

St. Matthew Parish



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Pastoral Staff

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St. Gregory the Great

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Mass Schedule:

First Friday 10:00am

Saturday-5pm

Sunday 11:30am

Saturday: Reconciliation-4:30 pm

Office Staff

Secretary: Rosanne Barber Ext.100

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Office Hours:

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Mass Schedule:

Monday-Friday 7:30am & 9:00am

Saturday 8:00am & 8:00pm

Saturday: Reconciliation-7:30 pm
or by appointment

Sunday:

English-7:30am & 11:30am

Spanish 9:30am; Kreyol 1:30pm

Office Staff

Secretary: Sharon Andrews

D.R.E.: Charmaine Noel

Office Hours:

Monday:10:00am-4:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday Friday & Saturday:

10:00am-6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am-4:00pm

Monday - Saturday-

Closed for lunch 1-2 P.M.

Our Lady Of Charity

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Mass Schedule:

Sunday: Rosary 9:00am

9:30am-Praise & Worship

10am-Mass

Office Staff:

Secretary: Patricia Romain

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday:10am-6pm

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80-01 Metropolitan Ave.

Middle Village, NY 11379

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: The Type of Kingdom

Today's feast concludes the Church year with this exclamation: Jesus Christ is King. He is the King of Kings. His Kingdom does not follow the model of kingdom we might have in our minds. He is a conquering Messiah, but his army is spiritual, not physical. He battles to restore life, not destroy life. He came down from heaven to bring us to heaven.

What will we find when we get there, when we get to heaven? We really do not know. We only know that it will be radically different than our fondest expectations. "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, God has prepared for those who love him," we read in 1 Corinthians 2:9.

The great Anglican scholar C. S. Lewis wrote humorous essay about what we would experience if we were admitted into heaven. He wrote that there would be a triple surprise, more than this, a triple shock. First, Lewis wrote, we would be surprised at the people in heaven. We would be shocked that there are people there we never would have thought would be there. The second surprise would be the shock at realizing there were people we expected to be in heaven who were not there. The third surprise would be that we would be astonished that we were there.

We Catholics have only recently moved away from our rather arrogant and self centered view that we have exclusive rights to heaven. Sadly there are still some Christians who are ready to exclude others from the reward of the Father. They hear about the goodness of a Mahatma Gandhi, but they cannot get their heads around this. They cannot get themselves to believe that there might be a Hindu in heaven, let alone millions, billions, of good people who were never Christians. That would not follow the rules that the arrogant have made up for determining the Who's Who in heaven. Yes, there is no way to the Father except through the Son, but the Son's obedience to the Father sacrificing his life for us resulted in the Father and the Son sending the Holy Spirit to all people of good will. These people of good will are those who reach out to others in charity, and in so doing, reach out to the very presence of Christ in others, even if, like the sheep in today's Gospel, they do not recognize Christ. There will be many who have been saved by Christ who did not know Him by that name but who reached out to Him in others. There will be many in heaven whom we would not expect to be there.

C. S. Lewis's second conjecture is that there will be people missing from heaven whom we expected to be there. In our American denial of death, we try to ease our grief of death by canonizing our Loved Ones who have died. No matter who a person may be, we decide that they are in heaven after their death. For example, teenagers steal a car and then are killed in a horrible car accident. Alcohol and drugs are involved. Yet, their classmates are told that they are with God now. Or Grandpa dies. Children are told that God has taken him. (Don't do that—it makes God an agent of death, not life.) All of this has to more to do with our grief than the reality of God's gifts. Perhaps, and hopefully, the teenagers in the car accident and Grandpa are all with God in heaven. But their presence in heaven will be determined not by our need for them to be there, but by how well they reached out to Christ in others throughout their lives.

Their presence in heaven will be determined by the Just Judge who recognizes those who loved him throughout their lives.

This same Just Judge will listen to others pleading that their Loved Ones be fully united to Him. It is a good thing to pray for the dead, as Second Maccabees says. Still, their presence in heaven is in God's hands, not ours. The souls of the just are in the hands of God. (Wisdom 3:1).

In the second book of the Divine Comedy, the Purgatorio, Dante Alighieri considered those who are being prepared for heaven. He has a fascinating thought. His consideration is that those who are not in heaven have not developed the ability to receive the fullness of God's love that is heaven. How is this tolerance of the fire of God's love developed? The tolerance for

God's love can only be developed by exposing ourselves to Christ. "But when have we seen you hungry or naked, or ill or imprisoned, Lord?" the souls of those who did not expect to be in heaven asked in today's gospel. "I was present in those who reached out to you for help," the Lord responds. Their exposure to Christ's presence in others afforded them the capacity for receiving his presence in themselves.

