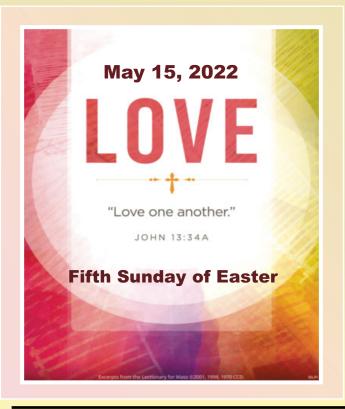
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<u>Pastor</u> Rev. Robert Hewes <u>Associate Pastors</u> Rev. Joseph Habila Rev. Benet Uwasomba

<u>Deacon</u> Carmine DeStefano

<u>Pastoral Associate</u> Sr. Kathleen McCarthy, O. P. <u>D.R.E.</u>: Mary Donaldson <u>Music Director</u>: Lee Forsythe

The Salvation of Souls is the Supreme Law

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

<u>SATURDAY</u>: 4:00 p.m.

<u>SUNDAY</u>: 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.) <u>MONDAY - SATURDAY</u>: 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Church. Holy Days will be printed in the bulletin.

CONFESSIONS

<u>SATURDAY</u>: 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.

First Holy Communion Month

Traditionally we celebrate our First Holy Communion Masses at St. Matthew's in the month of May. May is a month still in the glow of Eastertide and dedicated in a particularly sweet way to Mary, Our Blessed Mother.





This weekend marks the final Celebrations of First Holy Communions in our parish for this year of both our Religious Education Program and the Latin Mass Community.

My gratitude to Mary Donaldson, Rita Minder and all the catechists and assistants, as well as the parents who have prepared these children for this beautiful time.

Thanks are also due to Lee Forsythe, our Music Director, and to the Knights of Columbus who served as ushers and greeters.

Father Hewes



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	INTERTIONS
<u>Saturday</u> ,	
4:00 PM	John Vierling, Jr.
	Grace Roosa
	Thomas Maguire
	Diane Chieffo
	Irene Coppa
	Robert Dubriski, Sr.
	Dominador V. Pascual, Jr.
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	Lillian Krumenacker
	Dominic Caramagno
	Maria & Guido Pace
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	Happy 2nd Birthday
Monday, I	
9:00 AM	Mother's Day Novena
	Vincent A. Benenati
<u>Tuesday,</u>	
	Peter Mantione
	ay, May 18
	Frank P. Tiernan
<u>Thursday</u>	
9:00 AM	Deacon Carmine DeStefano ~
	20-Year Ordination Anniversary
Friday, M	<u>ay 20</u>
9:00 AM	Robert Spinna
<u>Saturday,</u>	<u>May 21</u>
9:00 AM	Carol & Carmine De Stefano ~
	50th Wedding Anniversary
	Patricio Hermosura
	Jean Dunel Desrannes
	Martin Fenlon
4:00 PM	Martin J. Fenlon
	Henry Mistretta
	Philip J. Jordan
	Karl Edelmann
	Dominador V. Pascual, Jr.
	Vincent A. Benenati
Sunday, I	
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	Happy Anniversary
11:00 AM	Francesco Cavitolo
	Intentions of
	Anna & Anthony Cantone



