

# Roman Catholic Church of St. Matthew

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

**APRIL 17, 2022 ~ EASTER SUNDAY**

## Pastor

Rev. Robert Hewes

## Associate Pastors

Rev. Joseph Habila

Rev. Benet Uwasomba

## Deacon

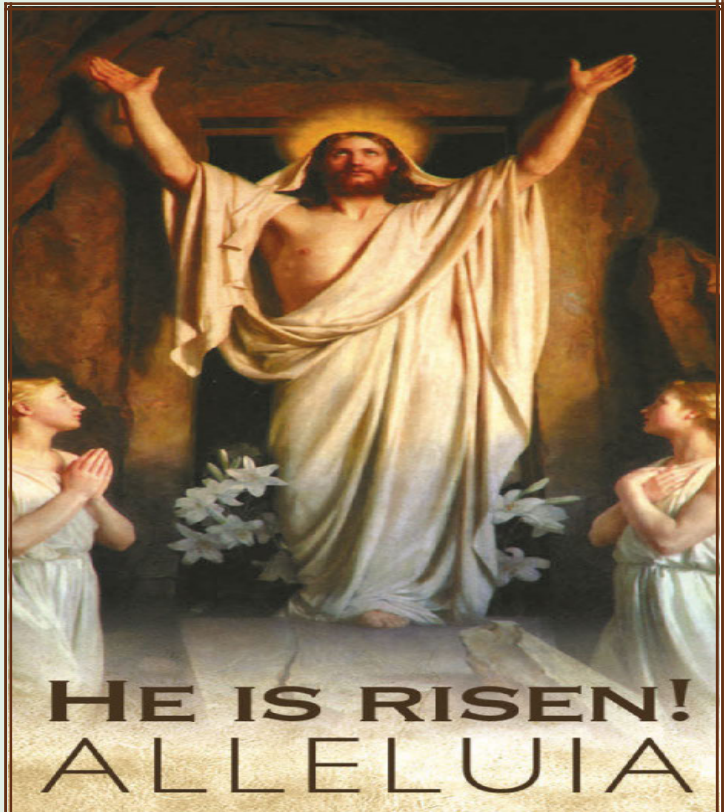
Carmine DeStefano

## Pastoral Associate

Sr. Kathleen McCarthy, O. P.

D.R.E.: Mary Donaldson

Music Director: Lee Forsythe



**The Salvation of Souls is the Supreme Law**

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m.

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

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

## CONFESSIONS

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

## BAPTISM SCHEDULE

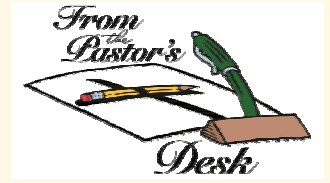
The 3rd Sunday and the 4th Saturday of the each month. (No Baptisms Easter Sunday or Christmas Weekends.) First-time parents are required to attend a **Baptismal Preparation Class** which is offered on the last Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel. (No class is held in December.)  
Registration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

Dear Friends,

Some years ago, I departed from my usual preaching style and wrote out the following semi-poetic reflection as my homily at Easter. I offer it here, in the typography of a conversation.



*It was the morning of the world now...but ...as yet...the world did not know it..*

*It seemed to the 'world"...that the "world' was safe....*

*Another Messiah...another imposter...history...*

*The Death was real alright, no doubt about that....*

*Scourging...nails...plaited thorns...the Roman cross...the blood...the Seven Words...the final shudder...the final cry...then...for good measure a Roman pilum in the side...must've pierced the pericardium...all that blood and clear fluid...that was it...wasn't it?*

*There was that oddly troubling darkening of Day...the rumbling of earth....the strange coincidence of how the Temple's inner curtain separated....the crazy stories of open tombs and walking dead...But...there was a Tomb... and two of the Sanhedrin made sure it was all done proper-like...Odd..NOW they come forward?... after He was Dead?....well...you know how "religious people" are....*

*But...it was the morning...THE morning...and it was growing light....*

*More weeping women...back to the Tomb....finish the job of preparation...now that the Sabbath was over...*

*Open?....empty?....HOW????*

*They enter...the winding sheet askew...no body....Then...the MEN...can't look at them....*

