

# 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



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### **Mass Schedule:**

**First Friday** 10:00am

**Saturday**-5pm

**Sunday 11:30am**

**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:**

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### **Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday:10am-6pm

### **Catholic Cemeteries-**

80-01 Metropolitan Ave.

Middle Village, NY 11379

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## 23rd Sunday : Hear and Proclaim

Today's Gospel presents Jesus healing a man who was deaf and who had a speech impediment. Jesus took him off by himself away from the crowd, put his finger into the man's ears, touched his tongue and looking up to heaven in prayer said, "Ephphathah." Be opened. Ephphatha is an Aramaic word, the language of the every day Hebrew person. It was the language that Jesus spoke. He certainly also had a working knowledge of Hebrew, he read from the Hebrew scriptures. As a carpenter's son, and himself sometimes called a carpenter, he may have had a knowledge of the language of trade, Greek. Perhaps, he spoke Greek to Pilate. He probably didn't speak Latin, although we don't know that.

The Aramaic word, Ephphatha, became part of the Rite of Baptism from the days of the primitive Church to our own times. When you brought your babies to be baptized, one of the rites after the baptism is the priest touching the baby's ears and mouth and praying, "The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith to the praise and glory of God the Father."

Your ears to receive His Word. May our ears be open to receive the Word of God. May we allow our ears to be open. To do this we have to move away from the crowd. We have to have quiet time. We need to find some way to build quiet time into our lives, even if it is only for fifteen minutes or so. We need to move away from the distractions of life and focus on what the Lord is saying to us. We need to make time to listen.

Now I know that parents with little children have little to no time for themselves to do anything. Or do they? All of us claim that we have no time. Or do we? We have time to watch all sorts of meaningless stuff on TV. We have time for that which we want to make time for. We need to make quiet time with the Lord a priority.

We need to be humble enough to listen. If we are convinced that we have all the answers to life, then we won't have the humility to allow God to lead us. We need to do our best, true, but we need to trust God to do what needs to be done. Most of us here are in some way involved in training children. The children may be our own children, or our grandchildren, or other people's children. Moms and Dads and all the rest of us are all trying our best to be good parents, good role models, I am sure. But we cannot do this all by ourselves. We are raising children for God. We need to stay united to God and to listen to Him, to listen to Him in prayer, and trust God to help us raise our children.

Your mouth to proclaim His faith. We have a deep responsibility to proclaim the faith. Children and others need to hear about the faith from us. In fact, our parents are the first teachers in the ways of the faith, also from the baptismal rite. Most of us learned our prayers from our mothers and fathers. Adults, be they priests, nuns or educators in faith formation, can

can provide a great deal of guidance for children, but the fact is that children listen first and closest to what their parents are saying. They also listen to what their parents are doing. At the beginning of this school year, particularly at the beginning of the sacramental programs of Eucharist and Confirmation, the main instruction in the faith is given by the parents with all other adults guiding the children to a deeper understanding of what their Mom and Dads are proclaiming in their homes

We need to pray for our parents. There is nothing harder to do than to raise a child. There is nothing more rewarding to do than to raise a child. I am convinced that when parents stand before St. Peter at the Gates of Heaven and he asks, "What have you to show for your lives," if they can just point down to their children and say, "I have done everything I could to help them bring their own unique reflection of the Lord to the world," Peter will say, "Step right in."

Jesus healed the deaf man not just as a sign of the coming of the Messiah, as it certainly is, but as a sign of the love that God has for each of us. He heals us. The healing is sometimes physical, sometimes psychological, but always spiritual.

There are times that we are down on ourselves. We are not happy with ourselves. Do we really have a right to be negative about someone whom the Lord loves? Yes, there are times that we cannot understand why God loves us, but He does. He is God. His love, His mercy, His compassion are beyond our understanding.

