

St. Matthew Parish



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Pastoral Staff

Pastor

Fr. A. Peter Gopaul

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Pierre

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Mass Schedule:

First Friday 10:00am

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

Reconciliation after 10 A.M. Mass

Office Staff

Secretary: Rosanne Barber
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D.R.E: Monica Flemmings

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am-6:00pm

Closed on Fridays during the months of July & August

Closed for lunch 1-2 P.M.

St. Matthew

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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:

Secretary: Patricia Romain

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday:10am-6pm

Catholic Cemeteries—

80-01 Metropolitan Ave.
Middle Village, NY 11379
Tel:718 – 894-4888



The parable of the mustard seed. *"And Jesus said, behold the mustard seed. It is the smallest of seeds yet it grows into a large bush."*

I want to begin this article with something you are doing right now, but might be taking for granted: reading. We all can pick up a newspaper or a magazine or a novel or whatever and in a few moments be brought into a world beyond our immediate surroundings. We can learn new things; we can develop our own intelligence; we can agree or disagree with someone we have never met and never will meet; we can be transported to the world of imagination, etc all due to our ability to read.

Now how did this start? How did we learn how to read? We started, most of us, with blocks and individual letters. We learned what sounds these letters represented. Then we put the letters together and learned how to spell words. We even learned new words. We put the words together and learned new concepts or reinforced that which we had learned. In very small steps we went from the letters on the blocks to being able to read the philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas.

It all began in a small way. It all began with letters. The Kingdom of God is like a child learning his or her letters. Time goes on and Mom and Dad and teachers work with the child, and the child's ability to read grows so great that the child becomes a professor of English Literature. And so it is with the Kingdom of God. Great-Grandma and GreatGrandpa taught their children their prayers. They brought their children to Church and taught them with their lives to value their relationship with the Lord. And their children became parents and did the same. And their children are the Moms and Dads of our parish. The Church is full of good Christian men and woman, people of all walks of life, even priests, all living the values of the Kingdom of God, the spiritual realities of life.

And now you are doing the same. You are teaching the ABC's of religion to your children. You have faith that the Kingdom of God will spread through them. So, don't wonder if anything is getting through to the children. Don't allow yourself to think that maybe nothing is happening for your children. Trust in God. If a child who learns his letters can become a professor of English Literature, a child who learns the simplest lessons of faith can become a great force of love for the Kingdom of God. Say prayers with your children. Allow God to turn the tiny mustard seed into a great plant.

The parable of the weeds and the wheat. And Jesus said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like the farmer who sowed wheat, then an enemy came and sowed weeds...." The weeds and the wheat grew together. "Let us get rid of the weeds," said his workers when the weeds and the wheat were still tiny plants. "Better not," said the farmer, "you might lose some of the wheat too."

We'll wait until they are ready for harvesting when we're sure we know what is weed and what is wheat. Then we'll get rid of the weeds."

The Kingdom of Heaven is like the School where we send our treasures, our children. They are not finished products when they get there. They have to do a lot of growing. They are still our treasures, and we love them. Perhaps in the school there are other children who may not have experienced basic human values. Perhaps, they have been raised in violent households, or households torn apart by some form of chemical dependency. Perhaps, they have witnessed people hurting others, taking what is not theirs, using bad language, doing terrible things. As a result, these children may have some pretty rough edges. Should the principal of the school throw the children from dysfunctional homes out before they cause serious problems, or should he give them the opportunity to learn basic values from the school and even from their classmates? Yes, children need to be removed from the mainstream if they do something that threatens the welfare of the other children, but they are not going to be removed if they have not offended gravely, because the plants are still young and there may be wheat where we think there is weed.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like the life of every man and every woman. There is that in each of us which is wheat. There is that which is weed. Should God destroy us because of the weed in us? Or should he give us time? Perhaps that which is weed in us can be overtaken by that which is wheat. A strong prayer life goes a long way in preventing serious sin.

The Divine Farmer isn't ready to give up on the crop. We shouldn't give up on ourselves. God knows that what may appear to be weed is in reality wheat. For example, a man has a drinking problem. His drinking is destroying himself and his family. Through prayer and the determination to change his life and through his own openness to the grace of God, he goes for help. He first becomes a member of AA. Then he is active in helping others. Now for the last fifteen years he is dry. He is still an alcoholic, but his condition has resulted in virtue overcoming vice. Now he helps others. God didn't give up on him. He didn't give up on himself. What looked like weed, the sickness of alcoholism, turned out to be wheat as he brings God's healing to other alcoholics.

The parable of the mustard seed: the little efforts we make for the Kingdom of God have a tremendous impact upon the world. The parable of the weeds and wheat: God has infinite patience. He is not about to give up on his people. We should not give up on others. And we should not give up on ourselves.

