

Roman Catholic Church of St. Matthew

35 North Service Road, Dix Hills, New York 11746
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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

March 13, 2022

Pastor

Rev. Robert Hewes

Associate Pastors

Rev. Joseph Habila

Rev. Benet Uwasomba

Deacon

Carmine DeStefano

Pastoral Associate

Sr. Kathleen McCarthy, O. P.

D.R.E.: Mary Donaldson

Music Director: Lee Forsythe



The Salvation of Souls is the Supreme Law

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Family Mass), 11:00 a.m. (Choir Mass),
12:30 p.m. (A Traditional Latin Mass is offered at this regularly scheduled Mass - 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month.)

MONDAY - SATURDAY: 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Church. Holy Days will be printed in the bulletin.

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY: 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. For any other time, please call to make an appointment with a priest.

BAPTISM SCHEDULE

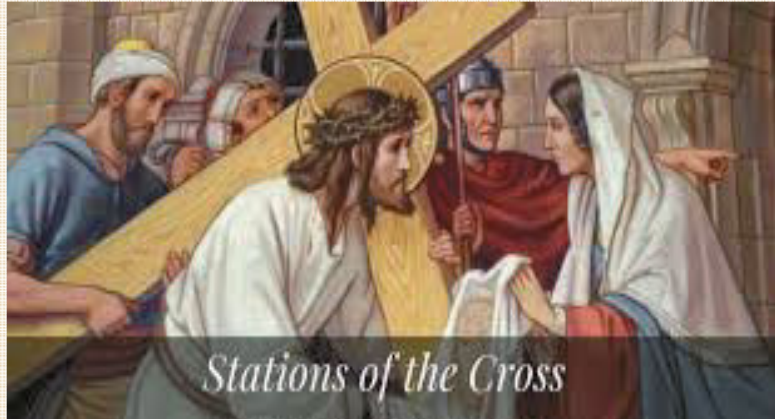
The 3rd Sunday and the 4th Saturday of the each month. (No Baptisms Easter Sunday or Christmas Weekends.) First-time parents are required to attend a **Baptismal Preparation Class** which is offered on the last Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel. (No class is held in December.)
Registration is required for both the Baptism and /or the Baptism Class and must be done online at www.smrcc.org.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance and should be made prior to making plans for a reception. Call the Parish Center for an appointment with the priest or deacon you wish to witness your wedding. All couples are required to attend Pre-Cana.

A dramatic devotion drawing on the traditional pilgrimage Via Crucis in Jerusalem which has been especially associated with the Season of Lent and Passiontide for centuries.

Using scenes from Sacred Scripture and traditional lore, it presents fourteen "Stations" (literally "standing places") that mark the path of Christ from His judgment at Pontius Pilate's court to His burial in the Holy Sepulchre.



LENT 2022 AT ST. MATTHEW CHURCH
MEDITATION ON THE PASSION OF CHRIST
DRAW CLOSER TO GOD. JOIN US IN THE CHURCH
EVERY TUESDAY OF LENT AT 3 PM
EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT AT 7 PM

Holy Hour of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in a solemn form is held every Tuesday after the 9:00 AM Mass.



LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Mar 12

4:00 PM Lourdes Pineda Iskander
Eileen Flanagan
Philip C. Pandolfi
Angela Di Rodio
Richard H. Northorn, Jr.
Dorothy Frandolig

Sunday, Mar 13

7:30 AM Connie Walsh
9:30 AM Marie Gatto
11:00 AM Joseph Dentale
12:30 PM Living Intentions of
Anna & Anthony Cantone

Monday, Mar 14

9:00 AM Mary Jo Sullivan

Tuesday, Mar 15

9:00 AM Vincent & Louise Costello

Wednesday, Mar 16

9:00 AM Grace Roosa ~ In Heaven

Thursday, Mar 17

9:00 AM Tom Curran

Friday, Mar 18

9:00 AM Erika Dobler

Saturday, Mar 19

9:00 AM Giuseppe Dell'Accio
Carolyn Dobler
4:00 PM John Vierling, Jr.
Stalter & D'Agostino Families
Anna Torre
Peter Lagatta
Anna Lathron
Myron Lathron

Sunday, Mar 20

7:30 AM Dominic Caramagno
9:30 AM Rosa Torre
11:00 AM Emily Dentale & Family
12:30 PM (L) Roy Internicola

*The Bread and Wine
In Loving Memory of
Giuseppe Dell'Accio
From, The Bible Group*



*The Altar Candles
In Loving Memory of
Sonia, Amal & Nadia
With Love From,
Your Family*



*Announced for the Third Time
Jonathan Campisi and
Jennifer Powers*



Please pray for the Souls of :

Dr. Dominador Pascual, Jr.

