

St. Matthew Parish



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Mass Schedule:

First Friday 10:00am

Saturday-5pm

Sunday 10:00am

Saturday: Reconciliation-4:30 pm

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Office Hours:

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

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Mass Schedule:

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

Saturday 8:00am & 8:00pm

Saturday: Reconciliation-7:30 pm

or by appointment

Sunday:

English-7:30am & 11:30am

Spanish 9:30am; Kreyol 1:30pm

Office Staff

Secretary: Sharon Andrews

D.R.E.: Charmaine Noel

Office Hours:

Monday:10:00am-4:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday Friday & Saturday:

10:00am-6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am-4:00pm

Monday - Saturday-

Closed for lunch 1-2 P.M.

Our Lady Of Charity

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Mass Schedule:

Sunday: Rosary 9:00am

9:30am-Praise & Worship

10am-Mass

Office Staff:

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Monday-Friday:10am-6pm

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Middle Village, NY 11379

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16th Sunday: Justice and Integrity

When I read through the Sacred Scripture for this Sunday, I was struck by one concept in the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah. First of all, a little background. Jeremiah wrote immediately before the horrible exile of 588 BC. Jeremiah, you might remember, told the leaders to trust in God and not to make treaties with the pagan nations. These treaties would demand the practice of pagan rituals, and could lead to the adoption of pagan immorality. In fact, the Jews joined in with abominable sacrifices. More than this, these treaties would be a rejection of something that was at the heart of the Hebrew People. God had chosen them. God had delivered them from the Egyptians, fought their battles for them and protected them in the past. A treaty with another nation would imply that God would not care for his people. At very best, the Jewish leaders would be hedging their bets.

Now while these leaders, these faithless shepherds, were rejecting God, they were also putting on the pious front. Externally they appeared to be religious. In reality they were hypocrites. Jeremiah was sick of their act. He continued his attack against them. He piled the prophetic gloom and doom on thick. But, then he did a 180 and spoke positively. That's the section that caught my eye. Jeremiah prophesied a day when the leaders would be wise and just, a day when people would look at their king and proclaim, "The Lord is our justice." Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David; as king he shall reign and govern wisely, he shall do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah shall be saved, Israel shall dwell in security. This is the name they give him: "The LORD our justice."

Usually when we hear the term "justice" we think of court cases. We refer to justice as a decision that safeguards the rights of all people. Biblical justice is much deeper than that. Biblical justice describes a way of life that reflects the presence of God. Biblical justice is based on faith in God resulting in a particular way of acting. Biblical justice refers to integrity.

Now there's a word that we do not hear a lot, at least not in the public forum. Integrity. The word integrity means to be whole, complete. A person with integrity is a person of sincerity, a person's whose actions are a natural reflection of his or her interior. A person with integrity has a firm hold on the truth. He does not create truth. He respects truth.

What qualities, then, should we look for in a leader? Today's readings answer this question: 1) a leader must be capable of uniting the people in truth, as St. Paul tells the Corinthians, and 2) a leader must be both strong and compassionate, as the Lord Jesus was.

When we think of leaders, we naturally tend to think about those in the highest echelons of authority: the Holy Father, the leaders of the Church, the president, the leaders of governments throughout the world. But leadership does not stop here. Through the

sacrament of marriage, husbands and wives assume the responsibility of leading their spouses and their children to God. Through the sacrament of Holy Orders, deacons, priests and bishops assume the responsibility of leading in word and sacrament. By the grace of the sacrament of confirmation we are all given the responsibility of being leaders in the Church.

The leadership of a husband and wife in family and in marriage must combine strength and compassion. Husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, cannot make demands without recognizing the impact of their decisions upon each other or upon their children. The goal of marriage is to approach God through giving of oneself to one's spouse and children. The husband and wife, mother and father must be aware of the needs, physical emotional and spiritual, of their spouse and their children. As a community we all share in the responsibility to pray for our married couples. We also need to pray for our families with a single parent. These women or men have had to assume the role of both parents without the support of a spouse. They need our prayers as well as our support.

We often ask you to pray for your priests. All priests have individual gifts which they must develop in order to serve Christ. The prayers and support of the people are effective in helping the priest develop these gifts. As in all leadership, the priest must reflect Christ in being strong yet compassionate. A priest must stick to the truth even when it is unpopular and inconvenient; yet, he must care for the needs of the people. When in doubt, the priest must simply ask the question, "What would Jesus do in this situation?" The prayers of the people help the priest to ask this question and to find the proper answers to it.

The leadership we all share in as confirmed Catholics is directly related to the leadership entrusted to the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday. When the Apostles received the Holy Spirit, the Spirit spoke through them and they proclaimed Jesus Christ. This is an area where we all need help. We are all tempted to compromise with a society that has rejected Christ. Or, at least, we are tempted to keep quiet when others are attacking the faith. We need to pray for each other that we be compassionate while never deserting the Truth that is Christ.

