

St. Matthew Parish



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Pastoral Staff

Pastor

Fr. Frank Black

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Mass Schedule:

Mon. -Sat. 8:30am; Sat. Vigil-5pm

Sunday 11:30am

Saturday: Reconciliation-4:00 pm

Office Staff

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Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:00am-4:00pm

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Mass Schedule:

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

Saturday 8:00am & 8:00pm

Saturday: Reconciliation-7:30 pm

Sunday:

English-7:30am & 11:30am
Spanish 9:30am; Kreyol 1:30pm

Office Staff

Secretary: Sharon Andrews

D.R.E.: Steven Horka

Office Hours:

Monday:9:30am-4:00pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:
9:30am-7:00pm

Thursday: 9:30am-9:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am-7:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am-4:00pm

Our Lady Of Charity

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Brooklyn, NY 11213

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Mass Schedule:

Sunday: Rosary 9:00am

9:30am-Praise & Worship

10am-Mass

Office Staff:

Secretary: Patricia Romain

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday:10am-6pm

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Middle Village, NY 11379

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REFLECTION: 19TH SUNDAY

Today's Gospel presents a miracle that we moderns see as scientifically amazing. Jesus, a man, walks on water. Humans can't do this. When we hear the response of the disciples, "You are certainly the Son of God," we assume that the disciples were amazed at this physical proof that Jesus was more than just a man.

However, to the ancients of New Testament times, the miracle was greater than the overcoming of scientific laws. To them the seas and lakes stood for chaos. They were afraid of water. They believed that the seas and lakes contained turmoil that only God could control. They remembered that in the creation account in *Genesis*, God demonstrated his power by separating the seas and allowing the firmament to form. Only God could control the mighty power of the oceans. The Romans and Greeks, the most powerful nations the world had ever seen, joined the fear of the rest of the world and would never sail too far out of sight of land. They would rather hug the coast than sail across the Mediterranean. That is one of the reasons why it took two years for the Romans to take our patron, Ignatius, from Antioch to Rome. The sea was terrifying. It contained monsters like sharks and whales. It could be calm one moment and fierce the next. No one would challenge the water.

Jesus walked on the water. He was divine. He did that which only God could do. He tamed the waters. He beckoned Peter to join him. And Peter walked on water. He was given the power of God to be greater than the sea. Peter walked on water. But he was not doing this under his own power. He was relying on the power of Jesus who was calling him to join him onto the sea. All was going well for Peter, but then he lost his focus on Christ. He began to be more concerned with his ability to conquer the turmoil than with his response to the Lord who called him to come to him.

Peter sank. Jesus saved him, and commented on the weakness of Peter's faith. Peter began his aquatic adventure trusting in God. Then he began to trust in himself more than God. Before he knew it, he was drowning. He needed Jesus to reach out his hand and save him.

Sometimes our lives are so full of chaos and turmoil that we feel as though we are trying to walk on a terrible, turbulent ocean. School, work, finances, relationships, sickness, all add to our stress. We wonder how we are going to make it through it all. There are times we would just like to hide from everything. But we can't. We have to leave the boat and respond to Jesus' call to join him on the water. He conquers chaos and turmoil. We have to trust him

There are many examples of saints who gave their lives in heroic trust. There are also many examples of people who may not have attained heroic martyrdom, but who nevertheless live their faith in heroic trust.

Many of you have done this. You have taken a sick relative or friend into your home. You knew that this would bring turmoil, even chaos to your already turbulent life, but you heard the Lord calling you out of the boat, and you have walked to him, walking over the chaos.

Another example: A young man and woman take a step out of the security of their parents' home into the new life that they must form with each other. If they are wise, they realize that they cannot make a happy marriage alone. They trust in the Lord and have Him in the center of their wedding and the marriage.

