



5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

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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 7 Rosary 6:30pm

Tues., April 8 Prayer Shawl Ministry 1pm
Faith Sharing 6pm
In person at St. Matthew's

Wed., April 9 OCIA 6pm
Music Ministry 7pm

Fri., April 11 Stations of The Cross 6pm
Lenten Family Story Time 6pm

ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY

April 6— Barb Sanchez

April 13 — Andrea Freeman



WITH THE LORD THERE IS MERCY
AND FULLNESS OF REDEMPTION

**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:** Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent (urgently needed), Paper Products, Soups, Gluten Free Products, Pasta and Snacks.

As always, thank you for your generosity.

STEWARDSHIP March 29-30, 2025

Offertory.....\$4,650.00

E-Giving.....\$1,518.75

Total.....\$6,168.75

Budgeted Total

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



**Diocesan
Appeal**

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 March 31, 2025 we have collected **\$ 38,639**

Total Number of Donors 94

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!

BROTHERS WALKING WITH CHRIST

Men of all ages have both a need and a desire to discover and embrace God in their everyday lives. Not as some thin veneer of piety set apart from our struggles and triumphs, but as a deep awareness of Jesus walking with us in every corner of our lives. To meet the hunger men have for an honest, whole, and holy (not perfect – that's something else) life, St Matthew's Church and Christ the King Church invite you to journey together. **Men of any age in both parishes are invited to join with Fr. Rick and each other. You may come to either parish for the initial meeting.**

- **Christ the King: Monday April 21, 6:30 PM in the Rectory Office**
- **St Matthew's Church: Wed., April 23, 6:30 PM in Class # Room 5**



LENTE PENANCE SERVICE

This year's Lenten Penance Service will be held on **Tuesday, April 8th, 6:30pm at Christ The King Church, located at 20 Sumter Ave, Albany, NY.** We hope you can make this a part of your Lenten Journey while receiving God's mercy, love and grace.

MARY'S CORNER LENTEN GIVING OPPORTUNITY

St. Matthew's will be collecting clothing items for Mary's Corner. Mary's Corner is a free program in Cohoes, NY that provides baby items and support to families with children from newborn to 3yrs of age. We ask if you would consider donating: **Baby Blankets; Baby Socks; Onesies (NB—24mo.) and Clothing (24mo—5T).** Boxes will be located at both entrances of the church. Collection for donations will be **April 5—April 13.**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Matthew's Church will be offering Stations of the Cross during our Lenten season **every Friday at 6PM except on Good Friday, which will then be at 3PM.** We hope you can join us for this special prayer time as part of your Lenten journey.

2025 HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

Palm Sunday Masses

Saturday, April 12— 5:15 pm
 Sunday, April 13—9:30 am

Holy Thursday – April 17

Morning Prayer – 8:30am
 Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper 5:30 pm

Good Friday – April 18

Morning Prayer – 8:30am
 Stations of the Cross – 3:00 pm
 Simple Soup Supper – 6:30pm -Reservations
 required
 Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion 7:30 pm

Holy Saturday – April 19

Morning Prayer 8:30am
 Blessing of Easter Food Baskets – 11:00am

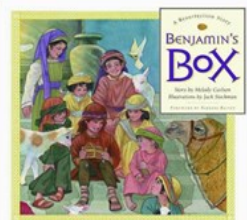
The Night Watch of the Resurrection
 Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday - April 20

Mass 9:30 am

HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The most important celebration of the church marks so great an event that it cannot be contained in one day, but is celebrated over three days. These “three days” known in Greek as the Triduum are observed during Holy week as Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday’s Easter Vigil. These days and their liturgies call the whole church together. Please plan to include these events in your schedule and that of your family. This year they fall on April 17, 18, 19. **We will need volunteers for Holy Thursday Procession & Washing of the Feet. Please indicate your willingness to help so we can continue to plan....sign-up sheets are at either entrance of the church.**