He knows each of us better than we know ourselves. He sees how we are trying and how we are disappointed in ourselves when we fail. He sees each of us for whom we are, beneath the bravado, beneath the illusions we create for others and for ourselves. He sees whom we are beneath the material trappings of our lives. He sees beneath what the world has proclaimed as success, as prosperity. For true prosperity is found in the account of the soul, not in a bank account. In today's second reading James tells the early Christians and us that we need to treat each other for whom they are not for what they have. We need to extend to others the dignity that is their God given right.

God sees the goodness of every person. He sees His image and likeness in every person. He also sees how that image can be clouded, hidden behind a door of pain.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer we say, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." If we want to be forgiven by God, we need to forgive others. Healing is similar. If we want to be healed by God, we need to extend His healing hands to others. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and heal us as we heal others."

Jesus came and said, "Ephphatha, be opened!" He heals because He loves. He heals because He wants us to be the vehicles of His healing for others. We are called to hear the Word of God and proclaim his faith.

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun Sept 8	Is 35:4-7; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37
Mon Sept 9	1 Cor 5: 1-8; Lk 6:6-11
Tue Sept 10	1 Cor 6: 1-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wed Sept 11	1 Cor 7: 25-31; Lk 6:20-26
Thu Sept 12	1 Cor 8:1-7,11-13; Lk 6:27-38
Fri Sept 13	1 Cor 9:16--19,22-27; Lk 6:39-42
Sat Sept 14	Nm 21:4-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**OUR LADY OF CHARITY: MASS INTENTIONS**

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS :** Ann Marie Huggins , Anthony Thompson , Lawrence Lacy , Danielle Anderson , Milani Alleyne , Sidney Blaize , Roahn Sheppard , Leyiah Howard , Zakiyah De Vaughn , Tadius Williams , Tyler Gibbs , Kato Pollydore , Amanda Blaize , Anisia Daniel Thompson , Ewart Slocombe , Lance Gill ,  
**We pray to the Lord**

**TODAY'S MASS : We pray to the Lord.**

**SANCTUARY CANDLES :** For the month of August is donated by the Haynes family

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY :** Mr. & Mrs. Horace Mathis Sr. , Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Cadore , Mr. & Mrs. Rick Dingle , Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Inniss , Mr. & Mrs. Hezekiah D. Jackson ,  
**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.**

**ST. GREGORY : MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>First Saturday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	10:15 AM Funeral Mass for Iyanna Gilkes & 5 PM Vigil Mass for Linda Norde Champagne, R.I.P., Requested by her aunt Claudette
<b>Sunday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup></b>	11:30 AM Mass for Lester Jack, In Thanksgiving, Requested by The Family
<b>Saturday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	5 PM Vigil Mass for Monica Norde Norville, R.I.P., Requested by her sister Claudette Norde

**ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday <b>September 7</b>	<b>8:00pm</b> – Birthday blessings for Simone Lambert & Agatha Hector by Cita Ferguson
Sunday <b>September 8</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – Holy Name Society <b>9:30am</b> –a. R.I.P. Steve Anthony Redhead by Sylvia Washington b. R.I.P. & I.L.M. of Deacon Florencio Cruz by Manuela Cruz & family <b>11:30am</b> –Happy 40th B'day blessings Kevin Ellis by mom, Paula Jules & family <b>1:30pm</b> –a. I.L.M. of Jane Cadio & Marie Josette Kerole by Marie Coeur Altidor b. Messe de remerciement pour ma fille Natacha A. Bruno by mere, Preminie Cleophat c. Birthday blessings Chantal D'Haiti & her son, by Legion of Mary P.P.S.
Monday <b>September 9</b>	<b>97:30am</b> – R.I.P. Eileen Cobb & Octavia Gladys John by Diana London <b>9:00am</b> – Birthday blessings for Thierry Alerte by Chantal Alerte
Tuesday <b>September 10</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – Thanksgiving to God for my family by Althea Pierre <b>9:00am</b> – Healing & blessings for Daphnee & family
Wednesday <b>September 11</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – Healing for Daniel David Mendez <b>9:00am</b> – God's peace & mercy on all the survivors of 9/11 <b>7:30pm</b> – We pray for those affected by 9/11, the families of the victims, firemen, police officers & first responders
Thursday <b>September 12</b>	<b>7:30am</b> –God's healing blood on those suffering from cancer, strokes, heart disease , dementia & other ailments. <b>9:00am</b> – Peace in the world
Friday <b>September 13</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – For the members of the Legion of Mary <b>9:00am</b> – Peace, love ,joy & healing for my children
Saturday <b>September 14</b>	<b>8:00am</b> – For our parishioners