Rosalía Dortona



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2022

The CMA 2022 begins March 19-20.

At our baptism, we are called to be brothers and sisters in Christ's Family and to serve our Community—to walk in Jesus' footsteps.

Fr. Hewes has asked John Gatto to speak at all Masses, the weekend of March 19-20, about the importance of the Catholic Ministries Appeal, the reasons he supports the Appeal and to thank you for your support of the Appeal.

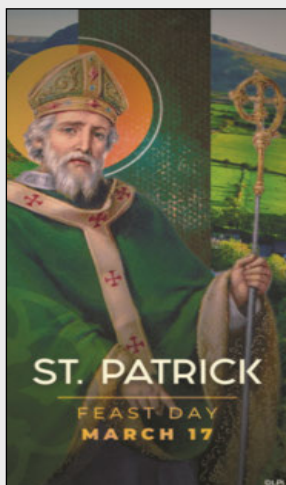


CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

As **One Family in Mission Building a Community of Faith, Hope and Love**, the Catholic Ministries Appeal addresses our most basic responsibilities as followers of Jesus Christ: to be His disciples, to evangelize one another and to be compassionate to those in need.

The Appeal provides critical funding for ministries that form our youth and adults in the faith; support religious freedom initiatives, promote the sanctity of life at all stages; provide quality education to our young people; feed the hungry and foster vocations to the priesthood and diaconate.

Contact: Parish Office - John Gatto
(631) 499-8520 Ext.117 or
(516) 241-1264



Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 – 493) is a well-known saint around the world.

St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ.



March 19 & 20



4:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
S. Carambia	J. Campa	D. DiGiorgio		



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D. Tiernan	H. Campa	C. DeStefano	E. Vicente	



Knights of Columbus
ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN
COUNCIL, No. 7479
The Knights Want You!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING THOSE IN NEED, SERVING YOUR PARISH, GROWING IN YOUR FAITH AND BEING A PART OF THE LARGEST CATHOLIC FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION, THEN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS THE ORGANIZATION FOR YOU.

The Knights of Columbus invite all Catholic men 18yr and older to join our council. The Knights of Columbus are active in many fundraising events from our annual Golf Outing, Night at the Races, Superbowl boxes, and more to support several charities, and St. Matthews Parish.

We meet every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, first for business, the second is a casual social meeting. We understand that many of you have busy schedules, that is why we only ask for the time you can give. We say Families first.

If you are interested in signing up or learning more about the knights scan the code for a direct link to our website or call Ron Pomian our Grand Knight (631)278-5986.



March 13th - Second Sunday of Lent



Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor, the suffering, and the deprived.



These three are the classic means of observing Lent.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is a perfect and easy way to give alms to people all across the Diocese with one annual donation.

Please consider a pledge this year again!

PARISH MINISTRIES

ALTAR SERVERS: Porzia DiGiorgio: me@porzia.com
and John DiGiorgio: me@johndigiorgio.com

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER:

Kathryn Giandoreggio: 631-491-3735

ATHLETIC WEBSITE: www.smrcc.org

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR/ INTRAMURAL & CYO TRAVEL

COORDINATOR: Chris Felice: smrccathletics@gmail.com

BAPTISM OFFICE: Bettyanne Russo: 499-8520 x 126
email: stmatthewdixhills@gmail.com

BEREAVEMENT: Kathryn M. Douglas: 631-495-8541
Including: Teens (12-17) who have lost a parent.
Widows and Widowers 65 and under
Widow and Widowers 65 and over

BIBLE STUDY: Anthony Albano: 586-4827

BULLETIN: email: bulletin@smrcc.org

BUSINESS MANAGER: Dolores Tiernan: 499-8520 x 113

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION:

Ann Podina: 858-0684

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL: 499-8520 x 113

C.C.D. RELIGIOUS ED: Mary Donaldson, D.R.E.: 864-3321

Rita Minder, Assistant: 864-3321

CHOIR: Lee Forsythe: 631-499-8520 x 116

Ed Oriani, Cantor for Tridentine Mass

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Ray Smolenski: 243-0449

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND:

Sr. Kay McCarthy: 499-8520 x 124

FEED THE POOR MINISTRY: Frank Harnos: 499-0074 or
Julie Maddaloni: 242-2183

FOOD PANTRY: Sr. Kay McCarthy: 499-8520 x 124

HOSPITALITY: Dolores Tiernan: 499-8520 x 113

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Ron Pomian GK: 631-278-5986

LECTORS: Helen Campa: 586-0682

LEGION OF MARY: Judy Archbold: 667-4629

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION:

