

Roman Catholic Church of St. Matthew

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

April 3, 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



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

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

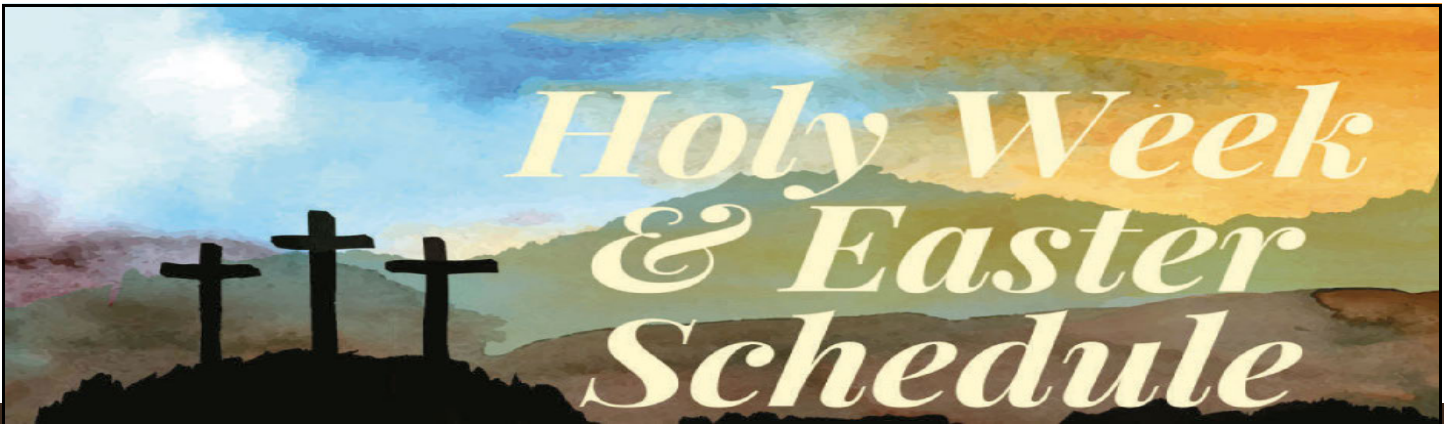
SATURDAY: 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. For any other time, please call to make an appointment with a priest.

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.



CONFESSIONS

All Saturdays of Lent: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Monday of Holy Week, April 11th: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Good Friday, April 15th: 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 16th: 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon



LITURGIES OF HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, April 10th

Regular Sunday Schedule

Saturday ~ 4:00 PM

Sunday ~ 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM



Holy Thursday, April 14th

9:00 AM ~ Morning prayer

7:00 PM ~ Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Good Friday, April 15th

9:00 AM ~ Morning prayer

3:00 PM ~ Solemn Liturgy

7:00 PM ~ Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 16th

9:00 AM ~ Morning prayer

10:30 AM ~ Blessing of Easter Food

7:00 PM ~ Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 17th

Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Apr 2

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

Monday, Apr 4

9:00 AM John Vierling, Jr.

Tuesday, Apr 5

9:00 AM Nancy Tongson Paguio

Wednesday, Apr 6

9:00 AM Deceased Members of
The Gayer & O'Regan Families

Thursday, Apr 7

9:00 AM Philip Pandolfi

Friday, Apr 8

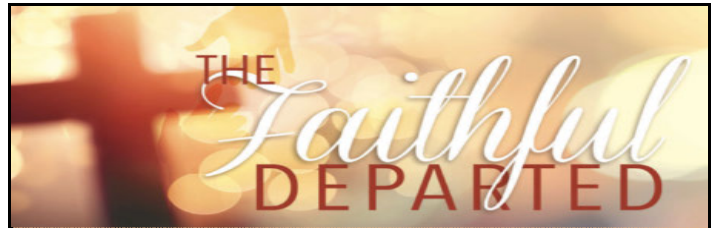
9:00 AM Rosalie Manetta
John Ciechanski

Saturday, Apr 9

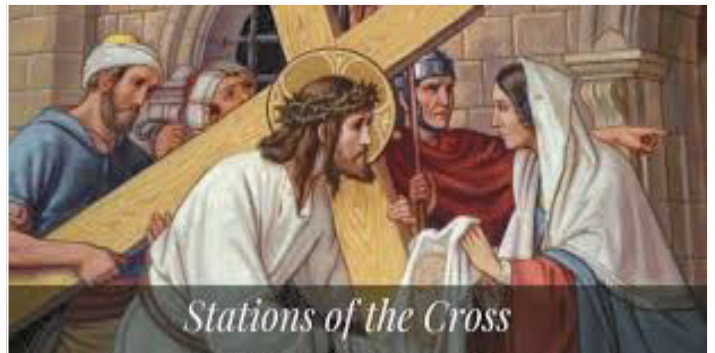
9:00 AM Salvatore Montesano
Edgar Debono ~ First Anniversary
Dominic Caramagno
4:00 PM Joseph Fontanelli
Faye & Richard Zammillo
Enrichetta & John Manetta
Grace Roosa
Damian Aiello II (the second)
Kenny Lubin

