



## 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."  
- Lk 6:38

## 7<sup>o</sup> DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Den y se le dar : recibir n una medida buena, bien sacudida, apretada y rebosante en los pliegues de su t nica. Porque con la misma medida con que midan, ser n medidos". - Lc 6, 38

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass  2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. | Leccionario II   1987 Comisi n Episcopal de Pastoral Lit rgica de la Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano.  LP

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00am
Weekdays (Tues., Wed., Friday)	8:30am
Holy Days	As Announced
Rosary & Novena	6:30 pm on Mondays
Sacramental Reconciliation	4:30 pm Saturday or by appointment

# Saint Matthew's Church

## A Roman Catholic Community

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### WEBSITE

[stmatthewsvoorheesville.org](http://stmatthewsvoorheesville.org)

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Office closed on Mondays - July & August

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 - First Friday of the month immediately following 8:30 am Mass or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration - First Saturday 8am followed by Mass at 9:00am & Third Saturday of the month 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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., Feb 24 Rosary 6:30pm  
 Tues., Feb 25 Faith Sharing 6:00pm  
 Via Zoom  
 Wed., Feb 26 Music Ministry 7:00pm  
 Sat., March 1 GS Cookie Sale after Mass  
 Sun., March 2 GS Cookie Sale after Mass

**ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY**

Feb 23— Millie Selby  
 March 2 — Carol Haley



**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](mailto: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 Feb 15-16, 2025**

Offertory.....	\$2,253.00
E-Giving.....	\$1,487.50
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,740.50</b>
<b>Budgeted Total Needed for Each Week...</b>	<b>\$8,252.00</b>

**A LETTER FROM FR. CHARLES**

*Dear Parishioners and Friends,  
 As I prepare to embark on a new chapter in my journey as a priest, I want to take a moment to express my deep gratitude for having the privilege of serving as your Parochial Vicar for the past one and a half years. Thank you for welcoming me into this community and into your lives. Your love and support have been a great source of strength for me throughout my time here at St. Matthew's. You have given me the courage and inspiration to keep going during challenging times. I will carry with me the joyous memories and experiences I have shared with all of you including our pilgrimage to the Holy Land, climbing rock walls, coffee hours after Mass and Adoration. I will forever cherish the relationships we have formed. Please pray for me and my new community at St Joseph's and St. Mary's/St. Paul's as I will remember and pray for you. With sincere thanks to God and to you,  
 Fr. Charles Onyeneke*

**CHANGES WITH ST. MATTHEW'S SCHEDULES**

In light of Fr. Charles being reassigned, we will now have only 1 priest, Fr. Rick to cover Masses at St. Matthew's and Christ the King Church, resulting in the following **changes as of March 1st:**

- **Saturday Vigil Mass will be at 5:15pm**
- **Sunday Mass will be at 9:30am**
- **No longer a Tuesday weekday morning Mass**
- **Adoration will be on the 1st Friday of the month 9-11am**
- **Anointing of the Sick will be on the 2nd Friday of the month**
- **Confession will be as follows:**  
 Friday's at 8am  
 Saturday evenings after the Saturday Vigil Mass  
 During Adoration on the First Friday's and  
 By Appointment

( For Tues Masses, CTK has a 9am Mass and St. Thomas The Apostle Church has a 12:15pm Mass)

**LAY SPIRITUAL FORMATION - LOVE FOLLOWS UNDERSTANDING**

Take this opportunity to nourish the spiritual part of your life. St. Catherine of Siena will be our example to understand how the practices of self-knowledge, humility, charity and discernment can be integrated into our daily lives. Does knowing myself better help me to know God in a deeper way? How does humility help me to recognize any of my dependence on God and others? What is spiritual discernment? **Join us on Monday evenings 6:30pm—7:30pm March 10 & 24; April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19, and June 9 & 23. To sign up or for more information, email Deacon Nick at [nascioti@gmail.com](mailto:nascioti@gmail.com)**

**ST. MATTHEW'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY-- WOMEN OF EASTER**

Before becoming Women of Easter, Mary the Mother of God, Mary Magdalene and Mary of Bethany, they needed to journey with Jesus to the cross. This bible study will look at the scripture featuring these women and their relationships to Jesus. The study will also explore the historical, theological and spiritual significance of these relationships. This Lenten Bible Study is based on the book: "Women of Easter" by Liz Curtis Higgs. Sessions will be held on Thursday Evenings at 6:30pm: March 20th, 27th and April 3rd. These sessions will be offered in person and online via Zoom. For more information, email Deacon Nick: [nascioti@gmail.com](mailto:nascioti@gmail.com)

The forty days of Lent are calling the entire Christian Community to spiritual Renewal through the practices of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.



Our Lenten Journey will begin on

Ash Wednesday, March 5th

Please join us as we begin our Journey with Jesus this Lent by celebrating

Eucharist at 8:30 am

Liturgy of the Word Service 7:00pm (No Communion)



**ASH WEDNESDAY SIMPLE SOUP SUPPER**

To mark the beginning of our Lenten journey, we invite all parishioners to join with us on March 5th at 6:00 PM in St. Matthew's Social Hall, for our annual Ash Wednesday Simple Soup Supper. The soups for this event are catered by Casa Mia's in Berne. In order to prepare for this event, we invite you to sign the reservation forms located at both entrances of the church. Deadline for sign up is Sunday, March 3rd.