Instead of a destination wedding outside of the Church, or a sunset wedding on a nice beach but without the sacramental presence of the Lord in the sacrament of matrimony, they get married in the Church and ask Christ to be the center of their new life. They walk over the water to Him who is calling them to be one with Him in marriage.

Or a young married couple trusts God to direct them in a new adventure which will radically change their lives. They are going to have a baby. To others this might seem to be a normal, everyday occurrence, but for them it is an adventure. This new life will be totally dependent on them. Every new mother and father ask themselves, can I do this? And they can, with God's help they can raise a new member of His Kingdom. But they have to trust God to direct him through the challenges of life the new life within them or in that cradle will occasion. Jobs change, new homes are sought in unknown places, there is turmoil, but Jesus is there, walking on the water of chaos, calling them to come to him and to trust in Him.

Even if we should falter, even if we should make mistakes, the Lord is still there for us, reaching out his hand, keeping us from being engulfed by chaos, smiling at our feeble attempts to trust in ourselves instead of Him, gently chiding us about our lack of faith.

There is nothing that life can throw at us that we cannot overcome with the Lord. Even death. Recently, I spoke with an elderly lady whose body was quitting on her. She told me that she was not afraid of dying because she has placed everything in God's hands. If and when she dies, she will die in his arms. He reaches to us, Jesus, and pulls us out of the turmoil, out of the chaos, out of the sea.

Today we pray for the courage to trust in the Lord.


WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun Aug.13	1 Kgs 19:9,11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33
Mon Aug.14	Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27
Tue Aug. 15	Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a; 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56 Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4,15-16;16:1-2; 1 Cor 15::54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Wed Aug. 16	Dt: 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20
Thu Aug. 17	Jos 3:7-10a,11,13-17; Mt 18:21—19:1
Fri Aug. 18	Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12
Sat Aug. 19	Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

WHAT IS THE MASS ?

Here are some ways that you can participate more fully in the Mass:

- ◆ Research the Mass: its history, its substance, and its meaning.
- ◆ Think about what you are saying as you recite the prayers of the Mass
- ◆ Be enthusiastic as you speak the words of the responses
- ◆ Sing with your whole heart and soul
- ◆ Pay close attention to the homily
- ◆ Allow yourself to feel a sense of awe during the Consecration
- ◆ Realize you are receiving the Real Presence of Jesus during Communion
- ◆ Spend a few moments before you leave Church in silent meditation and prayer, thinking about what you experienced. Did you experience God's presence?

ST. GREGORY: MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 12th	8:30 AM Mass for Eileen Cobb, R.I.P., Requested by Dianna Cobb-London 5 PM Vigil Mass for Etienne Francois, R.I.P., Requested by Jerome Jean-Francois
Sunday, August 13th	11:30 AM Mass for Andrew, Ancil & Michael Joseph Cobb, R.I.P., Requested by Dianna Cobb-London
Tuesday, August 15th	8:30 AM Mass for Julia Bramwell, R.I.P., Requested by Amy Francis
	Bread & Wine for Carl Callender, R.I.P., Requested by The Callender Family


ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday August 12	8:00pm – Anniversary of Ordination for Fr. Mark Itua requested by his mom
Sunday August 13	7:30am – Holy Name Society 9:30am –RIP Agustin & Bienvenida Peña by Julian Peña 11:30am – Birthday blessings for my beautiful sister, Gloria, by Melba Brown 1:30pm – A. For the people of the parish B. Thanksgiving Cynthia Gaie by Betty Desrosiers C. Blessing and healing for Rose Augustine by Idelle Legerme
Monday August 14	7:30am – In loving memory of Sonia Concepcion Garibaldi & Alberto Blake Garibaldi by Delano Francisco Caton 9:00am – Messe de recuiem pour le repos des ames de tous les defunts de la famille Morneus et Fenelus decedes
Tuesday August 15	7:30am – The Johnson family 9:00am – In loving memory of Rafael Gomez by Milagros Gomez y hijos
Wednesday August 16	7:30am – In loving memory of my parents Preston & Enid Johnson by Alphonso Johnson 9:00am – R.I.P. Marie Madeleine Charles by Exantus Constant
Thursday August 17	7:30am – Blessings & healing for Fr. Andy 9:00am – Healing for Lydia & Janice
Friday August 18	7:30am – Birthday blessings, health & life for Felix Guzman by Victoria Guzman 9:00am – 90 yr Birthday blessings for my dad Constant Barreau by Evelyn Barreau
Saturday August 19	8:00am – In loving memory of Mersalie Fortune by Ann Marie Fortune