Carol DeStefano: 631-786-7786

PARISH OUTREACH: Sr. Kay McCarthy: 499-8520 x 124

PILGRIM MADONNA: Rosa Nappo: 920-2446 or
Lucia Agnone: 631 522-1436

PLANT ENGINEER: Luis Flores: 631 492-7881

PRE-CANA: Deacon Carmine DeStefano: 631-896-0983

RIGHT TO LIFE: Toni Shannon: 631 586-3807

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Patricia Bissex: 631 549-9415

PASTOR/PARISH SECRETARY: Bettyanne Russo:
499-8520 x 126 - email: stmatthewdixhills@gmail.com

SCOUTS BSA: Carissa Scarfi: 631-445-9319
email: cstroop409@gmail.com

SONS OF ITALY: Diana Grauer: 631-242-2710

ST. VINCENT de PAUL: Michael Brennan: 499-8520 x 118

USHERS: Tom Siegler: 631-920-2055

WEDDING MUSIC: Lee Forsythe: 631-334-7138

YOUNG SENIORS MODERATOR:

Fr. Benet: 499-8520 x 125

Business Manager

Dolores Tiernan

Finance Chairperson

Richard Bove

Trustees

Raymond Smolenski

Kevin Bertolini



Collection Totals

March 2

Ash Wednesday: \$ 5,231.00

March 5 & 6

Weekly: \$10,689.00

Ukraine : \$ 3,710.00

Faith Direct: \$ 2,300.00

PLEASE NOTE THE UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

Sunday, March 20 is Monday, March 14

Sunday, March 27 is Monday, March 21

Please email: bulletin@smrcc.org



LONG ISLAND GUILD

A Chartered Guild of the Catholic Medical Association

Attention all Health Care Professionals!

Consider joining the Long Island Guild of the Catholic Medical Association, recently chartered by the national CMA and endorsed by Bishop Barres.

Our mission statement:

To **see** Christ in our patients.

To **be** Christ for our patients.

Goals: Fellowship, Educational and Spiritual Formation, Service.

No dues for local membership. -

For additional information Contact:

cmaliguil@gmail.com

We will meet the second Saturdays of the month following the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Matthews R.C. Church, 35 N. Service Road, Dix Hills:

April 9

Many names on both of our prayer lists below have been there for a very long period of time. Please send an email message to bulletin@smrcc.org within the next 2 weeks and confirm that the person's name you requested should remain on the list. All other names will be removed. All requests must be submitted with the permission of the immediate family.



Chloe Atienza
Janet Beaumonte
Carl Colvin
Deborah Clar
Marie Clarke
Lisa Ciota
Marie Coldin
Gerard Costa
Joseph Costa
Vilma Diaztoral
David Falen
Lawrence Famighetti
Laura Lee Gaudio
Gerry Gianutsos

Brendan Gould
Richard Harvey
Providence Henry
Lisa Marie Hulsen
Richard Keller
Elza Kersaint
Gay Anne Macklin
Christian Martino
Joseph Martino
Sophia Marzulla
Don Michne
Rita Minder
Aeon Mitchell
Morris Family
Cynthia Nieves
Rocco Pandone
Gene Parrington

Mary Perry
Marge Puccio
Angie Raia
Robert Richardson
Emma Rosasco
Thomas Ruggero
Giovanni Sacchetti
Cathy Salegna
Cecelia Sanzone
Charles Sanzone
Grace Sanzone
Ralph Savastano
Debbie Serio
Ed & Ann Smith
Albi Snolis
Brian Tripp
Nicholas Varriale

Sandra Varriale
Camille Wending
Lisa Young
Carl Zajac
Christopher Zizzadoro
James Zlokovitz



APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

The **Apostleship of Prayer** is a worldwide association of Catholics and other Christians who strive to make their ordinary, everyday lives apostolically effective. Through the Apostleship of Prayer, the Pope gives his monthly prayer intentions to the entire Church. For this reason, the Apostleship came to be known as **"the Pope's own prayer group."**

DAILY OFFERING PRAYER - *God, our Father, I offer You my day. I offer You my prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sufferings in union with Your Son Jesus' Heart, Who continues to offer Himself in the Eucharist for the salvation of the world. May the Holy Spirit, who guided Jesus, be my guide and my strength today so that I may witness to Your love.*

MARCH: For a Christian response to bioethical challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



We Pray, especially for our Service Men and Women:

