

# St. Matthew Parish



St. Gregory, St. Matthew & Our Lady of Charity

Website: [www.stmatthewrc.org](http://www.stmatthewrc.org)

## **Pastoral Staff**

### **Pastor**

Fr. Frank Black

### **In Residence**

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### **Priests**

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

Sunday 11:30am

Saturday: Reconciliation-4:00 pm

### **Office Staff**

**Secretary:** Rosanne Barber Ext.100

**D.R.E.:** Monica Flemmings

### **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

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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:**

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### **Catholic Cemeteries—**

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## 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time: The Charism of Peter

Sometimes people will say that a place radiates a certain spirit.

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Now all of this, be it about places or about people, is experienced on the human level. There are people and places that radiate a spirit on a higher level, a spiritual level. I have never been to the Holy Land, but I understand that those who have feel a presence of God. I certainly have been to Rome, and I can tell you that I have felt overwhelmed by the spiritual in St. Peter's, Mary Major, St. John Lateran and the many other places of worship there.

Many times people will say that they met a person who radiates the Presence of the Lord in a unique way. People said this about St. Theresa of Calcutta and Pope St. John Paul II. These saints radiated holiness. The sainted Pope conveyed a sense of being the living mission of the Church. The holy nun conveyed a sense of being the very charity of Christ.

Those who have been to Assisi know that the spirit of St. Francis lives on in this city almost eight hundred after his death. When you go to Assisi you experience the presence of the poor man of God, the saint of peace.

The ways in which a person reflects God is due to that person's charism. A charism is a gift from God to the Church for the world. The source of the charism is God. The person who receives the charism receives it for the world

Peter received a charism. He received the gift of being the leader of the Church. We read about this in today's Gospel. The Lord said that the Church would be founded on the Rock, Peter. Like Eliakim of the first reading, Peter would have the keys to admit people into the presence of the Lord. It is clear in the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of St. Paul, that Peter was first among the apostles, first among those who were called to proclaim the Kingdom of God on earth. Peter took leadership in the Church at Pentecost. After he, the apostles and Mary, received the Holy Spirit, Peter led everyone out to the Temple and began preaching the good news to the people. After Saul became Paul, after the persecutor of the primitive Church accepted Jesus Christ, Paul spent three years in the desert reflecting on his experience of the Lord on the Road to Damascus. He then went to Jerusalem to receive Peter's blessing and commission to bring the Good News, the Gospel to the world.

All the apostles recognized that Peter was given the charism to lead the Church. And Peter realized that he had to take up his position of leadership to the center of the then known world, Rome. We do not know how Peter got to Rome. We know that he was there, though. There are stories that Paul consulted with Peter in Rome, particularly regarding the conversion of Syracuse in Sicily. We know that Peter died in Rome, crucified head down. The excavations under the Basilica of St. Peter revealed a tomb with the words, Here Lies Peter, and the body of a large man of Palestinian origin.

We also know that when Peter died, the charism he was given to lead the Church remained active in Rome. The one who took his place, St. Linus, and those who followed him, St. Cletus, St. Clement, and so forth, were all recognized as having received the charism that the Lord gave to Peter to lead the Church. As time went on, these bishops of Rome would be given the title, Pope, Papa, Father of the Family, leader of the Church.

So what does all this mean to us?

It means that the charism of Peter lives on in the Catholic Church. This leadership is experienced in the teaching of the Holy Father and the teaching authority of the Church. It means that we know who we are as Catholics. Our beliefs come from the teaching authority of the Church. The term we use for this is magisterium. We benefit from the charism of Peter, the charism he received at the Roman city of Caesarea Philippi. The charism of Peter remains in the Pope and in the magisterium. The way we live our lives, our morality, flows from our faith. We know that we can't give lip service to the faith and live as pagans. We also know that we are human beings. We need the help of God to be His Presence for others. The Church provides for us. We treasure the gift of the Eucharist as the food we need for the journey of life. We treasure the sacrament of reconciliation, confession, where we bring our humanity before the Lord seeking the strength to overcome evil around us and within us. Every aspect of our lives revolves around the Lord, including our last days as we receive the sacrament of sick and begin our journey home.