Announced for the Third Time: Paul Britt and Briana Ponzini

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

Christopher Mercadante and Page Fleming

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



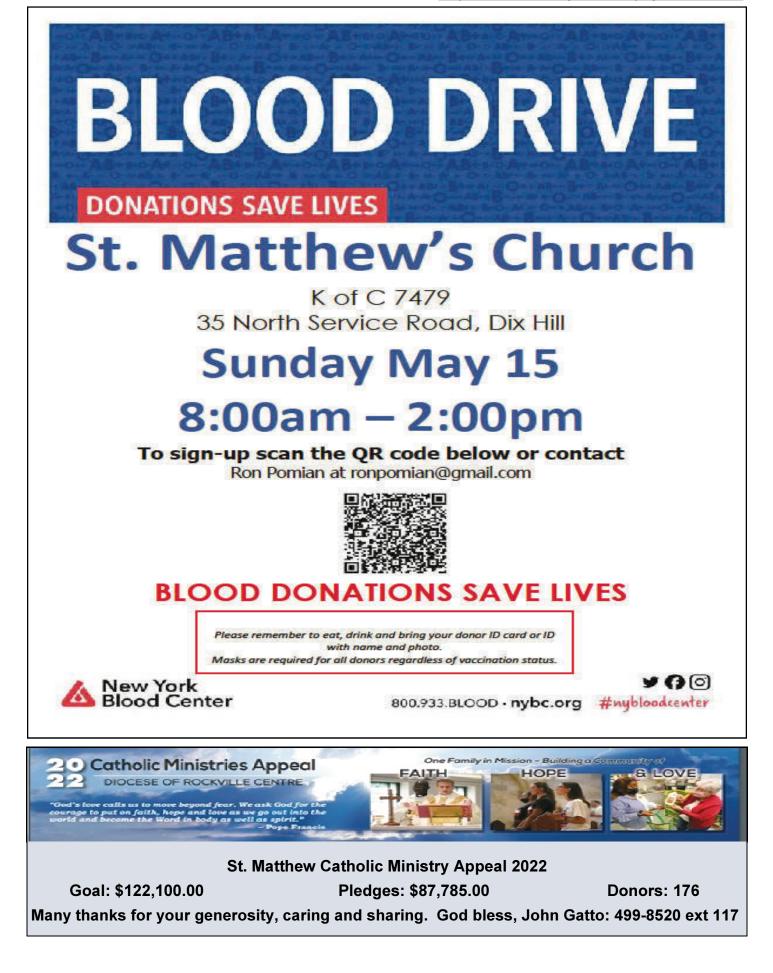
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Please pray for the Soul of : Joseph E. Fleming Genoveva Torres Alfred J. Panico



Saturday, May 21, 2022



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PARISH REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.smrcc.org.

New families and new parishioners are encouraged to register with the parish online. Registration forms are also available at the Parish Center.

INSTRUCTIONS IN THE FAITH: Those adults who live in the Dix Hills area and/or those with family in the parish seeking information about becoming a Catholic or completing their Sacraments are invited to contact the Pastor.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Those who are seriously ill should request a priest for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

PARISH MINISTRIES

ALTAR SERVERS: Porzia DiGiorgio: me@porzia.com and John DiGiorgio: me@johndigiorgio.com **APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER:** Kathryn Giandoreggio: 631-491-3735 ATHLETIC WEBSITE: www.smrcc.org **ATHLETICS DIRECTOR/ INTRAMURAL & CYO TRAVEL** COORDINATOR: Chris Felice: smrccathletics@gmail.com BAPTISM OFFICE: 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: Rav 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: 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

<u>Finance Chairperson</u> Richard Bove

Trustees

Raymond Smolenski Kevin Bertolini



Collection Totals

May 7th & 8th

Weekly: Faith Direct: \$ 10,661.00 \$ 3,100.00

PLEASE NOTE THE UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

Sunday May 22 is Monday, May 16 Sunday, May 29 is Monday, May 23 Sunday, June 5 is Thursday, May 26

Please email: <u>bulletin@smrcc.org</u>





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.



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 Stewardship Put your faith in action ~ Join our Teaching Ministry. Teachers Needed! Jesus Needs You!

Please take a moment and think about the rewards from this ministry in teaching our children about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, what He did for us and what we can do for Him. When a child writes a note, "Thank you for teaching me about Jesus" these are treasures you keep forever. I have many. Stewardship, John Gatto

Summer Program: Winter Program :

am: Sunday, July 31, 2022 - Sunday, August 14, 2022 ~ 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM n : Begins September 26, 2022 /Ends April 17, 2023

> We do for the Love of God! We do for the Love of our Children!