ST. MATTHEW-BREAD & WINE - AUGUST

BREAD


In memory of my sister, Gloria P. Hope requested by Melba Brown



WINE

Thanksgiving and protection requested by Juliet Williams and children

ST. MATTHEW CANDLE –AUGUST 13-19



Healing for all sick parishioners, physical, mental, emotional or spiritual.

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

For the homebound, hospitalized and sick

Carmen Allen, Armelle Amilcar, Monica Bain Lewis,
Viva Baker, Melona Barber, Wisel Barber,
Constant Barreau, Evelyn Barreau,
Ejannah Barrett, Catherine Bernard, Elma Figaro
Bernard, Mother Juanita Brathwaite,
Marjorie Brathwaite-Pierre, Silvester Brathwaite,
Ismay Brewster, Diandra Brown, Evelyn Brown,
Cadore & Allen families, Yolande Cadet
Virginia Caesar, Delcia Charles, Germaine Charles,
Amy Clough, Martha Cortez, Louisa Cummins,
Mother Veronica Dale,
Mother Jessey Danzy, Catherine DeLeon,
Carmen Desilva, Berard Desrosiers, Eulalia Diaz,
Deacon Roy Dudley, Lula Durio, John Edgehill,
Stella Emmanuel, Gloria Farley, William Forrester,
Mother Carrie Frasier, Lorna Fyffe, Angela Gabriel,
Cynthia Gairy, Muriel Gomez, William Grayson,
Violetta Hamilton, Estes Holder, Joie Horsford
Danielle Huie, Enid Huntley, Dorothy Irons-Reid,
Serge Jabouin, Antoinette Jones, Kallel Joseph,
Elaine King, Viola King, Rhoda Lewis, Percival Lewis,
Sampson Lewis, Stephanie Logan, Francisco Lopez,
Carmen D. Lorenzo, Jocelyn Lynch, Barbara Manuel,
Darsen Marcellin, Virginia Marcellin, Theresa Marriott,
Mother Pearl Matthews, Dorothy Mazzio,
Vera McArthur, Leticia McDowell, Dylan Stephens-
McKee, Kerry Mills, Edson Mitchell, Isai Monroe,
Patricia Moorehead, Alicia Mungo, Nelson Munoz,
Suzanna Neil, Wilmot Nedd, Mother Dolores Olf,
Gabrielle Ortiz, Floe Patrick, Cynthia Pilgrim,
Lettuce Rayson, Catherine Ricards, Carlos Rudas,
Fr. Robert Seay, Leonora Speid, Mary Thomas,
Mother Margaret Thompson, Martel Vendryes,
Russell Wilson.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR :

Vida Boyea, Kerry Mills, Oliver Joseph,
Phyllis Brown, Lelitza & Nathan Ford, Simprina Au-
guste, Lourdes Ayala, Obama family, Griffith, Sandi-
ford, Lewis and Crockwell families. All students,
teachers and principals, President Donald Trump &
family, our Government, prayers and petitions in our
prayer basket, for all Priests especially those serving
at Charity, for Religious Vocations, and an increase in
Religious Vocations, all men and women serving our
country, the elders, all who are
incarcerated, and unexpressed prayers,
We pray to the Lord.