David Leary - Army, Christopher Pavlat - Army, Rev. James Krische - Active - Colonel - Army, Pvt. Brandon Leap - Active - Army, 1st Lt. Dominador Pascual III - Active - Air Force, Pilot Matthew Waldman - Active - Air Force, 2nd Lt. Joseph Morgan - Active - Army, 1st Lt. Christopher Felice - Marines, Christopher Motlenski - Navy, Nicholas Mazzone - U.S. Coast Guard, Peter Mazzone - Marines, SPC John Vautrin-Gardinier - US Army, Lance Cpl. Ryan Matthew Ferrara - Marines, Matthew Kirchner - Army, Noah Kirchner - Air Force, Ensign Melanie Thompson - Navy, Capt. Joseph De Monte IV - Pilot - United States Air Force, Lt. Brendan Johnston - U.S. Navy, Jeffrey Gabriellini - Air Force, Cpl. Michael Grella - Navy Airman, Julien - Army - Iraq, Lt. Col. Robert Wright - Marines, Michael Wissemann, LPL San Sievero - Marines, Ambrose Michelino, Jarod Racuot - Army, Robert Scarpelli, Anthony Lazado - Marines, Richard Freese, Jr. - Navy, Rho Nagasguna - Marines, Michael Doherty - Army, Pablo Quirindongo - CW4 - Army, Cpl. Ronnie Belmarez - Marines, Commander Christopher Grande - Navy, Spec. 4 - Frank Grue - Retired - Army

↔ **If you would like your family member added to the list or if one has returned home, please contact the Parish Office or email bulletin@smrcc.org.** ↔

Parish Policies

Funerals:

As before, families who have to plan a Catholic Funeral Mass are advised to bear in mind that the Funeral Mass is both a celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and a Liturgy that has its own rules and customs. The best place for naturally warm, wide-ranging, and emotional family remembrances or eulogies is at the Wake, NOT at the Funeral Mass. It is the long standing policy of this Parish that NO such remembrances will be done at the Funeral Mass. If there is no Wake, the family may deliver the eulogy at the cemetery or at a subsequent family meal or gathering.

Weddings: There are two forms of the Catholic wedding Liturgy:

The Wedding Ceremony:

This has all the festive elements of a full wedding: music, readings, the vows, the Nuptial Blessing, etc. This is the most common form of the Catholic wedding and is often the most practical and manageable for most families. It is by no means a lesser or “second class” ceremony than the following.

The Nuptial Mass:

This is a celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with reception of Holy Communion with the wedding ceremony in the middle of the Liturgy. The meaning and inner truth of the Nuptial Mass leads to the following Parish policy: ***a Nuptial Mass will only be celebrated if both Bride and Groom are practicing Catholics, or intend to become observably practicing Catholics PRIOR to the wedding; and who are NOT already cohabiting as if they were already husband and wife. If they are, they must separate their living arrangements PRIOR to the wedding.***

Nuptial Masses are not celebrated on Sundays unless offered by a visiting priest upon the permission of the Parish Pastor.

No one should feel obliged to request a Nuptial Mass who are not able to observe the above requirements. As they say: “no hard feelings.” A Wedding Ceremony is recommended in those circumstances with proper Pre-Cana preparation and guidance.

PARISH REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.smrcc.org.

New families and new parishioners are encouraged to register with the parish online. Registration forms are also available at the Parish Center.

INSTRUCTIONS IN THE FAITH: Those adults who live in the Dix Hills area and/or those with family in the parish seeking information about becoming a Catholic or completing their Sacraments are invited to contact the Pastor.

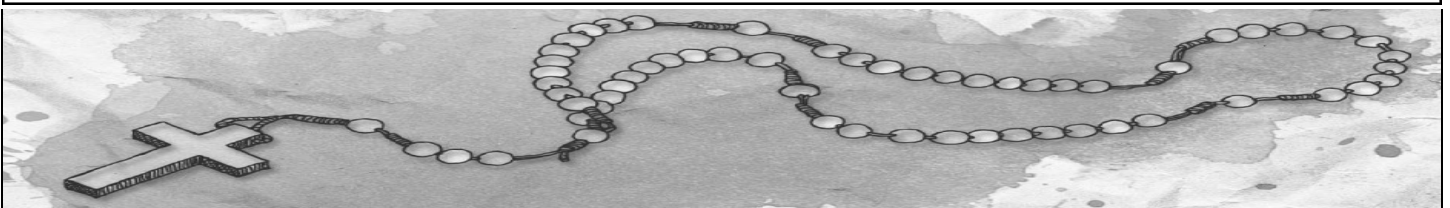
PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Those who are seriously ill should request a priest for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Eucharistic Piety:

This Parish has long offered opportunities for special Eucharistic Adoration in the form of “Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament;” i.e., the Host is exposed to view in the monstrance for prayer. Currently we have one such Holy Hour, Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the church.