**BREAD FOR SEPTEMBER**



Birthday blessings for Uphita Clarke

## 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, 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, Vernita McDowell, Gemma Mejias, Daniel David Mendez, Marcelina Morales, Grant Nelson Jr., Isai Munoz, Marta Munoz, Nelson Munoz, Suzanna Neil, Ronald Nethersole, Claudette Norde, Mother Dolores Oiff, 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, 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 Pollydore, John Daniel, Lisa Scott/ Spencer, 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 09/08/2024 @ ST. GREGORY

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

+ **11:30 AM St. Gregory the Great Feast Day Mass – (Live Stream)**

+ **CREDIT UNION-OPEN**

### **MONDAY 09/09/24**

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

### **FRIDAY 09/13/24**

+ **7:15 PM Bible Study-meets via zoom (Studying the Book of Exodus)**

### **SATURDAY 09/14/24**

+ **4 PM Confession**

+ **4 PM Vigil Choir Rehearsals**

+ **4 PM Light Fest Prayer Group – In Person-Rectory's dining room**

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

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+ **5 PM Vigil Mass-Church**

**COLLECTION 08/31– 09/01/2024**

**ST. MATTHEW**

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8:00 PM	43	1,628.00	118.00	1,746.00
7:30 AM	94	4,395.00	544.00	4,939.00
9:30 AM	59	859.00	333.55	1,192.55
11:30 AM	67	1,198.00	701.00	1,899.00
1:30 PM	34	1,007.00	113.50	1,120.50
L.I.R.	35	1,195.00	—	1,195.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>10,282.00</b>	<b>1,810.05</b>	<b>12,092.05</b>

**ST. GREGORY**

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
5 PM	18	815.00	175.00	990.00
11:30AM	50	1,316.00	112.00	1,428.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>2,131.00</b>	<b>287.00</b>	<b>2,418.00</b>

**OUR LADY OF CHARITY**

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
10:00AM	66	2,885.00	—	2,885.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>2,885.00</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,885.00</b>

**FAITH DIRECT: \$1,530.00 collected**  
**JULY 29 to August 28, 2024**

**ST. MATTHEW EXPENSES**

INCOME	Jan – June 2024	Jan-Jun 2023	CHANGE
COLLECTION	\$ 463,241	\$484,004	(20,763)
RENTAL INCOME	280,457	260,410	20,047
DONATIONS/ FUNDRAISING	58,690	30,214	28,476
OTHER	17,060	1,622	15,438
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>819,448</b>	<b>776,250</b>	<b>43,198</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
SALARIES	380,494	411,038	30,089
MAINTENANCE	82,778	97,198	14,419
OFFICE EXPENSE	68,823	69,626	803
PROGRAMS	2,408	6,396	3,988
ALTAR SUPPLIES	9,655	14,393	4,738
UTILITIES	127,757	93,675	(34,083)
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	192,841	181,601	(11,240)
<b>TOTAL 3 EXPENSE</b>	<b>865,212</b>	<b>873,296</b>	<b>8,714</b>
<b>NET INCOME LOSS</b>	<b>(45,764)</b>	<b>(97,675)</b>	<b>51,912</b>

**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**

After the installation of Charles Edward McDonnell as bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn in 1892, the residents of the "fashionable St. Marks District" petitioned Bishop McDonnell for the creation of a new parish.