There will be some who through the prayers of those on earth, will eventually be able to tolerate the vision of God, the Beatific Vision. We call those waiting for this spiritual gift to be fully developed within them souls in purgatory. We pray for them at their funerals, at special Masses we have for our loved ones, and particularly in this, the Month of All Souls.

There will also be some who have excluded God from their lives to such a degree that they have made war on His Presence in their lives. They will not be capable of tolerating his Love because they have not developed the slightest place for His Love within them. Those who will never receive the Beatific Vision are those who for all eternity do not want to receive the Beatific Vision. They have condemned themselves.

In his wit, C. S. Lewis says that the third surprise we would have if we took stock of the souls in heaven would be learning that we are there. When we are honest with ourselves, we are well aware of the many times that we have turned from God. Our sins are very clear to us. What we are not so aware of is the extent of God's mercy. He sees that as charity which we, though His grace, have developed as life style. He sees the ways that we have allowed Him to immerse us in Christianity to such an extent that we reach out to him without even recognizing His presence. He sees the ways that we do that which is only natural for us, the ways that Christianity has become a natural way of life for us. This continual grace in our lives pointing us to His Presence in others is a great mercy. He allows us to replace with love that which we have destroyed with selfishness and sin. We live in His mercy.

During the last twelve months we have followed the life of Jesus our Lord from the prophecies of last Advent, through his birth, mission, death and resurrection. We have prayed over the message of His life as well as His teachings. Now, at the conclusion to the year we beg Him to help us recognize Him in our world and to acknowledge His presence by reaching out to Him on others. We seek the mercy of His continual grace drawing us out of ourselves and into His presence in the needy of his Kingdom.

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun Nov 26	Ez 34:11 -12,15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26,28 Mt 25:31-46
Mon Nov 27	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 ; Lk 21:1-4
Tue Nov 28	Dn 2:31-45 ; Lk 21:5-11
Wed Nov. 29	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14,16-17,23-28; Lk 21:12-19
Thu Nov. 30	Rom 10:9-18 ; Mt 4:18-22
Fri Dec. 1	Dn 7:2-14 ; Lk 21:29-33
Sat Dec. 2	Dn 7:15-27 ; Lk 21:34-36

OUR LADY OF CHARITY: MASS INTENTIONS

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS: Alexandra Bourne , Kenyatta Thompson , William Bowman , Deidre Archibald , Ellia Jacob/ Cooper , Melissa Williams , Patricia Weston Mc Nabb , Claudette Bowen, Takkiyah King, Rhonda Tomlinson,

We pray to the Lord

PARISH PRAYER: For our parish, that the three communities of St. Matthew, St. Gregory the Great and Our Lady of Charity, learn how to merge and grow together spiritually and become financially sound as three and yet one,

We pray to the Lord.

TODAY'S MASS :We pray to the Lord

ALTAR BREAD : For the month of November is donated for Barbara Phillip & Tyronne Connell and their families, **We pray to the Lord.**

SANCTUARY CANDLES :We pray to the Lord.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY : We pray to the Lord

ST. GREGORY : MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Nov. 25 th	5 PM Vigil Mass for Audrey Patrick, In Thanksgiving, Request by Theresa Milburn & After Mass Garden Christmas Lighting (on Brooklyn Avenue)
Sunday, Nov. 26 th	11:30 AM Mass for Mrs. Jean Gibbs, Birthday Blessings & Thanksgiving for Life
First Friday, Dec. 1 st	10 AM Mass for Angie Richards, Thelma and Gordon Barber, R.I.P., Requested by Rosanne Barber
First Saturday, Dec. 2 nd	5 PM Vigil Mass for Edith Williams & Sylvia Boyce, R.I.P., Requested by Janice Boyce-Hutchings

ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday November 25	8:00pm – Birthday in heaven Josephine M. Arlak by Edmund Williams
Sunday November 26 <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	7:30am –a.Healing for Legion of Mary members by Legion of Mary b. 16th Birthday blessings for Ellia Jacob Cooper by mom & family 9:30am –a. I. L.M. of Clemencia Norales by the Rochez family b. Birthday in heaven Adela Powell by daughter & grandchildren 11:30pm –Birthday blessings for Dawn Seales by children, Brent & Tishon 1:30pm –I. L.M. of deceased members of Legionnaires by Praesidium of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Monday November 27	7:30am – B'day blessings & thanksgiving for Christopher Pierre by grandma, Marie May Charles 9:00am – R. I. P, Glenda Davidson by sister, Helena O'Brien
Tuesday November 28	7:30am - Blessings for Marie Solange Ambroise by her children 9:00am –R.I.P. Fabio Antonio Arias by the Arias family
Wednesday November 29	7:30am – Blessing & God's healing blood on my family 9:00am – B'day blessings Donelle Fortune & Rashid Alexander by Veronica Fortune & Patricia Alexander
Thursday November 30	7:30am –In loving memory of Maria Sosa by Nancy Valdez 9:00am – R.I.P. Julia Chapman by Gail Stanley Togans
Friday December 1	7:30am –In loving memory of Rebecca Luke by family 9:00am – In loving memory of Rebecca Luke by family
Saturday December 2	8:00am – R.I.P. Roger St. Louis by wife & family



CANDLE: NOVEMBER 26-December 2

Rest in peace Glenda Davidson by Helena O'Brien

BREAD & WINE FOR NOVEMBER



BREAD - Birthday blessings & deliverance for Ken Armstrong requested by Uphita Clarke

WINE - For the souls in purgatory requested by Uphita Clarke

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

For the homebound, hospitalized and sick

Judith Adams, Rita Antomez, Marie Augustine, Armelle Amilcar, Loraine Quash– Antoine, Marie Augustin, Al Barnett, Monica Belfon, Marque & Yael Barber-LaFon, Melona Barber, Jason Bascom, Ruby Bowman, Silvestre Brathwaite, Ismay Brewster, Recy Brown, Patricia Burrowes, Yolande Cadet, Diana Codogan, Cathleen Charles, Catilda Charles, Delcia Charles, Marcel Charles, Maria Clouden Cecilia Clovie, Nelia Collins, Marilyn Coates, Diana Codogan, Virginia Cox, Daphne Critchlow, Theresa Cudjoe, Veronica Dale, Angela Daniels, Shirley Daniels, Joseph Drew, Stephen Duncan, Dorothy Edwards, Una Europe, Stella Emmanuel, Elardo Flemmings, Carrie Frasier, Doriel Gabriel, John Gale, Doriel Gabriel, Ryan Gee, Sybil Geoffroy, Catherine & Deacon Roy George, Bernadette Gilbert, Muriel Gomez, Trina Gonzalez, Kellon Hagley, Kelly Hagley, Gwendolyn Harding, Pat Harris, Bruno Henry, Beverly Hillyer, Pierre & Elreta Hinds, Florence Holder, Danielle Huie, Orson Hutchings, Kerlyne Hyppolite, Anasha Inniss, Carlyn Jabouin, Donna James, Nellie James, Diane John, Alsie Johnson, Nicole Johnson, Magdalena Joseph, Ian Kellman, Lucy King, Albert Kirton, Kanelle Lang, Rhoda Lewis, Sampson Lewis, Marjorie Lopez, Luis Manuel Lorenzo, Madelin Lorenzo, Vivian Boykin Lott, Norberto Lovell, Jean Lubin, Gloria Lynch, Hubert Lynch, Mamita, Barbara Manuel, Virginia Marcellin, Judith Matthew, Tom McCafferty, Laura McDonald, Mavis McDonald, Leticia McDowell, Vernita McDowell, Gemma Mejias, Isai Munoz, Marta Munoz, Nelson Munoz, Suzanne Neil, Ronald Nethersole, Claudette Norde, Mother Dolores Olf, Keena Ollivierre, Ronaldo Nano Paul, Sharon Perry, Andre Perry, Chung Peters, Mary James Peterson, Marie Pierre, Melody Pink, Sonia Prescott, Ann Primo, Val Quash, Len Quash, Dorothy Irons Reid, Catherine Richards, Melissa Richards, Elizabeth Rivera, Cornelia Robergeau, Randolph Romain, Carlos Rudas, Lidia Saunders, Marlene Saunders, Pamela Smith, Pema Smith, John Spellman Sr., Lisa Scott Spencer, Delores Sykes, Kevin Maynard, Basil Suarez, Antonio Sultan, Violet Sylvester, Brenda & Javier Talango, Angela & Edris Thomas, Lyonette Tribie, Janet Throne, Amparo Torres, Malik Wellington, Hazel Williams, Karen Williams, Terrance Williams, Octavio Willis, Leandro Wilson, Hazel Williams, Reynold Williams, Christine Wright, Joan Wright, Natasha Wright, James P. Young

