

St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church

Voorheesville, New York



St. Matthew's retained architecture+ to design the renovation of the Church to better accommodate their expanding congregation and modernize the facility. The existing building was oriented for a pre-Vatican II liturgical layout but the space was poorly organized due, in part, to an addition that was awkwardly situated to one side of the sanctuary.

We re-oriented the sanctuary by creating a new altar on a side wall of the Church. The new altar platform extends beyond the existing wall and is flooded in natural light creating a liturgical focal point. We also provided new amenities to the parish such as a custom designed baptismal font, an intimate chapel, and an acoustically-separated infant care room to minimize disturbance to the congregation. The renovation also addressed and improved accessibility. Finally, we updated the Church with new seating, new stained glass windows, updated finishes, including Italian marble flooring, and a sophisticated lighting and audio system.