Mary Donaldson, Director of Religious Education (631) 864-3321





Funerals and Weddings.

Please note some revised Parish policies concerning the above.

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. Also, for various personal or pastoral reasons it is possible to request a Funeral Service rather than the "full" Funeral Mass. This would be conducted in the church, with the usual music and readings, as a Liturgy of the Word concluding with the Final Blessing without Holy Communion.

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: 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 be 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.

St.Vincent de Paul



In the Gospel today, Jesus says "I give you a new commandment: love one another.... This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you show that you have love for one another, especially those suffering and poor, and that indeed you are the disciple of Jesus.

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.

st. Matthew's Gift Shop	SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER, HONOR AND CELEBRATE YOUR LOVED ONES		
Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m 1:00 p.m. Unique Religious Gifts, rosaries, books, fonts, statues, picture frames, and so much more!	Deceased Memorial Anniversaries/Birthdays Intentions of Wedding In Thanksgiving for The name of the person remembered will be printed in the weekly bulletin.		
The Gift Shop is located in the Parish Center,			
across from the Receptionist area. All Proceeds Benefit Our Parish Ministry!	The requested offerings are:A MASS OFFERINGAnnounced Masses\$20.00Unannounced Masses\$15.00Altar Candles (week of)\$25.00Altar Flowers (week of)\$50.00Bread & Wine (week of)\$50.00		
Parish Office Hours: The receptionist desk will be "womanned" Monday through Thursday from 9AM-1PM for routine parish business and Mass Cards. On Friday there will be more limited service. Please call ahead when in	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.		
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.



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

SUMMER PROGRAM

The dates for the Summer Program 2022 are July 31st through August 14th, from 8:30AM to 1:00PM, Monday thru Friday and the three Sunday 9:30AM Masses on 7/31, 8/7 and 8/14. Grades 4 through 7 are eligible and the fee is \$325.00 for 1 child; \$450.00 for 2 children and 3 or more children is \$600.00. Registration will continue Monday, May 16th thru Friday, May 20th on the second floor of the Parish Center in the St. Jude Room from 12pm to 5pm. Please enter through the Gym Entrance (by the stairs) at the end of the building.

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

We had a 135 children make their First Holy Communion here these past two Saturdays, May 7th and May 14th. The Masses were wonderful. The students were very excited and all looked beautiful. Thank you to all the teachers who volunteered their time both teaching and helping at the Communion Masses each week. A big thank you to the Knights of Columbus who are very generous to the Religious Education Department with their time and help. We are grateful to Lee Forsythe, the Music Director, who added to the beauty of each Communion. We can't forget Mr. Luis Flores, Plant Manager, who kept us comfortable during our Communion services and is always helpful to us. To our Pastor, Fr. Hewes, thank you for making both days very memorable for all.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Rosemary Femia will be here on the following Thursday nights—May 26th, June 2nd, June 9th and June 16th from 7 to 9pm in the breezeway with Confirmation and First Holy Communion pictures. Her phone number is 631 586-0833.

<u>NOTE</u>: All classes, grades 1 thru 8 for the fall/winter2022-2023 Religious Education Program, will be held on site here at St. Matthew. There will no longer be a home program for any grade.



May 21 & 22

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Lectors	M. Brennan	H. Campa	G. DiGiorgio		S. McPherson-Berg		
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Ministers	M. Brennan	J. Campa	B. Napolitano	A. Pappas	B. Albano		

Are You Being Called to Serve?

By virtue of our Baptism, we are all called to holinessthe lay faithful as well as Bishops, priests, and deacons. But have you felt called to serve in a much deeper and committed way? If you are a man between the ages of 30 and 60, who feels that you are being called to ordained ministry as a deacon in the Church, you are invited to come for an Evening of Prayer and Discernment with other men of faith to discuss and explore that very question. There is no cost to the evening—just your time and openness.

COME PREPARED to LISTEN to PRAY to REFLECT to DISCERN where God is calling you!

The evenings are being offered conveniently at three locations in our diocese.

