

Roman Catholic Church of St. Matthew

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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



March 20, 2022

3rd Sunday
OF LENT

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.'" - Lk 13:7a

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Mar 19

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

Monday, Mar 21

9:00 AM Paul West ~ Happy Birthday In Heaven

Tuesday, Mar 22

9:00 AM Dr. George Guiliani

Wednesday, Mar 23

9:00 AM Rose & Al Seefried

Thursday, Mar 24

9:00 AM Tom Detore

Friday, Mar 25

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Sullivan Family

Saturday, Mar 26

9:00 AM John Zammillo & Cecelia De Marzo
Kimberly Sue Cook

4:00 PM Fred Pellegrini ~
Happy 12th Anniversary In Heaven

Keara Vancol
Living Intentions of Melodie Horan
Dorothy Frandolig

Sunday, Mar 27

7:30 AM Matthew MillerMatthew Miller

9:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Maria & Guido Pace

12:30 PM Frank & May Schirripa

*The Bread and Wine
In Loving Memory of
Carmine Loiacono &
Francis Ferrantelli
Love, Christine Larsen*



Please pray for the Soul of:

Claire J. Burger

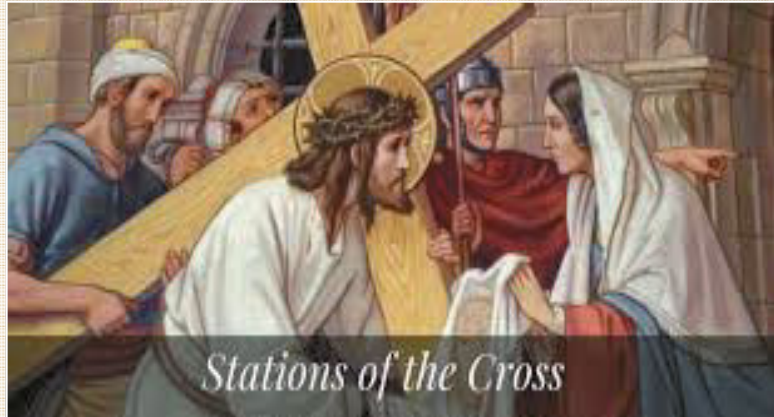


*Announced for the Fourth Time
Jonathan Campisi and
Jennifer Powers*



Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously and reveal Christ's Love to those most in need.

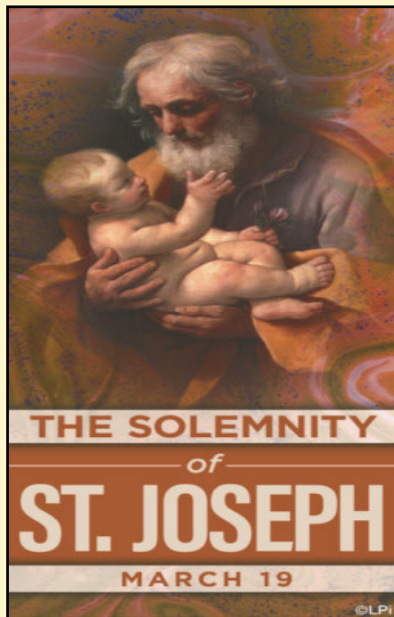
To learn more about the collection go to www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



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.



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

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.



March 20th - Third Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel Jesus is quite clear in his message: "bear fruit or be cut down." This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime, or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

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.

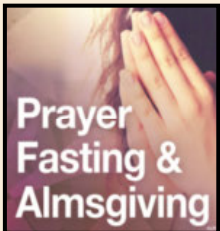


**CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**

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



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!

FIRST DAY OF SPRING

**SUNDAY,
MARCH 20, 2022**





March 26 & 27

Lectors

4:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
R. Smolenski	H. Campa	G. DiGiorgio		S. McPherson-Berg

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 P.M.	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
R. Smolenski	J. Campa	J. Napolitano	A. Pappas	A. Albano

Liturgical Minister Training - Spring 2022

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training. **Lector training** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Tuesday, April 26 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm.
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Part A AND Lectors

Wednesday, April 27 - St. Christopher / Baldwin - McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm.
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Part A AND Lectors

Saturday, April 30 - St. Paul the Apostle / Brookville - Lower Hall; 9 am - noon.
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Part A ONLY

Saturday, May 14 - Christ the King / Commack - Pastoral Center Gym; 9 am - noon.
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Part A AND Lectors

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B (Presented in conjunction with Catholic Health):

Saturday, May 14 - St. Paul the Apostle / Brookville - Lower Hall; 9 am - noon

Tuesday, May 17 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Saturday, June 11 - Christ the King / Commack - Sienna Room; 9 am - 12 noon

A letter from your pastor will be required to complete your registration and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend.

To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Thank you for your interest!

For questions, please call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850 or email worship@drvc.org.

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.

