

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 27, 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



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'
- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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.

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 19 & 20

Weekly: \$ 10,028.00
Faith Direct: \$ 2,300.00

PLEASE NOTE THE UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

Sunday, April 3 is Monday, March 28

Sunday, April 10 is Friday, April 1

Sunday, April 17 is Thursday, April 7

Sunday, April 24 is Monday, April 18

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:

cmaliguilid@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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Mar 26

4:00 PM Frank Pelligrini ~ 12th Anniversary
Keara Vancol
Intentions of Melodie Horan
Dorothy Frandolig

Sunday, Mar 27

7:30 AM Matthew Miller
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM Maria & Guido Pace
12:30 PM Frank & May Schirripa

Monday, Mar 28

9:00 AM Sepp Dobler

Tuesday, Mar 29

9:00 AM Thomas Archbold

Wednesday, Mar 30

9:00 AM Klaus Dobler

Thursday, Mar 31

9:00 AM Katherine De Luca

Friday, Apr 1

9:00 AM William P. Sammon

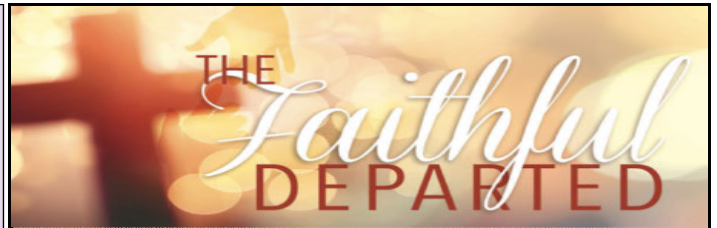
Saturday, Apr 2

9:00 AM Thomas Iuculano & Maria Alessi ~
2nd Anniversary
Ernest Mathews, Jr.

4:00 PM Rose Ciccone
Vincent Costello
Pierre Romain
Stephanie Lubin

Sunday, Apr 3

7:30 AM Thomas Parrella
9:30 AM Frank Tiernan
11:00 AM Teresa & Domenico Molinaro
12:30 PM (L) Manuel Malavet



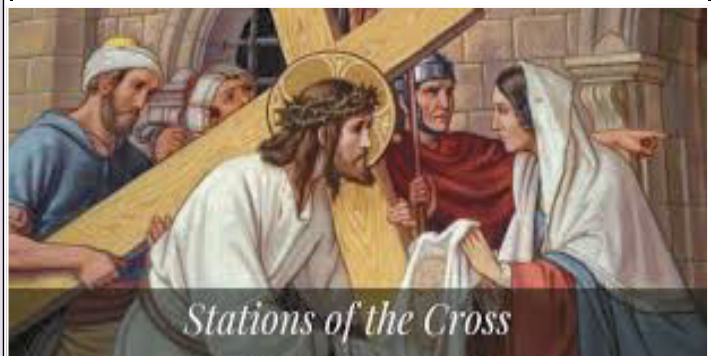
Please pray for the Soul of :

Inez Garrambone

Martin Fenlon

Robert Dubriske, Sr.

Joseph Femia



**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.**



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 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.

March 27th - Fourth Sunday of Lent



In today's Gospel the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father.

During March, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families, by providing food, helping with utilities, rent bills, etc. Thank You!

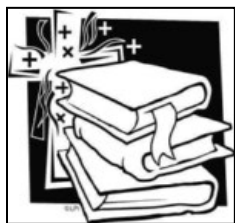
LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE



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.



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. It is 'Pray for Me' Sunday for 2nd gr.

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.

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.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Coyle was inspirational at Confirmation on Tuesday, March 22nd. The Sacrament Liturgy and music were beautiful. Many thanks to the help and efforts of the following: Deacon Carmine DeStefano, Lee Forsythe, our Music Director, Luis Flores, Plant Engineer and the Knights of Columbus. Additional thanks to all of our amazing teachers who happily gave their time each week to educate the eighth grade students. Congratulations to the Confirmandi and their families.