PARISH PRAYER:

For our parish, that the three communities of St. Mat-
thew, 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

WEEKLY MEETINGS @ ST. GREGORY

SUNDAY 08/13/17

+ 10 AM Service at Marcus Garvey Manor
+ 11:30 MASS in Church
+ GIFTSHOP+ CREDIT UNION

MONDAY 08/14/17

+ 8:30 AM Mass - Chapel

TUESDAY 08/15/17

+ 8:30 AM Mass – Chapel

WEDNESDAY 08/16/17

+ 8:30 AM Mass - Chapel

THURSDAY 08/17/17

+ 8:30 AM Mass in Chapel

+ After Mass Senior Bible Study-Rectory basement

FRIDAY 08/18/17

8:30 AM Mass -Chapel

SATURDAY 08/19/17

+ 8:30 AM Mass – Chapel

+ 4 PM Confessions - Church

+ 4 PM-Vigil Choir Rehearsal - Church

+ 5 PM Vigil Mass in Church

WEEK OF SUNDAY 08/13/17 @ ST. MATTHEW

+ 11:45am Legion nidi de la Presentation

+ 1:30pm Youth Ministry

MONDAY 08/14/17

+ 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

+ 7:00 PM Haitian Charismatic Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY 08/16/17

+ 11am– Senior Group

FRIDAY 08/18/17

+ 5 PM English Legion of Mary

+ 7 PM Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group

SATURDAY 08/19/17

+ 4 PM-Youth Choir Rehearsal

+ 4:15 PM Haitian Legion of Mary

O. L C WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE

+ 1st, 2nd & 3rd, **Mondays** A .A Group 6pm—9pm

+ 3rd **Tuesdays** 7pm

Liturgy Meeting 7pm

AA Group 6pm-9pm

Thursdays A. A. Group 6pm —9pm

Praise & Worship Team 7pm

+ **Fridays** -Feather Men 5pm

2nd, 3rd & 4th **Saturdays**

Bible & Culture 10am—noon

+ **Every Saturday** Prayer Group 8 am-10

2nd & 4th **Saturdays** Liturgical Dancers

Every Saturday Feathers Meeting 5pm

Every **Sunday** after Mass- Choir Rehearsal

+ 3rd **Sunday**-Baptism

+ 1st & 3rd **Sunday** -Apologetics

REVIVAL!

Come join us for St. Matthew "Blow the Trumpet" Revival from Monday, August 14th - Friday, August 18th @ 7:30pm nightly. On Tuesday the 15th we will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption with a Trilingual Mass during the revival. Fr. Elveau Augustine from Dominica will be the celebrant **@ St. Matthew**

YOUNG ADULTS SUMMER BBQ!

The Young Adult ministry will be hosting a Fundraising BBQ on Saturday, August 19th, starting at 2 PM in the Church parking lot. Tickets are \$8 which includes (a meal and a beverage). There will be additional items on sale as well as games, face painting and music. We will also have a raffle to help raise funds for Fr. Apollo's school in Ghana

The Deanery Young Adult ministry will also be hosting a back to school BBQ fundraiser in the school yard on Saturday, September 9th, to help underprivileged students. For the last two weeks in August we will be collecting school supplies and distribute them during the BBQ in September. Please pick up the list at the back of the Church for the school drive **@ St. Matthew**

RAFFLE! RAFFLE!

The Altar Rosary society is selling tickets for their annual fundraising raffle. The tickets are \$1 each or 5 tickets for \$6.

1st prize - \$200; 2nd prize- \$100; 3rd prize - A tablet

The drawing will take place on Sunday, September 3rd.

St. Matthew English Charismatic Prayer Breakfast

When: Saturday, September 16, 2017

Place: St. Teresa of Avila Hall (563 Sterling Place)

Speaker: Fr. Trevor Nathasingh

Time: 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Tickets: \$15 for adults; \$ 7 for children 12 and under

FAREWELL TO OUR BELOVED, FR. JOY

In mid October Fr. Joy will be returning to his diocese in Ghana. It is with heavy hearts and great sadness that we will have to say goodbye, but his **JOY** will be forever in our hearts. We will let you know the date of the celebration. **@ St. Matthew**

Feast of St. Gregory – 3 Nights of Prayer

In Church @7 PM in preparation for the Feast Day Mass on Sunday., September.3rd @ 11:30am.