Sunday, Apr 10

7:30 AM Frank Campa
9:30 AM Mary & Joseph Lichtenberger
11:00 AM Msgr. James Mc Donald
12:30 PM Angelo Cortina & Family

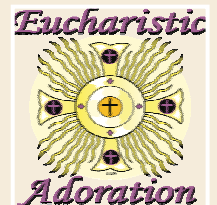


Please pray for the Soul of:
Donna Marie Locicero
Constance Vasquez



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!



Knights of Columbus 2nd Annual

April 16th, 2022
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Grades: 1st - 4th



EASTER EGG HUNT



Dear Friends,

This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday in Lent. In the older calendar it is known as "Passion Sunday;" marking a change in the Lenten Season. The last two weeks of Lent were known as "Passiontide." It was and is a dramatic change: symbolized by the veiling of sacred images in the church. I vividly remember entering the lobby of the high school I went to, Saint Pius X Preparatory Seminary, and seeing the large statue of Our Lady that stood there veiled in purple cloth. Everywhere one looked, purple cloth sheathed all the familiar images of Saints and Angels. Even the very Crucifix was hidden from view. I think it was and is a very visible way of reminding us of the Passion.

After a time of drastic pruning of the tree of the accumulated customs and practices of the Roman Rite; we see the Church asking us again to restore some of the "old family customs."

This weekend we follow one of those customs in the striking and dramatic covering of all the sacred images in the church. The Scriptures speak of Jesus "hiding Himself;" God "hiding His face," and the Lord "covered up" in the tomb for three days. The Crucifix will be unveiled on Good Friday in answer to that ancient cry of the Liturgy **Behold the wood of the Cross!** and will be the object of veneration on that day's Solemn Liturgy.

On Holy Saturday, the great Vigil of Easter, the risen and glorified Christ will be revealed to us, much like to the disciples on that early morn; as well as the statues of Our Lady and Saint Joseph. Historians tell us that earliest drama in Western civilization is not only the ancient Greek theatre but also the Liturgy of the Church. We are fed not only by words, but by "signs and wonders" through all our senses. Now the focus of Lent shifts from the theme of personal repentance to the Passion and Death of the Lord. Why this ancient, now restored, custom? The veiled images symbolize a world without God. Familiar faces and images, now hidden, remind us of what the world can be; and human lives can be, without God. Nowhere to look, nothing to look at: but emptiness. On Good Friday, the Liturgy finally returns the Crucifix to us, unveiled with the cry **Behold!...Look!**

Look at what it cost God to forgive our sins! Look at the price of sin! Look at the love He has for us! Centuries ago, the great and ardent light of medieval spirituality, Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, preaching on the Passion, pointed to the Crucifix, and asked, "**WHO did this???**" He gave the answer: "**LOVE did this!!! Heedless of His dignity!!!**"

These last two weeks of Lent are still different in our Liturgy. The theme of the Passion comes to the fore.

Dear friends, we still have two weeks to make a good Lent: still time to voluntarily offer to Jesus a little bit of the Cross. Even if we have failed in our Lenten resolutions; there is still time to make it up!

