

St. Matthew Parish



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Pastoral Staff

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Mass Schedule:

First Friday 10:00am

Sunday 11:30 A.M.

**Reconciliation before Mass
@ 11 A.M.**

Office Staff

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Office Hours:

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

Closed for lunch 1-2 P.M.

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Mass Schedule:

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

Saturday 8:00am & 6:00pm

Saturday: Reconciliation-5:30
pm or by appointment

**Exposition on Wednesdays &
Fridays after the 9 A.M. Mass
until noon**

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- Friday:

10:00am-6:00pm

Saturday: 10am.—2 P.M.

Sunday: 9:00am-4:00pm

Monday - Friday-

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
Tel:718 – 894-4888



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Are You Not Aware?

Today I would like to focus in on the second reading, from the sixth chapter of St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. This reading contains the first words of the New Testament during the Solemn Easter Vigil. After the Paschal Candle is brought in and the Light of Christ is proclaimed, we have the solemn singing of the Exultet. Then the readings begin. There are seven readings from the Old Testament. We hear about creation, about Abraham, about the crossing of the Red Sea, and then four readings from the prophets. After this there is the solemn singing of the Gloria and the opening prayer of the Easter Season. Then a lector proclaims,

"Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life."

The reading emphasizes our role in the Easter Mystery. We are not just observers of the historical event of the Lord's death and resurrection. We are participants. Our baptism is a baptism into his death. The water poured over us signifies a death to the world without God. As Christ rose from the dead, we, at our baptism, embrace a new life, His Life.

The resurrection of the Lord has changed everything for us. Through Baptism we have a spiritual life. Our physical lives are temporary. We all die. But our spiritual life, that is eternal. It cannot be taken from us. It can only be surrendered by us. Our lives have been transformed. We are intimately united to Jesus Christ.

We need to keep this in mind when we find ourselves getting all caught up in the events taking place around us. We have to view everything from the perspective of Jesus Christ. We need to ask ourselves, "How can we transform the mundane events of the world into celebrations of the Lord's love?"

Our relationship to the Lord must be the center and the foundation of all the relationships of our lives. If He is not, then even our most cherished relationships are destructive instead of life giving. This is a hard concept. It is what Jesus is saying in the Gospel reading, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." The love we experience in our families has to reflect the deep love we have for our Lord. If it does not, then that love is not real love. So what Jesus is saying in that difficult passage is that he must be at the center of our love, our love for our parents, our love for our children, the love of husbands and wives, and our love for each other. What is the sacrament of matrimony? It is the union of the love of the husband and wife with the love of Jesus Christ.

Furthermore, the love of Jesus Christ is sacrificial love. It is a love that puts the other before the self.

If we do not love that way, then we are really not loving at all, but are taking for ourselves.

But when we put others before ourselves, then the Presence of Christ becomes real in our world

It is easy for us to slip into selfishness. The sacrament of penance protects us from falling into our own self-centeredness. People prepare for confession by asking themselves where they have turned away from God in serious matters or, usually, where they see themselves starting to slip away from God by putting themselves before their spouse or their children. When I participate in a confession like this, mediating God's forgiveness, I know that there is a great marriage and a great family here. The husband, wife, mother or father, or child for that matter, realizes that selfishness is an offence against the love that makes the relationship a relationship with Jesus Christ. He or she is seeking not only forgiveness, but the strength to keep Christ as the center of their love. They are worthy of Him.

Perhaps today's Gospel passage was initially directed to those whose faith in Jesus Christ would be attacked by members of his or her own families. Certainly, there are many great martyrs who had to choose Christ over their families. Young girls like St. Agnes and St. Lucy, St. Perpetua and St. Felicity, St. Agatha and St. Cecilia and St. Anastasia were forced to choose between their families and living a Christian life. There are many young men who had to make the same choice, notably St. Jose Luis Sanchez del Rio, and St. Pancras, St. Gabriel of Poland, St. Crescentius of Rome, Blessed Andrew Phu Yen of Vietnam. They accepted the choice of Jesus Christ, even though they had to sacrifice their families and their very lives. Jesus tells them, and us for that matter, "Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

What is the *raison d'etre* for your life, for my life? What is the reason for the living of your life, of my life? What is the reason for being of your life, of my life? What motivates us? What give meaning to our lives?

