

# 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 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

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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



## 14th Sunday: Power Made Perfect In Weakness

In today's second reading, from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, we heard that he was fighting what he called a thorn in the flesh. Three times he begged the Lord to remove this from Him. But all he heard was the Lord saying, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." What was it that was upsetting St. Paul so much? People have speculated over the years, but we have no way of knowing exactly what it was. Whatever it was, it was significant for Paul. It could not have been something as minor as a speech impediment. It was something far more personal and more severe. Whatever it was, it probably kept him awake at night. It is troubling for us to think that the great St. Paul had a major personal problem. Even in our cynical age, we still want to turn our saints into perfect little plastic statues. But people are not perfect, and even the greatest of the saints were people like you and me, continually fitting the temptation to sin.

The voice of the Lord told Paul that His Power, the Lord's Power, is made perfect in weakness. It was clear to Paul, that whatever success he had proclaiming the Gospel only occurred because God was working through him. He went on to write in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Paul was certainly not a spiritual introvert. He did not just focus on himself and ignore all who are around him for the sake of his spiritual life. Actually, no follower of Jesus Christ can be self-centered. We are not Buddhists. We are not Scientologists. We are Catholics. We are Christians. The Gospel of Jesus Christ must be listened to and must be proclaimed.

We all have a tendency to be so bogged down with our own conception of what the minister of the Lord should be like that we miss the Word of God. We hear the priest and deacon preach about the scriptures, but we cannot get past his humanity. We say, "This priest who talks about being kind and charitable, does not appear to me to be very kind." We learn about priests who have been removed from ministry for committing serious offenses, including sins against children and the vulnerable, and we want to erase from our minds any truth that they may have proclaimed. But truth is truth, whether it is proclaimed by a saint or a sinner.

In the first reading Ezekiel is told that the people would not want to hear the Word of God which the Lord told him to proclaim. People would have misgivings about him. He was strange. He was unconventional. He shocked people with many of his prophetic actions. They laughed at him. They derided him. But that did not lessen the fact that he proclaimed the Word of God. His words were true. Instead of looking at the man speaking, they should have listened to the man speaking.

The same thing happened to Jesus as related in today's Gospel. Jesus was in Nazareth, the place where he grew up. The people who heard him preach were his neighbors. They knew him since he was small. They remember when he was a little boy learning a bit at a time how to become a carpenter like his foster father, Joseph.

They remember him playing with their children. They remember when he went through growth spurts. They remember when his voice changed and when he began to grow a beard. They were so bogged down in their knowledge of Jesus' humanity, that they refused to listen to the Word of God that He was proclaiming,.....and that He was. They could not believe that God would work through Jesus. Their lack of faith resulted in Jesus not being able to perform any of the mighty deeds of God among them.

We often make the same mistake. Some people seem too ordinary to us to be vehicles of God's truth. They may be our parents or our children, our neighbors or our companions at work or school. They might proclaim a reality that could change our lives, but we do not want to hear it from them. "Who does he think he is? Who does she think she is?," we complain. It is easy for us to be so mired in the humanity of the proclaimer that we refuse to listen to the proclamation.

Even worse, we might be so overwhelmed with our own sinfulness that we refrain from proclaiming the Lord. Some adults' view themselves in such a negative way that they feel unworthy to lead their children in faith and morals. "Who am I to tell my child not to do this or that, when I know that I often do things far worse." I fear that there are some people who leave their children off for faith formation, but do not join their spouse and attend the parent/children sessions not because they are too busy, nor because they do not want to be bothered, but because they do not feel that they are good enough to speak about God to their children. And the Word of God is not proclaimed. And children think that they have implicit approval from their parents to do things their family refuses to discuss.

Paul was told that Christ's power is made perfect in his weakness. Paul realized that it was God working through him that brought so many people to the faith. Christ's power also works through us. We really do not have the right to deny our responsibility to the Lord. We may think that we are not good enough to talk about the Lord, but we are good enough. He makes us good enough. We have to remember that the positive effects of what we say come from the Lord, not from us.

So we come before the Lord today and say with St. Peter, St. Paul and so many of the saints, "I am sinful, I cannot do your work" and Jesus says, "Yes you can. My power will work through you in ways greater than you can ever realize. My power is made perfect in your weakness."