LENTEN FAMILY STORYTIME

Join us for the story of “Benjamin’s Box” by Melody Carlson. Benjamin learns a King is coming to Jerusalem. Follow along with Benjamin as he collects treasures along the way and learn how he discovers the real true treasure is Jesus. Afterwards, the children will create their own treasure boxes and collect the same items Benjamin did. **Join us on April 11th for Pizza Dinner 6:00PM; Story Time 6:30PM; Craft Time 7:15PM. Free admission with a Free Will Offering. For planning purposes, please RSVP by April 9th to: Peggy: st.mattswelcome@gmail.com OR by calling 518-765-2805 Ext: 14**

CHILDRENS CHOIR ON EASTER



The children’s choir will sing on Easter Sunday, April 20th, at the 9:30AM Mass. Carl Alexandrov and Ewelina Hensel will lead **rehearsals immediately after the 9:30AM Mass on April 6.** We encourage all children to

attend and let their voices be heard!

GOOD FRIDAY SIMPLE SOUP SUPPER

April 18th 6:30 PM in St. Matthew’s Social Hall. The Good Friday Liturgy will follow the soup supper. Soup selections will be New England Clam Chowder, Potato Chowder, Vegetable and Tomato Soup. To provide our caterer, Casa Mia’s, with an accurate count, **we ask you to please sign-up at either entrance of the church by Monday, April 14th.**



16th ANNUAL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS

The Capital Region Caregiver Coalition is hosting a **FREE** event for caregivers on **Saturday, April 26th 8AM—1PM at Hudson Valley Community College 80 Vandenburg Ave, Troy, NY at the Bulmer Communications Center.** Resources you can use when an older adult relies on you will be provided along with workshops, continental breakfast and a Vendor Fair. **Registration is required by emailing rcaregivercoalition@gmail.com OR by calling 518-250-6867.** You can also use the QR to register.



SCAN ME

MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND – April 12-13

5:15PM

GREETER

Roz Robinson
Beth Kelly

USHER

Ron Rivers
Rich Bogdany
Mike Kelly
Beth Kelly

LECTOR

Stephen Hensel
Ernie Katzwinkel

PASSION READERS

Narrator— Jim Connolly
Voice—Mellissa Usher
Jesus—Fr. Rick

COMMUNION MINISTER

Andrea Freeman—P
Ernie Papa—P
Gwen Genovesi—C
Mike Kelly—C

ALTAR SERVERS

Charlotte Usher
Christopher Usher

SACRISTAN

Bob Harms
Mark Barrett

9:30AM

GREETERS

Nancy Dilanni
Volunteer Needed

USHER

Maria Mick
Nancy Dilanni
John Dilanni
Volunteers Needed

LECTOR

John Dilanni
Davida Marks

PASSION READERS

Narrator— Ernie Kitchen
Voice—Pam Otis
Jesus—Fr. Rick

COMMUNION MINISTER

John Tracy—P
Anne Smolen—P
Anita Guagliardo— C
John Dilanni—C

ALTAR SERVERS

James Greco
Robbie Greco

SACRISTAN

Ed Ardizone

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 5

5:15PM: **Marilyn Romano**
req by: *Philomena and William Donaldson*
and for: **Bill Sehl—Months Mind**
req by: *Fr. Rick and St. Matthew's Parish*

Sunday, April 6

Fifth Sunday of Lent
5:15PM: **Christine Peters**
req by: *Barbara Sanchez*
and for: **Patricia Rapp**
req by: *The Men's Association*
and for: **Raymond & Joan Joyce**
req by: *Patty O'Toole*

Monday, April 7

Memorial St. John Baptist de la Salle
NO MORNING LITURGY

Tuesday, April 8

Lenten Weekday
NO MORNING LITURGY

Wednesday, April 9

Lenten Weekday
8:30AM: **Morning Liturgy**

Thursday, April 10

Lenten Weekday
NO MORNING LITURGY

Friday, April 11

Memorial of St. Stanislaus
8:30AM: **Morning Liturgy**

Saturday, April 12

5:15PM: **Bill Sehl**
req by: *Charlene and Bob Logan*
and for: **Lawrence Kremer**
req by: *Andrea and Dan Freeman*
and for: **Mary Allerot—Months Minds**
req by: *Fr. Rick and St. Matthew's Parish*

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord
5:15PM: **Kevin Banes**
req by: *The Terry Family*
and for: **John Real**
req by: *Frank and Dolores Pierro*
and for: **Chacko Thomas**
req by: *The Abraham Family*