

St. Matthew Parish



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Mass Schedule:

First Friday 10:00am

Saturday-5pm

Sunday 11:30am

Saturday: Reconciliation-4:30 pm

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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

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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:

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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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Thirteenth Sunday B-2012: The Results of Sin

Today's readings deal with topics we Americans, and perhaps people everywhere, would rather avoid. The readings deal with sickness and death. We do our best to avoid sickness and death. That's reasonable. But there is much in us that is afraid of sickness and death. We do our best to avoid talking about them. That is not reasonable. That's a denial of reality. We have such a hard time with these topics that we have created stories tone down the reality. So, when a baby dies or a child, like the child we call Talitha in the Gospel dies, we say, "God must have wanted another angel with Him in heaven. This is not true. God doesn't go around killing babies and little children because his angel inventory is low. And besides, the whole concept of people becoming angels after they die is a complete fabrication. Angels are different beings than human beings, including dead human beings. Human beings do not become angels and angels do not become human beings. Parents also make a huge mistake when they tell their little children that Grandpa died because God wanted him to be in heaven with him. Often they have to deal with a child who has become angry with God for killing Grandpa.

Our fictions about death even extends to our pets who some say go to Doggy Heaven, Cat Heaven or what have you. A mother brought her nine year old little boy to me one day and had him ask a question that was bothering him since his pet rabbit died. He asked, "If my rabbit went to bunny heaven, can a dog in doggy heaven jump the fence and start chasing him?" I told him that dogs didn't chase bunnies in heaven. What I should have added is that creatures who do not have immortal souls do not have a special life after death, but a nine year old cannot understand that sort of reasoning. And many adults don't want to deal with it.

Let's face it, most of us cannot understand the very fact of death, so we put it all on God's shoulders. "It's God's will," we say when a person dies. No it isn't. To say that it is God's will is to say that God does evil things. If God is All Good, and He is, how can He do evil things? Did God have an off day? Aside from when he created some of our voices, God does not have off days. So how can we arrive at some understanding of the existence of sickness and death? How can we understand why that poor lady in the Gospel was suffering for years from hemorrhages, or why Jairus' daughter should die? How can we understand why good people that you know and that I know have become terribly sick or have died? Perhaps we can't answer these questions, but we certainly are wrong when we pass the blame off to God.

The author of the first reading, from the Book of Wisdom, a book found in the Catholic Bibles, does not make this mistake. Nor is he afraid to tell it like it is, to tell the truth.

Our readings began today with his telling us, "God did not make death. Nor does He rejoice in the destruction of the living." He made everything wholesome and good. He formed man to be imperishable, made in the image of His own nature. But through the envy of the devil, death entered into the world.

This is something else we don't want to hear. Sickness and death are the result of sin. Most often this is not the result of the sins of the person who gets sick or dies, but it is due to the consequences of sin in the world. Now, it is tempting to just blame Adam and Eve, but that takes us out of the picture. We are not all that innocent. Look, would there be wars if pride and avarice and other sins did not exist? No, there would be no reason for war. But these sins do exist and good people like Edith Stein and Ann Frank and the millions of innocent people who died during the conflicts of the last century all suffered the results of these sins. Ask yourself, "Would Human Trafficking exist if lust and avarice did not exist? Would there be STD'S if people never sinned with their bodies?" No, but these sins do exist, and those held captive by the sex industry or tricked into joining it for the love of money, or forced into it to support a drug habit, all suffer the results of these sins. There is no such thing as a victimless crime. Every click on a porn site enriches pimps somewhere and continues to enslave mostly young women. This is the real war on women. But, we don't want to hear that our own participation in sin results in others suffering sickness and death. So we blame Adam and Eve. Or worse, we blame God. God did not create evil. 1John 1 says, "God is light, in Him there is no darkness at all."

So, is there hope for this world? Yes, there is hope. There is hope because Christ is in this world. We learned today how He healed that lady and how He raised up that child. We know that He alone has power over sickness and death. We are convinced that there are many who have returned to health due to the direct intervention of the Lord of Life. And we also know, that those who believe in Him with their lives but who do not return to health, those who do die, in fact remain alive with Him. We believe in the gift of Christ's resurrection. He gave His Life to those who accept Him, not just with words but with their lives. We believe in Baptism, for at Baptism we received the spiritual life of the Trinity.