The petition was granted and Fr. Maurice P. Fitzgerald, in 1905 became first of the ten pastors of St. Gregory. In less than three years a building that would affectionally be called the "Tin Roof Church" was erected and the parish received its Certificate of Incorporation from the State of New York on February 3, 1909.

A building of worship that would be worthy of the legacy of its patronal saint [St Gregory the Great] was erected and dedicated in 1916. Both its inner decor and external presentation of the magnificent edifice give testimony to him.

Pope St. Gregory the Great was a product of the Byzantine era and is honored as the patron of musicians, teachers and students. The mission of this church is to evangelize as St. Gregory did when sending St. Augustine to the British Isles, continues unabated.

Today St Gregory the Great is one of three churches under the pastoral care of Fr Frank Black. Many lay groups exist in the church to continue with this evangelizing mission. They assist in a range of activities from preparing the young and adults for the sacraments to communion visits to the homebound and seniors. Happy feast to all church members. St Gregory the Great, pray for us.

**ST. GREGORY'S USHER BOARD ANNUAL BUS OUTING**  
**Atlantic City Resort's Casino** on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Bus leaving at 7 AM from St. Gregory's Church. COST: \$60, play and earn \$10 in slot play.  
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**Heritage Committee of St. Gregory the Great Luncheon** on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 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**  
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**EL CRISTO NEGRO MASS** Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 11:30 AM.

**FREE SHREDDING EVENT** sponsored by Crown Heights North Associated on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 9 AM to 12 Noon.. **Hospitality immediately after the 11:30 AM Mass on the church porch.**

## 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.

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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.

C'est la préparation de Ceux qui ne sont pas catholiques mais qui veulent le devenir. RCIA prépare ces personnes à recevoir le sacrement de baptême.

Es el proceso para preparar los no católicos que están interesados en pasa a ser miembros de la iglesia católica. También prepara católicos para completar el sacramento de la iniciación.

## SACRAMENTS & REGISTRATION

### RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS/RECONCILIACION

- ◆ Saturday 7:30PM-8:00PM or anytime by appointment in the Rectory.
- ◆ Samedi 7:30PM-8:00PM ou du moins appelez du presbytere pour un rendez-vous.
- ◆ Sábados de 7:30PM-8:00PM o cualquier otra hora por cita.

### MARRIAGE/MARIAGE/MATRIMONIOS

\*Arrangements must be made AT LEAST six (6) months in advance

\*Contacter le presbytere au moins (6) l'avance.

\*Arreglos deben ser hechos por lo menos seis (6) meses por adelante.

### MINISTRY TO THE SICK/LES MALADES/LOS ENFERMOS

- \* Sick & Homebound can receive the sacrament of anointing from a priest and receive Holy Communion on a regular basis from our Ministers of Holy Communion. Please contact the Rectory
- \* Ceux qui sont très maladies et ne peuvent pas sortir de leur maison jeun vent recevoir le sacrement d'extrême onction d'un prêtre de la paroisse, la sainte communion d'un ministre de l'eucharistie appelle au presbytere pour un rendez-vous.
- \* Puede recibir el Sacramento de los enfermos por un sacerdote. En tiempos regulares puede recibir Sagrada Comunion de uno de nuestro ministros de la Comunion Favor notificar la rectoria.