The answer to these and all ontological questions, all questions of being, is Jesus Christ.

Are we not aware of what happened at our baptism and what continues to happen as we live the Christian life? We are transformed by the Love of God.

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun June 28	2 Kgs 4:8-11,14-16; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42
Mon June 29	Acts 12:1-11; 2Tm 4:6-8,17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Tue June 30	Am 3:1-8,4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27
Wed July 1	Am 5:14-15,21-24; Mt 8:28-34
Thu July 2	Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8
Fri July 3	Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29
Sat July 4	Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17

OUR LADY OF CHARITY: MASS INTENTIONS

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS : Hermelene Thomas , Septimus Johnson , Kim Robinson , Carol Dufresne, Ian Ranjitsingh , Dashaun McMullen , Tyla Lloyd , Phyllis Smith , Ariaiah Layne John Spellman V, Diana Baptiste, Sandra Charity Jackson , **We pray to the Lord**

ALTAR BREAD : For the month June is donate by Florence Haynes thanking God for his amazing grace and mercy, **We pray to the Lord**

ALTAR WINE: For the month of June is donated by Florence Haynes for God's continued protection on Ron & Ivan Haynes, , **We pray to the Lord**

TODAY'S MASS : Memorial mass for Morgan David Gabriel thanking God for his life, May his soul rest in peace requested by his sister Rita Gabriel Adams, **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

Sunday, June 28 th	11:30AM Mass, Birthday Blessings for Cynthia Charles
	Bread and Wine for Ashley Jack, Birthday Blessings, Requested by The Family
	Sanctuary Lamp for Catherine Nelson, In Thanksgiving for Life and Birthday Blessings
First Friday, July 3 rd	10AM Mass and Eucharistic Adoration for Melona Barber and Christopher, Jr. Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving For Life, Requested by Rosanne Barber

ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday June 27	6:00pm – Wedding anniversary blessings for Simone & Anthony Lambert by Cita Ferguson
Sunday June 28	7:30am – Healing for Legion of Mary members by Legion of Mary 9:30am – a. R.I.P. Juan Hernandez by wife, Clara y Hijos b. R.I.P. Felipez Gomez by Raquel George 11:30am – Birthday blessings for Wendy & Mary Garcia Samuel by Wendy Samuel 1:30am – Birthday blessings for Nardochee by Evelyn Barreau
Monday June 29 <i>Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles</i>	7:30am – 3 year anniversary in heaven Jevon Fraser by Sharon Fraser 9:00am – I.L.M. of Ironia , Frank Lee Sr. & Frank Lee Jr. Hayes by Antoinette Hayes
Tuesday June 30 <i>The 1st martyrs of the R.C.C.</i>	7:30am – Blessings for my children by Gertrude Agbasonu 9:00am – Birthday blessings Nicolas Herve Desdunes by grandma, Yolette
Wednesday July 1 <i>St. Junipero Serra, priest</i>	7:30am – Asking God to heal Aunty Merle's arthritis by Letitia Pavy 9:00am – Blessings for my family & my daughter by Letitia Pavy
Thursday July 2	7:30am - Healing for our families, friends & parishioners 9:00am – R.I.P. Norma Smith by Martinez Francois
Friday July 3 <i>St. Thomas, Apostle</i>	7:30am – Birthday blessings for Kyle John 9:00am – That God will give us the courage to stand for truth, equality, and liberty.
Saturday July 4	8:00am – Birthday blessings for Catherine Nelson

BREAD FOR JUNE



Birthday blessings for Fitzroy Frank requested by wife, Princess Frank

BREAD & WINE FOR JULY



Birthday blessings for Nardochee Norzea & Birthday blessings for Evelyn Barreau requested by Evelyn Barreau

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 # _____

OCIA

OCIA stands for ORDER 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. OCIA 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 5:30PM-6:00PM or anytime by appointment in the Rectory.
- ◆ Samedi 5:30PM-6:00PM ou du moins appelez du presbytere pour un rendez-vous.
- ◆ Sábados de 5:30PM-6:00PM 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 peuvent 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 Comunión de uno de nuestro ministros de la Comunión Favor notificar la rectoría.

