

# St. Matthew Parish



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

## Pastoral Staff

### **Pastor**

Fr. Frank Black

### **Priests**

Fr. Thaddeus J. Abraham

Msgr. 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.**

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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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## 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The War We Must Wage

Today's first reading presents the events immediately following Adam and Eve's sin. Remember now God wasn't concerned about fruit. He was concerned that Adam and Eve not experience evil. But He gave them free will so they could choose. How else could they love? All love is a choice. You husbands and wives know this very well. You have to choose to love each other every day. The deep sadness is that Adam and Eve used their free will to choose themselves instead of choosing God. They chose selfishness and disobedience. Their pride led them to choose evil. They believed the serpent who told them that if they disobeyed God and ate from the tree they would be like gods themselves.

The scene we have today begins with God finding Adam hiding, embarrassed because he was naked. His experience of evil had left him self-conscious and vulnerable. Then the blame game begins. Adam blames Eve for his state. She blames the serpent. This is so typical of evil. The person who does evil is always looking to implicate other people rather than accept his responsibility for the evil deed. In the Catholic Church we teach our children to take responsibility for their misdeeds as soon as they are able to distinguish right from wrong.

Back to the Garden of Eden. As a result of Adam and Eve's actions, sin and death came into the world. The first battle of the war against evil was won by the devil. But God would achieve the final victory for mankind. He tells the devil about another woman, a new Eve, who would have a Son that would smash the serpent's head. Enmity, war would be waged between the serpent's followers and the women's son and His followers.

Jesus speaks about this war in today's Gospel. He is accused of using the power of the devil, Beelzebul, the Lord of the Flies, to perform his healing. This is the blasphemy that can't be forgiven: believing that Jesus does not have the power of God, but the power of the devil. Then in the passage referring to Jesus' physical family, Jesus proclaims that those who perform the will of God have an intimate relationship with Him. They are the opposite of Adam and Eve. For the followers of Jesus the relationship with God is more important than anything the world or the devil could offer.

Jesus came to wage war against evil. His followers are to join Him in this battle for the Kingdom. That is what we are called to do. Religion is not just a matter of going to Church on Sundays. Religion is about war, the war against evil. "Do not assume that I have come to bring peace to the world. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword," the Lord says in Matthew 10:34. And so we must engage the enemy. He is fighting us by promoting hate. We have to counter with love. Neo-Nazis, Klu Klux Klanners, and other White Supremacists, have gotten it into their feeble minds

that they are the true Americans, and the rest of us are a blight to the country as well as the whole human race. We cannot just stand by and witness their hatred. We have to stand up for those they are attacking, be they people of color, non Christians, or the stranger/immigrant among us. War needs to be waged, and we need to wage it. We cannot turn away when we witness the haters spewing their evil. We have to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God who was also the son of Mary, a Semitic Jew.

The enemy is fighting us by promoting crass selfishness. The concept that anyone could live for something greater than themselves is foreign to the serpent's minions. By declaring that "All that matters is taking care of number one, myself," the devil condemns those who believe this lie to a life where nothing matters. We wage war on this concept by living for eternal values. We put the needs of others before our own wants, and, sometimes, even before our own needs. We trust in God to take care of us while we take care of those who reach out to us.

Recently the cause for canonization of the martyrs of La Florida has been introduced by our own bishop, Bishop Gregory Parkes. It is clear that these people, mostly Native Americans, chose to give witness to Christ and accept death, so that those who came after them could look at their witness and embrace the Catholic Church. All the martyrs of all ages did exactly that. They challenged evil to do its worst to them because there was something and Someone infinitely greater than themselves. They placed our need, our need for witnesses to Christ, before their own needs.

The enemy is fighting us by using God's gifts against us. All that God has made is good, but good things can be used for evil purposes. Whenever we take a stand for morality, we are taking a stand against the perversion of good by evil. When we decide not to go to that party where we know that social drinking will quickly descend to drunkenness and to using drugs, we are taking a stand against evil. When we fight for the moral use of God's gift of sexuality, we are putting up a fight for that which is holy and good and against that which is perverted and evil.

The old catechism used the term Church Militant. Those who were confirmed were told that they were soldiers for Christ. Perhaps some misunderstood this concept to refer to battles against other people. Our war is not a war against other people. Our war is against evil, against the serpent and against all who fight for the devil.

Be sure of this: there is a war which is being waged. And we, as followers of Christ, have no choice but to be involved. There will be skirmishes in every one of our lives. There will be times that we might think we are losing. We are not losing. The outcome of the war is certain: in time, in God's time, the Son of God will crush the head of the serpent.

