

# St. Matthew Parish



Website: [www.stmatthewrc.org](http://www.stmatthewrc.org)

## Pastoral Staff

### **Pastor**

Fr. Frank Black

### **Priests**

Fr. Thaddeus J. Abraham

Msr. Pierre Andre

Pierre

Fr. Ralph Theodat

### **Deacon**

Nickie Colon



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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

**D.R.E.:** Monica Flemmings

### **Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

## St. Matthew

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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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Brooklyn, NY 11213

Tel 718- 774-5100

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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



## Second Sunday of Lent: Faith

Today's readings present us with several figures from the Jewish tradition. In the first reading we come upon Abraham, the Father of Faith and his son Isaac. In the Gospel we encounter Moses, the law-giver, and Elijah, the greatest of the prophets.

On the Mountain of the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah discuss God's plan for his people with Jesus. This plan was to be a new and greater covenant, a new and greater relationship, greater even than the original relationship established with Abraham. The covenant is that if we trust in God, have faith, he will reward us for this faith.

The first reading for this Sunday is the sacrifice of Isaac. This is a hard test for us to understand. The Jewish people never practiced human sacrifice. Why was Abraham called to kill Isaac? It appears only as a demonstration of how deep his faith in God needed to be. Well, as we know, he did have faith. He had faith in God's promise that he would build him into a nation even though the only way that would happen would be through his son Isaac, the very son he was asked to sacrifice. As you know, God did not allow him to kill his son, and his faith was rewarded by a covenant with him saying that his descendants would be as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore, they will conquer their enemies and all nations will bless Abraham.

A long time ago I brought my mother, father and godmother to see the Passion Play in Oberammagou, Germany. I don't know if you ever heard of this. In the middle ages the plague was going through Bavaria. The people of Oberammagou prayed that if their village was spared, the entire village would celebrate a Passion Play. The plague did not come to Oberammagou. The people have kept their promise. They have held a Passion Play involving the whole town approximately every four years. Back to the play we attended. Honestly, I thought it would be a pious experience but nothing that would grip me. Boy did I get that wrong! The play surpassed even our deepest hopes. The music was original and wonderful. The cast was huge. Everything was extremely reverential. It was four hours long, and an experience of a life time.

During the production Old Testament themes were woven into the sacrifice of Christ. There would be a tableau on an Old Testament theme that would be reflected in what they were acting out in the presentation of the Passion of the Lord. The particular one that made the deepest impression on me was the sacrifice of Isaac. The picture was of Isaac and Abraham climbing up the mountain for the sacrifice. Abraham carried the knife. Isaac, as it says in verse six of the story carried the wood for the sacrifice on his back.

The singers at Oberammagou noted that just as God provided the lamb for the sacrifice back in the day of Abraham and Isaac, so he would provide the lamb for the sacrifice when Jesus climbed the mountain with the wood of the sacrifice on his back. What we can add to this is that just as Abraham's faith was rewarded with the establishment of a new covenant, a new relationship with God, Jesus' faith would be rewarded with the establishment of a new covenant, a new relationship with God.

The point for us today is that God is aware of our faith. He knows the struggles we have to believe. Abraham did not want to sacrifice his son, but trusted in God. Jesus cried during the agony in the garden for his Father to free him from the terrible suffering he was going to endure, but he still trusted in God. How about us? God sees us praying to him. He knows we want to grow closer to him. At the same time he sees how our faith is continually tested by the turmoil of our lives.

It is easy for us to believe and be people of faith when all is going well and we are happy. It is easy to believe, be people of faith, when we are enjoying our family, our children, our lives. It's easy to believe, be people of faith, when we leave Church feeling warm and deeply moved. But faith is difficult when we are in turmoil. When relationships meant to be growing and nurturing, such as marriage, become bitter and end up destructive, when children push people to the edge, when jobs that we don't even like are in jeopardy, then faith is difficult. It is difficult to believe in God when we or a loved one is sick, or worse, when a loved one has passed away.