St. Hose of Lima, Massapegua, 2 Bayview Avenue

7:00PM, Wednesday, June 8

7:00PM, Thursday, June 16

7:00PM, Tuesday, June 7

St. Mary Manhasset, 1300 Northern Boulevard

_ St. Joseph, Ronkonkoma, 45 Church Street

with a Saturday Morning option to be held at

10:00AM, Saturday, June 18 Ss. I'eter & Paul, Manorville, 781 Wading River Road -

RSVP by Friday, June 3rd, to 631-423-0483 Ext. 179 or by email to

diaconateforma ion@drvc.org

We thank you and look for ward to being with you.

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 <u>bulletin@smrcc.org</u> within the next 2 weeks and confirm that the person's name you requested should remain on the list. All other names will be removed. All requests must be submitted with the permission of the immediate family.





Jean Addresy Chloe Atienza Janet Beaumonte Vincent Benenati, Jr. Deborah Clar Marie Clarke Lisa Ciota Marie Coldin Chris Coleman, Jr. Tina Coleman Gerard Costa Joseph Costa Vilma Diaztoral Nina Marie DeBlasio David Falen

Susan Fairfax Lawrence Famighetti Laura Lee Gaudio Gerry Gianutsos Brendan Gould Steve Harnos **Richard Harvey** Providence Henry Erika Hetherington Lisa Marie Hulsen Nisha Kapoor Richard Keller Elza Kersaint Gay Anne Macklin Angelo Martino **Christian Martino** Joseph Martino Sophia Marzulla Don Michne

Rita Minder Aeon Mitchell Grea Morris **Tekeira Morris Tim Morris** Cynthia Nieves Rocco Pandone Gene Parrington Mary Perry Marge Puccio Rende Family Robert Richardson Emma Rosasco Thomas Ruggero Giovanni Sacchetti Cathy Salegna Cecelia Sanzone Charles Sanzone Grace Sanzone

Ralph Savastano Debbie Serio Ed & Ann Smith Albi Snolis Calvin Thorton Esther Thornton Roger Toussaint Brian Tripp Nina Uvino Nicholas Varriale Sandra Varriale **Camille Wending** Lisa Young Carl Zajac Christopher Zizzadoro James Zlokovitz



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 <u>Pope</u> 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."*

<u>DAILY OFFERING PRAYER</u> - 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.

MAY: For faith-filled young people

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



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.
- The International Catholic Migration Commission
- AVSI-USA

HELP DESPERATELY NEEDED

THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST BENEDICT, WHO PROVIDE BEAUTIFUL CARE AT ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR THE ELDERLY IN HUNTINGTON, NEED MONETARY ASSISTANCE TO HELP THE PEOPLE IN THE UKRAINE.

I spoke to one of the Sisters today and she told me that they have 10 Convents in the Ukraine. Despite this terrible situation, their Sisters are staying there to try to help the people. However, some of the Sisters did have to leave their Convents to go to bombing shelters. These Sisters also have Foster Homes for children in the Ukraine. They are trying to move these children to Poland.

Please consider helping these Sisters who are desperately trying to help those who are attempting to survive the violence and war in the Ukraine.

Make your checks payable to: The Missionary Sisters of St. Benedict

350 Cuba Hill Road, Huntington, NY 11743

In the Memo, please indicate UKRAINE.

We also have Dominican Sisters and Priests in the Ukraine. I have read some of the heartbreaking letters from some of the Priests who are also trying to stay and help and house people in their Monasteries. WE NEED TO PRAY UNCEASINGLY FOR AN END TO THIS WAR and FOR THOSE BRAVE, SAINTLY PEOPLE WHO DO SO MUCH TO HELP OTHERS.

Thank you and God bless you for your donations. I know that I can always count on you.

Sister Kay McCarthy

My Dear Parishioners,

I can't thank you enough for your generous food donations, monetary donations and supermarket gift cards. They have been an enormous help to the many families who come to



Sister Kay

us for assistance. These people are doing so much better because of people like you.

