

# St. Matthew Parish



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

## Pastoral Staff

### **Pastor**

Fr. Frank Black

### **Priests**

Fr. Thaddeus J. Abraham

Mmgr. Pierre Andre

Pierre

Fr. Ralph Theodat

Fr. Paul Afetor

### **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

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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:**

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Monday-Friday:10am-6pm

### **Catholic Cemeteries-**

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Middle Village, NY 11379

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## The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord: The Covenant of Eucharist

Today's first reading presents a significant scene from the Book of Exodus. This is the people's acceptance the Covenant of the Law of God, the Covenant of the Ten Commandments. A sacrifice was used to seal the covenant. Young bulls were slain. As a sign of the people's acceptance, all the people were sprinkled with the blood of the bulls, the blood of the sacrifice. Strange, but significant. The people were not to be mere observers. They were to be intimately involved in the covenant.

This reading is presented as prophetic foreshadowing of the Blood of the New Covenant. We share intimately in the sacrifice offered to the Father by Jesus on the Cross. Instead of witnessing a sacrifice, we receive the sacrifice within ourselves. We eat His Body. Instead of being sprinkled with the Blood of the Sacrifice, we drink the Blood of the Lord.

When we receive communion we reaffirm our acceptance of the New Covenant with God. This is more than just saying, "I agree." Communion is an intimate sharing of the presence of Christ conquering evil on the Cross. We are not just stained with blood. We take the blood of the Lamb within us. We don't just offer young bulls for sacrifice. We take the sacrifice within us. The sacrifice is the Body of Christ.

As little children we learned that communion was Jesus. But after the excitement of First Holy Communion, it was easy for us to forget what we were doing or whom we were receiving when we approached the Eucharist. Our parents had to remind us continually to talk to Jesus, to pray.

The Church gives us the Solemnity of Corpus Christi to remind us of as adults of what we are doing and whom we are receiving which we approach the Eucharist. The original celebration of the Body of Christ was begun in the thirteenth century and promoted by one of our spiritual ancestors named St. Juliana of Liege, a visionary and an Augustinian nun. Soon after this the pope, Pope Urban IV, asked the great theologian, St. Thomas Aquinas, to prepare a Mass to celebrate this new feast. We still sing some of the hymns that St. Thomas Aquinas wrote for this Mass, particularly the Tantum Ergo, or Down in Adoration Falling, and the O Salutaris Hostia, or O Saving Victim. In the past the Eucharist was honored on Corpus Christi with processions. The priest would carry the Blessed Sacrament through the city, stopping several times for Benediction. This custom is still encouraged and practiced in many countries throughout the world.

Most often we refer to the Eucharist as "communion". The communal aspect of the Eucharist is far more than a group of people sharing a meal. It is the union of those who share the Body of Christ into the Kingdom of God. When we receive communion we are by that very action recommitting ourselves to fighting paganism in our lives and our world. We are recommitting ourselves to be active members of that community that spreads the Kingdom of God through sacrificial love. Because we receive the Eucharist so often, it is easy to overlook the huge commitment we are making to live and spread the Kingdom of God.

The Eucharist, a word that means thanksgiving, is the way that we thank God for life we have received. We thank God for uniting us to the community of salvation. We thank God for the many ways that we experience his love in every aspect of our lives.

The Eucharist is the mystery of commitment and strength. The commitment is to do the work of the Kingdom. We are a part of the Grand Adventure, the Great Quest. When we receive communion we reaffirm our role in the battle to transform the world into the Kingdom of God.

The Eucharist is also the mystery of strength. The strength that we need for the Great Quest is the very presence of Jesus within us as Church and as individuals. We are not in this battle alone. We carry the Lord, our strength. Do we have a difficult decision to make? We ask Jesus within us for guidance after we receive. Do we feel that our lives are falling apart? We ask Jesus to keep us together. Are we searching for a way to serve the Lord? We give ourselves over to the Lord within us. Are we sick, gravely sick, even terminal? We ask Jesus within us how we can use our sickness to fulfill our part of the Grand Adventure. Do we feel alone? We stop and pray after communion and realize that we are never alone when we are with the Lord.

There are so many reasons why we pray when we have Jesus within us after we receive communion. All of them are valid. Every petition is heard by the Lord, particularly when he is within us.

Today we pray for sincerity. We pray that we might be sincere in the commitment we make every time we receive communion.