The Catholic Church is the oldest and largest organized body in the world. We have a history. Those who hate us often point out negative incidents in our history. And it is true, some of our history is dark, as some human beings throughout the centuries behaved more like pagans than Christians. But these individuals were not acting as true representatives of the Body of Christ on earth. They acted as flawed human beings using their positions of leadership for their own immoral gain. They were never really the Church. They never took their own commitment to Jesus seriously. And they were a minority. The vast majority of the people of their time were committed Catholics. And there were many saints among them. There are many saints among us. All of us have been edified by people whom we know will never be canonized but whose lives pointed us to Christ.

A recent survey claims that there are 1.285 billion Catholics in the world. There are over 85 million in North America. (I think the majority of them tried to come to Mass here last Easter.) To put it simply: there are a lot of us. But we are united into one body, the Church, with Christ as our head and with Peter's successor as our leader here on earth. An elderly man, in his last days, once said to me, "I am Catholic, and I love being Catholic." And so do we all.


WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun Aug.27	Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20
Mon Aug.28	1 Thes 1:1-5,8-10; Mt 23:13-22
Tue Aug. 29	1 Thes 2:1- 8; Mt 6:17-29
Wed Aug. 30	1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 24:42-51
Thu Aug. 31	1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
Fri Sept. 1	1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
Sat Sept. 2	1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

**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.**

**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.

**ST. GREGORY: MASS INTENTIONS**

	Bread & Wine for Thelma Calder, R.I.P., Requested by Lennox & Family
<b>Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup></b>	5 PM Mass for Michelle Tege, In Thanksgiving, Requested by Janet Paul
<b>Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup></b>	11:30 AM Mass for Arthur Jack, R.I.P., Requested by The Family
<b>Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30 AM Mass for Thelma Calder, R.I.P., Requested Lennox & Family
<b>Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30 AM Mass for Lennox Calder, Birthday Blessings & Thanksgiving For Life, Requested by Rosanne Barber
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup></b>	10 AM Mass for Neide Edouard, R.I.P., Requested by Emila Edouard
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	8:30 AM Mass for The Repose of The Souls In Purgatory, Requested by Cornelia Robergeau  5 PM Mass for Linda Norde Champagne, R.I.P., Requested by Her Aunt Claudette

**ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday August 26</b>	<b>8:00pm</b> – Thanksgiving & blessings for all our families by Candace Clark
<b>Sunday August 27</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – Vocations for priests by Floe Patrick <b>9:30am</b> –Wedding anniversary blessings for Odeth & Nicolas Sevilla <b>11:30am</b> – Birthday blessings for Stephanie Seales by children & grandchildren  <b>1:30pm</b> – For the people of the parish
<b>Monday August 28</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – R.I.P. Joseph Letang Raymond by Marie Denise Augustin <b>9:00am</b> – Thanksgiving for Fadia St. Juste by Elizabeth St. Juste
<b>Tuesday August 29</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – R.I.P. Lydia & Edna Felix by Lawrence Felix <b>9:00am</b> – Healing for Sr. Anna & Fulvia Parris
<b>Wednesday August 30</b>	<b>7:30am</b> –Blessings & guidance for children and young adults returning to school <b>9:00am</b> – Vocations to the priesthood and religious life
<b>Thursday August 31</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – Thanksgiving for my family by Fr. Juan <b>9:00am</b> – Birthday blessings for Alberte Delaunay by her Mom.
<b>Friday September 1</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – God’s grace and mercy for Wayne Armani by Sheila Philbert <b>9:00am</b> – For holy vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & religious life by Janet Cayenne
<b>Saturday September 2</b>	<b>8:00am</b> – R.I.P. Ricky Langelier by St. Matthew staff

**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 27-SEPT 2**



Healing for all sick parishioners, physical, mental, emotional and 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 Richards, 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, Lelitz & 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.**

## WEEKLY MEETINGS @ ST. GREGORY

### **SUNDAY 08/27/17**

+ 10 AM Service at Marcus Garvey Manor  
+ GIFTSHOP + CREDIT UNION

### **THURSDAY 08/31/17**

+ 8:30 AM Mass in Chapel  
+ After Mass Senior Bible Study-Rectory basement  
+ 7 PM Prayer Service {*Gregory a Man of Prayer and Learning*}  
*What about us?*

