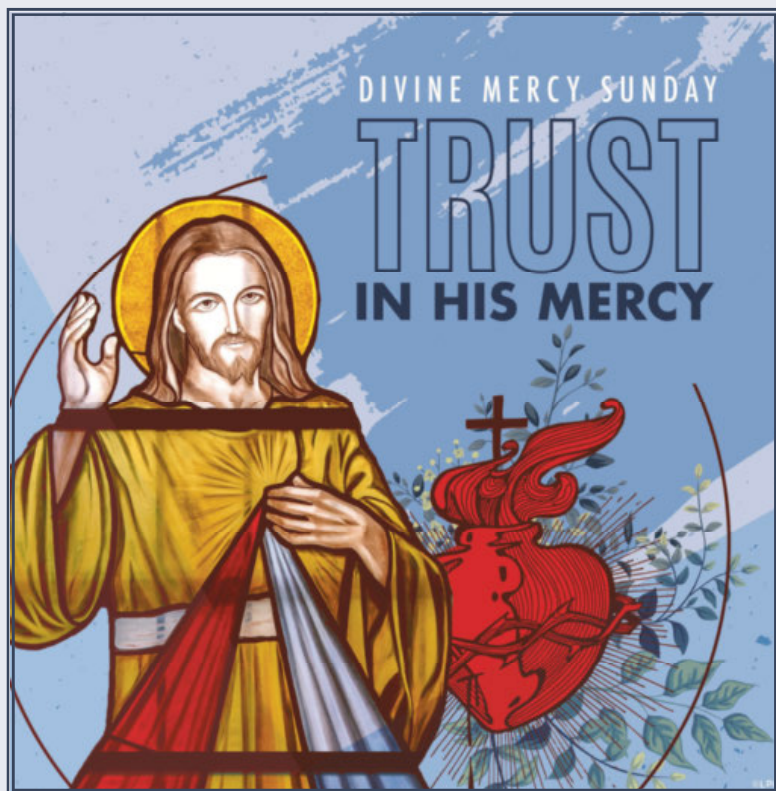


# Roman Catholic Church of St. Matthew

35 North Service Road, Dix Hills, New York 11746  
(631) 499 - 8520 Fax: (631) 499 - 1530 [www.smrcc.org](http://www.smrcc.org)  
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



**APRIL 24, 2022**

Pastor

Rev. Robert Hewes

Associate Pastors

Rev. Joseph Habila

Rev. Benet Uwasomba

Deacon

Carmine DeStefano

Pastoral Associate

Sr. Kathleen McCarthy, O. P.

D.R.E.: Mary Donaldson

Music Director: Lee Forsythe

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

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m.

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

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

## CONFESSIONS

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

## BAPTISM SCHEDULE

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

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, Apr 23

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

## Monday, Apr 25

9:00 AM Joseph Ninivaggi

## Tuesday, Apr 26

9:00 AM Michelle Marie Morseman

## Wednesday, Apr 27

9:00 AM Margaret & Fred Blouin

## Thursday, Apr 28

9:00 AM William P. Sammon

## Friday, Apr 29

9:00 AM Thomas Curran

## Saturday, Apr 30

9:00 AM Rosemary Emma Logan  
Heather Di Pino  
4:00 PM Intentions of Beth Horan  
Florence Miller  
Diane Chieffo  
Gloria E. Cruz  
William Moore  
Rosa Angelieri

## Sunday, May 1

7:30 AM Millie Tricamo  
9:30 AM Angelo Cortina  
11:00 AM Catie Sawyer  
Samantha Sicoli  
12:30 PM (L) In Thanksgiving ~ Gattereau  
Pierre Richard & Katiana St. Louis

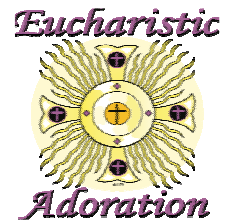


*Announced for the First Time:  
Alexander Eric VanDeurs and  
Samantha Nicole Casello*

*Christopher Mercadante and  
Page Fleming*

*Announced for the Fourth Time:  
Joseph Dortona and  
Patricia Reyes*

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



*Please pray for the Soul of:  
Benjamin Farrell*

*Vito Paccione  
Barbara Luebker  
Michael O'Hara*



*The Altar Flowers and Bread and Wine  
In Loving Memory of  
Angelo Cortina & Family  
With All Our Love*



The Diocese of Rockville Centre  
**GOLDEN WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

**Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years**

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who have celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage between 2020 and 2022 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

**Sunday, May 1, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.**

Church of Christ the King, Commack  
Celebrant: Most Reverend Richard G. Henning

**Sunday, May 15, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.**

Church of St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays  
Celebrant: Most Reverend John O. Barres

**Sunday, May 22, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.**

Church of St. James, Seaford  
Celebrant: Most Reverend Luis Romero

**Register online at [drcv-faith.org](http://drcv-faith.org)**

Registration must be received by Friday, April 22, 2022

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at  
(516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at [LRobustelli@drcv.org](mailto:LRobustelli@drcv.org)



**Invest in the Future  
of Our Church!**

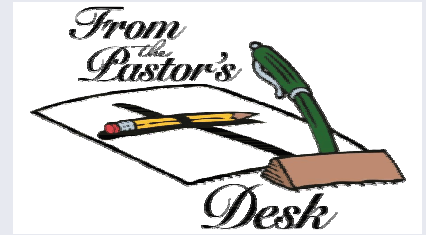
Create scholarships for students to  
attend our Catholic Elementary Schools!

