

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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Mass Schedule:

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

Saturday 8:00am & 8:00pm

Saturday: Reconciliation-7:30 pm
or by appointment

Sunday:

English-7:30am & 11:30am

Spanish 9:30am; Kreyol 1:30pm

Office Staff

Secretary: Sharon Andrews

D.R.E.: Charmaine Noel

Office Hours:

Monday:10:00am-4:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday Friday & Saturday:

10:00am-6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am-4:00pm

Monday - Saturday-

Closed for lunch 1-2 P.M.

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Mass Schedule:

Sunday: Rosary 9:00am

9:30am-Praise & Worship

10am-Mass

Office Staff:

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday:10am-6pm

Catholic Cemeteries-

80-01 Metropolitan Ave.

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19th Sunday: Eat My Flesh, Drink My Blood

Cannibals. Atheists. Atheists and cannibals. Those two charges were made against the Christians in the Roman Empire of the first three centuries AD. First of all, they were charged with being atheists. This seems shocking, particularly when we read how the early Christians were so so spiritual, so devoted to God. How could anyone call them atheists? They were called atheists because they refused to worship the Roman gods. If something went wrong, such as a bad harvest or a defeat in battle, it was obvious to the Romans that some god had been offended by the Christians refusal to worship him or her. This god was taking his vengeance out on everyone, Christians and non-Christians.

As serious as this charge was, even more serious was the charge that the Christians were cannibals. This charge was based on the Christians' own teaching that they ate flesh and drank blood, the Body and Blood of Christ. Today's Gospel reading ends with the Lord saying, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." Next week we will hear the Lord building on this by saying, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood you will not have life within you." "My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink." Jesus even says, "the one who feeds on me will have life because of me." The pagans, on hearing about this, made the claim that Christians were cannibals.

We know that Jesus was speaking about a presence that was not a physical presence, but a real presence. My favorite analogous example: an adopted child might not be the physical child of his or her parents, but he or she is really their child. The Christians share in the real presence of the Lord, but not the physical presence in the sense of bone, muscles, etc. But the pagans didn't know this. They did not know exactly what was taking place when Christians gathered for their mysterious rites. They only heard that they ate the Body of Christ and drank His Blood. So they accused Christians of practicing cannibalism.

Obviously, we are not cannibals. But we do eat the Body and drink the blood of the Lord in a mysterious way. From the earliest days of the Church, we have referred to the Eucharist as the Mystery of Faith, an expression of Christ's death, resurrection and second coming.

For all of us, to understand Communion is to take a leap of faith into mystery. We are receiving the real Body and Blood of the Lord. At Mass, the bread and wine are consecrated, not just blessed. They become Jesus in a mystical way, a way beyond our understanding. The Eucharist is infinitely more than a meal of fellowship. It is this, but it is far more than this. When we receive communion, we receive Jesus, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, as we say in the Divine Mercy chaplet. The bread and wine become the Lord and remain the Lord. The consecrated hosts are kept in our tabernacles for us to take to the sick and for us to pray before in adoration. Our non-Catholic brothers and sisters have no reason to do this. They do not have tabernacles because they do not believe that the bread and wine are transformed into the Lord's Body and Blood.

Nor do they have priests capable of doing this for the community. Their communion services are radically different than ours. That is the reason why a Catholic cannot leave the Catholic Church without leaving the Eucharist even if they join a faith that has a communion service.

We Catholics are people of mystery. We do not know how, but somehow, we are united to Christ in a mystical way every time we receive communion.

To understand the miracle and mystery of the Eucharist, our starting point must be Jesus. Jesus is Divine, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. He is the Eternal Son of the Father. When we eat His Body and drink His Blood, when we receive communion, He gives us who He is, Eternal Life. Our Founding Fathers, Washington, Adams, Franklin, Jefferson, etc, gave us liberty, but they were not liberty. Abraham Lincoln gave the slaves freedom, but he was not freedom. But Jesus gave the Bread of the Eternal Life because He is the Bread of Life. Jesus was not just a great man. He is Divine. The Bread of Life is Jesus, our Divine Sustenance.

