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ARE THOSE
WHO HAVE NOT
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AND YET
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2nd Sunday of Easter, April 7, 2024

ST. LUCY/ST. BERNADETTE MASS SCHEDULE - SUNDAY 9:00 AM

Pastor	Rev. Rick Lesser	rick.lessor@rcda.org
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Website	Type in the web address: www.rcda.org Click on: Parishes, St. Lucy/St. Bernadette, Visit our website
Marriage	Contact Fr. Rick six months in advance.
Reconciliation	<u>Confessions available by appointment. Please call the office to schedule.</u>
Baptism	Baptism Prep classes are held every 4 to 6 weeks as announced. Dates for Baptism are scheduled after preparation class.

PASTORAL CARE

Please pray for our sick and homebound:

Gary Adams, Mary Caluori, Rosemary Caruso, Diane Champion, Carmella Childs, Jeff Coon, Renate Czapski, Tyler Doolittle, Lourdes Catherine Encarnacion, Miriam Flower, Ralph Fusco, Jack Gardy, Mary Gobel, Danielle Healey, Becky Heep, Mary Jones, Jane Kuon, Thomas Lanni, Francine Magoon, Jeremy Male, Lisa Matott, Maureen McCarthy, Alicia McGann, Darla Mohr, Jen Murphy, Jackie O'Rourke, Marie Phillipuk, Robert Pruzeh, Nichole Robertson, Faith Roe, Dana Sherman, Patricia Spohr, Deb Sturtevant, James Sullivan, Alice Vorwerk

Please pray for those who are serving in the military:

Luke Aulita, Zack Boughner, Angela Chaney, Emily Chaney, Mitchell Chaney, Ashton Heim, Robert Klenotiz, 3rd, John Krzemien, David Larkin, Seth Powers, Ethan Schager, Shawn Swears, Sean Teeter, Nick Tissandier, Austin Torres, Victor Trottier, Christian Viola

MINISTER:

<u>This Week (4/7)</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Counters</u>
9:00am	Terry	Nancy, Yvette (T), Chuck	Bonnie	Nick and Marie
Children's liturgy:	Eileen Borden			
Church cleaners:	Team #4 week of April 7-13	Nancy Trumpler, Alex Van Deusen, Andrew Van Deusen		
<u>Next Week (4/14)</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Counters</u>
9:00am	Mary Elario	Lynne (T), Tami, Tim, Louise	TBD	Chuck and Sue
Children's Liturgy	Yvette Terplak			
Church Cleaners	Team #5 week of April 14-20	Kathy & Ralph Camardo, Cindy Francis		



ANNOUNCED MASSES



April 7, 2024
9:00 a.m. Carole R. Hubbard
Requested by Tim and Louise

April 14, 2024
9:00a.m. Greg E. Gorospe
Requested by Mom and Joe

SACRIFICIAL SHARING

The Parish Budget, to better reflect expenses is based on a weekly offering of \$ 3,600.00

March 30-31, 2024

Offertory/Easter 4,086.75
 Holy Land 235.00
 Rice Bowl 120.00
 Food Pantry 25.00
 Evangelist 100.00

March 29, 2024

Easter 88.00
 Holy Land 185.00

April 2, 2023

Offertory 4,538.40



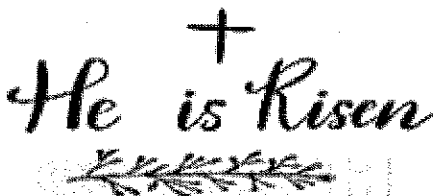
Diocesan Appeal

Diocesan Appeal 2023-2024 is underway, and it will run through June 30, 2024. Please visit the website at thediocesanappeal.org to make your pledge or your gift. If you have given in the past, please continue your support and consider increasing your contribution, if possible. If you have never participated, please join in helping us to meet our parish obligation to our diocese and the many supports they offer us in our work.

TO-DATE WE HAVE \$ 19,711 toward our goal of \$ 40,616

We thank you for your generous support!

Food Pantry needs: Vegetable Oil and Strawberry Jam



The Easter Season began last Sunday and lasts through Pentecost Sunday. The Church says to us, “this is the perfect time of the year to celebrate life – a life that lasts forever. Enjoy! Let there be a 50-day festival. Let the Paschal Candle, lit from the Easter fire, burn brightly throughout these days. Catch the spirit in the air and let it remind you of the Holy Spirit within you.”
May we all have a spirit-filled Easter Season.



We are most grateful to all who participated in our Palm Sunday liturgy, (with special thanks to Joe Viscio for his moving portrayal of Jesus), and Holy Week Triduum, our holiest days of the liturgical year. Our thanks go out to all those who set up and implemented the many rituals with reverence, with special thanks to Holly and Sophie Bremer for gracing us with The Exsultet on Holy Saturday, those who decorated our worship space with the beautiful flowers you donated in memory of your loved ones, those who served, those who delivered flowers to our homebound, and most of all, to all those who participated. Thanks to everyone, our Holy Week and Easter celebration has enriched us all.

St. Matthew's Church Faith Development

Please consider participating in Deacon Nick's doctoral research project.

Love Follows Understanding: Spiritual Formation for Lay Men and Women.

Strengthen your spiritual awareness through the spirituality of St. Catherine of Siena by exploring the spiritual practices of Self-Knowledge, Humility, Charity, and Discernment.

Sessions will be held at St. Matthew's Church

Thursday Evenings 6:00pm-8:00pm

April 11, 18 & 25, May 2 & 9

To sign-up for more information please email
Deacon Nick at nascioti@gmail.com

All are welcome to participate.

Calling all walkers...

Albany Crop Hunger Walk - Sunday, May 5th from St. Paul's Episcopal Church,

21 Hackett Blvd in Albany - registration starts at 12:30pm and walk begins at 1:30pm. The Altamont Community Food Pantry has a team and would love to have more people join us to walk together to help fight hunger. We can also create a St. Lucy / St. Bernadette team if people are interested. Either way, we are looking for walkers to walk that day, either a 2 mile or 1 mile loop, or you can walk on your own any time during the month of May. You can register, join the team or create your own team as well as donate at <http://www.crophungerwalk.org/albanyny>. In recent years, the Albany Crop Hunger Walk has raised > \$100,000 with 25% of the funds going to local food pantries and soup kitchens. Last year, the Altamont Community Food Pantry received \$650 from the walk. The remaining 75% helps support Church World Services hunger relief and development efforts locally, nationwide and globally. This includes assistance with farming, clean water and refugee aid. If you would like more information, join us at the Crop Walk Rally and Awards Celebration on Sunday, April 7 from 3-4:30 at the First Church in Albany 110 N. Pearl St. or visit <http://www.crophungerwalk.org/albanyny>. Any questions, feel free to call or email Judy Seery, 518-861-5961, jseery@nycap.rr.com. Walkers and donations are greatly appreciated! Donations can be made online, mailed or given directly to Judy. Thanks to all who have supported in the past.



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(s) with quantity.



NIGHT AT THE VALLEYCATS

St. Matthew's is offering Family Night at The ValleyCats Game!

Friday, June 7th 6:30PM with Fire works! 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. Mark your calendars and send in your reservations today!

(Please also see flyers(and forms for completion if attending) for the above on the bulletin board)



CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY of ALBANY: Where love leads to action

Please see invitations in the Gathering Space for their

"Red Wagon Luncheon and Fashion Show", to be held on Saturday April 27, 2024

Exploring the Sunday Readings

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

1st reading Acts 4:32-35

2nd reading 1 Jn 5:1-6

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

1st reading Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

2nd reading 1 Jn 2:1-5a

Gospel Lk 24:35-48