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR : Ruby Bowman, Yvonne Lacy, Dean Jackson, Wendy Romain, Vaughn Haynes, Georgeann Campbell, Maura Chisam, Roberta Jennings, Danielle Huie, Cotilda Charles, Anthony Hepburn Jr., Lawrence Latimer, La Mar Mc Nabb, Conrad Lord, Krystal Chinalbert, Christine Hudson & family, Glenda Hunter, Livingston Holloway, Jaden Bell, Nathan Ford Sr. & family, Isabella Bugett, Sabrina Guess, Gardin family, Reid Koken, Hannah Penny, Kendall Wilson, Joseph Drew, Lisa Scott/ Spencer, all families represented here today.

All students, teachers and principals, President Joseph Biden & his family, Vice President Kamala Harris & her family, our Government, prayers and petitions in our prayer basket, for the all Priest especially those who serve here at Charity, Religious Vocations, and an increase in Religious Vocations, all men and women serving our country, the elders, all who are incarcerated, and unexpressed prayers, for immigrants, a successful solution to the pandemic, the mentally sick, the unemployed and under employed, end to gun violence and for world peace,

We pray to the Lord.

WEEKLY MEETINGS - St. Matthew

St. Matthew weekly meetings have commenced. Please contact your ministry to find out the time and date of the meetings.

WEEK OF SUNDAY 11/26/2023 @ ST. GREGORY

- + **9:30 AM NO Sunday School in session-Thanksgiving Holiday**
- + **10:30 AM – Choir Rehearsal**
- + **11:30 AM Sunday Mass – (Live Stream)**
- + **CREDIT UNION OPEN**

MONDAY 11/27/23

- + **7 PM Rehearsal-Senior Choir – Church**

THURSDAY 11/30/23

- + **10 AM Thanksgiving Mass - Church**

FIRST FRIDAY 12/01/23

- + **10 AM Mass & Eucharistic Adoration**
- + **7:30 PM Bible Study via zoom**

FIRST SATURDAY 12/02/23

- + **4 PM Confession**
- + **4 PM Vigil Choir Rehearsals**
- + **4 PM Light Fest Prayer Group IN-PERSON – Dining Room**
- + **5 PM Vigil Mass - Church- (Live Stream)**

COLLECTION 11/18- 11/19/2023

ST. MATTHEW

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8 PM				
7:30 AM				
9:30 AM				
11:30 PM				
1:30 PM				
L.I.R.				
Total				

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
5 PM				
10:00AM				
Total				

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
10:00AM				
Total				

FAITH DIRECT: October 15-Nov 14-\$2,493.02

ST. MATTHEW EXPENSES

	Apr - Jul 20	Apr - Jul 19	% Change
Income			
Collections	168,288.50	344,182.28	-51.11%
Rent	199,829.29	217,167.84	-7.98%
Programs	0.00	10,369.20	-100.0%
Donations/Fundraising	1,366.00	18,115.47	-92.46%
Other	25,491.52	24,792.07	2.82%
Total Income	394,975.31	614,626.86	-35.74%
Expense			
Employee Compensation	302,582.87	291,549.37	3.78%
Maintenance	69,276.57	33,706.71	105.53%
Office Expenses	28,460.39	19,601.93	45.19%
Programs	3,351.36	6,028.70	-44.41%
Altar Supplies	6,099.33	16,602.28	-63.26%
Utilities	28,261.46	27,878.02	1.38%
Miscellaneous Expense	2,032.03	3,230.79	-37.1%
Total Expense	440,064.01	398,597.80	10.4%
Net Income	(45,088.70)	216,029.06	-120.87%

The Widow's Offering

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

NOTE CHANGE: St. Gregory the Great **BIBLE STUDY** with Catherine Abdullah @ 7PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) every week on **FRIDAYS**

Bible Study back in Session @ 7:15 PM (Focus on The Book of Luke)

Link for Bible Study <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85498875775?pwd=Nk4zY3BVOUFmVzRUSDJodllWSDArUT09>