**DIOCESAN: GENERATIONS OF FAITH PROGRAM**

We are in a spiritual battle! How do we recognize the enemy? How do we win? Come learn more at a social event for young adults (ages 18-39) and an older generation (ages 65+) to discuss the topic of Battling Spiritual Warfare. **Wednesday, March 26th 6:30–8:30PM at Corpus Christi Church Parish Hall located at 2001 Route 9, Round Lake. Presenter: Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger.** Hors d'oeuvres, desserts and refreshments will be served. **There is no cost for the event, but a "Free Will Offering" will be available.** This event is a collaboration between the RCDA, Spa City Catholic, Twin Bridges Catholic, Good will Network, St. Clements Church, Corpus Christi Church and the Knights of Columbus. **Contact Trip Gagnon trip611@aol.com**

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Be that person who is an inspiration to the woman considering abortion and looking for a sign that she should choose life for her baby. Prayerful witness in front of abortion centers encourages women to choose LIFE for their babies. We seek to offer hope, help and healing to women with unexpected pregnancies and to those who are hurting after abortion. **March 5 – April 13 daily. Albany: public sidewalk at bus stop: 855 Central Ave. 12206 Troy: public sidewalk (not plaza sidewalk) 120 Hoosick St., 12180. Hudson River Commons. Bring friends or join a group. For more information Albany: Mike at [alb40days@gmail.com](mailto:alb40days@gmail.com) or Troy: Margaret at (518) 453 -9302. Prayer Rally Kickoff: Sun. March 2. Troy 1:30 -2:30pm and Albany 4-5pm.**

**LENTEN EVENING OF SONG & LENTEN RETREAT WITH DAN SCHUTTE—MARCH 28 & 29, 2025**

The Ignation Volunteer Corps Albany presents renown liturgical composer and songwriter Dan Schutte for a Lenten Evening of Song and a Lenten Retreat. Dan Schutte's music has been a pulse in the heartbeat of many churches for more than 50 years, including "Here I am, Lord," "City of God" and "You Are Near".



**LENTEN EVENING OF SONG**  
Beginning at 7:00pm on Friday, March 28

**LENTEN MORING OF REFLECTION**  
Beginning at 9:30am on Saturday, March 29

**Christ the King Church—20 Sumter Avenue, Albany, NY 12203**

Tickets and sponsorship information are available at [www.ivcusa.org/Schutte](http://www.ivcusa.org/Schutte)  
\$15 for the Concert; \$15 for the retreat; or \$25 for both events

## MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

### SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND – March 1-2

#### **5:15PM GREETER**

Andrea Freeman  
Melissa Usher

#### **USHER**

Mark Barrett  
David Smith  
Melissa Usher  
Ron Rivers—**Student Volunteer May be available**

#### **LECTOR**

Stephen Hensel  
Ruth Wakefield—**Student Volunteer May be available**

#### **COMMUNION MINISTER**

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

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Brandon McMillen  
Charlotte Usher  
Christopher Usher

#### **SACRISTAN**

Bob Harms  
Mark Barrett  
**Gift Bearers: Student Volunteers**

#### **9:30AM GREETERS**

Nancy Dilanni  
John Dilanni—**Student Volunteer May be available**

#### **USHER**

Maria Mick  
Nancy Dilanni  
John Dilanni  
Stephen Rapp—**Student Volunteer May be available**

#### **LECTOR**

Stephen Rapp  
Davida Marks—**Student Volunteer May be available**

#### **COMMUNION MINISTER**

Ernie Kitchen—P  
Anne Smolen—P  
John Dilanni—C  
Julie-Ann Fortran— C

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

James Greco  
**Volunteer Needed**

#### **SACRISTAN**

George Rapp  
**Gift Bearers: Student Volunteers**

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, February 22**

**5:00PM: Karen Mayor**  
*req by: Tom Mensching*  
**and for: Anthony Twentyfive Jr.**  
*req by: Millie Selby*  
**and for: Romeo Napoleon Colinares III**  
*req: by: Roanne Herzog*

### **Sunday, February 23**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**9:00AM Barbara Pomian—1yr Anniversary**  
*req by: Fr. Rick and St. Matthew's Parish*  
**and for: Carmelo Genovese—Month's Mind**  
*req by: Fr. Rick and St. Matthew's Parish*  
**and for: Evelyn Wenzel- Happy 100th Birthday**  
*req by: Barbara Sanchez*

### **Monday, February 24**

**Ordinary Time Weekday**  
**No Morning Liturgy**

### **Tuesday, February 25**

**Ordinary Time Weekday**  
**8:30AM: Morning Liturgy**

### **Wednesday, February 26**

**Ordinary Time Weekday**  
**8:30AM: Morning Liturgy**

### **Thursday, February 27**

**Memorial of St. Gregory of Narek**  
**NO MORNING LITURGY**

### **Friday, February 28**

**Ordinary Time Weekday**  
**8:30AM Morning Liturgy**

### **Saturday, March 1**

**5:15PM: Agnes Burns**  
*req by: Her Family*  
**and for: Michael Deep**  
*req by: Stephen and Robin Goss*

### **Sunday, March 2**

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**9:30AM Carmelo Genovese**  
*req by: Anne Marie*  
**and for: John Real**  
*req by: Ron and Anne Smolen*