And we take Him into ourselves. When we receive the Eucharist, we are united to Him, to each other and to the whole Body of Christ. It is no wonder that those who wish to destroy the Church begin by attacking the Eucharist. In England of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries, France in the Eighteenth Century, Mexico in the Twentieth Century, and throughout the world in the Twenty-first century, wherever radical Islam rears its head, Christianity is attacked by attacking the Eucharist as well as those who can provide the Eucharist for others. Throughout history and continuing to the present day priests are tortured and killed for saying Mass for the people who long for the Bread of Life. The Eucharist is defiled by those who do not realize what they are doing when they trample on consecrated hosts.

You can see the hand of the devil here. In the diabolical battle against God's people, the devil attacks that which binds them to God, the Eucharist. His attacks are not just overt, though. The Father of Lies works subtly. He tries to convince us that Jesus was a wonderful man, but just that, a man. When Jesus is equated with other great men of history, then the Eucharist has no meaning. It then becomes a pious Catholic practice with no real significance beyond that of holy water. The unbelieving murmur that Catholics are not really receiving the Lord when they go to communion. Some Catholics are swayed by their arguments. And the devil wins a battle in his war on the Kingdom of God.

But the devil loses a battle every time that Mass is celebrated and every time that people receive the Bread of Life. Every Sunday, and for some of us every day, we enter into the Mystery of the Eucharist. We receive the One who is the Bread of Life.

This is Jesus who unites Himself to Us with His Body and Blood.



This is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Eternal Son of the Father, who humbled Himself to become one of us, to die for us, and then gave the gift of His Life and Death to us in the form of the Blessed Sacrament. This is Jesus whom we will take into ourselves today when we receive communion.

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun Aug 11	1 Kgs19:4-8; Eph 4:30—5:2, Jn 6:41-51
Mon Aug 12	Ex 1: 2-5,24-28; Mt 17:22-27
Tue Aug 13	Ez 2: 8—3:4; Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14
Wed Aug 14	Ez 9:1-7, 10, 18-22; Mt 18:15-20
Thu Aug 15	Rev11:19,12:1-6,10 / 1 Cor 15:20-27 / Lk 1:39-56
Fri Aug 16	Ez 16:1-15,60,63; Mt 19:3-12
Sat Aug 17	Ez 18:1-10,13,30-32; Mt 19:13-15

OUR LADY OF CHARITY: MASS INTENTIONS	
<p>BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS : Shelby Osborne, Tashawna Reid , Dalia Blackmond , Clare Theodule , Keshia Harmon , Avolon Chan , Giovanni Rayne A. Desince , James Robinson , Ireanna Vasquez , Ethan Allen , Donovan Brouet , Khiya Harris , Rhona Slocombe , Amarri Thompson , Khadil Gittens , We pray to the Lord</p> <p>TODAY'S MASS : Birthday blessings for Clare Theodule giving all praise and honor to God for his saving grace and mercy. We pray to the Lord.</p> <p>SANCTUARY CANDLES : For the month of August is donated by the Haynes family</p>	

ST. GREGORY : MASS INTENTIONS	
	Sanctuary Lamp Jahnya Gilkes, Thanksgiving for Life, Requested by Lorna Gilkes
Saturday, August 10th	5 PM Vigil Mass for Theresa Milburn, Birthday Blessings & Thanksgiving for Life
Sunday, August 11th	10 AM Mass for Eula Serrette, R.I.P., Requested by The Gilkes & St. Lawrence Families
Thursday August 15th The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary	9 AM Mass In Thanksgiving for Life, For Ian Kellman celebrates 2 nd Anniversary of his Heart Transplant, Deacon Christopher and Joyce Barber celebrates 32 years of marriage and 49 years Anniversary of entry to the U.S. for Rosanne Barber and Family & 7 PM Mass of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary for Cornelia Robergeau, R. I.P., Requested by the Family
Saturday, August 17th	5 PM Mass for Jahnya Gilkes, In Thanksgiving for Life, Requested by The Gilkes Family

ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday August 10	8:00pm – Thanksgiving for God’s goodness by Darlene Bois
Sunday August 11	7:30am – Holy Name Society 9:30am – I.L.M. of Maria Sosa by Nancy Valdez 11:30am –R.I.P. Sherwin Johnson Sr. by son, Sherwin Johnson & family 1:30pm –a. Thanksgiving to the good Angel by Marie Coeur Altidor b. Birthday blessings in heaven Harold Bordes by Marlene & Natalie Bordes c. I.L.M. of Marie Therese Farelus & Osner Edouard by Marie Farelus
Monday August 12	7:30am – Asking God for blessings & prosperity to open doors by Alana Frederick 9:00am – Birthday blessings Myles Alerte by Chantal Alerte
Tuesday August 13	7:30am – Asking God for blessings & prosperity to open doors by Alana Frederick 9:00am – Birthday blessings in heaven Elenora Anthony by Shelly & family
Wednesday August 14	7:30am – Asking God to open a window for Kareem Baptiste by Veronica Baptiste 9:00am – R.I.P. Armstead Robertson by John Robertson
Thursday August 15 <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7:30am – The Johnson family 9:00am – Birthday blessings & thanksgiving for Yves Plaisimond 7:30pm – For our parishioners, that the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit will guide them to the Eternal Father by Althea Pierre
Friday August 16	7:30am – I.L.M. of Monica Thorne by Jasmine Thorne 9:00am – I.L.M. of Jimmy Solomon & Ursula Paul by Nigel Holder & Jeneal Solomon
Saturday August 17	8:00am – That the blood of Jesus will heal all who are suffering from cancer.

CANDLE AUGUST 11-17	
	Protection & job opportunity for John Robertson by Evaeney Innis
BREAD & WINE FOR AUGUST	
	In loving memory of Pascual Rodriguez requested by the Dorsinville family

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

For the homebound, hospitalized and sick

Judith Adams, Carmen Allen, Rita Antomez, Armelle Amilcar, Hillary Amarosa, Loraine Quash- Antoine, Marie Augustin, Al Barnett, Monica Belfon, Marque & Yael Barber-LaFon, Melona Barber, Jason Bascom, Silvestre Brathwaite, Ismay Brewster, Jahonah Brown, Recy Brown, Isabella Bugett, Patricia Burrowes, Yolande Cadet, Eslyn Canning, Diana Codogan, Cathleen Charles, Catilda Charles, Delcia Charles, Marcel Charles, Maria Clouden, Cecilia Clovie, Mahalia Clunis, Nelia Collins, Marilyn Coates, Virginia Cox, Daphne Critchlow, Golda Critchlow, Theresa Cudjoe, Veronica Dale, Angela Daniels, Shirley Daniels, Marcella DeSandies, 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, Iyanna Gilkes, 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, Roberta Jennings, 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, Veranita 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, Margaret Otumba, 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, Fr. Robert Seay, 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, Sabrinia Guess, Daphne & Golda Critchlow, Gwen & Helena Pugh, 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 08/11/2024 @ ST. GREGORY

+ **9:30 AM Sunday school CLOSED -Will resume in October**
+ **10 AM Mass – (Live Stream)**
+ **CREDIT UNION-OPEN**
+ **3:30 PM Crime Prevention Workshop-St. Matthew Parish Center at 1345 Lincoln Place, bet. Schenectady and Utica Avenues, Brooklyn**

MONDAY 08/12/24

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

THURSDAY 08/15/24

+ **9 AM Mass of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary-Church**
+ **7 PM Mass of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary-Church**

FRIDAY 08/16/24

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

SATURDAY 08/17/24

+ **4 PM Confession**
+ **4 PM Vigil Choir Rehearsals**
+ **5 PM Vigil Mass-Church**
+ **4 PM Light Fest Prayer Group – In Person meeting-Rectory**

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

COLLECTION 08/03– 08/04/2024

ST. MATTHEW

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8:00 PM	15	357.00	134.12	491.12
7:30 AM	79	2,563.00	524.06	3,087.06
9:30 AM	54	812.00	279.13	1,091.13
11:30 AM	56	2,057.00	557.36	2,614.36
1:30 PM	43	747.00	107.00	854.00
L.I.R.	52	2,037.00	—	2,037.00
Total	299	8,573.00	1,601.67	10,174.67

ST. GREGORY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
5 PM	13	1,017.00	148.00	1,165.00
10:00AM	37	1,038.00	155.00	843.71
Total	50	2,055.00	303.00	2,358.00

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
10:00AM	44	2,189.00	—	2,189.00
Total	44	2,189.00	—	2,189.00

FAITH DIRECT: \$1,635.00 collected
July 8 to August 7, 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 Book of Exodus
(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>

. Dial 929-205-6099 using meeting ID 782362442148 and pass code 424370. (Please contact any member for information on book currently being read.) (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.

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.