Traditionally, the Church has always encouraged the less formal and more flexible form of Eucharistic Adoration known as “a visit to the Blessed Sacrament” as the primary way to adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. In this parish the main church is open for basically 12 hours every day. I notice with pleasure many people “dropping by” to be with Our Lord in the Tabernacle for some time, or only even for a few moments.

Adoration of the Lord in His Eucharistic Presence reserved in the Tabernacle is always beneficial for those who avail themselves of it, no matter even of short duration.



Mass Cards at St. Matthew's

St. Matthew's Parish offers two types of Mass Cards:

- **Announced Masses:** As the name implies this is a Mass set for a specific date and time and the name of the person(s) for whom the Mass is offered is published in the bulletin and announced at the Mass. These are particularly suitable for those families or individuals who will attend the actual Mass on the day appointed. While anyone can arrange for an Announced Mass, their number is necessarily limited by the number of public Masses offered in a year.
- **Unannounced Masses:** These are Masses that will be offered in the coming year but at an unspecified date, time and place. The priests of the Parish offer these Masses during retreat, vacation, and other days in which they do not have a public Mass. Mass Cards are issued for these Masses with the name of the person(s) written in the card but without any specific promised date or time. This category might be suitable for cases where the family of the named person(s) are not parishioners, live some distance away, or would not otherwise be able to attend a Mass here on a set day or time.

The receptionist will help you in arranging either or both of these Masses and the different offerings for each category.

Parish Office Hours:

The receptionist desk will be "womanned" Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 1 PM for routine parish business and Mass Cards. On Friday there will be more limited service. Please call ahead when in doubt - 631-499-8520. The Parish Center is not open on a general basis, at this time due to the current public health crisis.

Important telephone extensions for general, non-emergency messages:

- Parish Secretary: 126
- Parish Business Manager: 113
- Religious Education (CCD): 631-864-3321
- Pastor: 130
- For urgent calls for Last Rites or a similar emergency: 631-912-5955.

Contact information regarding Funerals is on the Parish Voice Mail phone greeting: 631-499-8520. As before, please enter the Parish Center through the Main Entrance **only, not the Gym Entrance**. The Main Entrance is between the shrines to Sts. Padre Pio and Mother Teresa of Calcutta. The inner doors to the building are to the right. Please note: As the sign indicates, ring the bell for admittance.

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER, HONOR AND CELEBRATE YOUR LOVED ONES

- Deceased
- Memorial Anniversaries/Birthdays
- Living Intentions of ...
- Wedding
- In Thanksgiving for ...

The name of the person remembered will be printed in the weekly bulletin.

The requested offerings are:

Announced Masses	\$20.00
Unannounced Masses	\$15.00
Altar Candles (week of)	\$25.00
Altar Flowers (week of)	\$50.00
Bread & Wine (week of)	\$50.00



You are welcome to visit the Parish Center, Reception Area to arrange for these offerings.

If you have any questions, please call 631-499-8520 during our business hours: Monday -Thursday, 9am through 1pm.

St. Matthew's Gift Shop

Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Unique Religious Gifts, rosaries, books, fonts, statues, picture frames, and so much more!

The Gift Shop is located in the Parish Center, across from the Receptionist area.

All Proceeds Benefit Our Parish Ministry!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Place for Learning and Praying

Our Family/Children's Mass is Sunday at 9:30AM

Mary Donaldson, Director Rita Minder, Assistant

Religion Office Phone 864-3321 Fax 499-1530 maryccd@smrcc.org

REGISTRATION

When registering a new student, 1st thru 8th grade, you must come into the Religion Office on the second floor of the Parish Center, Monday through Thursday, between 11:00AM and 4:00PM. Please be sure to bring a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate when you come. The fee of \$175.00 per child is due at that time.

GRADE LEVEL MASS

Sunday, March 27, 2022 3rd & 4th grade will attend the 9:30 Mass.

Sunday, April 3, 2022 1st & 2nd grade will attend the 9:30 Mass.

For those attending their grade level Mass listed above, please sit in the front of the Church, try to arrive by 9:10AM and remember your tithing envelope as they are not only used for a donation but also for taking attendance. All family members are invited to join us at this Mass.

CONFIRMATION INFO

The date for Confirmation for our 8th grade students is Tuesday, March 22, 2022. Bishop Robert Coyle will be presiding and there will be two Confirmations, one at 10:30AM and one at 1:30PM.

Tuesday, March 22nd is Confirmation Day and classes are cancelled that day.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion dates are Saturday, May 7th and Saturday, May 14th. There are two alphabetical sessions each day—one at 10:30AM and one at 1:30PM.