So, today we pray for all leaders: in the Church, in the world, in our families, among our ordained clergy, and among all the confirmed. We pray that we and all leaders may combine the Christ-like characteristics of being strong and compassionate.

We have to be people of integrity. We have to have the courage to demand the truth in our own lives as well as in the lives of all we love. People need leaders to show them the love and the compassion of Christ. They need leaders who have a firm hold on integrity. They need us to be those leaders. We can do this.

We must do this.

The prophet Jeremiah said, "A day is coming when people will say, 'The Lord is our justice, our integrity.'" That day is upon us. Jesus is with us. Jesus is yearning to be reflected in our lives. He is calling us to be the people we can be.

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun July 21	Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mt 6:30-34
Mon July 22	Sg 3: 1-4 or 2 Cor 5:14-17;Jn 20:1-2;11-18
Tue July 23	Mi 7: 14-15,18-20;Mt 12:46-50
Wed July 24	2 Cor 4: 7-15; Mt 20:20-28
Thu July 25	Jer 2: 1-3,7-8,12-13; Mt 13:10-17
Fri July 26	Jer 3: 14-17; Mt 13:18-23
Sat July 27	Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30

OUR LADY OF CHARITY: MASS INTENTIONS

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS : Dominic Duliepre Jr., George Bellinger Jr. , Nandi Simone ,Melody Allyene ,Christine Almonte , Kamron A. Gillette , Fr. Apollo , Rawle Munro , Louisa Sebron , Elizabeth Hinds , Salisha Francis , Anthony Williams ,
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 & August is donated by the Haynes family
We pray to the Lord.

ST. GREGORY : MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 20 th	5 PM Vigil Mass for Rupert Fontenelle, R. I. P., Requested by Clarice A. Fontenelle
Sunday, July 21 st	10 AM Mass for Margaret White, R.I.P., Requested by The Fontenelle Family
Saturday, July 27 th	5 PM Vigil Mass for Cornelia Robergeau, R.I.P., Requested by The Family

ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday July 20	8:00pm – Birthday blessings for George Fosten by brother, Edmund Williams
Sunday July 21	7:30am – B'day blessings in heaven for my son, David Parris & sister, Carmen Anderson by Fulvia Parris 9:30am – R.I.P. Janet Gomez by Nancy Guzman 11:30am –Repose of the soul of Martin Anthony Redhead by Joan Greenidge 1:30pm –Birthday blessings for Evelyn Barreau
Monday July 22	7:30am – For deceased family & friends of the Ortega family by George Ortega 9:00am – Birthday blessings for Nadia Andrews by family
Tuesday July 23	7:30am – B'day blessings for Ian Smith 9:00am – Birthday blessings for Fr. Apollo & Nicole Andrews
Wednesday July 24	7:30am – Happy 30th anniversary blessings to our dear, Fr. Paul Agbodza praying God's wisdom on you as you continue to trust in him, God bless you by Legion of Mary 9:00am – Birthday blessings for Nyla Andrews by family
Thursday July 25	7:30am – Happy 30th anniversary blessings to our dear, Fr. Paul Agbodza praying God's wisdom on you as you continue to trust in him,God bless you by Legion of Mary 9:00am – B'day blessings for Antoine D'Haiti by Chantal Alerte
Friday July 26	7:30am – Happy 30th anniversary blessings to our dear, Fr. Paul Agbodza praying God's wisdom on you as you continue to trust in him, God bless you by Legion of Mary 9:00am – Thanking God for the 3 year Eucharistic Revival, may we experience the gifts of the Holy Spirit as we continue to grow in faith & wisdom, by Althea Pierre
Saturday July 27	8:00am – I.L.M. of Wilhelmina G. Mendez by daughter, Myrna Mendez

BREAD & WINE FOR JULY



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

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, 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, 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 McCaf-ferty, Laura McDonald, Mavis McDonald, Leticia McDowell, Ver-nita McDowell, Gemma Mejias, Marcelina Morales, Grant Nelson Jr., Isai Munoz, Marta Munoz, Nelson Munoz, Suzanna Neil, Ronald Nethersole, Claudette Norde, Mother Dolores Oloff, Keena Ollivierre, Ronaldo Nano Paul, Sharonie 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, 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 Wel-lington, Karen Williams, Terrance Williams, Octavio Willis, Lean-dro 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 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 un-employed 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 07/21/2024 @ ST. GREGORY

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

+ **10 AM Mass – (Live Stream)**

+ **CREDIT UNION-OPEN**

MONDAY 07/22/24

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

FRIDAY 07/26/24

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

SATURDAY 07/27/24

+ **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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362442148?pwd=MGVNMWFQcVdrQktXeTh0YjRadC9Mdz09)

