

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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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	

# Saint Matthew's Church

## A Roman Catholic Community

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Mary Gay Wood.....Trustee

Stephen Goss .....Trustee

### 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 31 Rosary 6:30pm  
 Tues., April 1 Faith Sharing 6:00pm  
 In person at St. Matthew's  
 Wed., April 2 OCIA 6pm  
 Music Ministry 7pm  
 Thurs., April 3 Lenten Bible Study 6:30pm

**ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY**  
 March 30— Pat Golding  
 April 6 — Barbara Sanchez



**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 March 22-23, 2025**

Offertory.....	\$3,797.00
E-Giving.....	\$1,518.75
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$5,315.75</b>
<b>Budgeted Total Needed for Each Week...</b>	<b>\$8,252.00</b>



**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 24th we have collected **\$38,164**  
 Total Number of Donors 91  
 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!

**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 new born 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



**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**

**MEN'S ASSOCIATION MARCH MADNESS FUNDRAISER**



The Men's Association will be selling squares for their March Madness fundraiser after Masses on Mar 22/23 & Mar 29/30. Your square could be the lucky winner!!

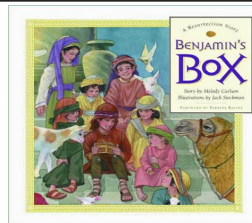
**COOKING AT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE**

**Love is served!** With a small team of dedicated volunteers, our ministry to cook dinners at the Ronald McDonald House of Albany (RMH) has continued to feed families. All cooking must be performed at RMH in their large kitchen. Volunteers must be at least 16. **The next date for Ronald McDonald House is coming up on April 5th.** If you are able to help, **contact Peggy Day at 518-765-3187.**

**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](mailto:st.mattswelcome@gmail.com) OR by calling 518-765-2807 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 March 30 and April 6.** We encourage all children to attend and let their voices be heard!

**CHARISMATIC HEALING LITURGY**

The healing Mass will be **7:00pm on April 9th** at **Christ Our Light RC Church, located at 1 Maria Dr. Loudonville, NY.** 7:00PM will be Prayer and Praise with a Healing Mass and Service at **7:30PM.** The Presider will be Rev. Kyle Gorenski. Music for the event will be provided by "Joyful Heart Music Ministry". All are welcomed, bring a friend! For more information visit: [www.AlbanyCCR.org](http://www.AlbanyCCR.org) Presented by: Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Albany.

**PILGRIMAGE WITH BISHOP SCHARFENBERGER**



The Pilgrimage will be to Medjugorje and Dubrovnik on **May 1-11, 2025.** The eleven day pilgrimage is **limited to 16 Pilgrims.** Double occupancy \$3,790 per person including land and air. For land only, the cost is \$2,565. Single Supplement is \$655. There will be a \$300 discount for Priests, Religious and

Deacons. **Reserve your space with a \$400 deposit on or before March 20, 2025.** Registration and More information, you may contact [www.stbenedicttours.com](http://www.stbenedicttours.com) or call 845-544-8545.

**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 [crcaregivercoalition@gmail.com](mailto:crcaregivercoalition@gmail.com) OR by calling 518-250-6867.** You can also use the QR to register.



## MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

### SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND – APRIL 5-6, 2025

#### **5:00PM GREETER**

Andrea Freeman  
Gwen Genovesi

Student Volunteers may be available as Greeters

#### **USHER**

Russ Hoyer  
Ernie Papa  
David Smith  
Mike Kelly

Student Volunteers may be available as Ushers

#### **LECTOR**

Jim Connolly  
Ruth Wakefield

Student Volunteers may be available as Lector

#### **COMMUNION MINISTER**

Ernie Papa—P  
Ernie Katzwinkle—P  
Millie Selby—C  
Gwen Genovesi—C

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Primo Hoyer  
**Volunteer Needed**

#### **SACRISTAN**

Bob Harms  
Mark Barrett

**Gift Bearers:** Student Volunteers

#### **9:00AM GREETERS**

Nancy Dilanni  
**Volunteer Needed**

Student Volunteers may be available as Greeters

#### **USHER**

Maria Mick  
Ed Ardizone  
Nancy Dilanni  
John Dilanni

Student Volunteers may be available as Ushers

#### **LECTOR**

Kathy Sullivan  
Patty O'Toole

Student Volunteers may be available as Lector

#### **COMMUNION MINISTER**

Anne Miller—P  
Nancy Dilanni —P  
Julie-Ann Fortran—C  
John Dilanni— C

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

**Volunteers Needed**

#### **SACRISTAN**

George Rapp

**Gift Bearers:** Student Volunteers

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, March 29**

**5:15PM: Carmelo Genovese**  
*req by: The McVeigh & Parente Families*  
**and for: Carol Phalen**  
*req by: Emily*  
**and for: Raymond & Joan Joyce**  
*req by: Patty O'Toole*  
**and for: Helene Rossner**  
*req by: Mike Rossner*

### **Sunday, March 30**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**5:15PM: Carmelo Genovese**  
*req by: Barbara Sanchez*  
**and for: Patricia Rapp**  
*req by: Jan & Ed Ardizone*  
**and for: Patricia A. Tracy**  
*req by: The Tracy Family*

### **Monday, March 31**

**Lenten Weekday**  
**NO MORNING LITURGY**

### **Tuesday, April 1**

**Lenten Weekday**  
**NO MORNING LITURGY**

### **Wednesday, April 2**

**Memorial of St. Francis of Paola, Hermit**  
**8:30AM: Morning Liturgy**

### **Thursday, April 3**

**Lenten Weekday**  
**NO MORNING LITURGY**

### **Friday, April 4**

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

### **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*