To Join Zoom Meeting please use Meeting ID: 854 9887 5775
Passcode: 374738

On tap mobile
Dial 929 205 6099 using Meeting ID and the passcode

ALL ARE WELCOME

UPCOMING MTGS. & EVENTS @ ST. GREGORY

MARCUS GARVEY SERVICE ONCE A MONTH ON THE SECOND SUNDAY AT 2PM

St. Gregory the Great – Religious Education

Starting date: Sunday, October 15th, 2023

Time: 9:30am. Registration fee: \$60 per candidate

COMBINED GROUP ANNUAL RETREATS
BIBLE STUDY AND LIGHT FEST PRAYER Saturday, December 16TH from 10 AM to 2 PM
SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: FR. FRANK BLACK,

GARDEN CHRISTMAS LIGHTING ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH, AFTER THE 5 PM VIGIL MASS

The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary Friday, December 8th, 2023 Mass at 9 AM and 7 PM

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WREATH 2023

As we prepare for "**THE COMING OF THE LORD**" we would like to enhance the beauty of our church during the Advent/Christmas season in such a way that our place of worship may be more beautiful and our prayers more fervent.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." James 1:17

"THANKS BE UNTO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT"
2 Corinthians 9:15

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WREATH 2023 FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INFORMATION TABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

CUT OFF DATE FOR SUBMISSION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!

SACRAMENTS & REGISTRATION

PARISH REGISTRATION:

All are welcome! Any letter concerning sponsorship for the sacraments or testimonial letters will only be issued to registered parishioners of 6+ months. Please register in the rectory.

BAPTISM:

To have your child baptized in the

Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens, you must show:

1. Proof that you live in the geographical boundaries of the Church you wish to have the baby baptized.(e.g. electric bill). If you live outside the boundaries of the Church you wish to have your baby baptized , you must get a permission letter from the Catholic church closest to where you live granting you permission to have your baby baptized outside of the geographical area .
2. Your baby is allowed **one** God mother and **one** God father, one must be Catholic, practicing their faith (letter from the Church stating this), and have their confirmation certificate. The baby can be baptized with one Catholic god parent.
3. One parent must be baptized Catholic and have their baptism certificate, First Communion or Confirmation as proof.
4. Once these requirements are fulfilled, we encourage you to call and set a date. Children 7 & under can be baptized w/o CCD classes.

RCIA

RCIA stands for RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS and is composed of a series of sessions bringing people together to experience the prayer life of the church as well as learn about its doctrines and teachings. Using the readings from the Bible which we hear daily at Mass, the Sacred Liturgy as well as the Catechism of the Catholic Church, teens and adults who have not yet done so prepare themselves to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Holy Eucharist.

RCIA is offered in Spanish, Kreyol & English and is for people who:

- ◆ Were baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation, First Holy Communion or First Confession
- ◆ Were baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to join the Catholic Church
- ◆ Were never baptized & wish to fully worship in the Catholic Church
- ◆ Wants to know more about what it means to be Catholic?

The sessions begin in October. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact the rectory.

SACRAMENTS & REGISTRATION

School of Religion @ St. Matthew

REGISTRATIONS ARE CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE

New Applicants and Returning Students (ages 6-15)

Registration forms are now available at the doors of the Church, in the Parish Center & in the Rectory.

Payment for registration is \$70.00.

Please attach a Copy of Your Child's Baptism Certificate, If Not Baptized, Attach a Copy of their Birth Certificate.

After receiving First Holy Communion, It is essential for your child to continue each year in our program, until they complete their initiation with the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

For more information about registration requirements or other questions you might have, contact us: Phone:

215-576-4124; email: [stmatthewreledu@stmatthew-](mailto:stmatthewreledu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org)

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LAS REGISTRACIONES SE ESTAN LLEVANDO ACABO EN ESTOS MOMENTOS

Aplicantes Nuevos y Estudiantes que Regresan (edades 6-15)

Después de recibir la Primera Comunión, es esencial que su hijo continúe en nuestro programa cada año, hasta que complete la iniciación con la recepción del Sacramento de la Confirmación.

Para más información acerca los requisitos para registración u otras preguntas que usted pueda tener, comuníquese al Tel: 215-576-4124; email: [stmatthewreledu@stmatthew-](mailto:stmatthewreledu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org)

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ENSKRIPSYON YO AP FÈT KOUNYE A

Nouvoaplikanakelèvkapretounen (ki genlaj 6-15)

Program nou an konsantresitoupouedeparanki gen timoun **kipoko** resevwasakremaninisyasyon yo: BATÈM, PREMYE SENT KOMINYON AK KONFIMASYON. Pou plisenfòmasyon sou kondisyon enskripsyon ou swalòtkekasyon ou ta genyen kontaktenounan: Phone: 215-576-4124; email: stmatthewreledu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Shane Ruffin Francis of Crochu, St. Andrews, Grenada and Ansha Cursten Eula Saunders of Ovation Drive Cary, North Carolina, USA will be married on January 1, 2024 @ Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, St. Georges, Grenada.

