



HAPPY NEW YEAR, BONNE ANNEE, FELIZ ANO NUEVO

St. Matthew Parish



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Pastoral Staff

Pastor

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Mass Schedule:

First Friday 10:00am;

Saturday-5pm

Sunday 11:30am

Saturday: Reconciliation-4:30 pm

Office Staff

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Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:00am-4:00pm

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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

Catholic Cemeteries—

80-01 Metropolitan Ave.

Middle Village, NY 11379

Tel:718 – 894-4888



BREAD & WINE, CANDLE, BLESSINGS

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun Dec 31	Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11: 8,11-12,17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
Mon Jan 1	Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tue Jan 2	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Wed Jan 3	1 Jn 2:29,3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Thu Jan 4	1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Fri Jan 5	1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
Sat Jan 6	1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:33-38

OUR LADY OF CHARITY: MASS INTENTIONS

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS: Kharene Gittens ,Natalia Regis , Michelle Stafford , Una Europe ,Yvonne Cudjoe , Elizabeth Vincent, Sharlene Johnson, Damon Sheppard , Blaine Robinson Anthony Hepburn Jr., Ayanna Cobham Layeye , Timothy Lindsay, Judah Francis , Terrel & Terile Chillious , Horace Mathis Sr., Curt & Neilson Branford , Skyler Walker
We pray to the Lord.


WEDDING ANNIVERSARY : 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.


MASS INTENTIONS @ ST. GREGORY

Saturday, Dec. 30 th	5 PM Vigil Mass for Jesula Taylor, R.I.P., Requested by Antonio Sultan
Sunday, Dec. 31 st	11:30 AM Mass for God's Blessings for the Three Worship Sites and Faith Community & 9 PM New Year's Eve Mass of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for Gemma Mejias, Birthday Blessings & Thanksgiving for Life
Monday, Jan. 1 st	10 AM New Years Day Mass-Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God for the Intercession of the Blessed Mother for the Parish of St. Gregory the Great
First Friday, Jan. 5 th	10 AM Mass for Carl Jervis, R.I.P., Requested by Gemma Mejias
First Saturday, Jan. 6 th	5 PM Vigil Mass for David Noel, R.I.P., Requested by wife Claudette


ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Dec 30	8:00pm – R.I.P. Ms. Ruby Bowman by St. John's Senior Association & Richard Armstrong
Sunday Dec 31 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph</i> 	7:30am – For the Ferguson & Patrick families by Floe Patrick 9:30am –For our parishioners 11:30am – B' day blessings for Michele Stafford by Gail Stanley Togans 1:30pm – Thanksgiving to God for Arise by Evelyn Barreau
Monday Jan 1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	11:00am – Blessings for the Lewis family by Cheryl Lewis
Tuesday Jan 2	7:30am – Happiness & peace of mind for my family & friends by Letitia Pavy 9:00am – Thanking God for his many blessings for me and my family by Sharon
Wednesday Jan 3	7:30am – Asking Mother Mary & St. Joseph to protect our families 9:00am – In loving memory of Mona Moise by Marie A. George
Thursday Jan 4	7:30am – Blessings for Shanna Saxon & Daphnee Jean 9:00am – Birthday blessings for our mother, Eleanor Gale by children, Alexandra & Alexis
First Friday Jan 5	7:30am – Blessings & healing for Althea & her family 9:00am – That this New Year bring us God's health, peace & blessings 12 Noon – Exposition & Benediction 7 P.M. – Exposition & Benediction
Saturday January 6	8:00am – R.I.P. Edna Watson by Roberto Watson & family

BREAD & WINE FOR JANUARY

BREAD - Thanksgiving to God requested by Princess Frank

WINE - In memory of my mom, Lucile & dad, Constant requested by Evelyn Barreau

CANDLE DECEMBER 31st -JANUARY 6th

Blessings for Lucrecia Francis


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 Inness, 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 : Yvonne Lacy, Dean Jackson, Wendy Romain, Vaughn Haynes, Georgeann Campbell, Maura Chisam, 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, Gwen & Helena Pugh, Golda & Daphne Crithlow, Hannah Penny, Kendall Wilson, Almarie Mc Coy, Raymond Jorsling, 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

