

St. Matthew Parish



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Pastoral Staff

Pastor

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Pierre

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Brooklyn, NY 11213

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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:

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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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

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Pentecost: The Beginning of the Now

In the eleventh chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, Peter was confronted by Christians who had been Jewish. They said that they had heard that Peter had entered the houses of Gentiles and ate with them. "How could he do that?" They saw him as betraying his Jewish heritage. Peter explained that he had a vision of a large sheet coming down from heaven filled with many animals including reptiles and other animals that Jews would not eat, such as pigs. He heard a voice say, "Get up, Peter. Slaughter and eat." Peter related, "But I said, 'Certainly not, sir, because nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time a voice from heaven answered, 'What God has made clean, you are not to call profane.'" This happened three times, and then everything was drawn up again into the sky. Just then three men appeared at the house where we were, who had been sent to me from Caesarea. The Spirit told me to accompany them without discriminating. These six brothers* also went with me, and we entered the man's house. He related to us how he had seen (the) angel standing in his house, saying, 'Send someone to Joppa and summon Simon, who is called Peter, who will speak words to you by which you and all your household will be saved.' As I began to speak, the holy Spirit fell upon them as it had upon us at the beginning, and I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water but you will be baptized with the holy Spirit.'

"As the Holy Spirit fell on us at the beginning."

In the Nineteenth chapter of Acts, Paul relates how he had come upon people in the city of Ephesus who had been baptized, but not with the baptism of Jesus Christ. "How have you been baptized?" Paul asked. "With the baptism of John the Baptist," they replied. Paul then said, "John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

As the disciples spoke in tongues and prophesied on Pentecost Sunday. Peter and Paul, and the early followers of the Lord recognized that the coming of the Holy Spirit was the beginning of the grand venture of proclaiming Jesus Christ and his Kingdom, the Kingdom of God. Christmas, the Nativity of the Word, was the beginning of the presence of the Word of God on earth as one of us. Easter was the beginning of people sharing the eternal, resurrected life of the Lord.

Pentecost is the beginning of people being empowered to proclaim Jesus Christ to the world. This empowerment was evidenced by the wind, the tongues of fire, by people of many lands hearing the apostles speaking in their own language,

and by the courage of the apostles proclaiming Jesus in the face of torture and death.

It all began on Pentecost. That day three thousand people became followers of the Lord. The Holy Spirit fell on them also. Their number has grown. Now in 2024, that number has grown to 2.6 billion people of whom 1.4 billion are Catholic.

We are here because of the Holy Spirit. We are here because of the action of the Holy Spirit on the First Pentecost when the apostles experienced His Presence in the wind and tongues of fire. We are here because of the action of the Holy Spirit at our baptism and confirmation, transforming us into the People of God. We are here because of the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives calling us to serve the Lord.

Peter and Paul often spoke about how the Holy Spirit directed them, to go to some place, to say certain things, to do certain things. The Holy Spirit directs us in the same way. We just have to be open to the Holy Spirit.

There are so many times in my life, as a priest, that I have felt that I had to do a certain thing, see a certain person, and so forth. Many times I learn why I was prompted, or better, given the grace to act.

My biggest fear is that after I die I will learn about all the times that I was not open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. I will hear about people who God wanted to use me to bring his presence and I was too taken up with myself to listen to the Spirit.

How about you? Do you recognize the times that you have been open to the Holy Spirit and the times that you have ignored his prompting? I think everyone can look at times that the Spirit pointing him or her in a direction that brought the joy of God to the world. And I think that everyone can remember the times that he or she decided to ignore the prompting, and now fear the ramifications of our being closed to God.

The Holy Spirit is God. The Spirit uses us, but He is not dependent on us. If we refuse to listen to the prompting, then He, God the Third Person, will find other ways to communicate his presence.

I want to conclude by looking closely at the first part of the prayer to the Holy Spirit:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. The Holy Spirit is fire, the fire of God's love.

We feel this fire within us whenever we are open to God. Together, our own tongues of fire becomes a great blaze that renews the face of the earth.