God knows how often we are just plain angry, angry with him for the difficulties of our lives. He knows that sometimes we become so angry that we even doubt his existence. He knows that sometimes we wonder if he really cares. God knows how often we feel weak in our faith, but he also knows that we do want to have faith. "I do believe," said the man whose son had epilepsy and whom the disciples could not cure. "I do believe," the man said, "but help my unbelief." God sees us as people of faith who are begging him to help us grow in faith.

When times of turmoil take over our lives, we have to focus in on the covenant with Abraham, the covenant of faith. Abraham trusted that God would find a way to reward him for his faith. And God did reward him. And he does reward us for our faith.

When the disciples, Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured on the Mountain and Elijah and Moses with him, they wanted to erect booths. They felt so overwhelmed by the experience that they did not want it to end. "It is good for us to be here," Peter exclaimed. We all feel the same way when we have a religious experience. We do not want it to end. But Jesus told the disciples and tells us that glory comes only after we understand what to rise from the dead means. We cannot fully celebrate the Glory of the Lord until we share in his passion, his death, his sacrifice. Our faith is tested like Abraham's faith and like Jesus' faith. We are called to give our best to the Lord and trust him to transform the sacrifice into a new covenant far greater than we could ever imagine.

If God is for us, St. Paul tells the Romans and us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own son for us, will prevent the forces of evil from attacking us. This includes those forces within us tearing at our psyche, leading us away from the Lord. God is for us. God is with us. May we have the faith of Abraham to trust in God even in the most difficult situations.

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun Feb 18	Gn 22:1-2,9,10-13,15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10
Mon Feb 19	Dn 9:4-10 ; Lk 6:36-38
Tue Feb 20	Is 1:10, 16-20 ; Mt 23:1-12
Wed Feb 21	Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thu Feb 22	Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Fri Feb 23	Gn 37:3-4,12-13,17-28 ; Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Sat Feb 24	Mi 7: 14-15,18-20 ; Lk 15:1-3,11-32

**OUR LADY OF CHARITY: MASS INTENTIONS**

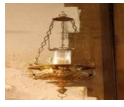
**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS:** Marie Huie , Shonnell Sheppard , Bayyinah Clinton , Trudi Jade Antoine , Keisha De Vaughn , Burtel Batson , Destiny Kpaka , Brent Williams , Michelle Thompson, Ayodele Mims ,  
**We pray to the Lord**

**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 :** God's grace, mercy and blessings for our three sons Vaughn Jr., Ron & Ian Haynes asking God to keep them bonded with brotherly love, requested by their parents Vaughn Sr. & Florence Haynes,  
**We pray to the Lord.**

**ALTAR BREAD : We pray to the Lord.**


**ST. GREGORY : MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	5 PM Vigil Mass for Carl Serrette Thorpe, R.I.P., Requested by The St. Lawrence & Gilkes Families
Sunday, Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 AM Mass for Arthur and Rona Jack, R.I.P., Requested by The Family
	Sanctuary Lamp for Carl Callender, R.I.P., Requested by The Callender Family
First Friday, March 1 <sup>st</sup>	10AM Mass & Eucharistic Adoration For Deacon Andres DeLeon Caballos, Requested by His daughter Celina Deleon
First Saturday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5 PM Vigil Mass for Alvin Milburn, R.I.P., Request by His sister Theresa Milburn


**ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday February 24	8:00pm– Birthday blessings for Joan Guppy by Cita Ferguson
Sunday February 25 <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	7:30am–Thanking God for our priests & all who serve, that they'll be filled with the Holy Spirit by Floe Patrick 9:30am– R.I.P. Maria Santos by Ana Ligia Molina & family 11:30am–I.L.M. of Rupert & Sheila Mapp by Frances McLeod & family 1:30pm–God's blessings for Daniel Altidor by Marie Coeur Altidor
Monday February 26	7:30am– Prosperity , happiness & peace of mind for me & my family by Letitia 9:00am – B'day blessings Carl David Jocelin & David Jocelin by Vicky Jocelin
Tuesday February 27	7:30am –Birthday blessings for Avril Lucien by Andrano Lucien 9:00am – God's healing blood on Laura Dobbs by the Staff of St. Matthew
Wednesday February 28	7:30am – R.I.P. Fabio Antonio Arias by the Arias family 9:00am – Birthday blessings for Ana Gale by children & grandchildren
Thursday February 29	7:30am – For Reina Lucien by Andrano Lucien 9:00am – That all suffering from cancer & other diseases will be healed by the blood of the lamb
Friday March 1	7:30am – God's blessings & guidance for the Ferguson & Patrick family by Floe Patrick & family 9:00am – Thanksgiving to God by Aerolyn Edwards
Saturday March 2	8:00am– R.I.P. Ronald & Ervine Nazon by Grazia Nazon