100% of your parish's collection goes to  
scholarships! Half stays close to home for students  
at your own school (parish and regional schools),  
half goes to scholarships for students throughout  
Long Island attending our Catholic schools!



**Give to the Second Collection next Sunday during Mass!  
Saturday, April 30th | Sunday, May 1st**





## PASCHAL GRATITUDE

For a beautiful and moving Holy Week thanks are due to:

- *Lee Forsythe* for her musicianship on the organ and direction of our vocalists *Susan, Emilia, Ed and Dan*, and instrumentalists; the great days of the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week and Easter Sunday are uniquely beautiful here at Saint Matthew's. The wonderful sounds that filled those days gave glory to God and joy to all that heard them!
- *Fathers Benet and Joseph* for their dedicated service in the Confessional and at the Altar these special days.
- *Deacon Carmine DeStefano* for his faithful diaconal service both at the altar and in his various ministries here at St. Matthew's.
- *Mary Augusta* and family, and friends for the decorations that thrilled the eyes of all who entered the church for Easter and done with joy and quiet pride.
- *Dolores Tiernan*, our Holy Week sacristan as well as business manager, for her hard work and "behind-the-scenes" care of the church at all the special Liturgies of the Triduum. Also kudos to *Lou Flores* who managed, among other things, to skillfully veil and unveil all our many statues for this Passion and Easter Season.
- *The Ushers, servers, lectors and Eucharistic ministers.*
- *Nancy Murtha* for her work on our special *Palm Sunday and Easter bulletins*, and *Bettyanne Russo* and our *receptionists* of the Parish Office who fielded so many calls and inquiries about our services this week.
- The "*altar and linen ladies*," *Marie, and Louise Benenati* who now and throughout the year care for the altar cloths and linens used for Mass.
- To *the People of Saint Matthew's*; who attended the special liturgies of Holy Week and Easter and who inspired all who came to visit and who had the joy of celebrating with you!
- Also a personal note of gratitude for the recent kindnesses and best wishes on my recent Anniversary and birthday shown by so many.

Thanks to all!  
Father Hewes



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

**St. Matthew Catholic Ministry Appeal 2022**

**Goal: \$122,100.00**

**Pledges: \$70,795.00**

**Donors: 152**

**Many thanks for your generosity, caring and sharing. God bless, John Gatto: 499-8520 ext 117**

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!**

# Stewardship STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 I come to You in Thanksgiving, knowing that all that I am and all that I have are gifts from You.  
 Teach me to be generous with these gifts that You have given to me.  
 I know You want me to accept these gifts, cultivate them, and return them with increase,  
 and I can do that only through You. Help me to be Your faithful evangelizing steward.  
 Keep me mindful that as Your disciple, I am called through the Holy Spirit, to be an instrument of  
 dramatic missionary growth, radically faithful to participation in the Sunday Mass,  
 deeply devoted to the presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist,  
 and courageous in living the truths of our Faith and sharing the "Good News" with the world.  
 Make us One Family in Mission so that through our time and talent,  
 we may ignite our Church with the joy of the Gospel. Amen.

## GIVING BACK

Dear Parishioners,

As part of a Stewardship Program, we are thankful for the gift that our Lord Jesus Christ has given us in talent. We can, at a young age begin to give back in thanksgiving to Jesus for the gifts he has given us.

At the present time, we are in need of singers for our choir at the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday. We practice 8:30 AM in the Music Room under the direction of Lee Forsythe. **JESUS IS WAITING.** We can start giving back in gratitude. Join us. Parents, we need your help.

Lee Forsythe, Music Director (631) 499-8520 X116

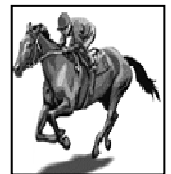
Stewardship, John Gatto



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 OR RON POMIAN 631-278-5986**

**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.

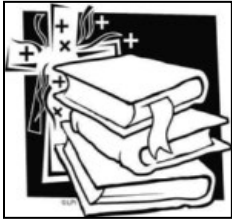
**St. Matthew's Gift Shop**

**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!**



**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*

**LOOKING AHEAD**

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 \$190.00 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.





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 24th -- Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" Indeed, the mercy of God centers our heart in peace.

In the month of April, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help the poor celebrate the peace of Easter, by assisting many families, providing them with food, gifts, and helping with utility and rent bills.

Thank You!