We hold on to Jesus Christ with all our might, because He alone makes sense of the confused reality of life. We entrust our dead to the Lord seeking His mercy and compassion, asking Him to reward them for the goodness of their lives and forgive them for their participation in sin. And we ask the Lord to help us transform the world from its slavery to sin by giving us the courage to fight sin in our own lives.

"God did not make death," the reading proclaims. He made life, eternal life. And we, the baptized, have been given the gift of this life.

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun June 30	Wis 1:13-15,2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15; Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24,35-43
Mon July 1	Am 2: 6-10,13-16; Mt 8:18-22
Tue July 2	Am 3: 1-8, 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27
Wed July 3	Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29
Thu July 4	Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8
Fri July 5	Am 8:4-6,9-12; Mt 9:9-13
Sat July 6	Am 9:11-15 ; Mt 9:14-17

OUR LADY OF CHARITY: MASS INTENTIONS

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS : Kim Robinson , Carol Dufresne ,Ian Ranjitsingh ,Lisa Scott/ Spencer ,Dashaun McMullen , Tyla Lloyd , Loyce Williams , Phyllis Smith , Johnn Spellman V , Ariaah Layne , Diana Baptiste , Sandra Charity Jackson , Joy Buckmire , Jahlee Gardin , Terrace Chillious , Randy Cox ,Louis Leysath Jr. , Brian Lawrence ,

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 with thanksgiving for Hermelene Thomas, asking God for healing in her body, mind and spirit, requested by Hermelene,

We pray to the Lord.

ALTAR BREAD : For the month of June is donated by Marva Richardson thanking God for his unconditional love, requested by Marva

We pray to the Lord.

SANCTUARY CANDLES : For the month of June is donated by Marva Richardson for God's healing on her entire family, requested by Marva

ST. GREGORY : MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 29 th	5 PM Vigil Mass for Cynthia Charles, Birthday Blessings
Sunday, June 30 th	11:30 AM for Ashley Jack, In Thanksgiving, Requested by The Family
First Friday, July 5 th	10 AM Mass for Stephen Jack, In Thanksgiving, Requested by The Family
First Saturday, July 6 th	5 PM Vigil Mass for Hugh and Margaret Theodore, In Thanksgiving, Requested by The Family

ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday June 29	8:00pm – Birthday blessings for John Williams by brother, Edmund Williams
Sunday June 30	7:30am – God's blessings, healing & guidance for Glen Ferguson & the Ferguson family by Floe Patrick 9:30am –I.L.M. Emelia Escobar by Xiomara M. Fedee- Moye 11:30am –90th birthday blessings for Ambrosine Murray by Paula Jules & family 1:30pm –Birthday blessings Nicolas Herve Desdunes by grandma, Yolette Desdunes
Monday July 1	7:30am – Growth & thanksgiving for new opportunities by Jeanne Pierre Hercules 9:00am – Blessings for Theresa Smart & Amirah Henderson by Tamarah St. Louis-Smart
Tuesday July 2	7:30am –For living & deceased fathers 9:00am – R.I.P. Odinaka Anne Nwadike, may Almighty God accept your soul, Daddy loves you by Francis Nwadike
Wednesday July 3	7:30am – R.I.P. Odinaka Anne Nwadike, may Almighty God accept your soul, Daddy loves you by Francis Nwadike 9:00am – Birthday blessings for Kyle John & Sharon Fraser by Ruby Hall
Thursday July 4	10:00am – Birthday blessings & thanksgiving for Marie Maud Bazile
Friday July 5	7:30am –Blessings for Theresa Smart & Amirah Henderson by Tamarah St. Louis-Smart 9:00am – Thanksgiving to God for his many blessings by Helena O'Brien
Saturday July 6	8:00am – R.I.P. Odinaka Anne Nwadike, may Almighty God accept your soul, Daddy loves you by Francis Nwadike