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun July 7	Ez2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mt 6:1-6
Mon July 8	Hos 2: 16,17-18,21-22;Mt 9:18-26
Tue July 9	Hos 8:4-7,11-13; Mt 9:32-38
Wed July 10	Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12; Mt 10:1-7
Thu July 11	Hos 11:1-4,8-9; Mt 10:7-15
Fri July 12	Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
Sat July 13	Is 6:1-8 ; Mt 10:24-33

### OUR LADY OF CHARITY: MASS INTENTIONS

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS :** Shaniqua King , Ilana Sabio , Thaddeus Thompson , Brandon Perry, Sheldon Brathwaite Jr. , Cheryl Moore, Elena David , Dawn Sheppard , Soleil Emmanuel , Victoria Hinds , Shenna Clarke , Eboni Brown , Dona Sydnor , Jasmine Bain , DaShawn Perry , Tristan Thompson , Karen Hutchinson , Lazaro Candelaro ,  
**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

First Saturday, July 6 <sup>th</sup>	5 PM Vigil Mass for Hugh and Margaret Theodore, In Thanksgiving, Requested by The Family
Sunday, July 7 <sup>th</sup>	10 AM Mass for Brent Leonce, R.I.P., Requested by Ann Leonce
Saturday, July 13 <sup>th</sup>	5 PM Vigil Mass for Martiza E. Brown Shockness, Requested by Celina DeLeon

### ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday July 6	<b>8:00pm</b> – B'day blessings in heaven Elizabeth Augustin by daughter, Augusta Williams
Sunday July 7	<b>7:30am</b> – The Altar Rosary Society <b>9:30am</b> – a. I.L.M. of Leon Felix Batista by Gustavo Batista & family b. R.I.P. Salvador Almendarez by Maura Almendarez c. 2nd aniversario Luis Osiril Lopez by Minerva Lopez <b>11:30am</b> –I.L.M. of Michael Joseph by Marjorie Joseph & family <b>1:30pm</b> –Grace for all God's blessings by Anne Dauxy
Monday July 8	<b>7:30am</b> – Birthday blessings for Allee Houk by Floe & family <b>9:00am</b> – R.I.P. Odinaka Anne Nwadike, may Almighty God accept your soul, Daddy loves you by Francis Nwadike
Tuesday July 9	<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> – R.I.P. Federico Sinclair by mom, Cecilia Duncan
Wednesday July 10	<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> – God's healing blood on me & my family
Thursday July 11	<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> – I.L.M. & B'day blessings Margarita Walton by Gloria Iglesia
Friday July 12	<b>7:30am</b> –Blessings for Maria Alleyne & Lynette Bourne by Tamara Smart <b>9:00am</b> – Thanksgiving Asa & Ada Louisy by Phillipa Louisy
Saturday July 13	<b>8:00am</b> – R.I.P. Cynthia Gairy

### BREAD & WINE FOR JULY



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

### CANDLE JULY 7 ~ 13



B'day blessings for my wonderful daughter, Allee Houk requested by mom, Floe Patrick

## 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 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, 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, Sabrina 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 Polydore, 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 07/07/2024 @ ST. GREGORY**

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

**+ 10 AM Mass – (Live Stream)**

**+ CREDIT UNION-OPEN**

### **MONDAY 07/08/24**

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

### **FRIDAY 07/12/24**

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

### **SATURDAY 07/13/24**

**+ 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=MGVNMWFQcVdrQktXeTh0YjRadC9Mdz09>

**COLLECTION 06/29– 06/30/2024**

**ST. MATTHEW**

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8:00 PM	32	1,827.00	161.25	1,988.25
7:30 AM	82	2,914.27	626.00	3,540.27
9:30 AM	46	723.00	437.55	1,160.55
11:30 AM	63	1,682.00	295.00	1,977.00
1:30 PM	33	619.00	159.00	778.00
L.I.R.	22	1,985.00	—	1,985.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>9,750.27</b>	<b>1,678.80</b>	<b>11,429.07</b>

**ST. GREGORY**

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
5 PM	9	325.00	112.00	437.00
10:00AM	25	925.00	161.00	1,086.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>	<b>273.00</b>	<b>1,523.00</b>

**OUR LADY OF CHARITY**

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
10:00AM	49	2,889.00	—	2,889.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>2,889.00</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,889.00</b>

**FAITH DIRECT: \$1,455.00 collected**  
May 27 to June 26, 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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**STARTING JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 THRU THE MONTH OF AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>, 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)**

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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 OUT-ING**

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

“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](mailto: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.**

## EUCCHARISTIC 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 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.

## 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.

## 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. It will be prayed in English, Spanish & Kreyol