*"Why seek ye here amongst the dead for One Who is Living?"*

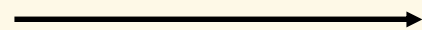
*He is not HERE....well....THAT they could see...after all....LIVING?... RISEN?....*

*But....don't we ALL know that DEAD is DEAD????*

*Isn't it that there is nothing more certain than that Death is final?....*

*"Remember...He told you....remember?...He told you..."*

*REMEMBER!!!!...*



*It comes flooding back... Yes...yes....but....but....we thought he was...?*

*KIDDING????*

*No....He Who is Truth...told you....me... the Truth....*

*It can't be...it IS!....*

*Off they run...these women...with their confusing names...Now...which "Mary" is which?...*

*Off they run....*

*To the Eleven...depleted now by one....the Man with the Plan...proud like many men who think their sin is much too great for God to forgive....tragedy...the Potter's Field....*

*The Eleven...behind locked doors...quiet...ashamed...confused...the "Rock" is back...faithful now...Yeh...big help he was in the Garden!...well....where else can we go?...WHO has the words of Eternal Life except...the One...who is DEAD?.....they sit there...fearful at a knock on the door....*

*The Tomb empty?...Two men in white?????*

*Come on now....really....They said what?...when the Master was with us in Galilee...well... yes...we do remember that now... but...but....*

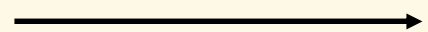
*Perhaps it was the deeply hurt and pragmatic Thomas who snapped "NONSENSE!!!!" ... and stormed out wrapped in his own sad darkness into the World's Morning...*

*The Fisherman goes tho'...after all...he has to keep them together...even after...the denials... He runs...probably runs with the rolling gait of a landed fisherman ...bends down...the clothes!...but...wrapped up?...what kind of grave robber would leave behind that cloth...but wrap it up?...Odd...odd.....He wonders....wanders....back.....*

*The Dawn would come...the Voice...the soft call to the Magdelene...then....the Appearance... Alive...wishing them Peace...yet....the wounds....those wounds!... never to be gone...always the Sign of The Sacrificed God....always there...always....they would see Him....fear....rejoice...cling....even our good Thomas would receive his tender but firm challenge...See...Touch!...."Be not unbelieving but believing!" ....*

*He told us...didn't He...?*

*Yes....of all the world's tombs...only Two are empty because the One buried in it got up...and walked away...or...rather...rose....*



Only two...

The other one?....Whose is it?

Well...there IS that other scene not recorded....too private...too intimate...but...it surely HAD to happen....

While the women and disciples rush around....

Somewhere in the early Dawn....a meeting occurs...

We almost cannot bear to imagine it...but it surely HAD to happen...

Somewhere in Jerusalem...

Three years before...pensive..loving...determined...He who is the Sacrificed God...and yet is The Son of A Mother...said farewell....

Now...this morning...it is "Ave...Hail....the words come from the ancient love song of inspired Scripture...the book that oddly never mentions God....now it makes sense..."Arise...my lovely....my dove...Arise....Come..."