Also, thank you for the donations you sent to the Missionary Sisters of St. Benedict in Huntington to help the people in the Ukraine. I know, that if you sent the Sisters a donation, they sent you a beautiful thank you note. However, I also feel that I need to thank you since you responded to my plea in the Bulletin.

To me, there are no words to adequately describe this dreadful situation and the immeasurable suffering for people in the Ukraine. Once a week in the evening, my Religious Community, the Sisters of St. Dominic, Amityville, invites all of us and our Associate members to say the Rosary together on Zoom for the people in the Ukraine. PLEASE KEEP PRAYING FOR PEACE THERE.

Now I have another request – this time for the many extremely poor people in Haiti. Charlie Moran is a remarkable man who lives on LI and who has been helping the people of Haiti for many years. He has often stopped to see me at St. Matthew's. He volunteers with the Franciscan Friars of Renewal and has made many visits to Haiti. I have met many of these Priests at benefits that Charlie has sponsored for Haiti.

Each month they ship barrels of food to Haiti. Each barrel costs \$180 to ship and they ship 10 barrels a month, costing \$1,800 a month. This group has also built an orphanage, has helped to feed them and many other people who are extremely poor and starving. They have also started 5 gardens to grow food and built tanks for tilapia ponds to provide more food. Today, Charlie told me that they need 20 jars of peanut butter a week to feed the children.

They also send medical supplies to their mission which is staffed by nurses who volunteer their time and even pay their own airfare to travel to Haiti. I could go on and on about what is needed and the good work done there. However, you can go to the web site of the Friars Suppliers and read more about their tremendous work.

If you wish to donate to them, please send me checks made out to Friar Suppliers and/or supermarket gift cards. Please put them in an envelope marked Haiti. I will make sure that they receive them. I know that I can always count on you to help where needed. God bless your great goodness. Know that you have my prayers and deep gratitude.

Sister Kay McCarthy





ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW

Reusable Grocery Bags Strong and Eco-Friendly Make Excellent Gifts Available for Purchase at the Parish Center \$1.00 per Bag The proceeds will help defray the cost of the new Hymnals.

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News

There are such horrible, gut wrenching things going on in the world. Things Young that we never thought we would experience, especially in our country. It seems Energetic that people from all over the globe are risking everything including their lives to Seniors come here, legally or not, while so many of our citizens are tearing our country down. We are not perfect by any standpoint, but we are the best there is without a doubt. If you are among those who would disagree, well... maybe you should check with your travel agent. In the midst of all these miserable events, I think we need a little silliness, so here it is.

"A FEW THINGS TO PONDER"

- Why do peanuts float in a regular coke, and sink in a Diet Coke? (Go ahead, try it!) •
- I used to eat a lot of "natural" foods until I learned that most people die of "natural" causes. •
- How important does a person have to be before they are considered "assassinated" instead of just mur-• dered?
- Why do you have to "put your two cents in"... but it's only a "penny for your thoughts?" Where's that • extra penny going?
- Once you're in Heaven, do you get stuck wearing the same clothes for all eternity? •
- What disease did a "cured" ham actually have? •
- How is it that we put a man on the moon way before we figured out that it would be a good idea to put wheels on our luggage?
- Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby," when babies wake up like every two hours? •
- If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a "hearing?"
- Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV.
- Why do people pay money to go up in tall buildings and then put more money into the binocular ma-• chine, to look at things on the ground?
- Can the funeral hearse and it's occupant drive in the carpool lane? •
- If the Professor on Gillian's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix the hole in the . boat?
- If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from? •
- Why does the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star have the same tune? Why did you just try singing the two songs I just named?
- Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dogs face, he gets annoyed with you, but when you take • him for a car ride. he sticks his head out the window?
- How did the man who made the first clock know what time it was? •
- People who wonder if the glass is half full or half empty, miss the point. The glass is refillable.

The world needs more fishing tackle boxes, and less X Boxes. Aren't you thankful that your childhood happened before technology took over?