WEEKLY READINGS	
<b>Sun June 9</b>	Gn 3:9-15; 2 Cor 4:13—5:1; Mk 3:20-35
<b>Mon June 10</b>	1 Kgs 17: 1-6; Mt 5:1-12
<b>Tue June 11</b>	Acts 11: 21-26,13: 1-3; Mt 5:13-16
<b>Wed June 12</b>	1 Kgs 18:20-39; Mt 5:17-19
<b>Thu June 13</b>	1 Kgs 18:41-46 ; Mt 5:20-26
<b>Fri June 14</b>	1 Kgs 19:9, 11-16; Mt 5:27-32
<b>Sat June 15</b>	1 Kgs 19:19-21; Mt 5:33-37

**OUR LADY OF CHARITY: MASS INTENTIONS**

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS :**Anthony Vazquez , Nicole Robin , Vanesa Clinton , Delanda Maitland , Cheryl Cornelia , Summer Bastien , Antonia Howard , Robin MunroJennifer Johnson , Antonia Voliton , Shellyann Wilson, Madison Diggs , Beryl Ann Simon , Gwendolyn Kea , Belinda Herbert , Anasha Inniss , Que Johnson , Pauline Marcell , Kimora Johnson/ Lewis , Limiah Francis , John Spellman III , Alyssa St. Rose , Clive Romain ,

**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**

<b>Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup></b>	5 PM Vigil Mass for Janice Boyce, In Thanksgiving for Life and Birthday Blessings
<b>Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup></b>	11:30 AM Birthday Blessings & Thanksgiving for Life, Health & Stength for Deandra Smith, Requested by her grandmother Maria Clouden
<b>Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup></b>	5 PM Vigil Mass for John B. Casey, Sr., R.I.P., Requested by Margaret Mary Casey

**ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday June 8</b>	<b>8:00pm</b> – Repose of the souls of Vilna St. Louis & Mariska St. Louis Smart by Tamara Smart
<b>Sunday June 9</b>	<b>7:30am</b> –For the Holy Name Society <b>9:30am</b> –I.L.M. Maria Sosa by Nancy Valdez <b>11:30am</b> –R.I.P. Yvonne Warner by husband, Peter Warner & family <b>1:30pm</b> –a. I.L.M. of Mr. & Mrs. Francois St. Fleur by Marie Coeur Altidor b. Repose of the souls of Antoine & Remy Jeudy by Philomene Jeudy C. Repose of the souls of St.Louis Nelson, Christiane Lecture & family by Marie Nelson
<b>Monday June 10</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – R.I.P. Tyrone Peters Jr. by aunt, Fulvia Parris <b>9:00am</b> – Spiritual, physical, mental & emotional healing for my children
<b>Tuesday June 11</b>	<b>7:30am</b> –For living & deceased mothers <b>9:00am</b> – Birthday blessings for Dahna Bazile by Marie Maud Bazile
<b>Wednesday June 12</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – B'day blessings for Marie Laurence Boissette & Claire Muller Poitvien <b>9:00am</b> – For living & deceased mothers
<b>Thursday June 13</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – Thanksgiving to St. Anthony by Dolores Sealey <b>9:00am</b> – Thanksgiving to St. Anthony by Nancy Guzman
<b>Friday June 14</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – For living & deceased mothers <b>9:00am</b> – R.I.P. Carmen & Lucien Fils Aime by Therese Blanchard
<b>Saturday June 15</b>	<b>8:00am</b> – The Johnson family

**CANDLE JUNE 9TH—JUNE 15TH**



Birthday blessings, for Wilhems Desdunes requested by mom, Yolette Desdunes

**BREAD & WINE FOR JUNE**



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

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

## 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, 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 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, Conrad Lord, Christine Hudson & family, Glenda Hunter, Livingston Holloway, Jaden Bell, Nathan Ford Sr. & family, Sabrinia Guess, Gwen & Helena Pugh, Golda & Daphne Crithlow, Leon Richards, Kendall Wilson, Almarie Mc Coy, Raymond Jorsling, Judith Prosper, Lisa Scott/ Spencer, Carla Martin, Hermelene Thomas, Marge Holas, Althea Gordon, Maureen Walter, Khalilah Saleem, Quarless family, Kato Pollydore, 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 06/09/2024 @ ST. GREGORY**