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

On another note...Congratulations to Ashley Brule, one of our 6th grade teachers who received an Athletic Scholar Award last week from News 12. Not only is she a National Honor Society Student but she will be going to Bryant University in Rhode Island on an athletic scholarship for pole vaulting. During the News 12 televised interview, Ashley was able to give a shout out to St. Matthew's as well.



April 2 & 3

Lectors

4:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
M. Brennan	J. Campa	D. Manetta		

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 P.M.	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
A. Palumbo	H. Campa	B. Napolitano	E. Vicente	

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.

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!

WAR IN UKRAINE — WAYS TO HELP

Support the Pontifical Mission Societies Solidarity Fund for Ukraine

The destruction caused by days of ongoing blasts in Ukraine has left people homeless, fleeing as refugees to other countries for shelter, or seeking safety in underground subways and hospital basements. There is a growing and urgent need for food, and other basic aid. Through the Pontifical Mission Societies, you can support the priests, Religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay pastoral leaders who are reaching out to those who are suffering and in need with concrete help, and with that help, offering hope. As part of his Lent message, Pope Francis tells us, "In God, no act of love, no matter how small, and no 'generous effort' will ever be lost." Pope Francis has encouraged help for the people of Ukraine. With your gift, you can answer that call.

Please join the Diocesan Mission Office in answering the call and support the Pontifical Mission Societies Solidarity Fund for Ukraine. No donation is too small!

You may donate at: **IN SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE** or mail your donation to:
DRVC Mission Office, PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 1157 with Memo: **Ukraine**

Various other Catholic agencies are collecting donations to aid with the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, as well. Here are some additional places to donate:

- Catholic Relief Services
- The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia has a link to donate.
- Catholic Near East Welfare Association and Aid to the Church in Need.
- The Knights of Columbus launched the Ukraine Solidarity Fund for humanitarian need in Ukraine and through refugee sites in Poland.
- Jesuit Refugee Service
- The U.S. Bishops' Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe designated its annual collection, taken in most diocesan parishes on Ash Wednesday, to support Ukraine and the surrounding region as a result of Russia's invasion. It offers two ways to give, electronically, through iGiveCatholicTogether or by mail.
- The Salesians also are accepting donations to help refugees.
- The International Catholic Migration Commission
- AVSI-USA



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.



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.



Jean Addressy
Chloe Atienza
Janet Beaumonte
Deborah Clar
Marie Clarke
Lisa Ciota
Marie Coldin
Gerard Costa
Joseph Costa
Vilma Diaztoral
Nina Marie DeBlasio
David Falen
Lawrence Famighetti
Laura Lee Gaudio

Gerry Gianutsos
Brendan Gould
Richard Harvey
Providence Henry
Erika Hetherington
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
Rende Family
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
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.** ↔

REMINDER: Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 7 following the 9:00 AM Mass.

“TELLING GOD TO GET OUT”

Billy Graham’s daughter was interviewed on a television show and was asked, “How could God let something like this happen?” (The question was regarding Hurricane Katrina) but so many horrible things have happened since then, you can insert whichever comes to mind. Ann gave a profound answer. She said, “I believe that God is deeply saddened by this, just as we are, but for years, we have been telling God to get out of our schools, get out of our government and to get out of our lives. Being the Gentleman that He is, I believe He has calmly backed out. How can we expect God to give us His blessing and His Protection if we demand He leave us alone?”

In light of recent events, school shootings, terrorist attacks, etc., I think it began with Madeline Murray O’Haire, who complained that she didn’t want prayer in the schools, and we said, OK. Then someone said, “You better not read the Bible in school. The Bible says Thou shall not kill, thou shall not steal, and treat thy neighbor as thyself. And we said, OK. Doctor Spock said we shouldn’t spank our children when they misbehave, because their little personalities may be damaged and we might destroy their self-esteem! (Dr Spock’s son committed suicide.) We said an expert should know what he’s talking about, and we said, OK. Now we are asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why they don’t know right from wrong, and why it doesn’t bother them to kill strangers, their classmates, and themselves. Probably if we think about it long and hard enough, we can figure it out. I think it has a great deal to do with “WE REAP WHAT WE SOW.”