Spankings, lead paint, rusty playgrounds, second-hand smoke, toy guns, riding in the back of the pickup, no seatbelts, no helmets, drinking from the hose, and wonder of wonders... I SURVIVED them all! My curfew was lightening bugs. My parents didn't call my cell, they yelled my name. If I didn't eat what mom cooked, I didn't eat. No such thing as "oh sweetheart, what can mommy make for you?" We played "cops and robbers" and "cowboys and Indians" with our guns blazing and not one of us grew up and killed anvone.

Do you remember when all the stores were closed on Sunday? Do you remember when TV stations played the National Anthem as their sign-off every night. (FYI, every Saturday and Sunday, at 6 am, Fox News starts the day with the Anthem, accompanied by wonderful patriotic pictures and flag displays.) if you don't get up that early, record it. I don't think you'll be sorry... it's only a minute or two but it's worth it.

My parents spanked me as a child. As a result, I now suffer from a psychological condition known as "RESPECT FOR OTHERS." Does anyone else remember hearing "Keep Crying and I'll Give You Something to Cry About?"

These are very trying times, and prayer is needed more than ever. Our Blessed Mother is the Patroness of the United States. Ask her to whisper into the ear of her Son, Jesus, who can refuse her nothing, to forgive us and our Country for our terrible sins. We do not deserve forgiveness, but we pray for it with hope. See you in Church, Pat



The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. The next General Meeting will be Monday, May 23rd at 7:30 PM at St. Regis Council K of C, Rosevale Avenue and Pond Road, Ronkonkoma. We are proud that our Oratory Contest Winners will be in attendance presenting their speeches! All are encouraged to join us in support of these young students. For further information, call LICL at 632-243-1435.



The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Celebrate Annual Beauty of the Spirit Event

We are delighted to announce that this coming June we will be back in-person for the first time in three years to celebrate our 21st Beauty of the Spirit Event. The in-person festivities will take place on Friday, June 25th at The Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, NY. For those who prefer to join virtually or aren't

able to attend in-person, we will be live-streaming the program from our website for you to enjoy. Our annual fundraiser will feature powerful storytelling, a redesigned program and more. It's an experience you don't want to miss!

Our keynote speaker is S. Judy Flanagan, OP. S. Judy has spent many years in the ministry of education serving either as teacher or administrator in various schools including St. Luke in Whitestone, St. Thomas the Apostle in Woodhaven, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Jamaica and Holy Spirit in New Hyde Park. She taught English in Dominican Commercial High School in Jamaica and served as Pastoral Associate in St. Laurence Parish in East New York. Most recently, she instructed immigrant women in Wyandanch in English as a Second Language. Her ministry there was part of the Congregation's sponsored ministry, the Opening Word Program. Presently, S. Judy is on the Leadership Team of the Congregation.

Proceeds from the event will go towards the purchase and installation of surveillance systems in the Motherhouse; providing Sisters, staff and visitors with a safe and secure environment that can be monitored 24/7.

For more information, please contact the Office of Advancement at 631-842-6000 ext. 246 or visit: https://sistersofstdominic.org/event/2022bruncheon

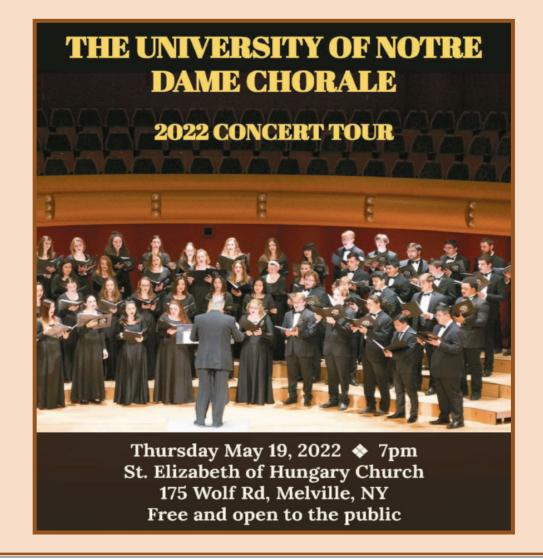


Pentecost Party! Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM St. Francis of Assisi RC Church 29 Clay Pitts Road, Greenlawn, NY 11740

Join us in celebration of our Starfish Coffee House Community and Fellowship in Christ!