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 12 & 13

Weekly:	\$ 9,570.00
Snow Removal:	\$ 2,274.00
Faith Direct:	\$ 2,300.00

PLEASE NOTE THE UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

Sunday, March 27 is Monday, March 21

Sunday, April 3 is Monday, March 28

Sunday, April 10 is Friday, April 1

Sunday, April 17 is Thursday, April 7

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.



 **PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Jean Addressy
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
Roger Toussaint

Brian Tripp
Nicholas Varriale
Sandra Varriale
Camille Wending
Lisa Young
Carl Zajac
Christopher Zizzadoro



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.

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.

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.

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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 at 9:45AM and 12:45PM in the Church. Please refer to the parent Communion letter for information regarding student date and time.

NOTE: The last week of classes is April 11, 2022—Holy Week.



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 of us.

Young
Energetic
Seniors
News

I am sitting here, glued to the TV, witnessing the horrible example of man's inhumanity to man. While trying to understand how anyone can treat another human being with such indifference, as if a life meant nothing, but only a means to an end, I came upon this little story.

After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, forest rangers began their trek up the mountain pass to determine the inferno's damage. One ranger found a bird, literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree. Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, he knocked over the bird with a stick. When he gently struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under their mother's wings. The loving mother, keenly aware of the impending disaster, had carried her babies to the trunk of the tree and gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that toxic smoke would rise. She could have flown to safety but refused to abandon them. When the blaze had arrived and the heat had scorched her tiny body, the mother had remained steadfast. Because she had been willing to die, those under the cover of her wings would live. Such love ... such sacrifice.

Kind of reminds you of what's going on in our world today. People willing to risk everything including their very lives, for their loved ones. If this tiny creature can show such love, why can't we?

He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge." Psalm 91:4
We say "FAMILY FIRST" and of course this is true, but consider these words as well. Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who WANT YOU in theirs; the ones who ACCEPT YOU for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile and who love you, no matter what. What a concept!

And now, we could stand a little "corny" humor.

A man walks into a monastery and says, "I want to be a monk. "Great," says the Abbot, "but you know, we can only talk every 10 years." "OK, fine," he says. Ten years go by and the man goes to the Abbot's office. "Well my son, what have you to say?" Man replies, "beds hard." Ten more years go by... the Abbot asks again. Man replies, "food stinks." Ten more years and they meet again and the man says. "waters cold, I quit." Abbot replies, "Figures!! You've been complaining since you got here.!" ****

A little boy was listening to very long and excessively boring sermon in church. Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his fathers sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when that light turns green, can we go?" ****

The Pope comes to New York for a visit and was met at the airport by a driver and a beautiful car. The Pope says, "I almost never get to drive, would you mind?" "I'm sorry," the driver says. "I can't do that." The Pope persists and the driver gives in. saying that "I really can't say no to the Pope." So the Pope takes the wheel and hits the gas, going 100 miles an hour in a 45 zone. A policeman notices and pulls him over. Cop walks over and says, "roll down the window." Startled, the young officer asks the Pope to wait a minute. He goes back to his car and radios the chief.

Cop: Chief, I have a problem.

Chief: What sort of problem?

Cop : I pulled this guy over for speeding, but it's somebody really important.

Chief: Important like the Mayor?

Cop : No..much more important than that.

Chief: Like the Governor?

Cop: Waayy more important.

Chief : Like the President?

Cop: More.

Chief: Who's more important than the President?

I don't know, but he's got the Pope driving for him!!

Remember, Thursday, March 24th is our Luncheon at the Outback Restaurant, 216 Jericho Turnpike, Commack ~ \$35. Bring a friend ~ Everyone is welcome.

Also, remember to pray for everyone, especially our church and our freedoms.

See you in Church, Pat



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You can help protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

The Prayer Vigil takes place on the sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood building, 70 Maple Avenue, Smithtown on March 2—April 10 from 7 am to 7 pm.
(Park in lot, corner of Main Street & Maple Avenue, near CVS.)

**Each Monday come join your St. Matthew family at the 9 am Mass, then go to Planned Parenthood and pray the rosary with us from 10 am to 11 am.
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Free pregnancy help: 631-243-0066

Help after abortion: <https://dryclife.org/projectrachel/>



People of every faith are coming together in a united effort to pray and fast for the upcoming Supreme Court case Dobbs v Jackson on the 22nd of each month for the next crucial months. www.prayfordobbs.com

For the past 49 years, the infamous date of January 22 has been one of solemn prayer and remembrance for the tragedy of legalized abortion in this country. Until June 2022 let us make the 22nd of each month a special day of prayer and fasting for the Dobbs case, in the hopes that on its 50th anniversary (January 22, 2023) Roe v Wade will have been finally overturned.

HOW WILL YOU GET INVOLVED?