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun May 19	Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15
Mon May 20	Gn 3:9-15,20 or Acts1:12-14 / Jn 19: 25-34
Tue May 21	Jas 4: 1-10 / Mk 9: 30-37
Wed May 22	Jas 4: 13-17 / Mk 9: 38-40
Thu May 23	Jas 5: 1-6 / Mk 9: 41-50
Fri May 24	Jas 5: 9-12 / Mk 10: 1-12
Sat May 25	Jas 5: 13-20 / Mk 10: 13-16

OUR LADY OF CHARITY: MASS INTENTIONS

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS : Oveda Chillious , Justin Gibbs , Caleb Thomas ,Victoria Sheppard , Diandra Archibald , Asa Thompson , Latanya Cadore , Kasandra Antoine , Keddie Theodule , Annette Robinson ,
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.**

ALTAR BREAD : For the month of May is donated by Patricia Romain for amazing grace,
We pray to the Lord.


SANCTUARY CANDLES : For the month of May is donated by Patricia Romain for her children, her Grandchildren, her sisters, her brothers, nieces, nephews as we flourish in the goodness of God ,
We pray to the Lord.

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ST. GREGORY : MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 18th	5 PM Vigil Mass for Helen Milburn, R.I.P., Requested by daughter Theresa Milburn
Sunday, May 19th	11:30 AM PENTECOST Mass for Elenora Fontenelle, R.I.P., Requested by The Fontenelle Family
Saturday, May 25th	5 PM Vigil Mass for Calvert & Jocelyn Davis, R.I.P., Requested by Carlyn & Alain Jabouin


ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 18	8:00pm – That like the apostles, we will be filled with the seven fold gifts of the Holy Spirit and be transformed.
Sunday May 19 Pentecost Sunday	7:30am –In loving memory of Augustus Allahar by Kennitha Allahar & family 9:30am –R.I.P. Guillerma Garcia by the Rochez family 11:30am –Birthday blessings in heaven Pascual Rodriguez by spouse, Dawn Seales & family 1:30pm – I.L.M. of Immacula Michel by Marie Coeur Altidor
	
Monday May 20	7:30am – R.I.P. Catherine Joseph 9:00am – That the blood of Jesus will heal Tai Lambert
Tuesday May 21	7:30am –I.L.M. of Franklyn Augustine & Nelcia Ann Goodings by Oslyn Goodings 9:00am – Birthday blessings Sheena Desdunes by mom, Yvette
Wednesday May 22	7:30am – Protection for Ebuka Anozie Obi by Gertrude Agbasonu 9:00am – Thanksgiving to St. Matthew & Roody St.Val by Sylfannie Frederic
Thursday May 23	7:30am – R.I.P. Lenora Cotay by Angela Dielingen 9:00am – R.I.P. Ernest Gelate by family
Friday May 24	7:30am – Blessings for Maria Alleyne Bourne & Lynette Bourne by Tamara Smart 9:00am – 55th wedding anniversary blessings for Jack & Maureen Hinds by family
Saturday May 25	8:00am – I.L.M. of Rosite Fortune by Fortune, Jean-Jacques & Belice family

CANDLE MAY 19TH– 25TH

 That through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, Tai will be fully restored to health and her family be sustained and strengthened.

BREAD & WINE FOR MAY

 **BREAD :** For guidance & protection requested by Cracker & the Deraveniere family

WINE: For guidance & protection requested by Cracker & the Deraveniere Family

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

For the homebound, hospitalized and sick

Judith Adams, Carmen Allen, 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, Jahonah Brown, 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, Ian Fox, Carrie Frasier, Sherwin Fung, 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 Hypolite, 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, Wilma Maynard, Tom McCafferty, Laura McDonald, Mavis McDonald, Leticia McDowell, Vernita McDowell, Gemma Mejias, Marcelina Morales, Isai Munoz, Marta Munoz, Nelson Munoz, Suzanne Neil, Ronald Nethersole, Claudette Norde, Mother Dolores Oloff, 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, Carlos Rudas, Lidia Saunders, Pamela Smith, Pema Smith, Robert Smith, Lisa Scott Spencer, Delores Sykes, Kevin Maynard, Basil Suarez, Antonio Sultan, Violet Sylvester, Brenda & Javier Talango, Angela & Edris Thomas, Jean Thornhill, Allison Thorpe, 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, Vilma Zuniga