@ St. Gregory

On Saturday, September 30th, 2017 you are all invited to join The ***Usher Board Annual Outing to Atlantic City Resort Casino***. The bus will depart from St. Johns Place in front of the church at 7:30AM. Breakfast will be served.

Cost: \$45 per person. Voucher: \$15

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Mass Book for 2018 is here. You can make your Mass Intentions for next year. If you have several dates, please kindly write your request clearly with requested date and time and please indicate what it's for, for example R.I.P., Birthday Blessing, etc.

@ St. Gregory

Food Pantry is every other Wednesday from 12-1PM. Sandwiches served Monday through Friday from 12-1pm **@ St. Gregory**

Food Pantry every Tuesday between 9am & Noon except on 5th Tuesday **@ St. Matthew**

GIFT SHOP

Has the Magnificat for August. You can purchase it in the gift shop located @ the back of the Church, The gift shop is open on weekends before & after

LABOR DAY CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, September 3rd—Mass and celebration with Bishop Neil E. Tiedemann at 2:30 PM. There will be no 9:30 and 1:30 Mass on that Sunday. We will have our usual 8PM Saturday night Mass on September 2nd and 7:30 AM Mass on Sunday, September 3rd.

We will have Caribbean Day after the Mass and we are inviting everyone to contribute a dish and wear a local costume which is representative of your country. Please note that food will not be for sale. If you would like to purchase a table to sell goods or artifacts, please contact the rectory.

On Labor Day, Monday September 4th we will have a brief mass at 9:30 AM before marching in the parade.

If you would like a T-shirt and cap please sign up in the rectory **at St. Matthew** Church (corner of Utica & Eastern Parkway)

COLLECTION 08/05—08/06

ST. MATTHEW

Mass	Enve- lopes Used	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8 PM	39	715.25	233.00	948.25
7:30 AM	133	3,544.00	472.19	4,016.19
9:30 AM	49	964.90	307.25	1,272.25
11:30 AM	82	1,879.00	592.83	2,471.83
1:30 PM	61	665.00	116.15	781.15
L.I.R.	27	1137.00	—	1137.00
TOTAL	391	8,905.15	1,721.52	10,626.67

ST. GREGORY

Mass	Enve- lopes Used	Envelope Collec- tion	Loose money	Totals
5:00 pm	21	992.00	88.35	1,080.35
11:30AM	37	821.00	674.16	1,495.16
Grand Total	58	1813	762.51	2,575.51

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

Mass	Enve- lopes Used	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Total
10am	40	1,038.00	42.00	1,080.00
Free Will	10	215.00	—	215.00
Grand Total	50	1,253.00	42.00	1,295.00

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Almighty God, We bless you for our lives, we give you praise for your abundant mercy and grace we receive. We thank you for your faithfulness even though we are not that faithful to you. Lord Jesus, we ask you to give us all around peace in our mind, body, soul and spirit.

We want you to heal and remove everything that is causing stress, grief, and sorrow in our lives.

Please guide our path through life and make our enemies be at peace with us. Let your peace reign in our family, at our place of work, businesses and everything we lay our hands on. Let your angels of peace go ahead of us when we go out and stay by our side when we return. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL & OFFERING

Our generous parishioners, we are not nearly where we should be for our Annual Catholic appeal goals, please be sure that you are making your pledges and sending in your appeal envelopes. The determination of our diocese, our Church and the future of practicing our faith in the most meaningful way with the holy Eucharist depends on *all* of our generosity. Searching deep within to help those who are more needy than ourselves, helping to keep as many of our churches & schools open, helps ensures that our children can practice their faith in the same way that we do. Allowing Catholic Charities to continue to be a beacon for so many who are in need of food, clothing, & shelter are just some of the help that the appeal lends

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal: As we prepare for the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal, ***Live in Faith— Give in Love***, we need to remember the purpose of the yearly appeal: to continue to address some of the financial needs that remain unmet— both at the diocesan and local levels. The bulk of these needs remain our support of the core component of Catholic Charities, Catholic Migration Services, Vocation Support, Catholic Education, Faith Formation, Chaplaincies, Care for Retired Priests-and Parish Assistance.

