

**LECTOR**  
Terry Devine  
Davida Marks

**COMMUNION MINISTER**  
Christina Kocher—P  
Anne Miller—P  
Nancy Dilanni—C  
John Dilanni—C

**ALTAR SERVERS**  
Volunteers Needed

**SACRISTAN**  
Ed Ardizone

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, April 4**  
**8:30 AM Morning Prayer**

**7:30 PM The Night Watch of the Resurrection**  
**Easter Vigil Mass**

**Sunday, April 5**  
**Solemnity of Easter Sunday of the**  
**Resurrection of The Lord**  
**9:30AM: Deceased Members of The**  
**Harley & McQuade Families**  
**req by: Peggy & Tom McQuade**

**Monday, April 6**  
**Monday within the Octave of Easter**  
**NO MORNING LITURGY**

**Tuesday, April 7**  
**Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**  
**NO MORNING LITURGY**

**Wednesday, April 8**  
**Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**  
**8:30 AM Liturgy**

**Thursday, April 9**  
**Thursday within the Octave of Easter**  
**NO MORNING LITURGY**

**Friday, April 10**  
**Friday within the Octave of Easter**  
**8:30AM Liturgy**

**Saturday, April 11**  
**5:15PM Marilyn Romano**  
**req by: Philomena & William Donaldson**  
**and for: Sam Piccolino**  
**req by: Barbara Sanchez & Marie Gannon**  
**and for: Jim Hladun**  
**req by: Cathy Beadnell**  
**and for: John F. Smith—Month's Mind**  
**req by: Fr. Rick and St. Matthew's Parish**

**Sunday, April 12**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**9:30AM: Christopher Barton— 1yr Anniversary**  
**req by: Fr. Rick and St. Matthew's Parish**  
**and for: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas**  
**req by: The Abraham Family**  
**and for: Deceased Members of**  
**The MacKenzie Family**  
**req by: Gail Michalak**

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