

Bishop Scharfenberger has announced that Fr. Steve Matthews is appointed as pastor to St. Joseph's – Stuyvesant Falls and Stottville; St. John the Baptist – Valatie; and St. James – Chatham. This appointment is effective July 1, 2021. Fr. Matthews will begin his assignment on July 15, 2021.

As you may be aware, our Diocese is currently in the process of developing groups of parishes (Pastoral Networks) designed to collaborate in the areas of administration and ministry. The parishes in this particular network will be joined by Our Lady of Hope – Copake Falls and Holy Trinity – Hudson and Germantown for many pastoral initiatives. Parishes will benefit from this process by having more lay men and women available for ministry in the parishes that comprise the Pastoral Network.

This is a new and exciting endeavor that we believe will breathe new life into our parishes. It is a real opportunity for us to grow in our roles as disciples and in our call to spread the Good News.

We are thankful to Deacon Andy Grebe and Fr. Kyle Eads for their time as the interim team.

We are grateful to Fr. Steve for his commitment to our communities and pray for his ministry. We hope that many of you will join him in making this new Pastoral Network a thriving example of what we can do when we work together.