God's blessings,
Father Hewes

This and That

- **Holy Water:** there are TWO large vessels with Holy Water in the church. One in the vestibule, the other in front of the church to the left of the statue of Our Lady. Feel free to avail yourself of either when you want Holy Water.
- **The Special needs/"handicapped" rows in the back of the church:** these have been made available for those who use walkers, or who cannot easily walk, kneel, or might have to be a near a door.
- **For those who do not use the special rows in the back but have difficulty walking up to the Communion Station:** might I suggest you sit in a row closest to the Communion Station? That way you may receive Communion at the beginning of its distribution and the Communion line can flow more smoothly behind you.
- **AGAIN: Communion "in the hand" means BOTH hands.** As Catholics we "receive" Holy Communion, not "take" Holy Communion. Snatching, or grabbing the Host from the Communion minister with your fingers is completely irreverent; as is "palming" the Host with one hand to the mouth. If your hands will be impeded or blocked due to holding children, carrying clothing, holding objects (even religious ones) then one should receive on the tongue. The priests as responsible for the reverence and care of the Blessed Sacrament reserve the right to refuse Communion in the hand if done as poorly and improperly as just mentioned. After over 40 years of this practice of Communion in the hand, and repeated instruction, there simply is no excuse for the occurrence of seriously improper and irreverent treatment of the Sacred Host as just described.
- **Also, please remember to remove your facial covering just before you receive Communion.** You may replace it after you have received the Host.
- **"I'm not hungry, I'll just peck":** Some of you might remember that line from a movie, and the scene that follows. This may seem a bit flippant BUT: regardless of what some other priest or parish might have said or advised, in St. Matthew's Parish it simply makes no sense for an adult to present him or herself on the Communion line without intending to receive Communion. It confuses the priests and the Extraordinary Ministers to come all the way up the line then stand here with some gesture or other, "wanting a blessing" while dozens of people are waiting to receive. It is not our custom here in St. Matthew's parish and EVERYBODY at Mass receives a blessing at the end of every Mass at the end of the Liturgy.



My gratitude for all the kind wishes and generosity of so many for my recent Anniversary of Ordination (the 44th) and birthday (71).

My almost dozen years here at St. Matthew's have been the happiest of my priesthood and I hope, for at least a few years more, God will continue to bless me as He has in the past.

Father Hewes

BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOOD



Holy Saturday
10:30 AM
in the Church

“Please join us as we celebrate the tradition of the Blessing of the Easter Foods. Bring your basket of foods to be shared at Easter (meats, eggs, bread, wine, desserts, etc.) to be blessed. Don’t forget the children and begin this beautiful tradition with your family.”



*The Altar Candles
In Loving Memory of
Philip Pandolfi
From,
Fr. Robert Hewes & Staff*



*Announced for the First Time
Joseph Dortona and
Patricia Reyes*

*The Bread and Wine
In Loving Memory of
Joseph & Anna Loiacono
Love, Christen Larsen*



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.



April 3rd - Fifth Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, Jesus is the model of compassion and kindness. He shows us how to be merciful and nonjudgmental.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace, and mercy into our hearts and into the hearts of those suffering in poverty.

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
- 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!



April 9 & 10

Lectors

4:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
S. Carambia	H. Campa	E. Vicente		B. Abadom

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 P.M.	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
M. Brennan	J. Campa	C. DeStefano	A. Pappas	B. Abadom

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!

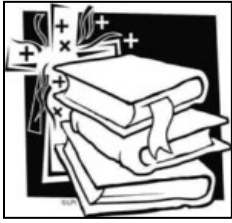
For questions, please call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850 or email worship@drvc.org.

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.



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, 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.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Knights of Columbus are having their second annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 16, 2022, Holy Saturday. There are hundreds of colored eggs waiting to be found by students in grades 1 thru 4. Time - 10:30am. Everyone had lots of fun last year so join us in the parking lot over by the Rectory. I believe a certain bunny will be stopping by for pictures with the children.



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





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council #7479

35 North Service Road • Dix Hills, NY 11746

25th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Monday May 23, 2022

Ron Pomian, Grand Knight
 631-278-5986
 Ron Pizzolo, PGK, Chairman
 631-357-7733
 Joe Montelle, PGK, Chairman
 631-940-2915

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Proceeds From This Years Raffle Will Benefit
 The ALS Association's mission to discover treatments and a
 cure for ALS, and to serve, advocate for, and empower
 people affected by ALS to live their lives to the fullest.



Schedule

Brunch at 12:00 pm • Tee-off at 1:30 pm

A Halfway House & Beverage Cart will be served from 1:30 to 6:00pm.

Cocktail hour/dinner begins at 6:00 pm

Cost per Golfer \$225

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<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
_____	Day of Golf	\$225.00	_____
_____	Hole Sponsorship	\$150.00	_____
_____	Beverage Cart	\$300.00	_____
_____	Lunch	\$300.00	_____
_____	Cocktail Hour	\$500.00	_____
_____	Dinner	\$500.00	_____
_____	Journal Ad-Full Page Gold.....	\$300.00	_____
_____	Journal Ad-Full Page	\$150.00	_____
_____	Journal Ad-Full Page / With Plaque.....	\$200.00	_____
_____	Day of Golf For 4 Players • Gold Page Ad • Hole Sponsorship	\$1,300.00	_____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

_____ **Print Name of Contact** _____ **Print Company Name** _____ **Contact Phone Number**
 _____ **Email Address** _____ **Date**

Please list your players below with their handicaps. Send with a check made out to the Knights of Columbus and mailed to Ron Pizzolo at the address below. The Fee is \$225.00 per golfer.