### BAPTISM/BAPTEME/BAUTISMO

- ◆ Registration and preparation in our baptismal class is required. Please contact the Rectory for date and time of our next class.
- ◆ Tous ceux ou celles qui voudraient recevoir le baptême doivent se faire enregistrer au presbytere pour prendre part aux cours avant la réception de ce sacrement. Pour plus d'information, composez le 718-774-6747
- ◆ Registracion y participacion en nuestras clases bautismal es un requisito para el bautismo. Favor de encontrar el diacono Cruz para fijar la fecha y clases

## GIFT SHOP

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

## VOCATIONS

“He willed to give us birth” Is your prayer attentive to the wisdom of Christ? Is he inviting you to follow him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?  
Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email:  
[vocations@diobrook.org](mailto: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.**

Your hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will repair for evils of the world and bring about peace on earth “Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus.” *(Pope John II)*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**+ Friday, September 13th - We will start reciting the 1,000 Hail Mary's after the 7:30 A.M. Mass. We will stop for the 9 A.M. Mass after which we will Resume praying the 1000 Hail Mary's .**

**+ REVIVAL—Tuesday, September 17th—Thursday, September 19th with Fr. Solomon**

**Saturday, September 21st— Come celebrate our Feast Day with Mass at 8 A.M. followed by the Prayer Breakfast at 10 A.M**

**+ PRAYER BREAKFAST - Saturday, September 21st @ 10 A.M. with Fr. Solomon**

**The National Center of the Haitian Apostolate invites the faithful to participate in the biblical, doctrinal, and social program offered at the Haitian Pastoral Institute . The sessions are held on zoom every 2nd Saturday.**

**Classes will begin on Saturday, September 7th from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.**

**Meeting ID: 841 611 77673**

**Passcode: 587660**

## THE PURPOSEFUL PILGRIM

Jewish pilgrimage to the Holy City began a millennium before the birth of Christ. Christians began journeying to Jerusalem in the first century. And Muslims began their pilgrimage to Jerusalem in the seventh century following the death of Mohammed.

In the ninth chapter of Luke’s Gospel we read about Jesus on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. “Now it happened as the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, he resolutely turned his face towards Jerusalem. Luke 9:51)”

He didn’t just go he went resolutely.

Some translations use “He resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem.”

“ He steadfastly and determinedly set his face to go to Jerusalem.”

Others add, “to fulfill his purpose. “

What do we approach with the same passion and commitment determination and steadfastness as Jesus approached Jerusalem?

Anything? Probably not. And what does that say about us? Some people will convince themselves that they should be more committed to some worldly pursuit. But the truth is, the reason we have not committed ourselves so fully, so totally, so completely, to anything in this world ,is that we are made for more. This type of commitment belongs to God and to God alone.

We are called to pursue heaven ,which is union with God ,with that kind of steadfastness, determination, focus and clarity. We are called to pursue heaven as resolutely as Jesus determined to journey toward his death and resurrection in Jerusalem.

Jesus set off toward Jerusalem with determined resolve. It is time to bring that focus and clarity to our lives.

Every encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist, whether it is at Mass on Sunday or sitting before the tabernacle for a few moments in an empty church increases our clarity about what matters most and what doesn’t matter at all. Most people are confused about what really matters and God wants to liberate us from that confusion.

Eucharistic clarity leads us to focus on the right things. We all get to choose who and what we care about and who and what we choose to care about determines everything. For whatever we focus on will increase in our lives

Catholics are not called to wander aimlessly through life. There are too many people tragically wandering aimlessly through life There have been times when you and I have lived our lives that way wandering aimlessly and indulging every manner of distraction. But now is time to quit the endless wandering and take on the determination of a purposeful pilgrim. That is exactly what we are striving to do as we prepare for Eucharistic Consecration.

Jesus resolutely determine to journey to Jerusalem Let’s apply that resolute determination to our earthly pilgrimage toward the Eternal city. Are you determined?

### **TRUST. SURRENDER. BELIEVE. RECEIVE.**

**Lesson** :A purposeful pilgrim sets aside the distractions of this world and is resolutely determined to journey to heaven.

**Virtue of the day:** Determination. The virtue of determination allows us to focus on a task and see it through to completion. Just keep moving in the direction of your goal or destination.

Determination is taking the next step no matter how small that step may be.