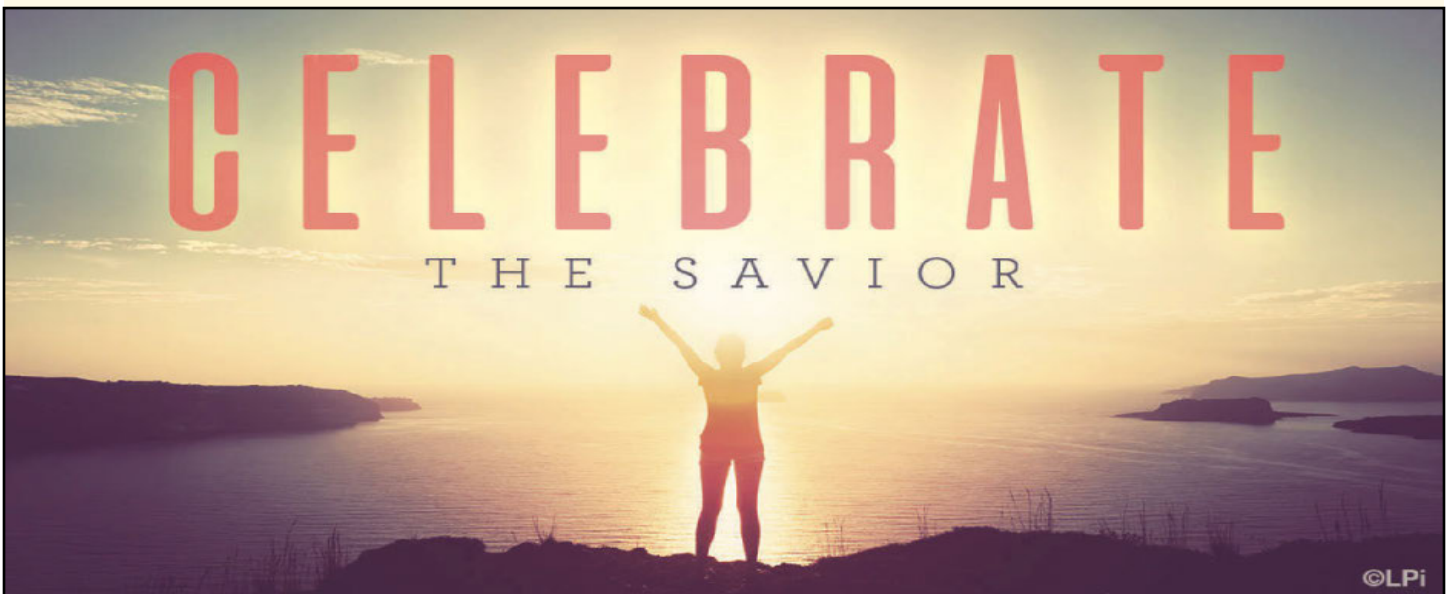
The Son greets His Mother before all else.....the first "Regina Caeli"....."Queen of Heaven..Rejoice!..Alleluia!...For He whom you did merit to bear...to birth...to feed...to love...and who for a while said goodbye...He ...is Risen....Even as HE said!"...

**HE said...and so we here...**

**over two thousand years later...**

**WE say....He is Risen....Alleluia!**

Father Hewes



# Mass Intentions

## **Saturday, Apr 16**

7:00 PM James & Catherine Sheehan  
Millie & Frank Tricamo  
Chickie & Bart Tricamo  
John & Franca Musacchio  
Damian J. Aiello II (the second)

## **Sunday, Apr 17**

7:30 AM Pauline De Losa  
9:30 AM Milohnic, Mossa & Rizzi Families  
11:00 AM Rosario Meredino  
12:30 PM James Volpe

## **Monday, Apr 18**

9:00 AM Clare & John Pirro

## **Tuesday, Apr 19**

9:00 AM Deborah Weitman ~  
Happy 1st Anniversary

## **Wednesday, Apr 20**

9:00 AM Meaghan Regina Burton

## **Thursday, Apr 21**

9:00 AM Schneider & Shannon Families

## **Friday, Apr 22**

9:00 AM Anne Di Stefano

## **Saturday, Apr 23**


9:00 AM Michael Melynek  
Philip J. Jordan  
4:00 PM Jennifer Maguire  
Dolores & Calvin Jones  
Grace Roosa  
Gloria E. Cruz  
Joseph Femia  
Victor & Vincent Gonzalez

## **Sunday, Apr 24**

7:30 AM Alec Nelson  
9:30 AM Dominic Caramagno  
11:00 AM Angelo Cortina & Family  
12:30 PM (L) Phyllis Sangiovanni



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

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



## **Schedule Changes to Extraordinary Form (Latin) Masses This Month**



The Latin Masses this April will be Sunday, April 3rd,  
Passion Sunday and Low Sunday, April 24th  
(Sunday after Easter), NOT Easter Sunday.



*He is Risen! Alleluia!*

I pray you and your loved ones know the peace of our Risen Lord in these weeks of Easter!

Last Easter, Pope Francis reminded us of our call to go to the peripheries to find the Face of Jesus in those we meet and those in need. This Easter season, join me in going to the peripheries and helping those in need in our community by making a gift to the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

This year's CMA theme - ***Building a Community of Faith, Hope and Love*** - answers our Holy Father's invitation to love and support one another, and your commitment to the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps us build a community of faith, hope and love here on Long Island.