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

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

Atlantic City Resort's Casino on Saturday, September 28th, 2024

Bus leaving at 7 AM from St. Gregory's Church. COST: \$60, play and earn \$10 in slot play.

Heritage Committee of St. Gregory the Great Luncheon on October 19th, 2024 at St. Teresa of Avila Church located at 555 Sterling Place (Franklin & Classon Aves.) Time: 12pm to 5pm Tickets Adults: \$40 and Kids: \$20. **There will be music by DJ Page, our very own Ms. Nicole Davis and the Internationally Renowned Opera and Concert Singer, Mr. Everett Suttle**

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.

Full Name _____

Address 1 _____

Address 2 _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Were you registered before _____

If yes, registration # _____

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

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.

GIFT SHOP

Located @ the back of the Church, selling an array of religious articles including rosaries, open on weekends before & after Mass.

VOCATIONS

“I will raise him up on the last day” If you believe in the Giver of the call, you can hope to be true to it. Will you follow Christ as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life?

Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Adoration in the Church on **Wednesdays and Fridays after 9:00 am Mass until 12:00 noon and First Fridays from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

+ **Thursday, August 15th** is the Feast of the Assumption. It is a Holy day of Obligation. We will have Mass at **7:30 AM, 9 AM and a Tri-Lingual Mass at 7:30 PM.**

+ **Tuesday, August 13th—1000 Hail Mary's after the 9 A.M. Mass**

Monday September 2nd - Labor Day— One Mass @ 9 A.M. followed by procession onto the parkway

+ **First Friday, September 6th - Exposition after the 9 A. M. Mass to Noon & 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.**

+ **Friday September 13th - Exposition, Praise & Worship from 7 P.M. to Midnight**

+ **Saturday, September 14th - Holy Name Society Bus Trip**

+ **REVIVAL—Tuesday, September 17th—Thursday, September 19th**

+ **PRAYER BREAKFAST - Saturday, September 21st @ 9 A.M.**

What does it mean to attend Mass on Sunday?

I have attended Mass all my life and always felt that our Church's liturgy is the most important thing I do; so when I attend Mass everything else ceases to exist...it's just Jesus and I for the duration. I remember going to Mass as a child and even then knowing something amazing, beyond our human understanding was happening on the altar and to this day whenever I miss Mass, I feel as if there is a hole in my soul and my general attitude for the week is “grumpy” because I miss receiving Jesus

The Mass is Holy

Dress Appropriately. Notice how you are leaving your homes for Church and ask yourselves, is it appropriate

If you are not sure...let the following help you

Any clothes that bares midriffs and cleavage

Tight clothing meant to accentuate various parts that God considers, and that we ought to consider, sacred.

Short skirts (above knee) or miniskirts

Shorts (capris are okay if they hit below the knee – but still discouraged)

Sleeveless tops (short sleeves are okay)

Shorts (for men)

Tank tops (for men)

Be on time for mass. It is distracting when people arrive late to Mass. If you are delayed or late, be thoughtful of others and sit in the back so as not to disturb those already into prayer of the Mass.

Encourage young people to be a part of the Mass; they should not be outside the church texting their friends on their phones.

We must instill in them that spending time with God is the best thing they can be doing right at that moment, and it is not enough to have their physical selves on the property (they are not even in the Church) they must give that time to Jesus, mind, body and soul.

Turn cell phones and pagers off.

Genuflect toward the tabernacle before sitting down. Genuflecting is bending the right knee to the floor and rising up again. If one is physically unable to genuflect, they should instead make a profound bow. The purpose of this is to show respect to our King and to acknowledge His Presence in the tabernacle.

Sit Quietly. Once you've found a seat, we should sit or kneel quietly to pray or meditate. This isn't the time to socialize with our friends. If we must talk quietly, we should make it brief. The purpose of this is again to show respect of the Blessed Sacrament, and to show **WE BELIEVE HE IS TRULY PRESENT – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity!** If we do not believe this, we need to be considerate of those who do and use the quiet time to contemplate this Truth.

Stay until the end of the Mass. Judas was the first to leave Mass early at the Last Supper. Let's not follow in his footsteps. Mass ends when Father says, “The Mass is ended, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord,” and we say: “Thanks be to God.” However you should not leave the Church until the priest leaves the altar.

Reverently, gently and silently leave the Church.

YOU ARE ENTERING THE CHURCH

