

# Saint Matthew's Church

## A Roman Catholic Community

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### PARISH STAFF

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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

Fridays 8:00am; 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 9:00am–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**

- Mon., March 16 Rosary 6:30pm
- Tues., March 17 Women's Spirituality Ministry 1pm  
Faith Sharing Zoom 6pm
- Wed., March 18 Penance Service 6pm  
Music Ministry 7pm
- Thurs., March 19 Senior Lunch 11:30am  
Chair Yoga  
In house & Zoom 4pm
- Fri., March 20 Stations of The Cross 6pm
- Sat., March 21 CPR Classes 10am  
OCIA Meeting 10:30am

**ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY**  
 March 15 — Millie Selby  
 March 22 — Linda Hladun

**NEW SCOTLAND COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**  
 The New Scotland Community Food Pantry is grateful for any and all donations. **There is a need for the following: Snacks, Jell-O / Pudding, Ketchup and Laundry Detergent.** As always, thank you for your generous support!

**STEWARDSHIP** March 7 — March 8, 2026

Offertory.....	\$7,079.91
E-Giving.....	\$2,421.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$9,500.91</b>

**Budgeted Total Needed for Each Week.....\$8,252.00**

**E - GIVING**  
 If you would like to give a one-time donation **OR** set up a continuous contribution payment, please scan the QR Code. Your stewardship will help us meet our weekly expenses!

*Thank You!*



**GOOD FRIDAY SIMPLE SOUP SUPPER**  
**April 3<sup>rd</sup>**, approximately 6:45pm, which follows the **Liturgy of The Lord's Passion**. 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, March 30<sup>th</sup>.**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
 St. Matthew's Church **every Friday at 6PM**. On *Good Friday Stations will be Friday, April 3rd at 3pm.*



**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE**  
 This year's Communal Lenten Penance Service will be held on **Wednesday, March 18th, 6pm at St. Matthew's Church**. We hope you can make this a part of your Lenten Journey while receiving God's mercy, love and grace.



**HOLY THURSDAY POTLUCK DINNER**  
 Everyone is welcomed to join us on **Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026 6:30PM** for St. Matthew's **Potluck Dinner!** Bring along your favorite dish to share or we encourage creativity for you to try out that new recipe you've been wanting to do! Spend the evening in fellowship with our community! Sign up sheets are at both entrances of the church **OR** feel free to use the QR Code!



**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 April 7th.** A great way to begin the spring season with a BBQ Dinner!



# Grateful Giving Campaign Updates

Number of Pledges: 124

Average Pledge: \$40 weekly

High Pledge: \$500 weekly

Low Pledge: \$3 weekly

% of Registered Families who have pledged: 11.68%

E-Givers: 38

Envelope Users: 66

Retirement Account (QCD) Inquiries: 12

*Thank you to all who have pledged!*

Please remember to return your commitment/intention page.

## MARCH MADNESS

The Men's Association will be selling squares for their March Madness Fundraiser after Masses on **March 14/15 and on March 21/22**. Be in it to win it and test your luck! Still only \$5 per square!



## MEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Men's Association will be having their regular monthly meeting **this Sunday, March 15th at 7:00pm**. All current, former and prospective members are welcome to attend!



## FAMILY & FRIENDS CPR TRAINING

Learn the skill, save a life! You will learn: Basic Emergency Response; Proper CPR Technique and Help Choking Victims. Led by AHA Certified Instructors, you will receive a Certificate of Participation along with volunteer hours available for student volunteers. The event is open to all ages 10 & above. Bring your family and friends! The event will be held at St. Matthew's on Saturday, March 21, 2026, 10:00AM—4:00PM. **Training Sessions will be 1 hr. in length.**

Sessions are free of charge. To sign up for this event please contact **Donnie Matthew** at [treasurer.ianna@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.ianna@gmail.com)



## 2026 HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

### Palm Sunday Masses

Saturday, March 28— 5:15 pm

Sunday, March 29 —9:30 am

### Holy Thursday – April 2

Morning Prayer – 8:30am

Holy Thurs Pot Luck Supper 6:30pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm

Night Prayer at Altar of Repose 9:30pm

### Good Friday – April 3

Morning Prayer – 8:30am

Stations of the Cross – 3:00 pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 5:30pm