BREAD & WINE FOR JULY



BREAD : Birthday blessings for Fitzroy Frank requested by wife, Princess Frank

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 Bel-fon, Marque & Yael Barber-LaFon, Melona Barber, Jason Bascom, Silvestre Brathwaite, Ismay Brewster, Jahonah Brown, Recy Brown, Patricia Burrowes, Yolande Cadet, Eslyn Canning, Diana Codogan, Cathleen Charles, Catilda Charles, Delcia Charles, Marcel Charles, Maria Clouden ,Cecilia Clovie, Nelia Collins, Marilyn Coates, Vir-ginia 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 Hyppolite, Anasha Inniss , Car-lyn 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 May-nard, Tom McCafferty, Laura McDonald, Mavis McDonald, Leticia McDowell, Vernita McDowell, Gemma Mejias, Marcelina Morales, Grant Nelson Jr., Isai Munoz, Marta Munoz, Nelson Munoz, Suz-anne 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, Brenda & Javier Talango, Angela & Edris Thomas, Jean Thornhill, Allison Thorpe, Lyonette Tribie, Janet Throne, Amparo Torres, Malik Wellington, Karen Williams, Terrance Williams, Octavio Willis, Leandro Wilson, Reynold Williams, Christine Wright, Joan Wright, Natasha Wright, Vilma Zuniga

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR : Yvonne Lacy, Dean Jackson, Wendy Romain, Vaughn Haynes, Georgeann Campbell, Dani-elle Huie, Cotilda Charles, Anthony Hepburn Jr., Lawrence Latimer & family, La Mar Mc Nabb, Lisa Colone, Christine Hudson & family, Conrad Lord, Glenda Hunter, Livingston Hol-loway, Jaden Bell, Nathan Ford Sr. & family, Sabrinia Guess , Daphne & Golda Critchlow , Gwen & Helena Pugh, Leon Rich-ards, Kendall Wilson , Almarie Mc Coy, Raymond Jors-ling ,Judith Prosper ,Lisa Scott/ Spencer, Carla Martin, Marge Holas, Hermelene Thomas, 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 Gov-ernment, prayers and petitions in our prayer basket, for the all Priest especially those who serve here at Charity, Religious Vo-cations, 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 em-ployed, 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 06/30/2024 @ 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**

+ **HOSPITALITY HOUR hosted by Parent Support Group-Rectory Basement**

MONDAY 07/01/24

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

THURSDAY 07/04/24 – INDEPENDENCE DAY- RECTORY OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

FIRST FRIDAY 07/05/24 – RECTORY OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR BUSINESS

+ **10 AM Mass and Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel-Rectory basement-Entrance is on Brooklyn Ave, corner of Sterling Pl. (Please do not ring rectory bell)**

+ **7:30 PM Bible Study-meets Via Zoom (About to start the Book of John)**

FIRST SATURDAY 07/06/24

+ **4 PM Confession**

+ **4 PM Vigil Choir Rehearsals**

+ **5 PM Vigil Mass-Church**

+**NO 4 PM Light Fest Prayer Group Mtg. in Person. Mtg. scheduled on Saturday, July 13th, 2024**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362442148?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362442148?pwd=MGVNMWFFQcVdrQktXeTh0YjRadC9Mdz09)

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STARTING JULY 7TH, 2024 THRU THE MONTH OF AUGUST 25TH, 2024 ST. GREGORY THE GREAT R. C. CHURCH-WORSHIP SITE OF ST. MATTHEW PARISH SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE ON SUNDAYS ONLY, WILL BEGIN AT 10AM. (THERE WILL BE NO 11:30 AM MASS)

COLLECTION 06/22– 06/23/2024

ST. MATTHEW

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8:00 PM	26	1,102.00	165.23	1,267.23
7:30 AM	90	2,483.00	352.00	2,835.00
9:30 AM	55	678.30	372.00	1,050.30
11:30 AM	49	965.00	277.11	1,242.11
1:30 PM	40	582.00	196.90	778.90
L.I.R.	12	662.00	—	662.00
Total	272	6,472.30	1,363.24	7,835.54

ST. GREGORY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
5 PM	12	328.00	78.00	406.00
10:00AM	21	505.00	182.00	687.00
Total	33	833.00	260.00	1,093.00

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
10:00AM	60	2,675.00	—	2,675.00
Total	60	2,675.00	—	2,675.00

FAITH DIRECT: \$1,455.00 collected
May 27 to June 26, 2024

ST. MATTHEW EXPENSES

	Apr - Jul 20	Apr - Jul 19	% Change
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%

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=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

(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

Congratulations to all GRADUATES: Parent Support Group honors

High School graduates: Hezekiah Jn Pierre; Josh Joseph; Jamari N'Kosi, Triston Roberts; Jendayi James and Sophia DeLeon

College graduates: Filipinos Zallocco-Masters degree; Wayne Lewis and Mary Charles Joseph

St. Gregory the Great R. C. Church Bingo Committee is hosting another **Bingo Night @ St. Matthew Parish Center** located 1345 Lincoln Place on Saturday, July 20th, 2024 at 6:30 PM. Jackpot: \$1,000. Ticket price: \$20. See Ms. Lorna Gilkes, Olive Pascal and Mary Charles for more information.