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 participación en nuestras clases bautis-

Prayers for Homebound, Hospitalized & Sick:

Judith Adams, Carmen Allen, Rita Antomez, Armelle Amilcar, Hillary Amarosa, Loraine Quash– Antoine, Monica Belfon, Marque & Yael Barber-LaFon, Joanne Barber-Rivera, Melona Barber, Jason Bascom, Joyce Belfon, Fr. Black, Lorna Blair, Elena & Silvestre Brathwaite, Ismay Brewster, Jahonah Brown, Jihan Brown, Recy Brown, Rose Brown, Isabella Bugett, Claudette Butler, Patricia Burrowes, Claudette Butler, Yolande Cadet, Estela & Lizette Caesar, Eslyn Canning, Cathleen Charles, Delcia Charles, Marcel Charles, Maria Clouden ,Cecilia Clovie, Nelia Collins, Marilyn Coates, Virginia Cox, Daphne Critchlow, Golda Critchlow, Theresa Cudjoe, Veronica Dale, Angela Daniels, Shirley Daniels, Kathleen Philbert DeJesus, Marcella De Sandies, Joseph Drew, Stephen Duncan, Dorothy Edwards, Una Europe, Stella Emmanuel, Elardo Flemmings, Sherwin Fung, Winston Gabriel, John Gale, Ryan Gee, Catherine & Deacon Roy George, Bernadette Gilbert, Trina Gonzalez, Rachel Green, Kellon Hagley, Kelly Hagley, Nicholas Halyard, Gwendolyn Harding, Pat Harris, Gary Heyliger, Beverly Hillyer, Jack Hinds, Maureen Hinds, Pierre & Elreta Hinds, Florence Holder, Danielle Huie, Agnes Hunter, Kerlyne Hyppolite, Anasha Inniss, Carlyn Jabouin, Donna James, Mary James, Roberta Jennings, Janet Cayenne-Jobity, Marva John, Alsie Johnson, Nicole Johnson, Magdalena Joseph, Ian Kellman, Lucy King, Albert Kirton, Kanelle Lang, Rhoda Lewis, Sampson Lewis, Marjorie Lopez, Luis Manuel Lorenzo, Madelin Lorenzo, Vivian Boykin Lott, Norberto Lovell, Jean Lubin, Gloria Lynch, Hubert Lynch, Barbara Manuel, Judith Matthew, Tom McCafferty, Laura McDonald, Mavis McDonald, Vernita McDowell, Gemma Mejias, Yolanda Vergara– Mills, Marcelina Morales, William Morris 111, Isai Munoz, Marta Munoz, Nelson Munoz, Suzanna Neil, Claudette Norde, Helena O'Brien, Mother Dolores Olf, Keena Ollivierre, Neva Osse, Dereck & Sharlene Paul, Ronaldo Nano Paul, Andre Perry, Chung Peters, Mary James Peterson, Marie Pierre, Sonia Prescott, Ann Primo, Val Quash, Len Quash, Dorothy Irons Reid, Catherine Richards, Kathy Ann & Emris Richards, Elizabeth Rivera, Carlos Rudas, Fr. Saay, Elvin & Winston Saunders, Lidia Saunders, Winnette Saunders, Patricia Scantlebury, Donald & Francita Scott, Fr. Robert Seay, James Smith, Pamela Smith, Pema Smith, Robert Smith, Fr. Souvenir Jean-Paul, Grace Springer, Basil Suarez, Antonio Sultan, Brenda & Javier Talango, Jean Thornhill, Allison Thorpe, Lyonette Tribie, Margit Trumpet, Muriel Turner, Malik Wellington, Lyn White, Terrance Williams, Leandro Wilson, Reynold Williams, Christine Wright, Joan Wright, Natasha Wright, Vilma Zuniga.

Special Prayers For:

Arlene & Dean Jackson, Florence Haynes, Diana Ronalds, Georgeann Campbell, Daphne Critchlow, Helena Pugh, Almarie Mc Coy, Marge Holas, Nigel & Jacinta James, Kahlee Otumba, Traveri, Logon & Caleb Cadore, Dunstan Braville, Selwyn Noel & family, Gladcia Drew, Phyllis & Junior Lewis, Junior Vincent, Lucy King, Kathy Ann & Socia Romain, Emillio Simon, Eliza Thomas, Michael Perry Harris, Pat Pascal, Ryan Duncan, Kenville Providence, Donna Brouet, Gail Greene, all families represented here today, **We pray to the Lord.**

Our Special World Prayer:

All students, teachers and principals, President Donald Trump & his family, Vice President JD Vance & his 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.