Simple Soup Supper – 6:45pm -Reservations required

### Holy Saturday – April 4

Morning Prayer 8:30am

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets – 11:00am

The Night Watch of the Resurrection

Easter Vigil Mass 7:30pm

### Easter Sunday - April 5

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 2, 3, 4. **We will need volunteers for Holy Thursday Procession & Washing of the Feet.**



**And Good Friday Cross Procession. Please indicate your willingness to help so we can continue to plan....sign-up sheets are at either entrance of the church.**

## Stations of the Cross

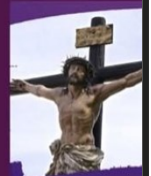
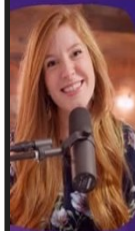
A Lenten Experience

Featuring *Francesca LaRosa*

Monday, March 16, 7:00pm

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

35 Adams Place, Delmar, NY



Join Francesca and her husband David for an unforgettable evening of prayer, music, and reflection. Walk the journey of Calvary with Christ like never before.

[Click here for Tickets](#)

Tickets available at the door or online

\$10 per person \$25 per family

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND MAR 21- MAR 22**

**5:15PM** **GREETER**  
Roz Robinson  
Beth Kelly

**USHER**  
Rich Bogdany  
Rich Bogart  
Katy Bogart  
Russ Hoyer

**LECTOR**  
Ernie Katzwinkel  
Ruth Wakefield

**COMMUNION MINISTER**  
Andrea Freeman—P  
Mike Kelly—P  
Millie Selby—C  
Ernie Papa—C

**ALTAR SERVERS**  
Collin Terry  
Lizzy Terry

**SACRISTAN**  
Bob Harms  
Mark Barrett

**9:30 AM** **GREETERS**  
Gwen Genovesi  
Margaret Schachne

**USHER**  
George Rapp  
Margaret Schachne  
Maria Mick  
David Smith

**LECTOR**  
Julie-Ann Fortran  
Davida Marks

**COMMUNION MINISTER**  
George Rapp—P  
Michele Boyle—P  
Bob Boyle—C  
Gwen Genovesi—C

**ALTAR SERVERS**  
**Volunteers Needed**

**SACRISTAN**  
Ed Ardizone

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, March 14**  
**5:15PM: John Foley**  
*req by: Philomena & William Donaldson*  
**and for: Bob Sanchez**  
*req by: His Family*  
**and for: Kyle Kaltenbacher**  
*req by: The Gannon Family*  
**and for: Joseph Parsons**  
*req by: Gwen Genovesi*

**Sunday, March 15**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**9:30AM: Susan Thomas**  
*req by: The Abraham Family*  
**and for: Karen Curren**  
*req by: Gail Michalak*  
**and for: Living & Deceased Members**  
**of the Men's Association**  
*req by: The Men's Association*  
**and for: Thomas Corcoran Sr.—His Birthday**  
*req by: His Family*

**Monday, March 16**  
**Lenten Weekday**  
**NO MORNING LITURGY**

**Tuesday, March 17**  
**Memorial of St. Patrick**  
**NO MORNING LITURGY**

**Wednesday, March 18**  
**Memorial of St. Cyril**  
**8:30AM Bob Harley—3rd Anniversary**  
*req by: The McQuade & Lapishka Family*

**Thursday, March 19**  
**Solemnity of St. Joseph**  
**NO MORNING LITURGY**

**Friday, March 20**  
**Lenten Weekday**  
**8:30AM Ken Guyer**  
*req by: His Loving Family*

**6:00PM Stations of The Cross**

**Saturday, March 21**  
**5:15PM: Mary Ellen DeWitt**  
*req by: Philomena & William Donaldson*

**Sunday, March 22**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**9:30AM: Irene Pokrzywnicki**  
*req by: Frank & Dolores Pierro*  
**and for: Peggy Foley**  
*req by: Her Family*  
**and for: Patrick Anndrew—For Healing**  
*req by: A friend*  
**and for: Jean Boyle**  
*req by: Bob & Michele Boyle*



The chapel candle is lit this week  
in loving memory of  
John O'Connell  
Requested by:  
The Corcoran Family