### **1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY 09/01/17**

10 AM Mass with Eucharistic Adoration with Disciples In  
Mission- Chapel  
+ 7 PM Prayer Service {*Gregory a Man of Humility, Wisdom,  
Vision and Discipline*} *What about us?*

### **1<sup>st</sup> SATURDAY 09/02/17**

+ 8:30 AM Mass – Chapel  
+ After Mass - Rosary Society Recitation of 1000 Hail Mary -  
Chapel  
+ 4 PM Confessions - Church  
+ 4 PM-Vigil Choir Rehearsal - Church  
+ 5 PM Vigil Mass in Church  
+ 6 PM Light Fest Prayer Group - Church  
+ 7 PM 7 PM Prayer Service {*Gregory a Man of Limitless  
Charity and Holy Zeal*} *What about us?*

### **WEEK OF SUNDAY 08/27/17 @ ST. MATTHEW**

+ 11:45am Legion nidi de la Presentation  
+ 1:30pm Youth Ministry

### **MONDAY 08/28/17**

+ 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous  
+ 7:00 PM Haitian Charismatic Prayer Group

### **WEDNESDAY 08/30/17**

+ 11am– Senior Group

### **FRIDAY 09/01/17**

+ 5 PM English Legion of Mary  
+ 7 PM Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group

### **SATURDAY 09/02/17**

+ 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

**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**

**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

**LABOR DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Sunday, September 3rd—Mass and celebration with Bishop Neil E. Tiedemann at 2:30 PM. There will be no 9:30, 11:30 and 1:30 Mass on that Sunday. We will have our usual 8 PM 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 on sale. Please contact the rectory if you would like to participate or if you would like to purchase a table to sell goods or artifacts. **at St. Matthew**

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)

**YOUNG ADULTS SUMMER BBQ!**

The Deanery Young Adult ministry will also be hosting a back to school BBQ fundraiser in the school yard on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 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

**Celebration Mass of The Feast of St. Gregory the Great**

*Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 AM—Church  
ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND*

**On Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 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. Tickets will be available for purchase. See the Ushers after Mass. Any questions or additional information, please see John Montanez

***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**

**CLOSED FOR LUNCH**

**Starting Monday, August 28th the rectory will be closed for lunch from 1pm to 2 PM, Monday through Saturday. @ St. Matthew**

**St. PADRE PIO**

St. Padre Pio relics comes to St. Patrick Cathedral in New York city on Sunday, September 17,2017 from 7AM to 8 PM. For more information about the public veneration please call 616-537-7830 ext.828 or send an email to SylviaRivas@saintpatrickscathedral.org.

For additional info. About the tours please call 203-416-1471 or send an email to info@saintpiofoundation.org

**COLLECTION 08/19—08/20**

**ST. MATTHEW**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Enve- lopes Used</b>	<b>Envelope Collection</b>	<b>Loose money</b>	<b>Totals</b>
8 PM	52	1,690.00	237.07	1,927.07
7:30 AM	109	2,184.00	490.11	2,674.11
9:30 AM	42	803.00	258.00	1,061.00
11:30 AM	91	2,065.00	930.00	2,995.00
1:30 PM	49	553.00	146.60	699.60
L.I.R.	23	644.00	—	644.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>7,939.00</b>	<b>2161.78</b>	<b>10,000.78</b>

**ST. GREGORY**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Enve- lopes Used</b>	<b>Envelope  Collec- tion</b>	<b>Loose money</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>5:00 pm</b>	29	768.00	166.00	934.00
<b>11:30AM</b>	37	835.00	331.46	1,166.46
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>1,603.00</b>	<b>497.46</b>	<b>2,100.46</b>

**OUR LADY OF CHARITY**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Enve- lopes Used</b>	<b>Envelope Collection</b>	<b>Loose money</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>10am</b>	65	1,674.30	19.00	1,693.30
<b>Free Will</b>	8	217.00	—	217.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1,891.30</b>	<b>19.00</b>	<b>1,910.30</b>

**The Widow's Offering**

*Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.*

*Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."*

**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.

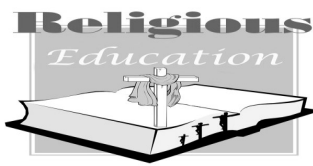
The diocesan goal for the 2017 Appeal has not been raised and remains at 8 million. The individual parish goal remains the same. Remember our goal is based on our assessment: based on your collections.

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.