

Saint Matthew's Church

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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,
Jay Brown

Hospital or Home Visits
Please call the Parish Office

- Mon., March 23 Rosary 6:30pm
- Tues., March 24 Faith Sharing Zoom 6pm
- Wed., March 25 Bible Study 6pm
Music Ministry 7pm
- Thurs., March 26 Senior Lunch 11:30am
Chair Yoga
In house & Zoom 4pm
Alzheimer Care Mtg 5:30pm
Brothers Walking
With Christ 6:30pm
- Fri., March 27 Stations of The Cross 6pm
- Sat., March 28 OCIA Retreat 10:30am

ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY

- March 22 — Linda Hladun
- March 29 — Susan Abram

**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: Sugar, Flour, Gravy, Snacks and Crackers.** As always, thank you for your generous support!

STEWARDSHIP March 14— March 15, 2026

Offertory.....	\$6,117.00
E-Giving.....	\$2,421.00
Total.....	\$8,538.00

**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 3rd, 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 30th.**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

.MARCH MADNESS

The **Men's Association** will be selling squares for their March Madness Fundraiser after Masses on **March 21/22 and on March 28/29**. Be in it to win it and test your luck! Still only \$5 per square!



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: 129
 Average Pledge: \$40 weekly
 High Pledge: \$500 weekly
 Low Pledge: \$3 weekly
 % of Registered Families who have pledged: 12.15%
 E-Givers: 38
 Envelope Users: 70
 Retirement Account (QCD) Inquiries: 12

Thank you to all who have pledged!

Please remember to return your commitment/intention page.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our Children and Youth Choir will sing "Run to the Garden" as the introit on Easter Sunday. Rehearsal is immediately after Mass this coming Sunday and on Palm Sunday. Please email ewelina.hensel@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to seeing you at rehearsal." Ewelina Hensel and Carl Rorie Alexandrov- St. Matthew Music Ministry



BOOK CLUB

Our next read will be focusing on "Gaudium et Spes" - The Constitution of the Church in the Modern World. Pope Leo is encouraging us to review some of the Vatican II documents in this 60th anniversary year. "The joy and hope, the grief and anguish of the people of our time... are those of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts." (#1) "God alone is the judge and the searcher of hearts: he forbids us to pass judgement on the inner guilt of others." (#28) This would be a different kind of read - more of a study that invites us to ponder how God and the Church intersect with our lives. It is suggested reading this in 2 parts, starting a bit after Easter. You may visit:

https://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat_ii_const_19651207_gaudium-et-spes_en.html If you haven't been receiving emails regarding the Book Club and would like to, please call Christina in the office 518-765-2805.



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.

DAN SCHUTTE RETURNS

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps Albany is pleased to again host composer and songwriter Dan Schutte. Mr. Schutte's music has been a pulse in the heartbeat of many churches for more than 50 years. His more than 150 songs include "Here I am Lord", "City of God" and "You are Near". "An Afternoon of Lenten Songs" will take place on **Sunday, March 29, 2026 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church**



located at **2001 Route 9, Round Lake, NY 3:00-5:00 PM**. For tickets and sponsorship information visit: www.ivcusa.org/schuttealbanyny26 For additional information email: AlbanyNY@ivcusa.org

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND MAR 28—MAR 29

5:15PM **GREETER**
Josh Terry
Gwen Genovesi

USHER
Ernie Papa
Ron Rivers
David Smith
Melissa Usher

LECTOR
Ernie Katzwinkel
Melissa Usher

Passion Readers:
Narrator—Deacon Nick
Voice—Marcy Terry
Jesus—Fr. Rick

COMMUNION MINISTER
Diane Malinowski—P
Gwen Genovesi—P
Andrea Freeman—C
Millie Selby—C

ALTAR SERVERS
Collin Terry
Lizzy Terry
Charlotte Usher

SACRISTAN
Bob Harms
Mark Barrett

9:30 AM **GREETERS**
Nancy Dilanni
Margaret Schachne

USHER
Margaret Schachne
Nancy Dilanni
John Dilanni
Maria Mick

LECTOR
Patty O'Toole
Terry Devine

Passion Readers:
Narrator—Deacon Nick
Voice—Ernie Kitchen
Jesus—Fr. Rick

COMMUNION MINISTER
Anne Miller—P
Nancy Dilanni—P
John Dilanni—C
Christina Kocher—C

ALTAR SERVERS
Volunteers Needed

SACRISTAN
George Rapp

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 21
5:15PM: Mary Eileen 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 Andrew—For Healing
req by: *A friend*
and for: Jean Boyle
req by: *Bob & Michele Boyle*
and for: Joe Cillis
req by: *Toni Gazzaniga*

Monday, March 23
Memorial of St. Turibius
NO MORNING LITURGY

Tuesday, March 24
Memorial of St. Oscar Romero
NO MORNING LITURGY

Wednesday, March 25
The Annunciation of the Lord
NO MORNING LITURGY

Thursday, March 26
Lenten Weekday
NO MORNING LITURGY

Friday, March 27
Lenten Weekday
8:30AM Liturgy

6:00PM Stations of The Cross

Saturday, March 28
5:15PM: Catherine Flansburg—1yr Anniversary
req by: *Fr. Rick and St. Matthew's Parish*
and for: Jim Hladun
req by: *Gail Michalak*

Sunday, March 29
Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord
9:30AM: All Parishoners who are ill
req by: *Fr. Rick*

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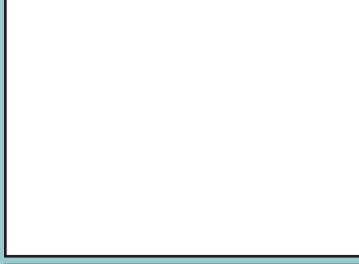
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