Dinner will be catered by Ruvo in Greenlawn, so come hungry! No cost to attend; free will offering only.

Please RSVP by Saturday, May 21st to <u>onestarfishthrower@gmail.com</u> Or on our GroupMe Calendar



THE SISTERS OF ST. DOMINIC OF AMITYVILLE, NEW YORK ARE SEEKING A CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER.



The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) is responsible for the fiscal integrity of the financial resources of the congregation. The CFO implements and evaluates effective systems of sound financial management and business administration for the Amityville Dominican Sisters. She/he oversees and manages the day-to-day operations of the Finance Office. As a member of the Executive Team, the CFO along with the Executive Director of the Motherhouse and the Executive Director of Life Enrichment is responsible for the promotion of the Mission and the Well-Being of the members of the Congregation.

For more information, please contact: Candace Campbell at <u>ccampbell@amityop.org</u> Resumes can be sent to: <u>cfosearchcommittee@amityop.org</u>

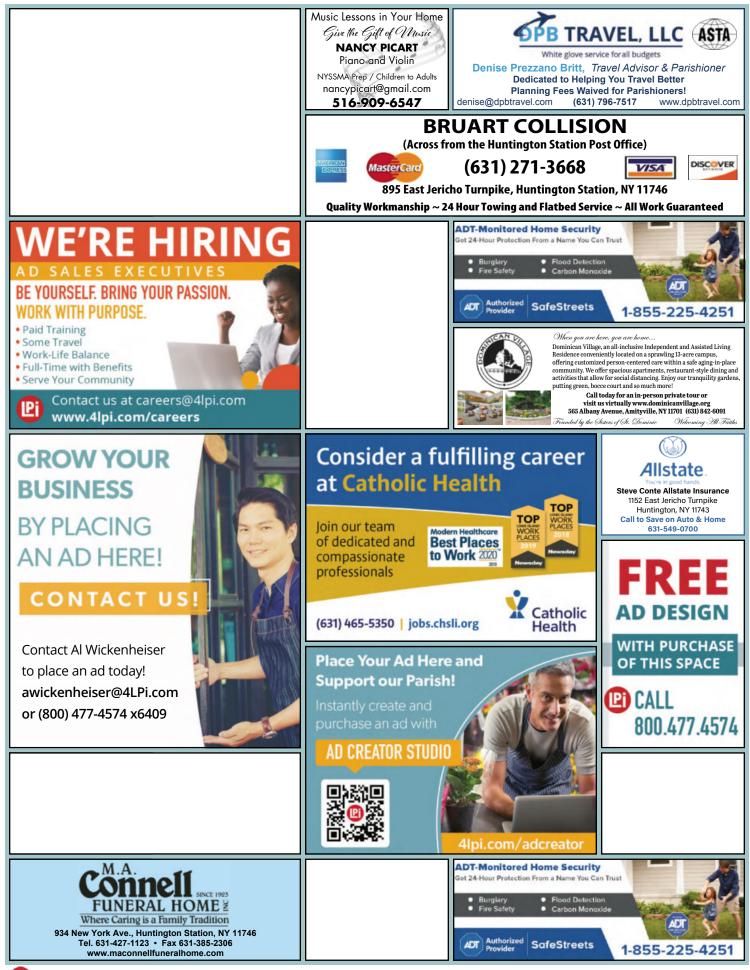
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There will be an "in-person" Marriage Encounter on June 24-June 26 at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington. For more information or to apply, call Chuck & Maria Reiss at 631=486-8607 or visit them at <u>https://wwwmenyli.org/</u>. Commit to strengthening your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.



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