

# St. Matthew Parish



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

## Pastoral Staff

### **Pastor**

Fr. Frank Black

### **Priests**

Fr. Thaddeus J. Abraham

Msr. Pierre Andre

Pierre

Fr. Ralph Theodat

Fr. Paul Afetor

### **Deacon**

Nickie Colon



## St. Gregory the Great

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### **Mass Schedule:**

**First Friday** 10:00am

**Saturday**-5pm

**Sunday 10:00am**

**Saturday:** Reconciliation-4:30 pm

### **Office Staff**

**Secretary:** Rosanne Barber Ext.100

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

### **Office Hours:**

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

## St. Matthew

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### **Mass Schedule:**

Monday-Friday 7:30am & 9:00am

**Saturday** 8:00am & 8:00pm

**Saturday:** Reconciliation-7:30 pm

or by appointment

### **Sunday:**

English-7:30am & 11:30am

Spanish 9:30am; Kreyol 1:30pm

### **Office Staff**

**Secretary:** Sharon Andrews

**D.R.E.:** Charmaine Noel

### **Office Hours:**

Monday:10:00am-4:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday Friday & Saturday:

10:00am-6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am-4:00pm

**Monday - Saturday-**

**Closed for lunch 1-2 P.M.**

## Our Lady Of Charity

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### **Mass Schedule:**

**Sunday:** Rosary 9:00am

9:30am-Praise & Worship

10am-Mass

### **Office Staff:**

**Secretary:** Patricia Romain

### **Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday:10am-6pm

### **Catholic Cemeteries-**

80-01 Metropolitan Ave.

Middle Village, NY 11379

Tel:718 – 894-4888



## 15th Sunday: Chosen to be Prophets

Today's readings reflect on God's choice of people to be prophets. In the first reading we hear about the prophet Amos. Now, when we think of prophets we think about people who were prophets all of their lives, people like Samuel, or Elijah, or the prophets in David's court such as Nathan or Gad, or the three prophets who have large books in the Old Testament, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel.

But Amos was different. He was not a prophet for life. He was a dresser of trees, a keeper of sheep, an ordinary working man. Still God called him to prophecy to the people of the Northern Kingdom of Israel. By his time, there were two Jewish Kingdoms, the Kingdom of Israel with Bethel as its sanctuary and the Kingdom of Judah centered on Jerusalem. Amos actually lived in the Southern Kingdom, but his home was just south of the border with the North. God called him to go across the border to Bethel. The people of the Northern Kingdom had prospered. Then they strayed away from their worship of Yahweh. Their leaders, including their religious leaders, made accommodations with the pagans. They had taken up many of their practices. So Amos crossed the border and prophesied to them that destruction was coming for their sins. The priest of Bethel, Amaziah, told him to get lost, go back to where he came from. Amos said that he was not there because he thought this would be a good idea. He wasn't even a prophet as many other prophets. He was just an everyday man whom God chose. In another section of the Book of the Prophet Amos, Amos said, "When the lion roars, who cannot but listen. Amos is often pictured with a lion, the voice of God roaring for him to proclaim the truth.

The Gospel reading presents the mission that Jesus gave to the Twelve disciples to proclaim the Kingdom of Heaven. He shared with them some of the power he had. He gave them authority over unclean spirits. That meant that they could heal people. At that time infirmity was seen as the action of demonic spirits. The gospel concluded, "So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them." So here we have ordinary people, like Amos, going off and performing miracles. The Lion roared. The Lion of Judah, Jesus Christ, called the Twelve to prophesy. How could they not proclaim the Gospel, even if they and many, many who would come after them would be put to death for preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ.

These two readings lead me to focus on today's second reading, from the beginning of the Letter to the Ephesians. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him." Paul is not speaking about himself. He is speaking about us. We have been chosen by God. Like Amos, we have been chosen to be prophets. The Lion has roared. We need to prophesy. A prophet is someone who proclaims the truth. We need to proclaim the Truth of Jesus Christ.

Like the Twelve we have been chosen to drive out demons, What demons? The demons of fear, of deceitfulness, of materialism, of pagan values, the demons of sickness, of psychological, mental and physical ills. We have been called to tell the truth that all that matters is Jesus Christ. This is how we prophesy.

We listen closely to the Lord. We hear his voice in the Word of God, the Bible. We hear his voice in the proclamation of scripture in the homily. We hear his voice in the teaching of the Church. And, particularly, we hear his voice within us when we receive the Eucharist and in our prayer life.

It is His voice that roars. It is His message that we must proclaim. We are not called to proclaim our own message. We are not to use religion for our own ends. People can easily use religion to become rich. (Just so you know, your priests are protected from this by having their salaries set by the Diocese. We buy or lease our own cars, and we pay our own bills and our taxes. We cannot use our position to enrich ourselves.) No one should use religion, as sadly some have, for their own personal gain. There is nothing new about people using religion to proclaim their own message. Jesus spoke about this in the Sermon on the Mount when he told his disciples not to be like the hypocrites who make a great show of saying their prayers and donating money so all could see them.