You are all invited to attend a **MEMORIAL MASS for Bishop Guy Sansaricq** for the Repose of His Soul 3 years of his passing hosted by The Haitian Apostolate on Saturday, August 24th, 2024 at 12 Noon here at St. Gregory the Great R. C. Church.

ST. GREGORY'S USHER BOARD ANNUAL BUS OUTING

Saturday, September 28th, 2024 to Atlantic City Resort's Casino. Bus leaving at 7 AM from St. Gregory's Church. COST: \$60, play and earn \$10 in slot play.

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

Brooklyn: Thursday, October 10th, 2024 at 7PM
St. Thomas Aquinas, 1550 Hendrickson St., Brooklyn, NY 11234

& Queens: Thursday, November 14th, 2024 at 7PM
Holy Family at 175-20 74th 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

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.

For more information about registration requirements or other questions you might have, contact us: Phone: 215-576-4124; email: 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

**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: stmatthewreledu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org

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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

“She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth.” If you are considering a Vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

TIPS TO BEAT THE HEAT:

The National Weather Service has issued a heat advisory for New York City. To ensure the safety and well-being of residents, cooling centers will be open on Tuesday. If you are in need of a cooling center near you, you can find one by visiting this link: [Cooling Center Finder](#). You can also locate cooling center locations by calling 311 or 212-639-9675.

During heat events, it is important to be aware of those who are most vulnerable to heat stress, such as adults aged 60 and older, as well as individuals with health conditions like heart disease, diabetes, mental health conditions, or cognitive impairment. Check on the well-being of at-risk individuals and assist them in finding a cool place to stay during the heat wave.

1. Seek out air-conditioned locations, even if it's just for a few hours.
2. Avoid direct exposure to the sun and drastic temperature changes.
3. Minimize strenuous activity, especially between 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM, when the sun's heat is at its peak. If you must engage in strenuous activity, try to do it during the coolest part of the day, usually in the morning between 4:00 AM and 7:00 AM.
4. Stay hydrated by drinking water regularly, even if you don't feel thirsty. Avoid alcoholic or caffeinated beverages.
5. Take breaks and rest in the shade if you are working outdoors or engaging in strenuous work. Employers are obligated to provide water, rest, and shade during extreme heat conditions.
6. Consume small, frequent meals.
7. Dress in lightweight and light-colored clothing.
8. Engage in activities that help you stay cool, such as going to the movies, visiting museums, walking in air-conditioned malls, or swimming at a pool or beach.
9. Never leave children or pets unattended in a vehicle, even for a short period of time.

Stay safe and take necessary precautions to beat the heat wave.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you for all you did in 2023 to support, sustain and serve our parish.

This year, as we embark on our appeal, now more than ever it is clear the important role stewardship plays in the life of our faith and sustainability of our parishes. In the weeks ahead we will be reaching out to you and asking you once again to make a pledge.

The Appeal emphasizes Christ's desire for his followers to come together as the Church and continue his mission of the Kingdom. As the members of the one body of Christ, the Church, we recognize the responsibility parishioners have in supporting their parish, as well as the ministries of the larger Church community in Brooklyn and Queens. Just as the followers of Christ did in the Acts of the Apostles, we invite all believers to support the programs and services that are carried out through the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Please remember no gift is too small or too large.

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

For the past three years through the Eucharistic Revival, we have been preparing and asking God to renew our Church and our hearts through our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

The three years will culminate at the end of July, many of us cannot go to Indianapolis to experience the Eucharistic Congress there, but we are having our Eucharistic Congress here at St. Matthew. This is meant to be a gathering of the whole parish and it will be held on

Friday, July 26th from 7 P.M. to Midnight..
We will have Mass, Praise & Worship, Music, Exposition and Benediction

We will process through our neighborhood, reciting the rosary and asking for healing in our land, in our neighborhoods, our hearts, and in our families.

This is an invitation for us to experience a new Pentecost and a personal revival. We will return to our first love, the source and summit of our faith, the Eucharist. This is an opportunity for prayer & evangelization.

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.**

1000 HAIL MARY'S

We will recite the 1000 Hail Mary's in front of the Church on Saturday, July 13th after the 8 A.M. Mass.