**CANDLE FOR February 25– March 2**

 That all suffering from cancer & other diseases will be healed by the blood of the lamb

**BREAD & WINE FOR FEBRUARY**

 Birthday blessings for Helena O'Brien

## REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

### **For the homebound, hospitalized and sick**

Judith Adams, Rita Antomez, Armelle Amilcar, Loraine Quash-Antoine, Marie Augustin, Al Barnett, Monica Belfon, Marque & Yael Barber-LaFon, Melona Barber, Jason Bascom, 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, 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, John Gale, 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, Janice & 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, 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, Carlos Rudas, Lidia Saunders, Pamela Smith, Pema Smith, 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, 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 & family, La Mar Mc Nabb, Conrad Lord, 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, Judith Prosper, 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 02/25/2024 @ ST. GREGORY

- + 9:30 AM Sunday school- In Session
- + 10:30 AM – Choir Rehearsal
- + 11:30 AM Sunday Mass – (Live Stream)
- + CREDIT UNION-OPEN

### **MONDAY 02/26/24**

- + 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-Church

### **FIRST FRIDAY 03/01/24**

- + 10 AM Mass with Eucharistic Adoration
- + 7 PM Stations of The Cross-Church
- + 7:30 PM Bible Study via zoom

### **FIRST SATURDAY 03/02/24**

- + 4 PM Confession
- + 4 PM Vigil Choir Rehearsals
- + 4 PM Light Fest Prayer Group-Rectory Dining Room
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362442148?pwd=MGVNMWFFQcVdrQktXeTh0YjRadC9Mdz09>

- + 5 PM Vigil Mass - Church- (Live Stream)



**COLLECTION 02/17- 02/18/2024**

**ST. MATTHEW**

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
5 PM	8	745.00	—	745.00
8 PM	12	417.00	137.00	554.00
7:30 AM	54	2,318.00	321.00	2,639.00
9:30 AM	46	931.00	273.06	1,204.06
11:30 PM	44	1,130.00	625.86	1,755.86
1:30 PM	30	518.00	116.85	634.85
L.I.R.	25	719.00	—	719.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>6,778.00</b>	<b>1,473.77</b>	<b>8,251.77</b>
Ash Wednesday	104	2,431.50		2,431.50

**ST. GREGORY**

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
5 PM	29	491.00	96.00	587.00
10:00AM	21	868.00	183.00	1,051.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1,359.00</b>	<b>279.00</b>	<b>1,638.00</b>
Ash Wednesday	17	569.80	—	569.80

**OUR LADY OF CHARITY**

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
10:00AM	37	2,228.00	—	2,228.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2,228.00</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,228.00</b>

**FAITH DIRECT:**  
February 1st – 21st, 2024 ~\$1,300.00

**ST. MATTHEW EXPENSES**

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

**ST. GREGORY THE GREAT**

*St. Gregory the Great* **BIBLE STUDY** with Catherine Abdullah @ 7:30PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) every week on **FRI-DAYS**

**Bible Study is beginning The Gospel of John**

**Link for Bible Study** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85498875775?pwd=Nk4zY3BVOUfMvZRUUSDJodllWSDArUT09>

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.**

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**LIGHT FEST PRAYER GROUP (ALL ARE WELCOME!)**  
**Meet-In-Person at St. Gregory R.C. Church every FIRST SAT-URDAYS of the month in 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  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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

**St. Gregory the Great – Religious Education**

Sunday school is in session. Time: 9:30am.