The Lion has roared for us to proclaim the message of Jesus, not the message of some internet site. There are some people who have their own agendas. They transfer their upset with themselves upon others. There are internet sites that are in constant attack against the Holy Father, the Bishops and anyone who does not joining their radical view of the faith. Christ did not call us to oppose His Church. He called us to proclaim its truths.

We have been chosen to proclaim not our own message or the message of others, but to proclaim the message of Jesus Christ. The message of the Lord, the Gospel, is the good news that we are loved by Jesus Christ. It is the good news that He forgives us and that He is with us. The second reading is so beautifully comforting. God has chosen us for love. We are to proclaim the love of Christ mainly by being people of kindness. Jesus was the kindest man to ever live. He told us to follow Him. I think about the quote from 1 Cor 13 that is posted on a sign overlooking the leper colony of Kaluapapa where St. Damien of Molokai served and died. That sign says, simply, "Love conquers all." That is what we have been called to proclaim with our lives.

The world needs us to be prophets of the truth. So many people have lost their grip on truth. So many people choose to believe whatever they want, even if that means denying reality. When Pilate asked, "Truth, what is truth?," he was reflecting a cynical world that had lost its way. He could not even recognize truth when it stood before him.

The Lion is roaring. We have been chosen by God to be prophets. We are valuable to the Lord. We have worth. We are people he has called to live in His Love and to spread His Love.

WEEKLY READINGS	
<b>Sun July 14</b>	Am 7:12-15; Eph1:3-14 or 1:3-10 Mt 6:7-13
<b>Mon July 15</b>	Is 1: 10-17; Mt 10:34—11:1
<b>Tue July 16</b>	Is 7: 1-9; Mt 11:20-24
<b>Wed July 17</b>	Is 10: 5-7,13-16; Mt 11:25-27
<b>Thu July 18</b>	Is 26: 7-9,12,16-19; Mt 11:28-30
<b>Fri July 19</b>	Is 38: 1-6,21-22,7-8; Mt 12:1-8
<b>Sat July 20</b>	Mi 2:1-5 ; Mt 12:14-21

### OUR LADY OF CHARITY: MASS INTENTIONS

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS :** Skyler Cummins , Mahalia Arjoon , Carlos Huggins Jr. , Yvonne Voliton ,Wayne Anderson II , Debbie Grant , Livingston Holloway Jr. , Barbara Jean Mathis , Kyler Midonnet , Ethan Joseph , Naya Cadore / Allen , Jesikiyah Saleem , Karina Davis , King-Lee Diego Attong , Georgeann Campbell ,  
**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 : We pray to the Lord.**

**ALTAR BREAD :** For the month of July **We pray to the Lord.**

**SANCTUARY CANDLES :** For the month of July  
**We pray to the Lord.**

### ST. GREGORY : MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup></b>	5 PM Vigil Mass for Maritza E. Brown Shockness, R.I.P., Requested by Celina DeLeon
<b>Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup></b>	10 AM Mass for Ann Leonce & Paris Leonce, Birthday Blessings, Requested by Ann Leonce
	Bread and Wine for Carla & Delores Doyle, Birthday Blessings & thanksgiving for Life
	Sanctuary Lamp for nephew Dillon Doyle, R.I.P., Requested by Carla Doyle
<b>Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup></b>	5 PM Vigil Mass for Rupert Fontenelle, R. I. P., Requested by Clarice A. Fontenelle

### ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday July 13</b>	<b>8:00pm</b> – Wedding anniversary blessings for Anthony & Simone Lambert by Cita Ferguson
<b>Sunday July 14</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – The Holy Name Society <b>9:30am</b> – I.L.M. of Maria Sosa by Nancy Valdez <b>11:30am</b> –R.I.P. Desmond & Rita McMillan by Judith George & family <b>1:30pm</b> –a. I.L.M. of Immacula Michel by Marie Coeur Altidor b. Repose of the soul of Loussina Valiere, George Lecture & family by MarieNelson c. Blessings for the Dauxy family by Anne Dauxy
<b>Monday July 15</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – The Johnson family <b>9:00am</b> – R.I.P. Odinaka Anne Nwadike, may Almighty God accept your soul, Daddy loves you, by Francis Nwadike
<b>Tuesday July 16</b>	<b>7:30am</b> –R.I.P. Odinaka Anne Nwadike, may Almighty God accept your soul, Daddy loves you, by Francis Nwadike <b>9:00am</b> – Birthday blessings for Marie Lourdes Louis Jacques by Chantal Alerte
<b>Wednesday July 17</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – Birthday blessings for Andy Dauxy by the Staff of St.Matthew <b>9:00am</b> – R.I.P. Odinaka Anne Nwadike, may Almighty God accept your soul, Daddy loves you ,by Francis Nwadike
<b>Thursday July 18</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – Physical, mental, spiritual & emotional healing of my children <b>9:00am</b> – Thanksgiving for Alens, Hader, & Aldna Lousiea Dorleus by Alourdes Emiloe
<b>Friday July 19</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – For the sick of our parish <b>9:00am</b> – Protection & guidance of the Holy Spirit for Frantzcesca Sterlin by mom, Gina Lubin
<b>Saturday July 20</b>	<b>8:00am</b> – Birthday blessings for Maureen Hinds by family