**April 30 & May 1**

**Lectors**

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

*Eucharistic Ministers*

4:00 P.M.	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
M. Brennan	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](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.

## 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

**BULLETIN:** email: [bulletin@smrcc.org](mailto: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](mailto:stmatthewdixhills@gmail.com)

**SCOUTS BSA:** Carissa Scarfi: 631-445-9319

email: [cstroop409@gmail.com](mailto: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

#### April 9th & 10th

Weekly: \$17,264.00

Faith Direct: \$ 2,300.00

#### Good Friday

Holy Land Sanctuaries: \$ 6,139.04

#### Easter Sunday

Weekly: \$43,449.00

Faith Direct: \$ 2,300.00



### PLEASE NOTE THE UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

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

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

**Sunday May 22 is Monday, May 16**

**Sunday, May 29 is Monday, May 23**

**Please email: [bulletin@smrcc.org](mailto:bulletin@smrcc.org)**



**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.

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**Support the Pontifical Mission Societies Solidarity Fund for Ukraine**

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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.
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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.

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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

Our April luncheon will be at Picollo Mundo, 1870 East *Jericho Turnpike*, Huntington, NY 11743 at 1:30pm on Thursday, April 28th - \$35.00. Things are tough in the restaurant business, as well as many others. Getting people to work is not easy. Things are so expensive and there's still those who are not working. I really don't get it. Anyway, that is why we are having lunch at 1:30, an hour later than usual....labor problems, so eat a big breakfast and bring a friend.

**Young  
Energetic  
Seniors  
News**

**A WONDERFUL STORY**

A relatively young priest is at a hospital visiting some of his parishioners. He is walking down the hallway, and a young nun stops him and asks, "Father, can you go into this room? There's a man on his deathbed. He's been here for days. We've asked priests to go in but he chases everyone away. He doesn't want to talk about Jesus, but he's dying. Could you please visit him?"

The priest goes in and introduces himself to the man. The guy erupts and starts cursing at him. He is so angry: "I don't want anything to do with you, Get out of here." The priest says, "OK" and leaves. The nun is still there and asks the priest to go back in. The priest replies, "He doesn't want anything that I have to offer." "Just give it another try," pleads the nun. The priest reluctantly reenters the room. "I'm not going to ask if you want to go to confession. I'm not going to ask if you want Holy Communion. Is it ok if I just sit here by your bed and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy?" The old man replies, "I don't care, do whatever you want." The priest sits down and begins softly praying the Chaplet. "For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. For the sake of....." Suddenly, the man blurts out, "Stop it!" Startled, the priest asks, "Why? Why do you say that?" Because there is no mercy for me." "Why," asks the priest. "Because twenty-five years ago I was working for the railroad. My job was to lower the guard rail when a train was coming, but one night I was drunk. I didn't lower the crossing guard and a couple and their three children were instantly killed by a train. It was my fault, so there is no mercy for me. I have failed...it is over!" The priest just sits there staring at his rosary. He asks the man, "Where was this?" The man tells him. The priest looks up and says, "Twenty-five years ago my mom and dad were taking my siblings on a trip. I couldn't go with them. In this little town, they approached the train tracks and for some reason, the crossing arm was not lowered, and as they were crossing, the train came and killed them all. I lost my whole family that night." The priest gazes into the man's eyes and says, "My brother, God forgives you, and not only that, I forgive you." The priest asks, "Would you let me hear your confession and give you the Eucharist?" Two days later, the man dies. Mercy wins and the story goes on.

After giving the man Communion, the priest goes in search of the nun. He can't find her, and administration tells him, "We don't employ any nuns at this hospital.

For years, the priest does not know who this nun is. Eventually, he goes to the town of Vilnius, which is where Saint Faustina lived. He goes to the Convent to say Mass for the nuns there. He sees a painting on the wall and says, "I met that nun a few years ago." "No Father, you did not," replies one of the nuns, "she has been dead since 1938." The priest then realizes it was Sister Faustina who told him to go into the man's room, to not accept failure, and asked him to go back in again! Failure is not final when it comes to Jesus.

Jesus is no longer dead. He is risen, and He is ruling over His creation using His almighty power to direct everything in the world to get you safely to your final destination of eternal life.



Reminder: At our next meeting on Thursday, May 4th, we will have a speaker. It is Roger Sirangelo. He is a parishioner, and a Knight. He will be speaking on your health insurance. There are so many confusing things when it comes to insurance, especially the TV ads. I'm assured that there will be NO selling, and the objective is to answer any questions you may have.

Remember to pray for everyone and especially for peace.

See you in Church, Pat



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.



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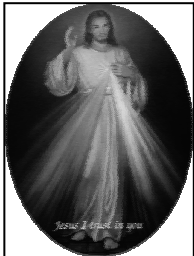
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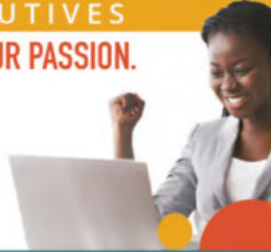
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