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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Office closed on Mondays—July & August



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

script from the Lectionary for Mass - ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00am
Weekdays (Tues., Wed., Friday)	8:30am
Holy Days	As Announced
Rosary & Novena	6:30 pm on Mondays
Sacramental Reconciliation	4:30 pm Saturday or by appointment

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 Fridays 9:00 am to 11:00 am with Benediction at 11:00am & First Saturday 8am followed by Mass at 9:00am

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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) – 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., April 15 : Rosary 6:00pm
Tues., April 16: Faith Sharing 6:00pm Meeting at St. Matthew's
Wed., April 17: Music Ministry 7:00pm
Thurs., April 18: Chair Yoga Zoom 4:00pm

ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY

April 14—Susan Abram
April 21—Carol Haley
April 28—Rita Hadeka



NEW SCOTLAND COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

The New Scotland Community is grateful for any and all donations. This month we are in need of the following: Bath Tissue, Shampoo, Cereal, Cake Mixes, Frosting, and Jello. As always, thank you for your generosity.

Financial Stewardship

April 7.....\$6,102.75
Easter To Date..... \$10,602.55
E-Giving\$1,497.00
Thank you for your generosity!

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH

DIOCESAN APPEAL 2023-2024
St. Matthew's needs your help... the 2023-24 Diocesan Appeal will end on June 30th. St. Matthew's still needs \$57,127 to reach our goal. 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 2023-2024 assessment is \$93,652



To date our Pledged amount is \$36,525
Collected\$34,767
Total needed to reach our goal\$57,127
Total donors.....75

Please prayerfully consider joining the 725 parishioners who have donated or pledged.

To make your gift:
Please reply to the Appeal mailing you received at home or pick up an envelope at either entrance of the church
Make your gift online at www.thediocesanappeal.org;
Or mail a check payable to "Diocesan Appeal" to 40 N. Main Avenue Albany, NY 12203 and specify your parish.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PASTORAL MUSICIAN MUSIC SHOWCASE
Join us on April 14th at 3:00pm at All Saints Church, located at 16 Homestead Street, Albany. St. Matthew's Choir will sing selections consisting of two choral pieces and a hymn. This is an honor, for our choir has been specifically asked to show case music.



ST. MATTHEW'S TAKE OUT BBQ FUNDRAISER
Tuesday, April 30, 2024 4pm-7pm Choice of Dinners: Pulled Pork with Mac and Cheese, Coleslaw, Cornbread & Cookie AND/OR BBQ Chicken with Roasted Potatoes, Coleslaw, Cornbread & Cookie. All dinners \$15 By: Frese's Catering. Prepaid Orders only. Deadline for orders April 21st. Checks payable to: St. Matthew's Church 25 Mountainview Street, Voorheesville, NY 12186. Please include your dinner selection with the quantity.

NIGHT AT THE VALLEYCATS
St. Matthew's is offering Family Night at The ValleyCats Game!
Friday, June 7th 6:30PM with Fireworks! Everyone is invited to join us for this wonderful event! Premium Seats are in Section 130. Tickets are \$13 each with a \$5 loaded value you can use towards concessions and/or merchandise! Seats will be limited. Reservation forms are at both entrances of the church.



THE POWER OF ONE HOUR

The "Power of One Hour" is a five-part video series, produced by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany and Sheehan Productions, designed to enrich the understanding of the Celebration of the Eucharist.

Tuesday, April 16, 2024; Location: University at Albany Recital Hall, which is in the Performing Arts Center; 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany.

5pm: Doors open; Light food served; Fr. Bob will be interviewing guests on the purple carpet!

5:45pm – 7:45pm: Premiere VIP viewing! RSVPs recommended but not required. You can RSVP to communications@rcda.org with RSVP in the subject line. Please include your name and parish affiliation for each person attending. **This is a Free Event.**

*****First 150 guest receive a special one-of-a-kind gift!***** This project was made possible through a grant from the USCCB Catholic Communication Campaign.



WINNERS OF THE MEN'S ASSOCIATION MARCH MADNESS POOL

The Men's Association would like to thank all those who participated in our March Madness fundraiser. The winners were: Katrina Papa - 1st Half; Joe O'Brien - Final.