### BREAD & WINE FOR JULY



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

### CANDLE JULY 14 - 20



In loving memory of Lucille Laguere 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, 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 Hyppolite, 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, Grant Nelson Jr., 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 Prescot, 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, 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, Sabrina 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, 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 07/14/2024 @ ST. GREGORY

+ 9:30 AM Sunday school **CLOSED** -Will resume in October

+ 10 AM Mass – (Live Stream)

+ CREDIT UNION-**OPEN**

#### **MONDAY 07/15/24**

+ 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-Church

#### **FRIDAY 07/19/24**

+ 7:30 PM Bible Study-meets Via Zoom  
(Studying the Book of John)

#### **SATURDAY 07/20/24**

+ 4 PM Confession

+ 4 PM Vigil Choir Rehearsals

+ 5 PM Vigil Mass-Church

+4 PM Light Fest Prayer Group mtg. in person

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362442148?pwd=MGVNMWFFQcVdrQktXeTh0YjRadC9Mdz09>

**COLLECTION 07/06– 07/07/2024**

**ST. MATTHEW**

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8:00 PM	22	904.00	204.15	1,108.15
7:30 AM	102	3,479.00	517.75	3,996.75
9:30 AM	60	932.00	295.00	1,227.00
11:30 AM	66	1,366.00	448.83	1,814.83
1:30 PM	48	683.00	198.80	881.80
L.I.R.	19	685.00	—	685.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>8,049.00</b>	<b>1,664.53</b>	<b>9,713.53</b>

**ST. GREGORY**

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
5 PM	11	790.00	124.00	914.00
10:00AM	30	780.00	251.00	1,031.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1,570.00</b>	<b>375.00</b>	<b>1,945.00</b>

**OUR LADY OF CHARITY**

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
10:00AM	52	1,525.00	—	1,525.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1,525.00</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,525.00</b>

**FAITH DIRECT: \$910.00 collected**  
July 1 to July 9, 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=Nk4zY3BVOUFmVzRUSDJodlJWSDArUT09>

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 the Great R. C. Church Worship Site of St. Matthew Parish **BUILDING REPAIR RAFFLE**. Drawing September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 on The Feast of Saint Gregory the Great after the 11:30AM Mass. Donation: \$25.00 – Checks payable to St. Gregory the Great R. C. Church. **ONLY 500 TICKETS SOLD. PLEASE RETURN TICKET STUB** with necessary information requested along with **MONEY** by August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. If you decide that you would support our efforts in another way, you may send a contribution to St. Gregory the Great Church with memo "Building Fund". Thank you for your continued support.

**Grand Prize: \$1,000.00;**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$300 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$100.00**

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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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 PM. Jackpot: \$1,000. Ticket price: \$20. See Ms. Lorna Gilkes, Olive Pascal and Mary Charles for more information.

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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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 12 Noon here at St. Gregory the Great R. C. Church.

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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 7 AM from St. Gregory's Church.

COST: \$60, play and earn \$10 in slot play.

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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

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

***Después de recibir la Primera Comunión, es esencial que su hijo continúe en nuestro programa cada año, hasta que complete la iniciación con la recepción del Sacramento de la Confirmación.***

Para más información acerca los requisitos para registración u otras preguntas que usted pueda tener, comuníquese al Tel: 215-576-4124; email: [stmatthewreledu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org](mailto:stmatthewreledu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org)

**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](mailto: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

“He began to send them out two by two.”

Faithfulness to one’s vocation is essential to holiness Is yours to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother? contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org)

## 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 .

Many of the faithful will be heading to Indianapolis for the Eucharistic Congress at the end of July, but for those who cannot go to Indianapolis, we will have our own tri-lingual Eucharistic Congress here at St. Matthew on Friday, July 26th from 7 P.M. to Midnight.

**We will have Procession with the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of our Neighborhood praying the Rosary, followed by Mass, Praise & Worship, Music, Exposition and Benediction.** We will have a procession through our neighborhood with the Blessed Sacrament, reciting the rosary and asking for healing in our land, in our neighborhoods, 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 also an opportunity for prayer & evangelization. Once again, we are asking all our communities to participate.

## 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

## 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 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.**

## A PARISHIONER’S PRAYER

My parish is composed of people like me  
I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am

It will be holy if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them

It will do great work, if I work

It will be prayerful, if I pray

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be.

Amen

### EVERY MORNING –SEEK THE FACE OF GOD

Seek My face at the beginning of your day. This practice enables you to “put Me on” and wear Me throughout the day.

Most people put on clothes soon after arising from bed. Similarly, the sooner you “put Me on” by communicating with Me, the better prepared you are for whatever comes your way.

To “Wear Me” is essentially to have My mind: to think My thoughts. Ask the Holy Spirit to control your thinking; be transformed by this renewal within you.

Thus you are well equipped to face whatever people and situations I bring your way. Clothing your mind in Me is your best preparation for each day.

This discipline brings Joy and Peace to you and those around you.