With your help, we serve more than 600,000 people each year: pregnant mothers in our Catholic Charities' Regina Maternity Services; seminarians in priestly formation who will one day serve God's people on Long Island; people who come to our food pantries; and our youth and young adults who desire a deeper relationship with our loving God.

Please remember that 100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift to the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal and reaching out to those need. Please pray for the success of this year's Appeal and for those who are supported by the Appeal.

You and your loved ones will be remembered in my prayers and Masses. May you and they know the love of our Risen Lord!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Please make check payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**To make a donation or for more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/> or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296 or call the Parish Office at St. Matthew's - 631-499-8520 ext. 117. Thank You!**

**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!

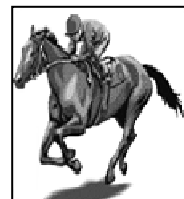
*The Gift Shop is located in the Parish Center, across from the Receptionist area.*

**All Proceeds Benefit Our Parish Ministry!**



Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council 7479

## **Knight at the Races**



**SATURDAY APRIL 23, 2022**

**MSGR. GOGGIN HALL**

**DOORS OPEN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 4 PM MASS**

**FIRST RACE AT 5:15 PM**

**DINNER SERVED AFTER THE SECOND RACE**

**8 EXCITING RACES & 50/50 RAFFLE**

**TICKETS \$15 PER PERSON**

***FILETTO'S OF COMMACK***

**WILL BE SPONSORING OUR DINNER**

**PLUS BEER, WINE, SODA & COFFEE**

***PROFITS WILL BE DONATED TO THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE***

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**FOR INFORMATION OR TO RESERVE TICKETS CALL**

**KEVIN BERTOLINI 516-652-6438**

**RON POMIAN 631-278-5986**



### ***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.



### 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.

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul -- Serving Your Community



Are you called to put your Faith to action?

There are many ways to help ...

Contact us and learn how you can volunteer your time.

Michael Brennan, President 499-8520 (ext. 118)

Do you know a neighbor in need?

#### Services We Provide

- Home Visitation
- Financial Assistance
- Spiritual Support
- Food Assistance (in conjunction with Parish Outreach)
- Furniture & Clothing Referrals
- Referrals to Community Agencies
- Seasonal Ministries - Thanksgiving & Christmas



### **April 17th – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, like Mary Magdalene and the Disciples we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection.

**As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you help those who are poor and hungry to “see and believe” in the Resurrection.**



**April 23 & 24**



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



4:00 P.M.	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
R. Smolenski	J. Campa	J. 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!

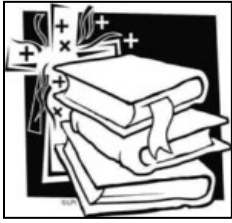
For questions, please call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850 or email [worship@drvc.org](mailto:worship@drvc.org).

**PARISH REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [www.smrcc.org](http://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***

**THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WISHES EVERYONE A HAPPY EASTER.**

**SPECIAL NOTES**

This past week our Winter Religious Education classes ended. I hope that it was both spiritually and educationally gratifying to all the students who attended here in the Parish Center and those taught by their parents in the home. Too often appreciation goes unspoken so to all of our awesome teachers who volunteered their time here each week, we are very grateful and to the parents who so willingly taught their child/children at home, many thanks. We needed you all and could not have done it without you. Finally, a special thanks goes to Mr. Luis Flores, our Plant Engineer and Security Director who kept all of us safe every day.

Registration forms for the Winter Program (September 2022 thru April 2023) will be mailed home in May for students in grades two through eight. 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.