Registration fee: \$60 per candidate

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**HERITAGE COMMITTEE CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.**

**SOLOISTS FEATURED ALONG WITHH “TEACHABLE MOMENTS” STARTING FIRST SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> THRU SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2024.**

**SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**AT ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH**

**Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> @ 5PM Vigil and Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30AM Dedication Masses for the deceased members of The Heritage Committee.**

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**St. Gregory the Great Parent Support Group Good Friday's Fish Fry Dinner on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 4:30PM-7PM**

**March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – 4:30PM-7PM**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 4:30PM-7PM**

**Good Friday Special Time 12Noon-3PM**

**COST: \$15.00 for KING FISH Dinner**

**\$15.00 for SALMON Dinner**

**PLEASE CALL MS. LORNA GILKES at 718-964-6926  
OR MS. ESTELA CAESAR at 347-268-3262**

## 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

***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-brooklyn.org](mailto:stmatthewreledu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org)

***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-brooklyn.org](mailto:stmatthewreledu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org)

***ENSKRIPSYON YO AP FÈT KOUNYE A  
BATÈM, PREMYE SENT KOMINYON AK KONFI-  
MASYON.***

Pouplisenfòmasyon sou kondisyon enskripsyon ou swalòtkek-  
syon ou ta genyen kontaktenounan: Phone: 215-576-4124;  
email: [stmatthewreledu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org](mailto:stmatthewreledu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org)

## 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.**

### GIFT SHOP

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

### VOCATIONS

“Is it good that we are here.” Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org)

### REHEARSAL DATES FOR THE DRAMATIZED STATIONS ON GOOD FRIDAY:

**Sunday February 25th at 4:00 P.M.**

**Sunday March 3rd at 4:00 P.M.**

**Sunday March 10th at 4:00 P.M.**

**Tuesday March 26th at 7:30 P.M.** ( Dress Rehearsal)

### ENGLISH LENTEN MISSION

Monday March 4th - St Gregory the Great, 224 Brooklyn Avenue.

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Tuesday March 5th - Our Lady of Charity, 1669 Dean Street .

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Wednesday & Thursday (March 6th & March 7th) - St. Matthew Parish, 1123 Eastern Parkway

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Mission begins at 6:45 pm with the Rosary.

**Fr. Trevor Nathasingh** will be the celebrant of the Lenten mission

Join us in Church every Friday @ 7:30 pm to journey to Calvary with Jesus

### HAITIAN LENTEN RETREAT

Will be held in the Church on Saturday March 9th starting at 10 A.M. Fr. Ralph Theodat will preside at the retreat

### SPANISH LENTEN MISSION

Will be held on Tuesday March 19th and Wednesday, March 20th starting at 7:30 P.M

## LENTEN REQUIREMENTS

In our preparation for Easter , the Church invites us to observe the penitential and grace filled season of Lent which commences on February 14,2024 with the observance of Ash Wednesday.

**Abstinence**– All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

**Fasting** - All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to one full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may also be taken on two other occasions during the day.

**Easter Duty**– After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter Season, unless, for a good reason, it is fulfilled at another time of the year. By special permission in the United States the period for fulfilling this precept has been extended to include the period from the First Sunday of Lent ( February 18,2024) to the celebration of Pentecost (May 19,2024).

**The Solemnity of St. Joseph:** The Solemnity of St. Joseph should be observed with proper solemnity even though it falls within the season of Lent.

**Reconciliation Monday:** Our diocese will once again celebrate **Reconciliation Monday on March 25,2024**, the Monday of Holy Week. After having reached the age of discretion, members of the faithful are bound to confess once a year grave sins which have not already been absolved.,

The following should also be noted:

**Music:** The Alleluia is not sung or said from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil. Musical instruments may only be used during Lent and the Paschal Triduum to give necessary support to the singing.

**Decorations:** The Church should not be decorated with flowers during Lent. Exception is the Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19)

**Holy Water:** Holy water is not removed from the fonts during the season of Lent. Holy water is removed from all fonts immediately before the celebration of the Mass of the Lord’s supper. They are refilled with water blessed at the Easter Vigil.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Join us in Church every Friday @ 7:00 pm to journey to Calvary with Jesus