If anyone knows of any legitimate reason why this couple should not be joined in Holy Matrimony, they should contact the Parish

*Priest, Fr. Gabriel Osang @
444-6459 or 456-7378.*

ST. MATTHEW EVENTS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration in the Church on **Wednesdays and Fridays**
after **9:00 am Mass until**
12:00 noon. Fridays from **7 P.M. to 9 P.M.**

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Annual Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 10th
from 2 to 6 PM in the Parish Center. Adult tickets are
\$30 and children under 12 years \$15.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Donation is \$5.00 per ticket.

One book - \$25.00

Two books - \$50.00

1st Prize - \$2,000.00 ; 2nd Prize—\$ 1,500.00

3rd Prize-\$ 1,000.00 ; 4thPrize-\$ 500.00

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Christmas concert is on Sunday, December 17th at
5 PM featuring all our choirs as well as those of Our
Lady of Charity & St. Gregory. The Raffle will be drawn
during the concert.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Is on Friday, December 8th, we will have Mass @ 7:30
and 9:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

THE FEAST OF GUADALUPE

The Spanish community will celebrate the Feast of
Guadalupe on December 11th and 12th. The Mass on
Monday, December 11th will be at 8:00 pm followed by
music and prayer until midnight. On Tuesday, December
12th the Antorcha will arrive in the Church at 4:00 PM.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN

We are once again asking you to bring Christmas joy to
families in need. On your way out of Church, please take
a tag from the giving tree at the back of the Church, and
buy a gift or a gift card for a child whose age and gender
is on the tag. Deadline for bringing in gifts or gift cards
is **Sunday, December 17**. All gift cards should be
dropped off in the rectory.

PARANG

Join us for our Christmas Parang event on Friday,
December 1st, at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. **Entry Fee**
is a BEVERAGE OR a DISH. We are also collecting
warm clothes for Migrant families.

THANK YOU

The Group of Hope thanks everyone who participated in
their event on Sunday, November 12th.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our generous parishioners, we are not nearly where we
should be for our Annual Catholic appeal goals, please be
sure that you are making your pledges and sending in your
appeal envelopes. The determination of our diocese, our
Church and the future of practicing our faith in the most
meaningful way with the holy Eucharist depends on *all* of
our generosity. Searching deep within to help those who
are more needy than ourselves, helping to keep as many of
our churches & schools open, helps ensure that our chil-
dren can practice their faith in the same way that we do.
Allowing Catholic Charities to continue to be a beacon for
so many who are in need of food, clothing, & shelter are
just some of the help that the appeal lends

Live in Faith— Give in Love , we need to remember the
purpose of the yearly appeal: to continue to address some
of the financial needs that remain unmet— both at the dioce-
san and local levels. The bulk of these needs remain our
support of the core component of Catholic Charities,
Catholic Migration Services, Vocation Support, Catholic
Education, Faith Formation, Chaplaincies, Care for Re-
tired Priests-and Parish Assistance.

Again, this year, the Bishop has agreed to gift back all
monies collected over the goal to the Parish. This will help
us to meet some of the needs for our parish. We are count-
ing on all of us to come together as a community and
make the pledges to help sustain our
parish and to help those who help shepherd us and those
who help the poor.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and for mak-
ing the sacrifice to help out those that are in most in need.

May God continue to bless

St. Matthew Parish with its three faith communities.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

We come to the altar with praise and thanksgiving for the
work of God's creation and for the redemption won for us
by Jesus Christ. Most especially we remember Christ's
becoming man, his preaching and teaching, his passion,
death, and resurrection. In this memorial act, these sacred
events become present and real in a special way.

In the Eucharist we meet and enter into the one sacrifice of
Christ. Christ has died and risen once, for all time, and so
this memorial does not add to Christ's sacrifice; nor does it
multiply it. Rather, in the celebration of the Eucharist,
Christ makes his sacrificial death and his resurrection
sacramentally present to us in an un-bloody manner. It is a
memorial celebration, so that, as Saint Paul says, "every
time, then, you eat this bread and drink this cup, you
proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes!"

(1 Corinthians 11:26)