**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.

**FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSALS**

May 7th	10:30am	Wednesday, May 4th	3-5pm
May 7th	1:30pm	Thursday, May 5th	3-5pm
May 14th	10:30am	Wednesday, May 11th	3-5pm
May 14th	1:30pm	Thursday, May 12th	3-5pm

Parents may have to pick up their Communion child early from school as there is only one rehearsal for each Communion and we begin promptly at 3:00pm. School districts are notified of our First Holy Communion rehearsal schedule.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council #7479**

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**25<sup>th</sup> 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

Hamlet Windwatch Golf & Country Club • 1715 Vanderbilt Motor Parkway, Hauppauge, NY 11788



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](mailto:me@porzia.com)  
and John DiGiorgio: [me@johndigiorgio.com](mailto:me@johndigiorgio.com)

**APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER:**

Kathryn Giandoreggio: 631-491-3735

**ATHLETIC WEBSITE:** [www.smrcc.org](http://www.smrcc.org)

**ATHLETICS DIRECTOR/ INTRAMURAL & CYO TRAVEL**

**COORDINATOR:** Chris Felice: [smrccathletics@gmail.com](mailto:smrccathletics@gmail.com)

**BAPTISM OFFICE:** Bettyanne Russo: 499-8520 x 126  
email: [stmatthewdixhills@gmail.com](mailto: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

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The collection totals for April 9th & 10th will be in next week's bulletin.

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***Sunday, April 24 is Monday, April 18***

***Sunday, May 1 is Monday, April 25***

***Sunday, May 8 is Monday, May 2***

***Sunday, May 15 is Monday May 9***

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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.
- The International Catholic Migration Commission
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Please consider helping these Sisters who are desperately trying to help those who are attempting to survive the violence and war in the Ukraine.

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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 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

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](mailto: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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**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](mailto:bulletin@smrcc.org).** ↔

### THE EMPTY EGG

Jeremy Forrester was born with a twisted body, a slow mind and a terminal disease.

At age 12, he was still in second grade, in a class of 19 children and seemingly unable to learn. His teacher Doris, often became impatient with his squirming, drooling and making grunting sounds, yet at times, he spoke clearly, as if a spot of light penetrated his brain. Most of the time, he just irritated his teacher. Doris called Jeremy's parents for a consultation and told them that Jeremy really belonged in a special school because he was causing a distraction and it wasn't fair to the other 18 students. While Ms. Forrester cried softly, her husband explained that there were no schools of that kind locally and would be a terrible shock for Jeremy to be taken out of this school, and be separated from those who love him. "We know he likes it here. Doris thought for a long time after they left. As she stared at the snow outside, it's coldness seemed to seep into her soul. She wanted to sympathize with them. After all, their only child has a terminal illness, but it wasn't fair to her other students. He would never learn to read or write, so why waste any more time trying. But guilt washed over her. "Here I am complaining when my problems are nothing compared to that poor family. Lord, help me to be more patient with Jeremy." One day, he limped to her desk, dragging his leg and said, "Mrs. Miller, I love you." The other students giggled and teacher's face turned red with embarrassment. She gave no reply.

Spring came and Doris told the students the story of Jesus and His death and resurrection. To emphasize the idea of new life, she gave each child an empty plastic egg. "Now children, take this home and bring it back tomorrow with something inside that shows new life. Do you understand?" "Yes," they responded, all except Jeremy. He listened intently, his eyes never leaving her face. She wondered, did he really understand what she said about Jesus death and His resurrection? Maybe she should call the parents and have them help Jeremy with the project. That night, with so many things to attend to, she completely forgot to call.

Next morning, the children placed their eggs in the basket on teacher's desk. Time to open the eggs! In the first, there was a flower. Oh yes, a flower is a sign of new life, and when it peeks through the ground, we know that spring is here. The next egg contained a plastic butterfly. Doris held it up and said, "We all know that a caterpillar changes into a beautiful butterfly, and that's new life too ." Doris opened the next one and gasped! It was empty! Surely it must be Jeremy's. He didn't understand the instructions. If only she had remembered to call the parents. Because she didn't want to embarrass him, she set the egg aside and reached for another. Suddenly, Jeremy spoke up in a perfectly toned voice, "Mrs. Miller, aren't you going to talk about my egg?" "But Jeremy, your egg was empty." "Yes, but Jesus' tomb was empty too," he said. Time stood still!! When she could speak again, Doris asked, "Do you know why the tomb was empty?" "Oh yes, Jesus was killed and put in there. Then His Father raised Him up and that's how Easter started." The bell rang, the children ran to recess and Doris cried. The cold inside her melted completely away.

Three months later, Jeremy passed away. Those who came to pay their respects, were surprised to see 19 Easter Eggs on top of his casket, all of them EMPTY.