The parable of the mustard seed and the parable of the weeds and the wheat. Two simple parables. Two simple stories. Two tremendous sources of encouragement for us.

Amazing Grace.

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun July 19	Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Mon July 20	Mi 6:1-4,6-8; Mt 12: 38-42
Tue July 21	Mi 7:14-15,18-20; Mt 12: 46-50
Wed July 22	Sg 3:1-4 or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Jn 20:1-2,11-18
Thu July 23	Jer 2:1-3,7-8,12-13; Mt 13: 10-17
Fri July 24	Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13: 18-23
Sat July 25	2 Cor 4: 7-15; Mt 20: 20-28

OUR LADY OF CHARITY: MASS INTENTIONS

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS : Jesikiyah Saleem , Karina Davis , Georgeann Campbell , King-Lee Diego Attong, , Dominic Duliepre Jr. , George Bellinger Jr., Melody Allyene , Christine Hudson/ Almonte, Kamron A. Gillette , Nandi Simone , Fr. Apollio, Rawle Munro , Louisa Sebron , Elizabeth Hinds , Salisha Francis,

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 :
We pray to the Lord.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY : Mr. & Mrs. Henkshire Matthews , **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, July 19th	10AM Mass for Caleb, Birthday Blessings, Requested by Mom Jemma Christian
Sunday, July 26th	10AM Mass for Curtis & Agnes Smith for Health, Strength and Birthday Blessings and Wedding Anniversary, Requested by Maria Clouden

ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday July 18	6:00pm – Birthday blessings for Cita Ferguson & Liam Lambert by Cita
Sunday July 19	7:30am – Birthday blessings in heaven Jevon Fraser by Sharon Fraser 9:30am –a. I.L.M. of Clemencia Norales by the Rochez family b. R.I.P. Juan Carlos Marrero by Juana Polanco 11:30am – Repose of the soul of Elizabeth Vigier by Simone Gaston & Vigier family 1:30am – a. Birthday blessings for Evelyn Barreau b. I.L.M. of Immacula Michel by Marie Coeur Altidor
Monday July 20 <i>St. Apollinaris</i>	7:30am – Birthday blessings & good health for Maureen Hinds by the Hinds family 9:00am – God's healing blood on Nancy Guzman for a successful surgery
Tuesday July 21 <i>St. Lawrence of Bindisi</i>	7:30am – Repose of the soul of Martin Anthony Redhead by Joan Greenidge 9:00am – R.I.P. Ana Lantigua by Nancy Guzman
Wednesday July 22 <i>St. Mary Magdalene</i>	7:30am – Birthday blessings for Nadia Andrews 9:00am – Birthday blessings George Fosten by brother, Edmund Williams
Thursday July 23 <i>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel</i>	7:30am - Thanksgiving for Vilna St. Louis Smart & Archangel Michael Bourne by Tamarah St. Louis & family 9:00am – Birthday blessings for Nicole Andrews
Friday July 24 <i>St. Bridget</i>	7:30am – I.L.M. of Ivan Felipe Meraldo Mata Urena by Lillian Mata & family 9:00am — Birthday blessings for Nyla Andrews
Saturday July 25 <i>St. James</i>	8:00am – Birthday blessings for Ian Smith

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 presbytère 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 presbytère 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 malades 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 presbytère 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 presbytère 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 bautismal es un requisito para el bautismo. Favor de encontrar el diacono Colon para fijar la fecha y clases

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, Marcelina Morales, William Morris 111, Isai Munoz, Marta Munoz, Nelson Munoz, Suzanna Neil, Claudette Norde, Helena O'Brien, Mother Dolores Olff, 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, Michael Perry Harris, Kendall Wilson, Phyllis & Junior Lewis, Junior Vincent, Kathy Ann & Socia Romain, Lucy King, Pat Pascal, Eliza Thomas, Emillio Simon, 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 07/19/2026 @ ST. GREGORY

+ SUNDAY SCHOOL CLOSED UNTIL SEPTEMBER, 2026
+ 9:30AM Recitation of the Holy Rosary – Church
+ 9:30AM Confessions - Church
+ 10AM Mass - Church (Live Stream)-
+ CREDIT UNION – OPEN

MONDAY 07/20/26

+ 7PM Summer Leisure Walking Group-meeting in front of Church- (weather permitting)

FRIDAY 07/24/26-RECTORY OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR BUSINESS

+8PM Bible Study (reading 1st Samuel) – (meeting on Whatspp)

SATURDAY 07/25/26

+ 5PM Light Fest Prayer Group - Chapel
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85498875775?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85498875775?pwd=Nk4zY3BVOUFmVzRUSDJodlIWSDArUT09)
[pwd=Nk4zY3BVOUFmVzRUSDJodlIWSDArUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85498875775?pwd=Nk4zY3BVOUFmVzRUSDJodlIWSDArUT09)