- Thank God for the Gift of Human Life on the 22nd of each month.
- Limit yourself to one meal and two smaller meals on that day, or fast from social media, videos, music or something else you like on the 22nd.
- Pray the rosary together with your family or a group of friends for this intention. Pray for the Supreme Court. www.lifeofficenyc.org

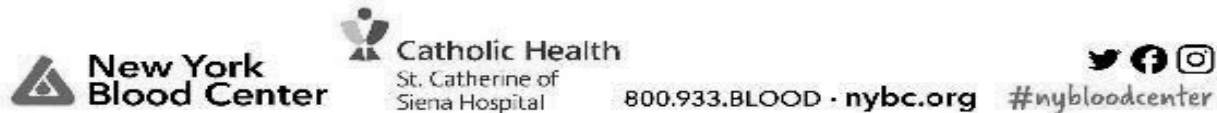
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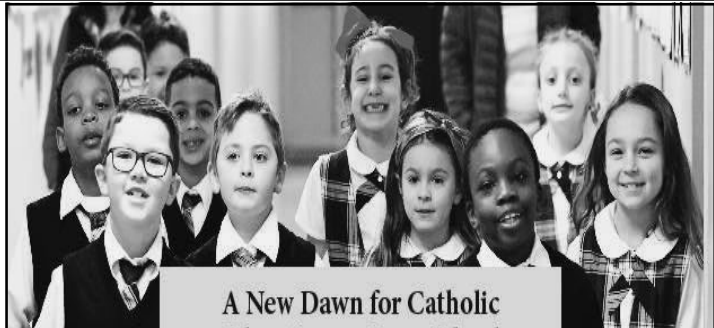
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DONOR IMPACT TO DATE

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
New learning devices for thousands of students and teachers
Internet connectivity for 300 school families
The launch of iReady, an innovative web-based student benchmarking tool, among all the Catholic elementary schools
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.

- MICHAEL PASCUCCI, MSI DONOR

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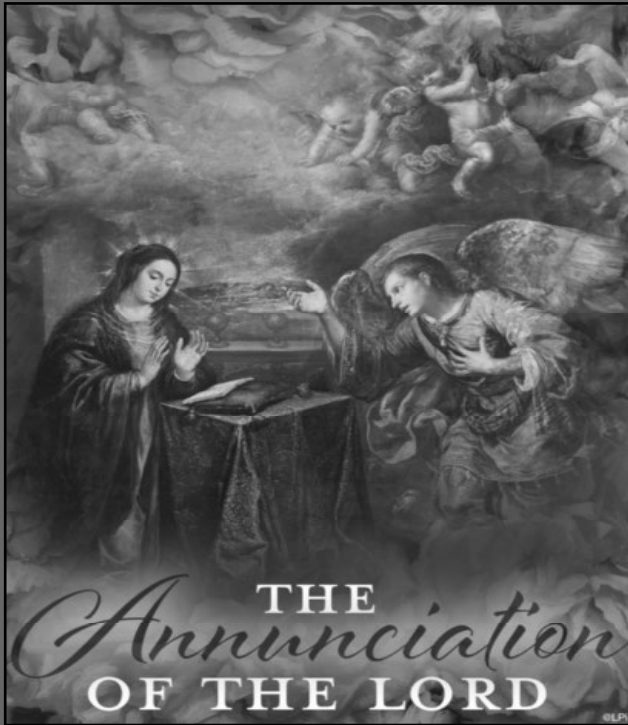
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Thursday, March 25, 2022



A Prayer to Be Open to God's Will

Good and gracious God,
I know that life can be unpredictable.
Sometimes I know what is good and right,
but I don't have the courage to do it.
Sometimes I am so busy with my own affairs,
I forget to see the needs of people in front of me.
Sometimes I am set in my own ways,
and I resist growing and learning.
Help me, Lord, to be open to Your will.
When You prompt me to do the right thing,
give me the courage to do it.
When those around me need my help,
give me Your heart to love them.
When I'm stuck in my own ways,
give me the grace to grow closer to You every day.
Give me the trust and confidence of Mary.
Let it be done unto me according to Your word!
Amen.



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The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationships. Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages and help couples reconnect. Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love.

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, May 13th please visit our website www.helpourmarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/ Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

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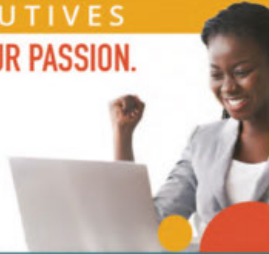
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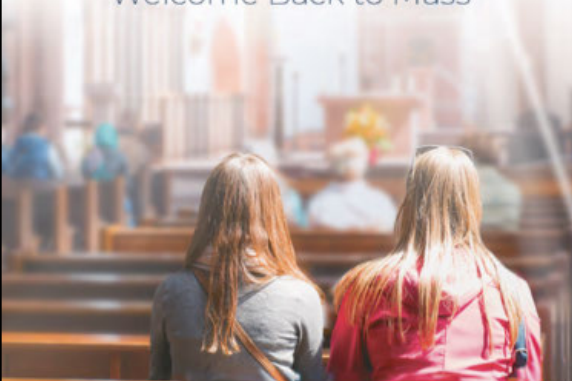
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