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, Lisa Colone, Christine Hudson & family, Conrad Lord, Glenda Hunter, Livingston Holloway, Jaden Bell, Nathan Ford Sr. & family, Sabrinia Guess, Daphne & Golda Critchlow, Gwen & Helena Pugh, Leon Richards, Kendall Wilson, Almarie Mc Coy, Raymond Jorsling, Judith Prosper, Lisa Scott/ Spencer, Carla Martin, Marge Holas, Hermelene Thomas, Althea Gordon, 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 05/19/2024 @ ST. GREGORY

- + 9:30 AM Sunday school- Not In Session
- + 10:30 AM – Choir Rehearsal
- + 11:30 AM PENTECOST Mass– (Live Stream)
- + CREDIT UNION-OPEN

MONDAY 05/20/24

- + 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-Church

THURSDAY 05/23/24

- + 7PM Confirmation with Bishop Sanchez at St. Matthew Church

FRIDAY 05/24/24

- + 7:30 PM Bible Study- via zoom
(The Book of Judges, Sermon: Exodus and Ephesians)

SATURDAY 05/25/24

- + 4 PM Confession
- + 4 PM Vigil Choir Rehearsals
- + 4 PM Light Fest Prayer Group-via zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362442148?pwd=MGVNMWFWQcVdrQktXeTh0YjRadC9Mdz09>
- + 5 PM Vigil Mass-Church

COLLECTION 05/11– 05/12/2024

\$60

ST. MATTHEW

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8:00 PM	40	1,326.00	320.16	1,646.16
7:30 AM	80	2,623.30	587.53	3,210.83
9:30 AM	46	1,172.00	361.25	1,533.25
11:30 AM	68	1,885.00	641.85	2,526.85
1:30 PM	35	573.00	116.00	689.00
L.I.R.	35	1,737.00	—	1,737.00
Total	304	9,316.30	2,026.79	11,343.09

ST. GREGORY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
5 PM	18	630.00	84.17	714.17
10:00AM	34	885.75	240.00	1,125.75
Total	52	1,515.75	324.17	1,839.92

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
10:00AM	62	3,001.00	—	3,001.00
Total	62	3,001.00	—	3,001.00

FAITH DIRECT: \$1,365.00 collected
May 1 to May 15, 2024

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	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%

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

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

Bible Study is beginning The Gospel of John
Link for Bible Study <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85498875775?pwd=Nk4zYzBVOUFmVzRUSDJodlIWSDArUT09>

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 - THE BOOK OF JUDGES, SERMON: EXODUS AND EPHESIANS WILL BE STUDIED FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

(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 SATURDAYS 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

St. Gregory the Great – Religious Education
Sunday school is in session. Time: 9:30am.
Registration fee: \$60 per candidate

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Registration is still open. **CROCHET CLASSES.** Please join us!
If you would like to enhance your techniques and knowledge, come or fellowship on Saturdays: May 11th, May 18th, June 1st and June 8th. Time: 3pm to 4:30pm – Place: St. Gregory the Great Rectory Hall located at 224 Brooklyn Avenue, corner of Sterling Place. Course Charge: \$25 donation to St. Gregory's Building Fund Please contact Ms. Catherine Abdullah at 718-864-7683 or Ms. Gemma Mejias at 917-293-0399 to register.

SPRING CHOIR CONCERT
Sunday, June 23RD at 4PM. **THEME: "RETURN TO THE LORD"**
VENUE: St. Gregory the Great Church, entrance on St. Johns Place, corner of Brooklyn Avenue
Donation: \$30 – Adults \$15 – Children
Tickets are available of purchase by Senior Choir Members

ST. GREGORY'S USHER BOARD ANNUAL BUS OUTING
Saturday, September 28th, 2024 to Atlantic City Resort's Casino.