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun June 2	Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16,22-26
Mon June 3	2 Pt 1:2-7 / Mk 12: 1-12
Tue June 4	2 Pt 3:12-15,17-18 / Mk 12: 13-17
Wed June 5	2 Tm 1:1-3,6-12 / Mk12: 18-27
Thu June 6	2 Tm 2:8-15 / Mk12: 28-34
Fri June 7	Hos 11: 1,3-4,8-9 / Eph 3:8-12,14-19 / Jn 19: 31-37
Sat June 8	2 Tm 4:1-8 / Lk 2: 41-51

**OUR LADY OF CHARITY: MASS INTENTIONS**

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS :**Jennifer Bain , Lorin Al monte , Catilda Charles , Catherine Llewlyn , Thaddeus Johnson Sr., Carlos Huggins , Joan Mitchell , Kimberly Johnson , Brandon Pollydore , Malika Jackson, Micheal Gittens, Marva Richardson, Allyenne Anderson ,  
**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 :** Birthday blessings for Gladcia Drew and Nathan Ford Sr., praising God for all his blessings,  
**We pray to the Lord.**

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

**SANCTUARY CANDLES :**  
**We pray to the Lord.**

**ST. GREGORY : MASS INTENTIONS**

First Saturday, June 1 <sup>st</sup>	5 PM Vigil Mass for Ryan Mejias, Birthday Blessings, Requested by his grandmother Gemma Mejias
Sunday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11:30 AM Corpus Christi Mass for Vera McArthur, R.I.P., Requested by Ann Leonce
First Friday, June 7 <sup>th</sup>	10 AM Mass and Eucharistic Adoration, for Camilla Barber-Olajeda, In Thanksgiving for Life and Birthday Blessings, Requested by Rosanne Barber & Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving for Life for Catherine Nelson
Saturday, June 8 <sup>th</sup>	5 PM Vigil Mass for Janice Boyce, In Thanksgiving for Life and Birthday Blessings

ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday June 1	<b>8:00pm</b> – Prayers for healing of Tai Lambert
Sunday June 2 <b>The Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ</b>	<b>7:30am</b> –For members of the Altar Rosary Society <b>11:00am</b> –Bithday Blessings for Marissa & Alliya Noel by mom, Charmaine Noel
Monday June 3	<b>7:30am</b> – R.I.P. Tyrone Peters Jr. by aunt, Fulvia Parris <b>9:00am</b> – For living & deceased mothers
Tuesday June 4	<b>7:30am</b> –R.I.P. Tyrone Peters Jr. by aunt, Fulvia Parris <b>9:00am</b> – For living & deceased mothers
Wednesday June 5	<b>7:30am</b> – R.I.P. Tyrone Peters Jr. by aunt, Fulvia Parris <b>9:00am</b> – Blessings for Maria Alleyne & Lynette Bourne by Tamara Smart
Thursday June 6	<b>7:30am</b> – R.I.P. Tyrone Peters Jr. by aunt, Fulvia Parris <b>9:00am</b> – Thanksgiving for Therese Blanchard by Therese Blanchard
Friday June 7	<b>7:30am</b> – R.I.P. Tyrone Peters Jr. by aunt, Fulvia Parris <b>9:00am</b> – Birthday blessings for Fitzroy Frank by Princess Frank
Saturday June 8	<b>8:00am</b> – R.I.P. Tyrone Peters Jr. by aunt, Fulvia Parris

**CANDLE JUNE 2ND—JUNE 8TH**



Birthday blessings, guidance & protection requested by Winston Deraveniere

**BREAD & WINE FOR JUNE**



**BREAD :** Thanksgiving to God requested by Evelyn Barreau

**WINE:** Birthday blessings for Mardochee Norzea requested by Evelyn Barreau

**Corpus Christi Sunday**

Jesus, Body and Blood, we are grateful for the gift of your life and the way it strengthens us to live ours. Teach us to draw on the gift of your Body and Blood for energy, renewal, strength and grace. May we never take the gift of your presence for granted. Amen.

## 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, Tai Lambert, Kanelle Lang, Rhoda Lewis, Sampson Lewis, Marjorie Lopez, Luis Manuel Lorenzo, Madelin Lorenzo, Vivian Boykin Lott, Norberto Lovell, Jean Lubin, Gloria Lynch, Hubert Lynch, Mami, 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 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, 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, Maureen Walter, Khali-lah Saleem, Quarless family, 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 06/02/2024 @ ST. GREGORY**

- + **9:30 AM Sunday school CLOSED –Will resume in October**
- + **10:30 AM – Choir Rehearsal**
- + **11:30 AM CORPUS CHRISTI Mass– (Live Stream)**
- + *After Mass - Procession to Brower Park*
- + **CREDIT UNION-OPEN**

### **MONDAY 06/03/24**

- + *7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-Church*

### **FIRST FRIDAY 06/07/24**

- + **10 AM Mass and Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel (Rectory basement)**
- + **7:30 PM Bible Study-meets Via Zoom (The Book of Judges, Sermon: Exodus and Ephesians will be studied for the next few months)**

