

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# A GOOD TREE DOES NOT BEAR ROTTEN FRUIT.

LUKE 6:43



# Saint Matthew's Church

## A Roman Catholic Community

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### PARISH STAFF

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- Andrea Freeman .....Pastoral Associate for Liturgy
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- Tom Lenseth.....Building Manager
- Peggy McQuade .....Pastoral Associate for Hospitality
- Melissa Usher.....Pastoral Associate for First Communion
- Chrisi Young .....Pastoral Associate for Faith Development 6-12

Mary Gay Wood.....Trustee

Stephen Goss .....Trustee

### 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

Friday's 8:00am; Saturday evenings after the Vigil Mass;  
During Adoration on First Friday's 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 9:00am—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., Mar 3** Rosary 6:30pm  
**Tues., Mar 4** NO Faith Sharing  
**Wed., Mar 5** Ash Wed Soup Supper 6:00pm  
 NO Music Ministry

**ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY**

**March 2—** Carol Haley  
**March 9—** Rita Hadeka



**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 ongoing 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 22—Feb 23, 2025**

Offertory.....	\$4,031.75
E-Giving.....	\$1,518.75
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$5,550.50</b>
<b>Budgeted Total</b>	
<b>Needed for Each Week...</b>	<b>\$8,252.00</b>

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)

**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:**  
**Fridays at 8am**  
**Saturday evenings after the Saturday Vigil Mass**  
**During Adoration on the First Fridays 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, 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)



**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 signup is THIS Sunday, March 2nd!**

**DIOCESAN APPEAL 2024-2025**

St. Matthew's needs your help... the 2024-25 Diocesan Appeal will end on June 30th. St. Matthew's assessed goal is \$83,652.00. If we do not reach this by your generous support, the balance will have to come from our operating funds.



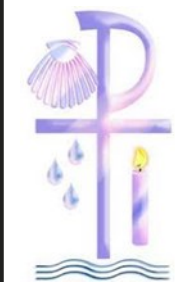
Those same funds pay our electric bills, heat and air condition our building, pay salaries and support our Faith Development programs.

*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](http://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!*

**BLACK, NATIVE AND LATIN AMERICAN COLLECTION**

We ask your continued support in the Diocesan Collection on March 8/9 for Black, Native American & Latin American Missions. Funds from this combined collection support projects and are used to help fund catechesis and evangelization programs throughout the United States and the Church of Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage and family life projects, seminarian education and many other necessary programs. The Black and Native American Mission Office provides grants for projects that promote Native American and Black evangelization efforts throughout North America including programs in the Diocese of Albany. By contributing to next week's collection you will provide seeds to grow the faith for years to come. Please support the Black and Native American Missions of the United States and the Church in Latin America.



On Saturday, February 15, 2025  
St. Matthew's welcomed into the  
Church through the  
saving waters of Baptism:  
**Scott Martin Sabatino Jr.**  
Son of  
Ashely and Scott Sabatino

**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

**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 MORNING 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 8-9

5:15PM

#### GREETER

Roz Robinson  
Beth Kelly

#### USHER

Mike Kelly  
Beth Kelly  
David Smith  
Gwen Genovesi

#### LECTOR

Melissa Usher  
Ruth Wakefield

#### COMMUNION MINISTER

Mike Kelly—P  
Millie Selby—P  
Andrea Freeman—C  
Gwen Genovesi—C

#### ALTAR SERVERS

Charlotte Usher  
Christopher Usher

#### SACRISTAN

Bob Harms  
Mark Barrett

9:30AM

#### GREETERS

Nancy Dilanni  
John Dilanni—

#### USHER

Ed Ardizone  
Maria Mick  
Nancy Dilanni  
John Dilanni

#### LECTOR

Ernie Kitchen  
Dan Weaver

#### COMMUNION MINISTER

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

#### ALTAR SERVERS

Volunteer Needed

#### SACRISTAN

George Rapp

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### 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*

9:00AM Carmelo Genovese

req by: Anne Marie

and for: John Real

req by: Ron and Anne Smolen

### Monday, March 3

*Memorial of St. Katharine Drexel*

No Morning Liturgy

### Tuesday, March 4

*Memorial of St. Casimir*

No Morning Liturgy

### Wednesday, March 5

*Ash Wednesday*

8:30AM: Joseph Giuffre—1yr Anniversary

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

7:00PM Word Service—No Communion

### Thursday, March 6

*Thursday After Ash Wednesday*

**NO MORNING LITURGY**

### Friday, March 7

*Memorial of Saints Perpetua and Felicity*

8:30AM Morning Liturgy

Eucharistic Adoration 9am—11am

### Saturday, March 8

5:15PM: Gail Ryan-Tannen—1yr Anniversary

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

and for: Jennie Riscavage

req by: Barbara Riscavage

and for: Harold DeWitt

req by: Philomena and William Donaldson

### Sunday, March 9

*First Sunday in Lent*

9:30AM Christine Peters

req by: Tom and Peg O'Connor

and for: Carmelo Genovese

req by: MaryBeth Maxwell