- + **9:30 AM Sunday school CLOSED –Will resume in October**
- + **10:30 AM – Choir Rehearsal**
- + **11:30 AM Mass– (Live Stream)**
- + **CREDIT UNION-OPEN**

### **MONDAY 06/10/24**

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

### **FRIDAY 06/14/24**

- + **7:30 PM Bible Study-meets Via Zoom (About to start the Book of John)**
- + **7:30 PM Brooklyn Prospect Heights Lyons Club – Rectory basement**

### **SATURDAY 06/15/24**

- + **4 PM Confession**
- + **4 PM Vigil Choir Rehearsals**
- + **5 PM Vigil Mass-Church**
- + **8 PM Light Fest Prayer Group-Via Zoom**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362442148?pwd=MGVNMWFQcVdrQktXeTh0YjRadC9Mdz09>

COLLECTION 06/01– 06/02/2024

**ST. MATTHEW**

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8:00 PM	34	1,396.00	200.00	1,596.00
7:30 AM	95	2,823.71	361.21	3,184.92
9:30 AM	—	—	—	—
11:30 AM	122	3,197.00	528.31	3,725.31
1:30 PM	—	—	—	—
L.I.R.	8	210.00	—	210.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>7,626.71</b>	<b>1,089.52</b>	<b>8,716.23</b>

**ST. GREGORY**

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
5 PM	14	501.00	55.00	556.00
10:00AM	55	1,484.00	282.00	1,766.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>1,985.00</b>	<b>337.00</b>	<b>2,322.00</b>

**OUR LADY OF CHARITY**

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
10:00AM	58	4,078.00	—	4,078.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>4,078.00</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,078.00</b>

**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>

**The Widow's Offering**

*Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts.*

*But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.*

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

**ST. GREGORY THE GREAT**

**ALL ARE INVITED to join St. Gregory the Great BIBLE STUDY** meets on zoom every Friday from 7:30PM to 8:30PM with Catherine Abdullah Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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

*(A Book of the Bible is picked (By the Group) alternatively, from the Old Testament, followed by The New Testament.)*

**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

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**(ALL ARE WELCOME!)**

**(SEE CHANGE) LIGHT FEST PRAYER GROUP** Meets In Person at St. Gregory R.C. Church every **"SECOND SATURDAYS"** of the month in the Rectory'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 Closed. Will resume October, 2024

Parents we encourage the children to attend Mass on Saturdays or Sundays during the break, unless they are traveling.

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

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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 and earn \$10 in slot play.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

The Parents Support Group will host **HOSPITALITY HOUR** on Father's Day, Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 after the 11:30 AM Mass.

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**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 11234

**& Queens:** Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7PM  
Holy Family at 175-20 74<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

## 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

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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

"Whoever does the will of God is my brother." In what way are you called to help spread the gospel? .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, 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

### 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.

### 10,000 HAIL MARY

Everyone is invited to recite the 10,000 Hail Mary's on Thursday, June 13th after the 9 A.M. Mass in front of St. Matthew Church.

### SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Registration forms for the School of Religion for new and returning students are now available at the doors of the Church, in the Parish Center & in the Rectory. For new students, please attach a copy of your child's baptism certificate, if not baptized attach a copy of their birth certificate.

## THE EUCHARIST

Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment because he loves us. God's whole plan for our salvation is directed to our participation in the life of the Trinity, the communion of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our sharing in this life begins with our Baptism, when by the power of the Holy Spirit we are joined to Christ, thus becoming adopted sons and daughters of the Father. It is strengthened and increased in Confirmation. It is nourished and deepened through our participation in the Eucharist. By eating the Body and drinking the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist we become united to the person of Christ through his humanity. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (Jn 6:56).

In being united to the humanity of Christ we are at the same time united to his divinity. Our mortal and corruptible natures are transformed by being joined to the source of life. "Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me" (Jn 6:57). By being united to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, we are drawn up into the eternal relationship of love among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As Jesus is the eternal Son of God by nature, so we become sons and daughters of God by adoption through the sacrament of Baptism.

Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation (Chrismation), we are temples of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in us, and by his indwelling we are made holy by the gift of sanctifying grace. The ultimate promise of the Gospel is that we will share in the life of the Holy Trinity. The Fathers of the Church called this participation in the divine life "divinization" ( theosis). In this we see that God does not merely send us good things from on high; instead, we are brought up into the inner life of God, the communion among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In the celebration of the Eucharist (which means "thanksgiving") we give praise and glory to God for this sublime gift.

## EUCHARISTIC 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.