Saturday, March 26th and Saturday, April 2nd is First Reconciliation (Penance) for our 2nd grade students in the Church at 9:45AM and 12:45PM. Please refer to the parent Communion letter for information regarding student date and time.





Want a special role in the Mass and help the Church?
become an

Altar Server

*for boys and girls grades 4
and higher*



- ❖ Choose your preferred mass time.
- ❖ Earn community service volunteer hours.



*To register for our next in-person
Altar Server Training, please send
an email to me@porzia.com and
include the following information:*

- Your Child's Name
- Address
- School & Grade
- Parents' Names
- Parents' Phone
- Parents' Email
- Preferred Mass for Serving (1st, 2nd, 3rd choices)

Saturdays: 4:00 pm

Sundays: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, and 12:30 pm

2021-2022 School Year at St. Anthony's High School Second Quarter Honor Roll

James Aspromonti
Olivia Athan
Ella Basta
Sophia Bellini
Dominick Bonavise
John Castronovo
Olivia Czoch
Ava Darvassy
Angelina Flower
Michael Forrest
Isabella Garzon
Emma Giaquinto

Francesca Grupico
Isabella Grupico
Sofia Grupico
Jaelynn Gural
William Johnson
Abigail Kulbacki
Anthony Labombarda
Angelina Luttieri
Francesca Manetta
Luke Martin
Melady Mazza
Sophia McKenna

Leah Melendez
Xavier Moore
Dean Muratore
Michael Natale
Avrie Nelsen
Casey O'Brien
Cassidy O'Shea
Michael Orlasky
Sofia Pascarella
Sofia Riportella
Casey Steinert
Sarah Sullivan



Cormac Terry
Alex Testa
Christopher Tullo
Kyle Verlizzo
Giulia Zito

HELP DESPERATELY NEEDED



Sister Kay

THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST BENEDICT, WHO PROVIDE BEAUTIFUL CARE AT ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR THE ELDERLY IN HUNTINGTON, NEED MONETARY ASSISTANCE TO HELP THE PEOPLE IN THE UKRAINE.

I spoke to one of the Sisters today and she told me that they have 10 Convents in the Ukraine. Despite this terrible situation, their Sisters are staying there to try to help the people. However, some of the Sisters did have to leave their Convents to go to bombing shelters. These Sisters also have Foster Homes for children in the Ukraine. They are trying to move these children to Poland.

Please consider helping these Sisters who are desperately trying to help those who are attempting to survive the violence and war in the Ukraine.

Please make your checks payable to:

**The Missionary Sisters of St. Benedict
350 Cuba Hill Road, Huntington, NY 11743
In the Memo, please indicate UKRAINE.**

We also have Dominican Sisters and Priests in the Ukraine. I have read some of the heartbreaking letters from some of the Priests who are also trying to stay and help and house people in their Monasteries. **WE NEED TO PRAY UNCEASINGLY FOR AN END TO THIS WAR and FOR THOSE BRAVE, SAINTLY PEOPLE WHO DO SO MUCH TO HELP OTHERS.**

Thank you and God bless you for your donations. I know that I can always count on you.
Sister Kay McCarthy

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These are intercessions that the Sisters and I have included in our morning prayers for Ukraine.
Please continue to pray for the end of this terrible situation. Sr.Kay McCarthy

LORD, TODAY WE CRY OUT TO YOU TO DO WHAT ONLY YOU CAN DO. WE PRAY FOR

- **the protection of the people of Ukraine. Please watch over and guard them with Your peace, provision and endurance**
- **the oppressor's plans to be compromised and frustrated. We ask that the plans for evil will fail and for the miraculous assist in what is righteous**
- **for world leaders who are making consequential decisions. May Your wisdom, courage and Godly counsel be their guide**
- **for those in the military. We pray that you protect them, comfort their families and give victory to those standing for what You value**
- **for courage in the midst of persecution. May they remain steadfast in their love for You.**
- **and finally, we ask You Almighty Father, Prince of peace, to bring peace to the Ukraine and to the world. May conflict end, may violence cease and may hearts be turned to You and find salvation.**

March 8-14 is National Catholic Sisters week.

I am so grateful to God for my Religious Vocation and for the many Sisters with whom I have lived and worked and who taught, helped, inspired and prayed for me. Please pray for all us.

Dear Parishioners,

A few weeks ago, one of my grandnieces, who is 11 and lives in another state, called me. We chatted for some time and then she said, "I have a question to ask you." I said, "I hope I know the answer." She asked, "Could you donate to help build a library and computer lab in Kenya?" Her school had already helped to build a school in Kenya. I didn't expect that question but was delighted that she not only called me herself (and other relatives too) but also that her school was making the students aware of and asking them to help children who were much less fortunate.