### **SATURDAY 06/08/24**

- + **4 PM Confession**
- + **4 PM Vigil Choir Rehearsals**
- + **8 PM Light Fest Prayer Group-Via Zoom**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362442148?pwd=MGVNMWFFQcVdrQktXeTh0YjRadC9Mdz09>
- + *5 PM Vigil Mass-Church*

COLLECTION 05/25- 05/26/2024

**ST. MATTHEW**

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8:00 PM	28	881.00	146.10	1,027.10
7:30 AM	76	2,708.00	540.75	3,248.75
9:30 AM	55	1,029.58	332.50	1,362.08
11:30 AM	55	1,328.00	333.00	1,661.00
1:30 PM	45	702.00	200.00	902.00
L.I.R.	26	1,080.00	—	1,080.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>7,728.58</b>	<b>1,552.35</b>	<b>9,280.93</b>
Catholic Communication		769.00		769.00

**ST. GREGORY**

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
5 PM	13	540.00	104.00	644.00
10:00AM	25	782.00	129.48	911.48
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1,322.00</b>	<b>233.48</b>	<b>1,555.48</b>
Catholic Communication		60.00		60.00

**OUR LADY OF CHARITY**

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
10:00AM	39	1,545.00	—	1,545.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1,545.00</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,545.00</b>
Catholic Communication		38.00		38.00

**FAITH DIRECT: \$1,870.00 collected**  
April 29 to May 29, 2024

**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

**FRIDAYS**

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

**Link for Bible Study** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85498875775?pwd=Nk4zY3BVOUFmVzRUSdJodlIWSDArUT09>

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.)*

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**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**

**FINAL CROCHET CLASSES**

Saturday: June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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**ST. GREGORY'S USHER BOARD ANNUAL BUS OUTING**

Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to Atlantic City Resort's Casino. Bus leaving at 7AM from St. Gregory's Church. COST: \$60 Play & Earn \$10 in slot play.

**SPRING CHOIR CONCERT**

Sunday, June 23<sup>RD</sup> 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**

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Evenings of Inquiry scheduled for men that are interested in the Diaconate-Fall 2024

**Brooklyn:** Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7PM  
St. Thomas Aquinas, 1550 Hendrickson St., Brooklyn, NY  
& **Queens:** Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7PM  
Holy Family at 175-20 74<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

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

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

Registration fee: \$60 per candidate

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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stmatthewredu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org)

### PARISH REGISTRATION

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

“Christ came as high priest.” Do these words of Christ challenge you to give your all for Him 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)

### ST. MATTHEW GROUP OF HOPE

is hosting their annual bake sale and BBQ on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> in front of the Church. The bake sale will start after the 7:30 Mass and the BBQ will start after the 11:30 Mass. **Raffle:** One Grand prize of \$500.

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

### 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**

### RETREAT

The Haitian Community will have a mini retreat on Saturday, June 22nd in the Parish Center starting at 10A.M.

### ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

will have their annual bake sale on Fathers' Day, Sunday, June 16th after the 7:30 A.M. Mass.

### 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.**



## Corpus Christi

Today is the second “exclamation point” after Easter Time has been completed. Last Sunday we celebrated the Most Holy Trinity, today we celebrate the other mystery of faith, “the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ”. The Eucharist brings us together, we gather around the Table of the Word and the Table of the Eucharist and by the power of the Holy Spirit and are brought into the mystery of unity for the Glory of God the Father. The Table of the Word is the “ambo” also known as the “pulpit”. Ambo simply means a high stand or table. It is a place where one can proclaim a message so that all can hear. It is here where the Word is broken open and shared with those who have gathered for worship. After we have been fed at the Table of the Word, our attention moves to the Table of the Eucharist, the Altar, where the Word, which we have celebrated at the Table of the Word now becomes flesh for our nourishment. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit and the words of Christ uttered by the ordained priest in the Eucharistic Prayer that the bread and wine, brought forward by God’s baptized people, become transubstantiated, changed, transformed, into the Body and Blood of the Crucified and Risen Christ. This is the mystery of faith.

The church presents The Body and Blood of Christ as food to nourish us. This nourishment strengthens our faith, hope and love as we gather each Sunday to celebrate. We are immersed in the mystery of faith which flows into the hope and love in our hearts. The virtues are strengthened within us. We have power to continue the steps along the journey of our Christian lifestyle.

On this day the Church encourages processions with the Blessed Sacrament to bless our neighborhoods and to assist us in bearing witness to our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus among us in the Holy Eucharist, the Most Blessed Sacrament. At the parish of St. Matthew we have been accustomed to celebrate a tri-lingual Mass followed by a procession through the streets of our neighborhood. St. Matthew community of faith will meet up with Our Lady of Charity and St. Gregory the Great at Brower Park where we have some time for praise and adoration and Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament. This experience created a great sense of unity among the three worship communities that make up the population of St. Matthew parish. My expectation is that the same will be happening at this year’s event.