WEEK OF SUNDAY 06/28/2026 @ ST. GREGORY

+ SUNDAY SCHOOL CLOSED UNTIL SEPTEMBER, 2026
+ 10:00AM Recitation of the Holy Rosary – Church
+ 10AM Senior Choir Rehearsals-Church
+ 11:00AM Confessions - Church
+ 11:30AM Mass - Church (Live Stream)-
+ CREDIT UNION – OPEN

MONDAY 06/29/26

NO Choir Rehearsal – Church

FIRST FRIDAY 07/03/26

+ 10AM Mass and Eucharistic Adoration -Chapel
+8PM Bible Study

FIRST SATURDAY 07/04/26

+ 8PM Light Fest Prayer Group - via zoom

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COLLECTION 6/20– 6/21/2026

ST. MATTHEW

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
6:00 PM	32	872.00	644.25	1,516.25
7:30 AM	87	3,572.00	640.50	4,212.50
9:30 AM	64	984.00	387.75	1,371.75
11:30 PM	56	1,269.00	562.85	1,831.85
1:30 PM	30	635.00	105.00	740.00
L.I.R.	9	250.00	—	250.00
Total	278	7,582.00	2,340.35	9,922.35

ST. GREGORY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
11:30AM	28	1,672.00	353.60	2,025.60
Total	28	1,672.00	353.60	2,025.60

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
10:00AM	55	2,855.00	—	2,855.00
Total	40	2,855.00	—	2,855.00

ST. MATTHEW EXPENSES

INCOME	2024 Jan – June	2023 Jan-Jun	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
TOTAL INCOME	819,448	776,250	43,198
EXPENSES			
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)
TOTAL 3 EXPENSE	865,212	873,296	8,714
NET LOSS	(45,764)	(97,675)	51,912

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

*ALL ARE INVITED to join St. Gregory the Great **BIBLE STUDY**. Please be advised that Bible Study is temporary moving to Whatsapp on Fridays at 8PM due to technical difficulties with Zoom. Any questions, please contact Ms. Catherine Abdullah*

Eastern Time (US and Canada)

(A Book of the Bible is picked (By the Group) alternatively, from the Old Testament, followed by The New Testament.)

Studying Book of the Acts of the Apostles

NOTICE CHANGE: Link for Bible Study-TEMPORARY CLOSED. WILL USE WHATSAPP UNTIL FUTHER NOTICE. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85498875775?pwd=Nk4zY3BVOUFmVzRUSDJodlllWSDArUT09>

To Join Zoom Meeting please use

Meeting ID: 813 5507 9639

Passcode: 907481

On tap mobile Dial 929 205 6099 using Meeting ID and Passcode

(ALL ARE WELCOME!)

LIGHT FEST PRAYER GROUP Meets in Person at St. Gregory R. C. Church every "SECOND SATURDAY" of every month at 5 PM in the Chapel. The remaining Saturdays of the month, Light Fest Prayer Group meets on zoom in the Light Fest Reading Room from 8PM to 9PM. Dial 929-205-6099 using meeting ID 823 6244 2148 and passcode 424370. (Please contact any member for information on book currently being read.)

St. Gregory the Great – Religious Education is CLOSED

SUNDAY SCHOOL will reopen in September, 2026

(Date to be determined)

Ms. Monica Flemmings, Director Religious Education

MARCUS GARVEY the 2nd Sunday of every month at 2 P.M.

ALL ARE INVITED - Recitation of the Holy Rosary every Sunday at 10AM before 11:30AM MASS during our regular schedule

Every First Friday Mass @ 10 AM with Eucharistic Adoration in Chapel (Rectory Basement)

UPCOMING MTGS. & EVENTS @ ST. GREGORY

SAINT GREGORY NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMER LEISURE GROUP Walks from 7PM UNTIL 8PM for exercising & Socializing on Mondays. The group meets at St. Gregory's Church, Corner of Brooklyn Avenue.

Please contact Ms. Margaret Mary Casey if you are interested in joining the walk by contacting her at email at mcasey148@aol.com.

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Starting the Summer months of July and August, 2026 the Rectory office will be CLOSED on Fridays for business. Rectory office will open Mondays thru Thursdays from 9AM until 6PM.