Have a happy and Blessed



See you in Church,  
Pat







**Celebrate Spring with some light entertainment! Sunday, April 24, 2022, 5 to 7 pm**  
Enjoy a late afternoon of "Love and Friendship in Song and Story" in Borromeo Hall. Under the direction of Timothy Carl, three professional singers will offer a semi-Classical program of duets and arias speaking of love and friendship. Reception to follow with Wine, Cheese and Hors d'oeuvres. Reservations required - \$90 per guest. Seminary Development Office, (631)423-0483 x 102; [bmalone@icseminary.edu](mailto:bmalone@icseminary.edu).

**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.



***Please Join Us On  
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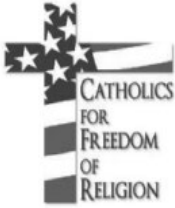
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## Focus on Religious Freedom

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

*John 6:51*

### Religious Re-Awakening and Revival Coming Soon

The Bishops of the United States (USCCB) are calling for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist called, "Eucharistic Revival: My Flesh for the Life of the World." Religious freedom in America, a fundamental and foundational right, guaranteed in the Constitution, protects this initiative to "start a fire" (1), beginning on June 19, 2022, and culminating in December, 2024.

The Bishops propose to invite U.S. Catholics of all ages to become part of a national movement "to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist," said Bishop Andrew Cozzens, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis. (2) This revival could be a time of healing for the entire church and a reawakening of understanding of the sacrament of the Eucharist. (3)

"One of the signs that the Holy Spirit is behind this is the incredible reception that so many different apostolates and movements have given to this idea," said Bishop Cozzens. (4) The development of the plan was spurred by a 2019 Pew Research study that found only about 30% of U.S. Catholics believe the Church's teaching that the Eucharist is truly the body and blood of Christ.

"I really believe our country and our world needs revival right now. In fact, each of us do. We get revived by the Sacraments and Sacramentals we use. We get revived by each other, our families, and thousands of (faithful) men and women...", wrote Fr. Richard Heilman. (5) This Eucharistic Revival within the Catholic Church could be the impetus for a national faith revival and a return to the vibrant religious liberty inherent in our Judeo-Christian roots.

(thecentralminnesotacatholic.org, 8/2/21(2); nrconline.org, 11/17/21(4); catholicnewsagency.com, 6/18/21(3)(1); novenaforournation.com, 1/19/22(5))

"The devotion to the Eucharist is the most noble, because it has God as its object; it is the most profitable for salvation, because it gives us the Author of Grace; it is the sweetest, because the Lord is Sweetness itself." *St. Pius X*



**Monday, April 18, 2022**

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Father Liam McDonald will speak about **spiritual gifts** that will help you grow in self-knowledge by discovering the charisms you received in Baptism and Confirmation. Understand your seat at the table, your position on the team, your place in the Body of Christ for the upbuilding of His Church. Ordained in June 2017, Father Liam is the pastor of St. Therese of Lisieux in Montauk, New York. Before he arrived at St. Therese he served as chaplain to Holy Trinity Diocesan High School and as associate pastor to Holy Family in Hicksville. Father Liam is on an **Isaiah 61 mission**; "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to comfort all who mourn and to proclaim a year of favor from the Lord".

Please RSVP to [magnificatofsuffolk@gmail.com](mailto:magnificatofsuffolk@gmail.com) no later than May 14th, with the name and phone number for each person who will be attending.

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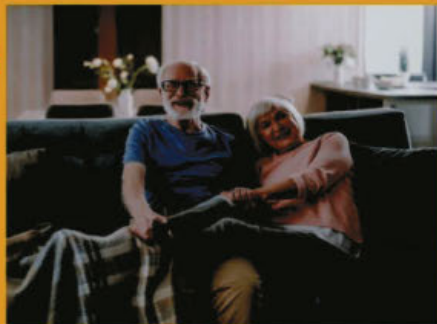


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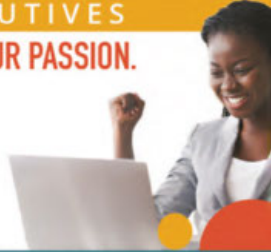
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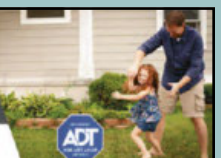
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