FUNNY how simple it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world is going to hell. FUNNY how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says. FUNNY how you can send jokes through e-mail and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing. FUNNY how lewd, crude, vulgar and obscene articles pass freely through cyberspace, but public discussion of God is suppressed in the school and workplace. FUNNY how we can be more worried about what others think of us, than what God thinks of us. ALL SO VERY FUNNY! Are you laughing yet?

- People are excited about the new iPhone but no one has caught up with the awesome technology of using their blinkers when they drive!
- Hard to believe I once had a phone attached to the wall. When it rang, I picked it up without knowing who was calling. Amazing I’m still alive.
- I still have a LANDLINE. or as I like to call it, “A CELL PHONE FINDER.”
- Who remembers waiting to call long distance till after 7pm because it was cheaper?
- When young people tell me about their problems, I like to tell them the story about that time I survived without my cell phone or the internet for 40 years.
- Pretty busy today, I was only able to check my phone 700 times.

Remember to pray for everyone, especially our church, our country and our freedoms.

See you in church

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March 2 - April 10
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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. The babies we save will appreciate your participation.

Free pregnancy help: 631-243-0066

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



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**Doors will open at 7:00 PM with the Holy Hour
beginning at 7:30 PM.**

These evenings will consist of Eucharist Adoration accompanied by live praise and worship music and a homily. There will be an opportunity for anyone who attends to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Following the Holy Hours, there will be time for fellowship.

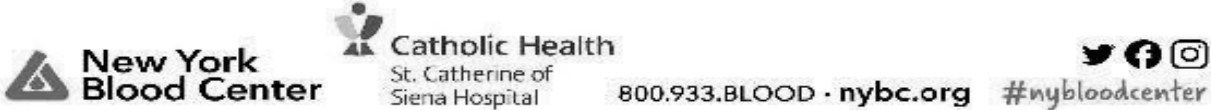
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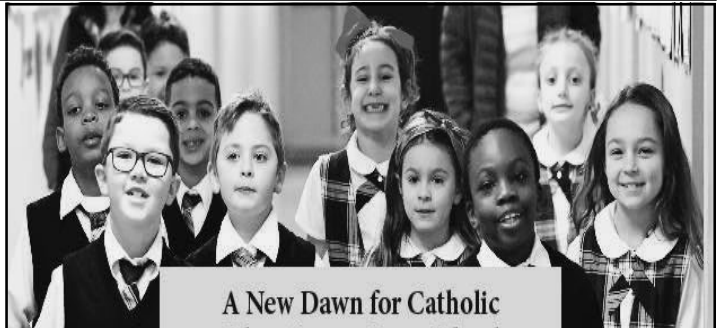
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To date, fellow Catholics and foundations have pledged more than \$3 million to Tomorrow's Hope Foundation for vital MSI programs and local Catholic school needs, including:

- 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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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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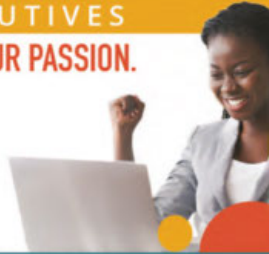
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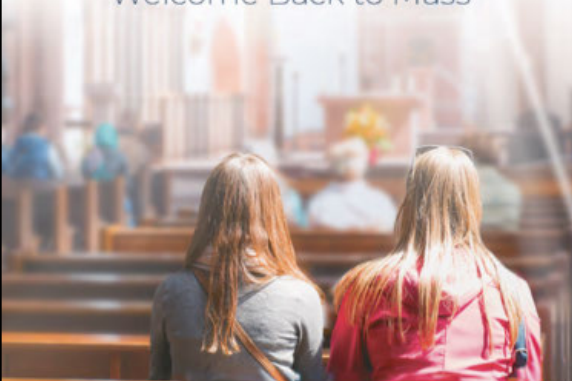
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