

Saint Matthew's Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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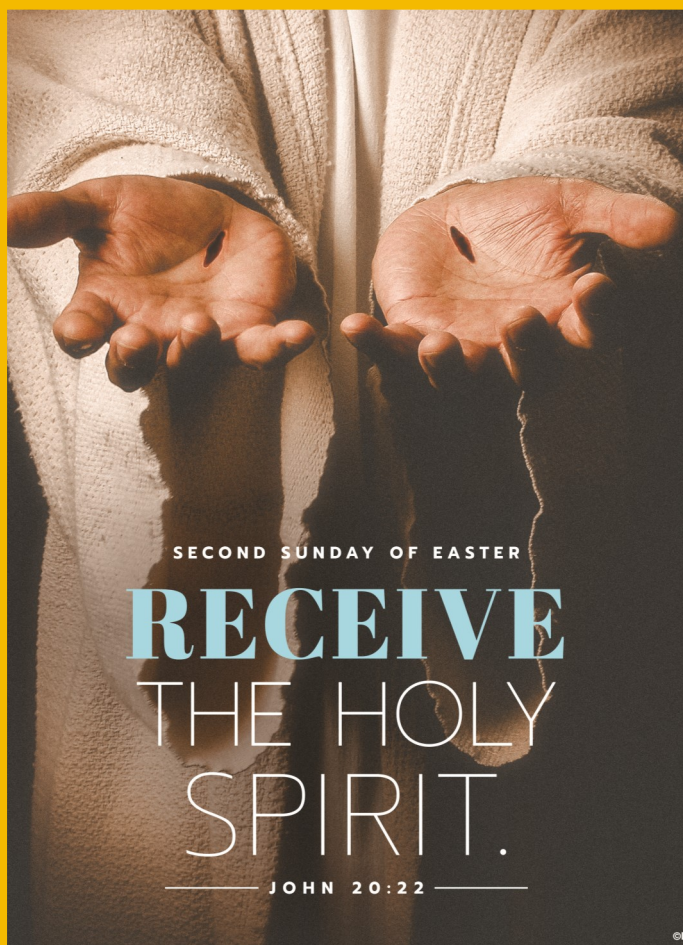
Stephen Goss Trustee

WEBSITE

stmatthewsvoorheesville.org

OFFICE HOURS

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

RECEIVE
THE HOLY
SPIRIT.

JOHN 20:22

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
Hospital or Home Visits
Please call the Parish Office

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Mon., April 8 : Rosary 6:00pm
 Tues., April 9: Faith Sharing 6:00pm
 Meeting at St. Matthew's
 Wed., April 10: Music Ministry 7:00pm
 Thurs., April 11: Chair Yoga Zoom 4:00pm
 Alzheimer Care Meeting 5:30pm
 Fri., April 12: Memorial Mass 6:00pm
 For Lazarus Onyeneke

ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY
 April 7—Linda Hladun
 April 14—Susan Abram



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
 March 24.....\$3,255.00
 Easter To Date..... \$8,372.55
 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 \$57,977 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 \$35,675
 Collected\$33,747
 Total needed to reach our goal\$57,977
 Total donors.....72

Please prayerfully consider joining the 72 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.



MEMORIAL MASS FOR LAZARUS ONYENEKE
 Please join us at **St. Matthew's Church** for a Memorial Mass honoring Fr. Charles' father this **Friday, April 12th at 6PM**. Following the mass, there will be a light reception in our social hall.

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.



St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville is seeking
A Full-Time Pastoral Associate for Administration

The Pastoral Associate for Administration manages the Parish Office including maintaining parish sacramental records, parishioner database and overseeing the production of weekly parish bulletin. Prepares various liturgical documents for weekly liturgies, holy days and funerals. Acts as HR contact for staff maintaining personnel records and HR information. Acts as receptionist assisting parishioners and visitors with various requests, sorts mail, responds to emails and telephone calls. Performs the duties of a secretary for Pastor/Parish Life Director. Works with accountant to insure bills are paid in a timely manner and interfaces with vendors regarding payment disputes. Interfaces with staff of our Parish Network of St. Thomas, St. Lucy/St. Bernadette and Christ the King Parish. Work is performed under the general supervision of the Pastor/Parish Life Director. This is a full-time, salaried position with benefits, calculated on an average of 35 hours of work per week with a salary of \$35,000. Position available after April 1, 2024. For full job description and to submit a resume, interested persons are invited to contact:

Fr. Rick Lesser, Pastor
 518-765-2805 or email: stmatthewsvoorheesville@verizon.net

MEN'S ASSOCIATION MARCH MADNESS POOL The Men's Association will be selling squares for their March Madness fundraiser after masses **Apr 6 / 7**. You won't want to miss the opportunity, the squares sell out quickly.