WEEK OF SUNDAY 12/31/2023 @ ST. GREGORY

+ **NO Sunday school – Christmas Break- Classes will resume on January 7th, 2024**
+ **10:30 AM – Choir Rehearsal**
+ **11:30 AM Sunday Mass – (Live Stream)**
+ **CREDIT UNION-CLOSED**
+ **9 PM New Year's Eve Mass - The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God-Church**

MONDAY 01/01/24 – Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God - OFFICE CLOSED

+ **10 AM New Year's Day Mass -Church**

FIRST FRIDAY 01/05/24

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

FIRST SATURDAY 01/06/24

+ **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)**

PARISH EVENTS—ST. MATTHEW



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.**

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GIFT SHOP

Located @ the back of the Church, selling an array of religious articles including rosaries, open on weekends before & after Mass.

RECTORY CLOSING

For New Year's we will once again be closed from Saturday, December 30th to Monday, January 1st. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd 2024.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE / ST.MATTHEW

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST - NEW YEAR'S EVE:
Regular Mass Schedule & MIDNIGHT MASS – Church opens @ 10 PM. Recitation of the Rosary

MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST – NEW YEAR'S DAY: One Mass at 11 A.M.

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST - NEW YEAR'S EVE:
Regular Mass Schedule & 8 P.M. MASS

WINNING RAFFLE NUMBERS

1ST PRIZE— 07086

2ND PRIZE— 01528

3RD PRIZE— 04437

4TH PRIZE— 01110

VOCATIONS

“Let the peace of Christ control your hearts.” How are you being called to build the kingdom of God as his co-worker? Consider the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life. Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS—ST. GREGORY

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

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

Bible Study (All Are Invited) Meets on zoom every Friday from 7:30PM to 8:30PM A Book of the Bible is picked (By the Group) alternatively, from the Old Testament, followed by The New Testament.

LIGHT FEST PRAYER GROUP (ALL ARE WELCOME!)

Meet-In-Person at St. Gregory R.C. Church every First Saturday of the month, I the Church's dining room. The remaining Saturdays of the month, Light Fest Prayer Group meets on zoom in the Light Fest Reading Room from 8PM to 9PM. The zoom link is mentioned above. Please contact any member for information for telephone number and pin number to access this prayer line. (This enables us to discuss confidentiality protocols to New Participants)

UPCOMING MTGS. & EVENTS @ ST. GREGORY

St. Gregory the Great – Religious Education

No Sunday school from December 24th, 2023 for Christmas Break. Classes will resume on January 7th, 2024.

JESSIE TREE PROJECT (Sponsored by Sunday school & Confirmation Class) (All are Welcomed to participate) occurs every December starting December 1st to January 7th (Feast of the Epiphany/Three Kings Day) A Different Charity is chosen yearly. This is decided by the availability, or need.

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

Monday, January 15th, 2024 **MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., Holiday.** Rectory office will be CLOSED for business.

Parent Support Group will host **Fish Fry without dinner on February, 16th, March 15th and on March 29th Fish Fry Dinners** will be available for purchase. Details to follow.

Friendly Reminder-2023 Christmas card mailing list is available on the information table in the back of the church. If you can, please send a Christmas/New Years card to those who are sick and homebound. Let them know that they are not forgotten. This is the Season for giving and forgiving. It warms the hearts of those receiving. Spread Christ's Love and Joy. In addition, in the past we added names and addresses of the Bishop of Brooklyn and Queens, Parish Trustees, Parish Priests, other clergy who are in residence at the Rectory of St. Gregory the Great and office Volunteers who gave us permission. Volunteers wishing to no longer have their name on the list, please contact the Rectory office. Thanks.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION @ ST. MATTHEW

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 @ the rectory. Use this form to register and drop off in rectory or in the Collection basket

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Were you registered before _____

If yes, registration # _____

Date _____

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, each must be Catholic, practicing their faith (letter from the Church stating this), and have their confirmation certificate. The baby can be baptized with only one 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.