1. Captain _____ Tel: _____ 3. _____
 2. _____ 4. _____

Please join us for this exciting event!

Mr. Ron Pizzolo
 34 Fairlawn Drive, Central Islip, NY 11722
 Phone: (631) 439-0085 • Cell: (631) 357-7733
 E-mail: rpizzolosr@gmail.com • Website: www.kofc7479.org

RAFFLE
\$10 per ticket / 3 tickets for \$20
 First prize: \$500.00 Cash
 Second Prize: \$200.00 Cash
 Third Prize: \$100.00 Cash

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 26 & 27

Weekly: \$ 15,718.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$ 3,197.00
Faith Direct: \$ 2,300.00

PLEASE NOTE THE UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

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**WAR IN UKRAINE — WAYS TO HELP | THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
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 11570 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.
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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.

**Make your checks payable to: The Missionary Sisters of St. Benedict
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In the Memo, please indicate UKRAINE.**

We also have Dominican Sisters and Priests in the Ukraine. I have read some of the heart-breaking 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

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.



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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.*

APRIL: *For health care workers*

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



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 meeting is this Thursday, April 7 following the 9:00 AM Mass. Bring a friend or I have to eat all those bagels by myself.

**Young
Energetic
Seniors
News**

As I explained, I write these articles a week or two before they are in your hands, so I have no idea what kind of a mess the world is in today. I think I can safely say that is not good. Old saying "The world is going to hell in a hand basket." Don't really know what a hand basket is, but I can certainly agree with the rest of it. The following is by a 15 year old student in Minnesota, who received an A+ from his awesome teacher. The Lord's Prayer is not allowed in most U.S. Public schools anymore ...so bless this kid who wrote it, and the teacher who understood. Don't think it would have received the same sort of recognition here in New York.

NEW SCHOOL PRAYER

Now I sit me down in school, Where praying is against the rule
For this great nation under God, Finds mention of Him very odd
If scripture now the class recites, It violates the Bill of Rights
And anytime my head I bow, Becomes a Federal matter now
Our hair can be purple, red or green, That's no offense, it's a freedom scene
The law is specific, the law is precise, prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice
For praying in a public hall, Might offend someone with no faith at all
In silence alone we must meditate, God's name is forbidden by the State
We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks, pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks
They've outlawed guns but FIRST the Bible, To quote the good book makes me liable
We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen, and the unwed daddy the Senior King
It's "inappropriate" to teach right from wrong, we're taught such judgments do not belong.
We can get our pills and birth control, Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles
But the Ten Commandments are not allowed, No word of God must reach this crowd
It's scary here I must confess, when chaos reigns, the school's a mess.
So, Lord, this silent plea I make: "Should I be shot, my soul please take." Amen
We need a few more teachers like that one (fat chance).

Jesus said, "if you are ashamed of me, I will be ashamed of you before My Father."
If you are not ashamed, please share it with your family and friends.

It's tax time again, how about this one?
The most powerful governments in the world can't keep a virus from spreading, but they say they can change the earth's temperature if you pay MORE TAXES!

Remember to pray for everyone and for the world leaders to come to their senses!

See you in church,
Pat



FOR CLIENTS RECEIVING SNAP OR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE

In February, OTDA distributed a portion of PEAFF (Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund) funds to provide to one-time cash payments to families that have a child under the age of three and are enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance (TA). Families received \$140 per eligible child to help cover the cost of diapers.

In April, OTDA will issue one-time cash payments for food assistance to SNAP and TA households that include both an adult who is 55 or older and a child who is 17 or younger. These households will receive \$730 per eligible older adult.

Additional Emergency Allotments (EA) will be issued to all SNAP households in New York State in March. Distribution began on March 7 and will continue throughout the month. SNAP Emergency Allotments are approved by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) on a month-by-month basis and will continue until the public health emergency is lifted in our nation.

The diaper supplement and food assistance payments will be issued to households' EBT cash account. **Families must access their EBT cash account within 90 days of receiving the payment or the cash will be removed from the account.**

Catholic Charities was kind enough to send us this information.

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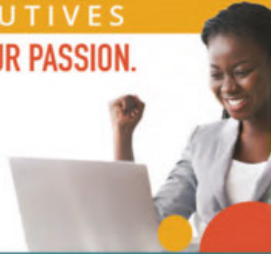
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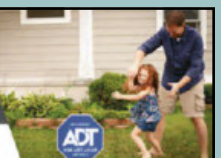
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