"FURTHERING YOUR FAITH" WITH GUEST SPEAKER, BISHOP ED

Join St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar on Tuesday, April 23 at 6pm for a presentation by Bishop Edward Scharfenberger, who will address "The Vision of Pope Francis". Drawing from the Holy Father's speeches, encyclicals and various other writings, Bishop Ed will speak about what he understands to be the essence of Francis' evangelical mission. Includes time for Q&A, Holy Hour and confessions. This talk is part of ST. Thomas' "Furthering Your Faith" catechetical series. Event is free of charge and open to all ages.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

On April 18 at 6pm in the Knight's Chapel, Adult Faith Formation will present a film entitled "The Calling" made by Nick & Marie Viscio. The subject of the film is the call to religious life not just for men but for women too. The film will highlight the vocation of Sr. Lou Liptak, who became the first woman Parish Life Director in the Albany Diocese. She was assigned to one of our sister parishes, St. Lucy's / St. Bernadette's in Altamont. By true virtue of our Baptism we are all called to love and serve God. Where do women fit into God's plan? There is sure to be a lively discussion following the film with Sr. Lou that is not to be missed. Please join us!

JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST DISCUSSION GROUP

Explore the story of salvation as told through Scripture, fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus and lived out in the Church and the Sacraments – especially the Eucharist. All sessions will take place **6:30pm – 8:00pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church:**

- Session 1 – April 17th What's Our Story**
- Session 2 – May 1st Who is Jesus**
- Session 3 – May 15th Am I Saved**
- Session 4 – May 29th Why a Church?**
- Session 5 – June 12th God Is With Us**
- Session 6 – June 26th The Story of the Eucharist**
- Session 7 – July 10th Bread for the Journey**



You Don't Want to Miss this Moment! God wants to do something in and through his people, but first we must return to our first love: Jesus in the Eucharist. At the National Eucharistic Congress, every Catholic is invited to be healed, strengthened and anointed for an exciting new chapter of mission. Then, we will be sent back to our home communities, on fire for Christ and ready to share His love! Our nation and our world will never be the same. Come in Faith. Leave in Hope. Eucharisticcongress.org **Save the Date! The Eucharist Changes Lives. Tuesday, May 21st – St. Thomas's Church:** Through the Eucharist, Jesus transforms us. He unites us physically and spiritually with Him. Through stores of conversion, healing and transformation, allow your soul to be nourished. This special evening, featuring the conversion stories of 4 parishioners will take place on **Tuesday, May 21st at 7PM Be healed. Be transformed. Be sent.**

MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEKEND– APRIL 20-21

5:00PM

GREETERS

Russ Hoyer
Beth Kelly

USHER

Russ Hoyer
Katy Bogart
Beth Kelly
Mike Kelly

LECTOR

Christine Peters
Ruth Wakefield

COMMUNION MINISTER

Ernie Papa –P
Mike Kelly - P
Millie Selby -C
Ernie Katzwinkle—C

ALTAR SERVERS

Primo Hoyer
Volunteer Needed

SACRISTAN

Bob Harms
Mark Barrett

9:00AM

GREETERS

Ann Madeo
Becky Furlong

USHER

Nancy Dilanni
John Dilanni
Rob Madeo
Becky Furlong

LECTOR

Rob Madeo
Julie-Ann Fortran

COMMUNION MINISTER

Anne Smolen -P
Julie-Ann Fortran–P
Nancy Dilanni—C
John Dilanni – C

ALTAR SERVERS

Volunteers Needed

SACRISTAN

George Rapp

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 13

5:00PM: Vincent Riscavage

req by: Barbara Riscavage

and for: **Matthew Primome**

req by: Tina and George Scott

and for: **Elnora I Kirby**

req by: The Edson Family

and for: **Gail Ryan Tannen—Months Mind**

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

Sunday, April 14

Third Sunday of Easter

9:00AM : Pat George

req by: Ellen Corcoran

and for: **Tim Finnigan—14yr Anniv**

req by: His Family

and for: **Jane Klarsfeld—Month's Mind**

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

Monday, April 15

Easter Weekday

NO MORNING LITURGY

Tuesday, April 16

Easter Weekday

8:30AM: Morning Liturgy

Wednesday, April 17

Easter Weekday

8:30AM: Morning Liturgy

Thursday, April 18

Easter Weekday

NO MORNING LITURGY

Friday, April 19

Easter Weekday

8:30 AM: Morning Liturgy

Saturday, April 20

5:00PM: Vincent Ozimek

req by: Barbara Riscavage

and for: **Jospeh Carmine Sapienza—1yr Anniv**

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

and for: **Matthew Primome**

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

Sunday, April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00AM : Christine Cline—1yr Anniv

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

and for: **Barbara Pomian—Month's Mind**

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



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