ST. THOMAS READS BOOK CLUB

Get a head start for the May discussion book, *Saint Who? By Brian O'Neel*. As described on Amazon.com, "St. Hemma of Gurk? St. Deicolus? These saints are not household names, but maybe they should be. Although the Church recognizes thousands of saints, a relatively small number of them are well known to most Catholics. This book introduces the reader to a group of diverse saints—men and women, single and married, from all corners of the world—whose exploits have been lost to most of us. Each story highlights an aspect of that saint's life that can be applied to today's circumstances. The book contains a short biography of each saint, a section on why that saint merits our attention and devotion today and a short prayer.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Second Sunday of EASTER: Divine Mercy

1 John 5:1-6: "In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith." Let us all have **faith** in God and faith in one another. Jesus tells us to **love** one another and to obey his commandments. Take a leap of faith, and trust God to nourish your relationship. Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and you will learn the tools to transform your marriage. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

April 11-May 23, 2024 (virtual 3RE)

June 7-June 9, 2024 in Upton,, MA

June 21-June 23, 2024 in Huntington, NY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.

MUSIC AND LAWN GAMES!

Join Capital Region Catholic and other young adults (ages 21-39) at **The Crossings of Colonie, 580 Albany Shaker Rd, Loudonville, NY 1221, Saturday April 20th 1:30pm - 4:30pm**. Join CRC and other young adults for an afternoon in the park! For this particular event, we encourage folks to bring acoustic musical instruments, lawn games, and a few friends! We will circle up to enjoy some music together, and enjoy activities like a nature walk and fun outdoor games like Bocce, Frisbee, catch, badminton, whatever we all bring! Folks are also encouraged to bring bug spray, sunscreen, and ample hydration, lawn chairs or blankets. Meetup Spot: Under the gazebo in front of the visitor center - communication via Discord events channel or CRC channel Please Register at this link to attend: <https://forms.gle/nSauJGR9ASHWvpWZ8>

Please register by April 19th.

MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEKEND— APRIL 13-14

5:00PM

GREETERS

Roz Robinson
Melissa Usher

USHER

Ron Rivers
Mark Barrett
Melissa Usher
Gwen Genovesi

LECTOR

Marcy Terry
Ron Rivers

COMMUNION MINISTER

Melissa Usher—P
Deacon Bill Brett- P
Ron Rivers—C
Gwen Genovesi—C

ALTAR SERVERS

Christopher Usher
Collin Terry

SACRISTAN

Bob Harms
Mark Barrett

9:00AM

GREETERS

Nancy Dilanni
Ann Madeo

USHER

Maria Mick
Stephen Rapp
David Smith
Becky Furlong

LECTOR

Stephen Rapp
Pam Otis

COMMUNION MINISTER

George Rapp-P
John Dilanni—P
Nancy Dilanni—C
Ann Smolen – C

ALTAR SERVERS

Volunteers Needed

SACRISTAN

George Rapp

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 6

**8:00AM: Eucharistic Adoration and
Confession**

9:00AM: First Saturday Liturgy

5:00PM: Andy and Stella Cossac

req by: Andrea and Dan Freeman

and for: **Alicia DiBella**

req by: Millie Selby

and for: **Joseph Giuffre—Month's Mind**

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

and for: **Elaine Relyea**

req by: Vicki Martin

Sunday, April 7

Second Sunday of Easter

**9:00AM :For the Deceased Members of the
MacKenzie Family**

req by: Gail Michalak

and for: **Marilyn Romano**

req by: William and Philomena Donaldson

and for: **Pat George**

req by: Martha Fiato

Monday, April 8

The Annunciation Of The Lord

NO MORNING LITURGY

Tuesday, April 9

Easter Weekday

8:30AM: Morning Liturgy

Wednesday, April 10

Easter Weekday

8:30AM: Morning Liturgy

Thursday, April 11

Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

NO MORNING LITURGY

Friday, April 12

Easter Weekday

8:30 AM: Morning Liturgy

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