Lent is a time of almsgiving. There are so many worthy charities that we can help by our generosity. Mike Brennan, the President of St. Vincent de Paul and I are deeply grateful to you for your enabling us to help others throughout the year. Your monetary donations are certainly needed and help us to pay rent, utility bills, etc. I know that you are not looking to be thanked as you don't even know the recipients of your kindness. But know that these people are so grateful to you and that we pray for all of you.

The Church not only encourages us to give alms during the 40 days of Lent but also encourages us to pray, fast, do penance. The forty days are in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. Forty is a significant number in the Scriptures. Moses went to the mountain for forty days to seek the face of God. In prayer and fasting, the people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the promised land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God.

Fasting isn't always easy. In my early years in the Convent, we weren't permitted to eat in between meals. The kitchen was "off limits." Nor were we served meat or butter 3 days of the week. No complaints, we had enough food and we learned the reasons for fasting. Some of the people who come to us for assistance have to "fast", not out of choice but because they lack food. I can't thank you enough as you consistently donate a tremendous amount of food. As we begin this holy season of Lent, let us pray fervently for peace and the end of conflict in our world, and for one another, that we will grow in faith, hope and love of God and in compassion for one another.

God bless you.
Sister Kay McCarthy

2ND Annual Blood Drive

Saturday, March 12, 2022 ~ 1:30 am to 5:30 pm

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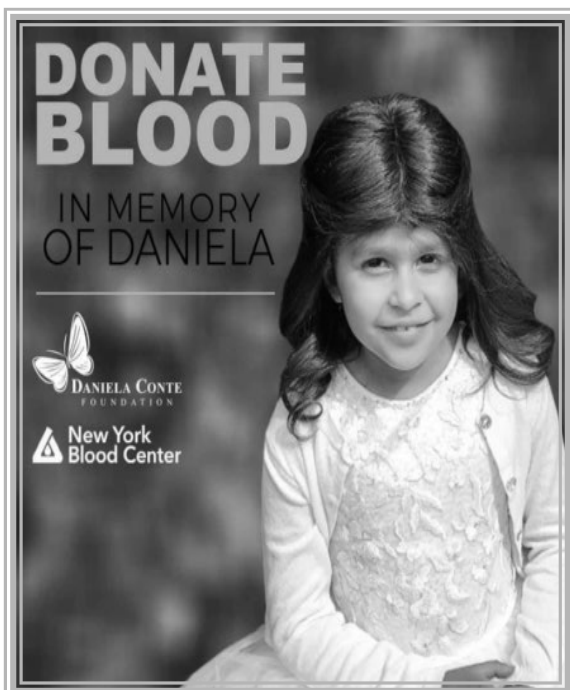
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The Daniela Conte Foundation invites you to honor Daniela Conte in the best way possible, by donating whole blood or double red cells. Join us and help support thousands who are currently fighting cancer. Daniela passed away at 8 years old from a rare cancer on March 2, 2020. In her memory, we will be honoring her life with a blood drive hosted by the New York Blood Center. Blood products are truly life-saving and give cancer patients a chance to fight back from the cancer that is trying to take them down. We hope you will join us on March 12th, 2022. Together we can fight cancer with every donation.

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Hi Everyone,

Lent is here and hopefully the end of this very cold dreary weather. We have much to pray for. Our country is bleeding from so many issues. Almost every day we are asked to put another one of our young people on the prayer list, having been stricken with a serious illness. Have you ever heard of so many young people in need of healing? The economy is causing those that live paycheck to paycheck, wondering if they are going to feed the family, or pay the fuel bill. Remember that there is always someone that has it worse than you, but it still hurts. If you are in a position to help, consider donating to our food pantry. If we are feeling the pinch at the market, picture what this is doing to those in greater need.

Young
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News

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, March 24th - YES Luncheon at the Outback Restaurant, 216 Jericho Tpk., Commack ~ \$35. Bring a friend ~ Everyone is welcome.

On a much lighter note, I think you will enjoy this, especially if you sing it. Come on, we all know the original words and it is fun. A few years ago, Julie Andrews was being honored at her birthday event. Among the songs with which she delighted her guests is this one that really fits to a T. Here are the lyrics she used. (SING)

MY Favorite Things

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings
Bundles of magazines tied up in string
These are a few of my favorite things .

Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses
Polident and Fixodent, false teeth and eyelashes
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings
These are a few of my favorite things.