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: stmatthewredu@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: stmatthewredu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org

***ENSKRISYON YO AP FÈT KOUNYE A
BATÈM, PREMYÈ SENT KOMINYON
AK KONFIMASYON.***

Pou plis enfòmasyon sou kondisyon enskripsyon oswa lòt keksyon ou ta genyen, kontakte nou nan: (215) 576-4124
Email: stmatthewredu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org

PARISH REGISTRATION

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Full Name _____

Address 1 _____

Address 2 _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Were you registered before _____

If yes, registration # _____

Today's Date _____

ST. MATTHEW EVENTS

GIFT SHOP

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

VOCATIONS

"He will guide you to all truth." Is the Holy Spirit preparing you to share the Lord's mission as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life? .Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

ST. MATTHEW GROUP OF HOPE

Is hosting their annual Bake Sale, Raffle and BBQ on Sunday, June 23rd.

Time: Bake sale starts after the 7:30 A.M. Mass
BBQ starts after the 11:30 A.M. Mass

Place: In front of the Church (1123 Eastern Parkway)

Raffle: One Grand prize of \$500.

Price of a single ticket is \$5 and the raffle drawing is at 5 P.M.

Bake sale and BBQ sold separately

Tickets can be purchased from members of the group or in the rectory

PILGRIMAGE

The Haitian Apostolate invite you to join them on **Saturday, June 8th, 2024**, on a pilgrimage to the National Blue Army Shrine ,located in 674 Mounta Washington, New Jersey.

The theme of the Pilgrimage is: **Mary, our Mother, Help and Deliverance of the Haitian People**

SPANISH CHARISMATIC GROUP

El grupo de oracion Crismatico Hispano les invita al seminario en el Espirito Santo
Los Jueves a la 7:00 P.M. Salon Parroquial 4th topiso

CONFIRMATION

Please join us in celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation with our students from the School of Religion on Thursday, May 23rd at 7 P.M.

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.**



MARY: THE MOTHER OF GOD

"When the Blessed Virgin said yes, freely, to the plans revealed to her by the Creator, the divine Word assumed a human nature -- a rational soul and a body -- which was formed in the most pure womb of Mary. The divine nature and the human were united in a single Person: Jesus Christ, true God and, thenceforth, true man; the only begotten and eternal son of the Father and from that moment on, as man, the true son of Mary. This is why our Lady is the mother of the Incarnate Word, of the second person of the Blessed Trinity, who has united our human nature to himself for ever, without any confusion of the two natures. The greatest praise we can give to the Blessed Virgin is to address her loudly and clearly by the name that expresses her very highest dignity: 'Mother of God'."

Brief but frequent prayers of love, such as: "Mother of God, your petitions are most powerful."

MARY: THE MOST PERFECT CREATURE

"She who is full of grace, the object of God's pleasure, exalted above all the angels and the saints, lived an ordinary life. "Mary is as much a creature as we are, with a heart like ours, made for joy and mirth as well as suffering and tears. Before Gabriel communicates to her God's plan, our Lady does not know that she has been chosen from all eternity to be the mother of the Messiah. She sees herself as a lowly creature. That is why she can acknowledge, with full humility, that 'he who is mighty has done great things' for me." Let us offer to our Mother today:

Brief but frequent prayers of love, such as: "Mother of God, your petitions are most powerful."

MARY AND THE BLESSED TRINITY

"Through the Incarnation of our Lord in her immaculate womb, Mary, the Daughter of God the Father, is also the Spouse of God the Holy Spirit and the Mother of God the Son." Say A "Hail Mary" each time the clock strikes another hour

MARY 'S FAMILY: THE TRINITY ON EARTH

"It is only natural that the Church rejoice as one contemplates the modest home of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. We read in the hymn from Matins on the feast of the Holy Family: 'It is pleasing to recall the humble house of Nazareth and its slender resources. It is pleasing to tell again in song Jesus' hidden life. Jesus grows up in hidden seclusion, to be trained in Joseph's unpretentious trade. The loving mother sits beside her dear Son, the good wife by her husband, content if her loving attention can ease and comfort them in their weariness.'" *A loving review of her life with Jesus, as we recite the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.*