SACRAMENTS & REGISTRATION

School of Religion @ St. Matthew

Registration for school of religion is now **CLOSED**. If your child is already registered and you have not yet paid the fee, you may do so at the rectory or in the Parish Center.

**OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY — THURSDAY
9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

MARRIAGE:

Marriage sacrament requires a time of spiritual preparation. Therefore, couples should make arrangements six months to a year before the planned date, by making an appointment with the parish priest

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

If you or a loved one is near death or very ill and need a priest , we encourage you to call the chaplain of the hospital or call our rectory

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.

COLLECTION 12/16 -12/17

ST. MATTHEW

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals

ST. GREGORY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals

OUR LADY OF MERCY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals

ST. MATTHEW EXPENSES

	<u>Apr - Jul 20</u>	<u>Apr - Jul 19</u>	<u>% Change</u>
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	<u>394,975.31</u>	<u>614,626.86</u>	<u>-35.74%</u>
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	<u>440,064.01</u>	<u>398,597.80</u>	<u>10.4%</u>
Net Income	<u>(45,088.70)</u>	<u>216,029.06</u>	<u>-120.87%</u>

NEW YEAR PRAYER

Lord, my precious Savior and God, help me turn to You through this New Year's prayer. May I be grateful for every breath. Dear Lord, as circumstances and issues came against me last year and have followed me into this New Year, I cry out to You. Empower me with Your Holy Spirit to overcome these obstacles with a good perspective, realizing You allow trials in my life to mold me into the image of Your marvelous Son.

I need a Father to truly love and care for me. You are that Daddy, though at times I don't feel Your presence. Remind me that You will never leave or forsake me. Teach me to find rest for my troubled heart. Lord, let Your Word renew my mind day after day in this New Year. Protect me from the enemy who is on the prowl to devour me.

This New Year, help me trust in You rather than be clothed with discouragement. My desire is to follow You wholeheartedly this New Year. Let my mind be renewed, refreshed, and returned to the joy of Your salvation.

Heavenly Father, let me be not only a hearer of Your Word, but also a doer, practicing Your teachings, no longer quenching the Holy Spirit. Cause me to act on opportunities instead of apathetically overlooking them. This readiness involves praising and worshipping You with a pure heart.

This New Year, I trust Your closeness and care. I have no need for fear because You lavish Your love on me. My Father, I purpose to know more and more of You, seeking Your Kingdom and reign over my life. May my actions prove I treasure the Holy Spirit indwelling inside me.

Let this New Year and the following years consist of You reign in me. Let me take the time daily to lift Your name on high. Let me realize all the marvelous gifts that come from above: rain, sunshine, blessings. Then, I will bless You with all my soul.

May my mind focus on heavenly priorities: loving You and my neighbor. Lord, this New Year let me walk in humility, serving You, loving You, giving You glory and honor every day. Each day of this New Year may I acknowledge You in everything and for everything. I thank You for the work You do inside me by Your love, power, and might.

Thank You for this New Year. Let me do according to Your good pleasure and purpose, pleasing You in every area of this life. Thank You for Your mercy which makes all things new each morning -- even after a day of failure.

Father, thank You for adopting me as Your child. In this New Year, I cry Abba Father, thanking you for restoring a right relationship with me through the cross. Conform and transform me unto all godliness through the burdens and blessings You allow to cross my path.

Lord, thank You for hearing my prayer. You care intimately for me. May this New Year be truly about You -- May I be all about God in my actions and attitudes. From this New Year's prayer, let me not forget to listen carefully to You. Give me eyes to see and a heart to do Your will this New Year and each and every New Year to come. AMEN