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Our Summer Mass Schedule will begin on Sunday, July 5th and continue during the months of July and August. On Sundays there will be NO 11:30AM Mass. Rosary recitation will begin at 9:30AM followed by Mass starting at 10AM. Our Regular Mass Schedule will resume on Sunday, September 6th at 11:30AM.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

+++EUCHARISTIC ADORATION+++



Every Wednesday and Friday after 9:00 am
Mass 12:00 noon. **Every First
Friday we have Exposition after the 9 A.M.
Mass until 9 P.M.**

EXPOSITION & 1000 HAIL MARY'S

There will be **NO EXPOSITION** on Friday, July 3rd, and
NO 1000 HAIL MARY'S on Saturday July 4th.

PETER'S PENCE

Peter's Pence is the mission of the Pope to proclaim Christ's message of unity and peace with the world. The aims are : "1) To support the Holy Father's mission, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples, and
(2) To support the numerous charitable works in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development."

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

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 the birth certificate.

SIGHT AND SOUND

SIGHT N SOUND trip to Lancaster Pennsylvania to see the play "JOSHUA"

DATE: Saturday, November 28th, 2026

PRICE: \$200 for adults and \$146 for children ages 3 -12.

DEADLINE for FINAL PAYMENT IS AUGUST 31ST. NO REFUND WILL BE ISSUED AFTER AUGUST 31ST.

P.S. When you are making a down payment. please bring exact cash, we will not have any change.

We have ordered a second bus, if you are interested in going on the trip, please contact the rectory as soon as possible and leave your name.

A Thank You Letter from Rev. Msgr. Pierre André Pierre

My Dear Father Gopaul, Brother Priests, Deacons, My Former Staff at the National Center of the Haitian Apostolate, Dear Collaborators, and Beloved Parishioners,
Peace and joy in our Lord Jesus Christ!

My heart is overflowing with profound gratitude as I reflect on the beautiful celebration of my 47th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination. I am writing to express my deepest, most heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your prayers, your overwhelming generosity, and your tireless efforts in contributing to the realization of this celebration.

To our Pastor, Fr. Antonius Peter Gopaul, and my brother clergy: thank you for your warm hospitality, your fraternal support, and for opening the doors of this vibrant parish so beautifully to host this milestone. To my former staff and collaborators at the National Center of the Haitian Apostolate: thank you for standing by my side for 5 years, keeping our ministry alive against all odds through your unwavering dedication. To the liturgical ministers, the choirs, the organizers, and every volunteer who gave so freely of their time and resources: your dedication transformed our Eucharistic celebration into a spectacular reflection of God's love.

When I look out at our wonderful, diverse Tri-Community made of English speaking, Spanish speaking, and Creole speaking, I am reminded of the great witnesses of our faith. Just as Deacon Lawrence presented the people of Rome as the true treasures of the Church, and just as Mother Teresa saw the face of Christ in everyone she served in Calcutta, I look at you and echo those same sentiments from the bottom of my soul:
"You are really my thanksgiving."

The six years of pastoral ministry I have spent sharing life, faith, and prayer with the families of St. Matthew, St. Gregory the Great, and Our Lady of Charity are an incredible grace from God. Your vibrant faith, your resilience, and your love have sustained my priesthood and enriched my ministry. You—the people and collaborators I have been called to serve alongside—are the true harvest of my 47 years of priesthood, and the greatest gift of this anniversary.

Concerning the National Center of the Haitian Apostolate, a monumental work built over the last 50 years, I pray that, in spite of all odds, the Lord in His mysterious ways will keep alive the legacy of Bishop Guy Sansaricq. May the Lord continue promoting the integration of the Haitian population, with their rich cultural background, into the Church community of the USA, while embracing the many opportunities that this country offers them.

As I celebrate this milestone with you, I must also share a new chapter in my priestly journey. The Diocese has assigned me to serve the community of St. Clare and St. Pius X in Rosedale, New York, effective June 30, 2026. As I prepare for this transition, please know that I bear you all in my heart and prayers. I ask you, please, to pray for me that the Lord may give me the blessing to serve His people in this new assignment with renewed love, dedication, enthusiasm, and joy.

May the Lord continue to bless you abundantly, keep you united in His love, and fill your hearts with His divine peace.
With my paternal blessings and deepest affection,

Rev. Msgr. Pierre André Pierre