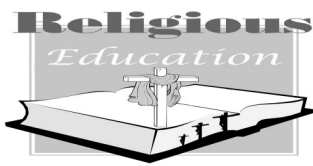
The diocesan goal for the 2017 Appeal has not been raised and remains at 8 million. The individual parish goal remains the same. Remember our goal is based on our assessment: based on your collections.

Our individual Parish goal for the 2017 Annual Catholic appeal is \$112,638.00. This is the goal for the entire Parish, this includes the 3 faith communities, St. Matthew R.C. Church, St. Gregory the Great R. C. Church and Our Lady of Charity R. C. Church. Knowing the goodness of our parishioners when we see the need, we respond! Again, this year, the Bishop has agreed to gift back all monies collected over the goal to the Parish. This will help us to meet some of the needs for our parish. We are counting on all of us to come together as a community and make the pledges to help sustain our parish and to help those who help shepherd us and those who help the poor.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and for making the sacrifice to help out those that are in most in need. May God continue to bless St. Matthew Parish with its three faith communities.

SACRAMENTS & REGISTRATION

SCHOOL OF RELIGION @ ST. MATTHEW



Registration forms are now available at the doors of the Church & in the Rectory.

Payments for registration received **after** 6/30 will be \$70.00.

Please attach a Copy of Your Child's Baptism Certificate, If Not Baptized, Attach a Copy of their Birth Certificate. **DEADLINE FOR ALL REGISTRATION IS AUGUST 31ST, 2017.**

School of Religion @ Our Lady of Charity

Registration for school of religion is **ongoing**

School of Religion @ St. Gregory

Registration for Sacrament is **ongoing**

RECONCILIATION:

Confessions @ 7:30pm Saturday's or by appointment

MARRIAGE:

Marriage sacrament requires a time of spiritual preparation. Therefore, couples should make arrangements six months to a year before the planned date, by making an appointment with the parish priest

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

If you or a loved one is near death or very ill and need a priest to administer anointing of the sick, we encourage you to call the chaplain of the hospital or call our rectory

PARISH REGISTRATION

We urge everyone to register in the parish. Any letter concerning sponsorship for the sacraments or testimonial letters will only be issued to registered parishioners of 6+ months. Please register @ the rectory.

SACRAMENTS & REGISTRATION

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, each must be Catholic, practicing their faith (letter from the Church stating this), and have their confirmation certificate. The baby can be baptized with only one god parent.
3. One parent must be baptized Catholic and have their baptism certificate as proof.
4. Once these requirements are fulfilled, we encourage you to call and set a date. Children 7 & under can be baptized w/o CCD classes.

RCIA

RCIA stands for RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS and is composed of a series of sessions bringing people together to experience the prayer life of the church as well as learn about its doctrines and teachings. Using the Bible, the Sacred Liturgy as well as the Catechism of the Catholic Church, participants prepare themselves to receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation & Eucharist.

RCIA is the name we give to the process that guides people in their decision to enjoy full communion with the Catholic Church.

RCIA is offered in Spanish & English and are for people who:

- ◆ Was baptized in the Catholic Church but is un-catechized and has not received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation
- ◆ Was baptized in another Christian denomination and wishes to be received into full communion in the Catholic Church
- ◆ Was never baptized & wishes to become Catholic.
- ◆ Want 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.