When the pipes leak, when the bones creak, when the knees go bad
I simply remember my favorite things
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot foods they bring
These are a few of my favorite things

Back pain, confused brain and no need for sinning
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinning
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames
When we remember our favorite things

When the joints ache, when the hips break, when the eyes grow dim
Then I remember the great life I've had, and then I don't feel so bad.

Hope you enjoyed this as much as I did.

Remember to pray for everyone and for our wonderful FREE Country. She certainly needs it.

See you in church, Pat



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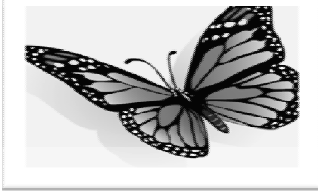
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Join the Friends of the Seminary - Sunday, March 20, 2022

“Reconciliation: An Encounter of Love” - Fr. Patrick J. Griffin, CM, will present a Lenten Day of Prayer at the **Seminary of the Immaculate Conception**, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington from **9:30 am to 3:30 pm.**

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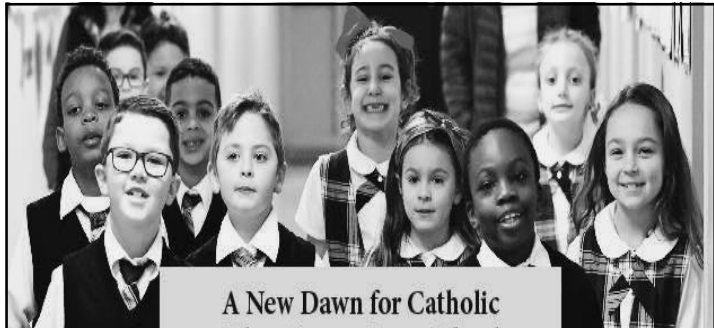
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DONOR IMPACT TO DATE

To date, fellow Catholics and foundations have pledged more than \$3 million to Tomorrow's Hope Foundation for vital MSI programs and local Catholic school needs, including:

- Tuition assistance for underserved students
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- Vital startup investments in two MSI pilot schools

WHY GIVE?

By supporting MSI, donors can invest in a sustainable and robust educational model for our children and for future generations. Please help make that a reality by making a gift today.

“I am very confident in Brother Tom and the Marianist Brothers who are leading this [MSI] effort, and I am hopeful that other individuals and organizations will support this cause to help ensure our Catholic schools have a bright future.”

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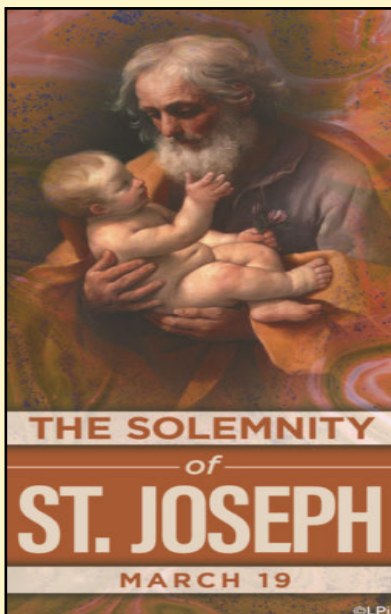
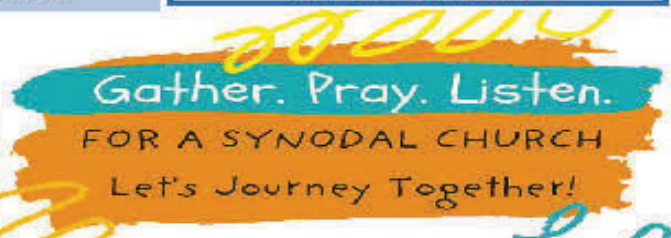
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O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

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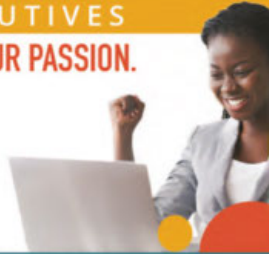
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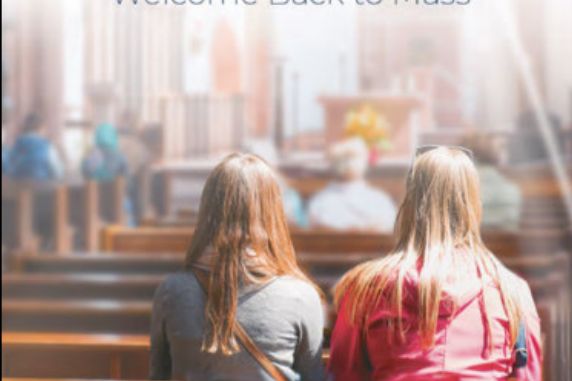
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