[pwd=MGVNMWFQcVdrQktXeTh0YjRadC9Mdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362442148?pwd=MGVNMWFQcVdrQktXeTh0YjRadC9Mdz09)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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 07/13– 07/14/2024

ST. MATTHEW

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8:00 PM	44	1,932.00	239.32	2,171.32
7:30 AM	93	2,481.00	360.00	2,841.00
9:30 AM	51	826.00	338.00	1,164.00
11:30 AM	72	1,510.00	440.00	1,950.00
1:30 PM	35	519.00	102.50	621.50
L.I.R.	38	1,072.00	—	1,072.00
Total	333	8,340.00	1,479.82	9,819.82

ST. GREGORY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
5 PM	14	1,189.15	62.00	1,251.15
10:00AM	27	878.00	127.00	1,005.00
Total	41	2,067.15	189.00	2,256.15

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
10:00AM	51	3,113.00	—	3,113.00
Total	51	3,113.00	—	3,113.00

FAITH DIRECT: \$1,270.00 collected
July 1 to July 16, 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=Nk4zY3BVOUfMvZrUSDJodlJlWSDArUT09>

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 SATURDAY"** 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

St. Gregory the Great R. C. Church Worship Site of St. Matthew Parish **BUILDING REPAIR RAFFLE**. Drawing September 8th, 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 19th, 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;

1st Prize: \$300 and 2nd Prize: \$100.00

ST. MATTHEW R.C. CHURCH

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL Tri-Lingual Mass on Friday, July 26th, 2024

@ 7PM to Midnight

EXPOSITION PRAYER & WORSHIP BENEDICTION
PROCESSION & ROSARY

Location: 1123 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11213

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

“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

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

ITINERARY FOR EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL ON FRIDAY, JULY 26, FROM 7 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

7 P.M. – PROCESSION WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & RECITATION OF THE ROSARY DURING PROCESSION (outdoors)

8 P.M. – TRI-LINGUAL MASS

9 P.M. – PRAISE & WORSHIP

9:30 P.M. – SILENCE

10:00 P.M. – EXPOSITION

11:00 P.M. – LITANY OF THE SAINTS

11:30 P.M. – BENEDICTION & CLOSING

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

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT

Who is the Holy Spirit, what role does he play in the Christian life and why do we pray to the Holy Spirit? In John 15, Jesus tells his disciples about the persecution they will encounter by following him. “If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you.” (John 15:20) As he went on about what life would be like after he eventually left to be with the Father, they naturally grew sorrowful (John 16:6). They didn’t know the wonder that God had planned next. Jesus comforts them in John 16:7, “I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you.” This “Helper” is the Holy Spirit. →

We have collected powerful prayers to the Holy Spirit to help you in your faith journey but first, let’s take a look at the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer and why our prayers to him are vital for power and growth.

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Holy Trinity alongside God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son of God. The Holy Spirit is an equally important part of Trinity and has a vital role in the life of a believer. In John 14:26 we see the greek work "Parakletos" which is translated "Helper" in the ESV, "Advocate" in the NIV, and "Counselor" in the KJV. Jesus, knowing that he would soon depart from earth, told his disciples that a greater helper would come and provide both wise counsel and reminds of his teachings.

In addition to being a Helper, the Holy Spirit has many additional roles in the life of a believer. The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin and steers us away from temptation and toward repentance. He is a source of wisdom and revelation as 1 Corinthians 2:10-11 teaches us: ““These are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except for their own spirit within them? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.” The Spirit reveals truth to the believer. John 16:13-15 states "But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you”. As we pray to the Holy Spirit we can ask for wisdom and leading away from things that will harm us and toward God's will for our lives.

The Holy Spirit helps us when we feel weak and intercedes for us when we need strength and grace. “In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God” ([Romans 8:26-27](#)). We can pray to the Holy Spirit for supernatural strength when we face difficult times.

We are made new through the Holy Spirit at salvation and are able to pursue sanctification through the good fruit of the Spirit. Romans 8:10-11 states "if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you”. The "Fruit of the Spirit" is a term used in the New Testament of the Bible, specifically in Galatians 5:22-25, to describe the character traits and virtues that are produced in the lives of believers who are led by the Holy Spirit that include love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, kindness, faith, and self-control.

Lastly, the Holy Spirit imparts gifts to believers that help support and edify the body of believers. 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 describe some of these gifts that are manifestations of the Spirit for the common good including: wisdom, faith, healing, prophecy, knowledge, discernment, teaching, giving, mercy, leadership, and more.

Let us pray to the Holy Spirit both individually and together - asking him for help, guidance, wisdom, and the filling of his fruit and gifts.