COLLECTION 7/11– 7/12/2026

ST. MATTHEW

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
6:00 PM	60	1,815.00	202.10	2,017.10
7:30 AM	91	4,637.00	580.50	5,217.50
9:30 AM	61	1,293.00	321.66	1,614.66
11:30 PM	64	1,436.00	441.75	1,877.75
1:30 PM	36	693.00	106.76	799.76
L.I.R.	29	1,873.40	—	1,873.40
Total	341	11,747.40	1,652.77	13,400.17

ST. GREGORY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
10:00AM	36	1,433.00	290.25	1,723.25
Total	36	1,433.00	290.25	1,723.25

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
10:00AM	51	2,881.00	—	2,881.00
Total	51	2,881.00	—	2,881.00

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 1st Samuel

NOTICE CHANGE: Link for Bible Study-TEMPORARY CLOSED. WILL USE WHATSAPP UNTIL FUTHER NOTICE. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85498875775?pwd=Nk4zY3BVQUFmVzRUJDJodllWSDARUT09>

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 more information)

St. Gregory the Great – Religious Education is CLOSED

SUNDAY SCHOOL will reopen in September, 2026

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. (Weather permitting) 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 or 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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EVERYONE IS WELCOME! THE 77TH PRECINCT AND FRIENDS OF BROWERR PARK PRESENTS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT COMMUNITY POLICE PARTNERSHIP

On Tuesday, August 4th, 2026 from 12 Noon to 6PM at Brower Park in Crown Heights (Kingston and St. Marks & Pak Place)

FREE FOOD & REFRESHMENTS, ENTERTAINMENT, RESOURCE FAIR, KIDS ZONE AND NEIGHBORS UNITED. DONATIONS ARE NEEDED. SEE FLYER ON INFORMATION TABLE.

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.**

The Divine Mercy is recited during the reposition. "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)

Let us pray

[that we may be guided by the light of faith.]

Father, you revealed your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star.

Lead us to your glory in heaven
by the light of faith.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

GIFT SHOP

Located @ the back of the Church, selling an array of
religious articles including rosaries.

Open on weekends before & after Mass.

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 and birth 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.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

Has its roots in Jewish table prayers and consists of six parts:
The Preface; The Sanctus; The Epiclesis; Words of Institution/
Consecration; The Mystery of Faith; and the Anamnesis,
Offering, Intercessions, and Doxology.

Preface: During the Preface, the priest says, "The Lord be
with you." The people reply, "And with your spirit" (the peo-
ple should not raise their hands). The priest says, "Lift up
your hearts," and the people respond, "We lift them up to
the Lord" (from Lam 3:41); again, the people should not raise
their hands because this is a gesture used only by the priest.
The priest is offering this prayer on behalf of all the people.
It's a time for our most profound concentration, free of
earthly concerns, completely in spirit with God.

The Sanctus: The people will either say or sing, "Holy, Holy,
Holy, Lord God of host..." This prayer takes us spiritually to
heaven (Is 6:3). We are preparing to encounter Christ, who
will become present at the altar. We kneel as we fall in rever-
ence after prayer/singing this hymn. The second part of this
prayer, known as the Sanctus, are the exact words the
crowds used to greet Jesus as He rode into Jerusalem.
"Blessed are you that comes in the name of the Lord" (Ps
118: 26). We sing to welcome Christ into our Church through
His presence in the Eucharist.

The Epiclesis: This is an invocation prayer where the priest
prays that the Father sends the Holy Spirit to change the
bread and wine so that they may become the Body and Blood
of Jesus. The priest says, with hands extended: "Therefore,
Oh Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit gracious-
ly make holy these gifts..." (Euc. Prayer 111).

The Words of Institution and Consecration: "Take this, all
of you, and eat of it, for this is my body..." These are the-
words Christ spoke at the last supper (Mark14: 22-25).
This act replaces the biblical "memorial" practice of
reliving the Passover, which was mystically made present,
as Christ is now made present in the Eucharist. The
Mystery of Faith: In reverence, the priest genuflects in
silence, then says,

"The Mystery of Faith." The people have three acclama-
tion options, "When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup
we proclaim your death, Oh Lord" (1 Cor 11:26)
is commonly used.

**The Anamnesis, Offering, Intercessions, and Final
Doxology:** This portion gives us time to ponder and length-
en the mystical moment. The priest tells God the Father
that the Church has been faithful, "Therefore, as we cele-
brate the memorial of His death and Resurrection," and
follows with the offering, "We offer you in thanksgiving
this holy and living sacrifice." Next, the priest prays for all
(intercessions), the Pope and the local bishop, and those
who will receive the Eucharist. This part concludes with
the Doxology "Through him and with him..." (Romans
11:36) and "Great Amen" Giving praise to heaven.