



Saint Matthew's Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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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
Hospital or Home Visits
 Please call the Parish Office

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Mon., May 5 Rosary 6:30pm
 Tues., May 6 Faith Sharing 6pm
 Wed., May 7 Book Club Meeting 1pm
 Chair Yoga 4pm
 OCIA 6pm
 Music Ministry 7pm

ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY
 May 4 — Sue Reilly
 May 11— Chris Allard



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

The New Scotland Community is grateful for any and all donations. **There is an on-going need for the following:** Rice, Flour, Teabags, Peanut Butter, Shampoo and Toothpaste.
 As always, thank you for your generosity.

STEWARDSHIP April 26 -27, 2025

Offertory.....	\$3,515.80
E-Giving.....	\$1,518.75
Total.....	\$5,034.55
Budgeted Total Needed for Each Week...	\$8,252.00
Easter Collection to Date:	\$10,981.25



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 April 28, 2025 we have collected **\$49,376.00**
 Total Number of Donors 106
 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: 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!



NEXT WEEKEND'S HOSPITALITY
 Please join us next weekend after both Masses in the Lobby for hospitality hosted by our Music Ministry Department! Enjoy gathering with friends and making new friends!



ST. MATTHEW'S BOOK CLUB MEETING
 Fr. Rick and Ellen Doolin will soon be holding their first book club meeting to discuss "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory". If you haven't had the opportunity to pickup your book, there are still some books available at both entrances of the church. **The Book Club Group will meet Wednesdays at 1pm at St. Matthew's on the following dates: April 30, May 7, May 14, May 21, May 28 and June 4.**
 If you Miss a Wednesday, you can catch up at Christ The King 8am on Saturday mornings on April 26, May 3, May 10, May 17, May 24 and May 31.



FLOWER SALE
 Purchase a carnation for the mother in your life! **The Respect Life ministry will be hosting their annual carnation sale Mother's Day weekend, May 10th and May 11th.** These beautiful flowers will be available at the back of the church after all Masses. Proceeds support the many activities of the Respect Life ministry. Thank you for your continued support.

CHAIR YOGA
 St. Matthew's will once again be offering chair yoga **in person**. Please join Mira Lechowicz, **Wednesdays at 4pm in our social hall.** If you would like more information, please call the Parish Office.



CONGRATULATIONS

The winner of the **Frank McDermott College Scholarship Award** (Awarded jointly by the Parish and the Men's Association) - **Stephen Rapp** along the winner of the **Jim MacDonough Service Award** - **Mark Barrett**, were honored at the end of Mass last Sunday along with a gathering after Mass. The awardee's were recognized for their efforts and endless dedication to St. Matthew's Parish.



2025 VOORHEESVILLE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

St. Matthew's will again be participating in the annual memorial day parade! The theme for this year is "**Honoring Our Heroes: Past, Present and Future**". St. Matthew's would like to honor the military heroes from our parish. We ask if you would submit the name and photo of your military heroes giving St. Matthew's the opportunity to create a visual tribute. **Please drop off your pictures in a frame to the office along with the name of the hero you are honoring! We ask for your submission no later than Friday, May 16th.** Additionally, we are seeking volunteers to march in the parade on **Saturday, May 24th**, while giving out candy to the crowd! Let us know if you'd like to march with us and Fr. Rick! We'd love the company!

ENGRAVED BRICKS FOR THE MARY GARDEN

The St. Matthew's Men's Association will be continuing Stephen Rapp's renovation of the Mary Garden this summer. Engraved bricks will be sold after Masses throughout the month of May. The cost of a brick is \$100. Cash or check will be accepted as payment. **Order forms can be obtained at the back of the church or by emailing George Rapp at grapp@siena.edu**



THANK YOU FROM MARY'S CORNER

Dear St. Matthew's Community,
We at Mary's Corner thank you for all of your generosity to help our mission of helping our moms and their children. Without you, we couldn't do it. God's blessings to all of you and a very Happy Easter,
In prayer,
Diane Colacine



ST. MATTHEW'S FAMILY NIGHT AT THE VALLEYCATS GAME

St. Matthew's is offering a Family Night at the ValleyCats Game! **Friday, June 13th 6:30PM. Fireworks after the game! \$13 per person which includes a \$5 loaded value to use for concessions or merchandise! Section #130 Premium Seats! Deadline for payment: June 9th.** Checks payable to: St. Matthew's Church, 25 Mountainview Street, Voorheesville, NY 12186 Contact: Peggy McQuade - st.mattswelcome@gmail.com OR 518-765-2805 Ext: 14

EUCHRISTIC REVIVAL AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

35 Adams Place; Delmar, NY

YEARNING FOR THE TREASURES OF HEAVEN

MAY 6, 7 & 8 AT 6:30 PM

Attend as many evenings as your schedule allows. Tuesday, May 6th speakers will be **Fr. Daniel Vallejo and Fr. Stephen Yusko. Night prayer with music by St. Thomas the Apostle School Choir.** Wednesday, May 7th speakers will be **Fr. Scott Vanderveer and Fr. Bryan Stitt. After we will pray the Rosary. Music this evening will be provided by Sarah Guerra, Edi Samaniego and Brian Murphy.** On the final day of the Eucharistic Revival, May 8th, join us for a conversation with a panel of priests & lay persons as we ponder finding Eucharistic joy & more. Among the panelists will be: **Fr. Matt Duclos, Fr. Rick Lesser and Fran Rossi Szpylczyn.** Fran has worked at Immaculate Conception since 2008. She has a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies and has offered reflections and talks locally and has directed numerous retreats. As an author, Fran has had her work featured in The Evangelist and Give Us This Day. **Jean Leonard** will provide music and the evening will conclude with Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction. All sessions are free with an opportunity for a free-offering.



MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND – May 10-11, 2025

5:15PM

GREETER

Andrea Freeman
Roz Robinson

USHER

Ron Rivers
Ernie Papa
Mark Barrett
David Smith

LECTOR

Pam Otis
Stephen Hensel

COMMUNION MINISTER

Andrea Freeman—P
Ernie Papa—P
Millie Selby—C
Ron Rivers—C

ALTAR SERVERS

Volunteers Needed

SACRISTAN

Bob Harms
Mark Barrett

9:30AM

GREETERS

Nancy Dilanni
Volunteer Needed

USHER

Nancy Dilanni
John Dilanni
Maria Mick
Volunteer Needed

LECTOR

Ernie Kitchen
Julie-Ann Fortran

COMMUNION MINISTER

John Tracy—P
Anne Miller—P
Nancy Dilanni—C
John Dilanni—C

ALTAR SERVERS

Volunteers Needed

SACRISTAN

Ed Ardizzone

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 3

5:15PM: **John Kiernan—1yr Anniversary**
req by: Fr. Rick and St. Matthew's Parish
and for: **Stephanie & Francis McLean**
In Memory of their Wedding Anniversary
req by: The Palumbo & McLean Families
and for: **Marge O'Connor**
req by: Philomena and William Donaldson
and for: **Clara, Leland, Raymond and**
Leland Jr. Frisbee
req by: The Frisbee Family

Sunday, May 4

Third Sunday of Easter
9:30AM **William Sehl**
req by: His Cousin
and for: **Margaret Bartosch**
req by: Ron & Anne Smolen
and for: **Jim Moore**
req by: Ann Kelly

Monday, May 5

Easter Weekday
NO MORNING LITURGY

Tuesday, May 6

Easter Weekday
NO MORNING LITURGY

Wednesday, May 7

Easter Weekday
8:30AM Liturgy

Thursday, May 8

Easter Weekday
NO MORNING LITURGY

Friday, May 9

Memorial of St. Athanasius
8:30AM Liturgy

Saturday, May 10

5:15PM: **Joseph Guastella—4yr Anniversary**
req by: The Guastella Famila
and for: **Joseph W. Smith—26yr Anniversary**
req by: John F. Smith
and for: **Bill Sehl**
req by: Millie Selby
and for: **Catherine Flansburg—Month's Mind**
req by: Fr. Rick and St. Matthew's Parish

Sunday, May 11

Fourth Sunday of Easter
9:30AM **Pat Arthur—6yr Anniversary**
req by: Fran Arthur
and for: **Catherine Flansburg**
req by: Cindy
and for: **David Arogeti**
req by: The Tipton's and Ruth Dalotto