

# 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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Sunday 11:30am

Saturday: Reconciliation-4:00 pm

### **Office Staff**

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**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:**

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### **Office Hours:**

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## Msgr. Pellegrino : Where is the seed being thrown?

Today's Gospel reading contains the Parable of the Sower. I have a story to tell of a fussy vegetarian. A young woman was committed to being a vegetarian, but she was never satisfied with any of the fruit or vegetables she bought. For her, all melons were too ripe, or not ripe enough. In her eyes, she could never find tomatoes that weren't bruised. Heads of cauliflower and broccoli were too big or too little. She was never happy.

Then one day, driving down Tarpon Avenue, she drove past a new store with a long line of people waiting to get in. She looked, and the sign said, *God's Fruit and Vegetable Stand*. "Finally," she said, "I can get some decent vegetables and fruit." So she stood on line and waited. Hours went by before she walked into that door. She was enveloped in light, but she didn't see any apples or oranges or tomatoes or cabbage, or anything to buy. She walked to the light, and there was a counter there. And behind the counter, there stood God. She could tell it was God because of the light, and because he had an apron on with a big G on it. Anyway, she placed her order, "I would like some perfect broccoli, and some perfect carrots, some perfect tomatoes and a perfect melon. Also, if you have perfect Brussel sprouts, that would really be a miracle." "Sorry," God said, "I only sell seeds here."

Actually, God doesn't sell seeds, He gives seeds to us. The seeds are his Word in its many expressions. But we have to do something with this gift. It simply is not enough just to hear the Word of God. We have to let it grow within us to such an extent that we are covered in its foliage. It is simply not enough to go to Church. We have to be Church. It is not enough to read the Bible. We have to be People of the Word.

The Divine Sower is throwing seed. And not a few seeds. He is throwing out big huge handfuls. He is pouring out his Word upon us. We've got to do something more than just let the seed hit the ground. We've got to be good soil. We have to nourish the Word of God. We have to strengthen it. We have to let it take root and grow.

So we hear the words: Love one another. That's nice. And useless. Useless unless we are able to look at that person in our family whose life has become the bane of our existence and make up our minds that we are going to end the vicious cycle of sarcasm, of silence, of nastiness, and maybe even of hatred. *Let the Word of God take root and grow.* We need to pray for that father who avoids us, and look for ways that he might enjoy our presence. We need to pray for the mother who snaps at us, and find a way to ease her burdens and fears. It may be something as simple as making dinner. We need to pray for that child who is both hurting and hurtful.

We have to refuse to let him or her destroy himself or destroy us. Instead, we rebuild him with encouragement; we rebuild her with reinforcement. Give children the opportunity to succeed. And support whatever success they might have, even if, like you and I, that success is imperfect. It is not enough for the Word of God to be scattered into a home. It must take root. When it is nurtured by our prayers, and cared for with our charity, it will grow.

This is where St. Paul comes in. St. Paul says in the second reading, "I consider the sufferings of the present nothing compared to the glory to be revealed to us." Maybe this appears to be one of those lost statements. Something that we shelve until a crisis hits us. Wrong. To be a Christian is to accept suffering and accept the challenge of the Cross. It is a challenge and it is suffering for us to swallow our pride and forget about what he or she said or did for the sake of making love real in our family. That's not easy. Our pride does not like stepping aside. But that is how the Word of God will take root and grow.

The Divine Sower throws his Word on us to look with love and compassion on all the people in the world. We live under the constant threat of terrorism. Yet, for us to worship the Word of God and allow it to grow, we cannot return hatred with hatred. Yes, we must be protected from radical Islam, but if we allow these people to reduce us to hatred, then we are trampling the seeds of God under our feet. Have any of us prayed for the terrorists, prayed that they see that their actions are only destroying themselves? Let's be honest. It is hard to pray for them. In fact, it is suffering; particularly if you know someone who has been killed or hurt by terrorists or who has been sent to fight radical Islam. But we have to pray for them. And that hurts. Still, the suffering of this present life are nothing compared to the Glory that is to be revealed to us.

The Divine Sower is throwing seeds. He is begging us to let his Word take root. But how can it take root if instead of soil it is thrown into a cesspool? How can His Word grow when it is thrown into a society that condones immorality, even supports immorality, in the name of freedom and political correctness? How can it grow when we willingly participate in the worst of our society? Pornography is destroying our society. Men are treating women like objects, not like people of love. Women are letting it happen, even joining in, in the name of liberation. How can the Word of God take root in a place where the soil has been replaced with sewage? The Word of God can't grow in a cesspool. But it takes courage and suffering to stand up against the immoral aspects of society.

"Lord come and heal the pains of our lives, of our world" we pray. And He gives us what we need. He gives us His Word. But the Word is a seed. What are we going to do with it?

**BREAD & WINE, CANDLE, BLESSINGS**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

WEEKLY READINGS	
<b>Sun July 16</b>	Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
<b>Mon July 17</b>	Ex 1:8-14,22; Mt 10:34—11:1
<b>Tue July 18</b>	Ex 2:1-15; Mt 11:20-24
<b>Wed July 19</b>	Ex 3:1-6,9-12; Mt 11:25-27
<b>Thu July 20</b>	Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
<b>Fri July 21</b>	Ex 11:10—12:14; Mt 12:1-8
<b>Sat July 22</b>	Ex 12:37—42; Jn 20:11-18

**OUR LADY OF CHARITY INTENTIONS**

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

**Anima Christi**

Soul of Christ, make me holy  
 Body of Christ, be my salvation  
 Blood of Christ, let me drink your wine  
 Water flowing from the side of Christ, wash me clean  
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me  
 Kind Jesus, hear my prayer  
 Hide me within your wounds  
 And keep me close to you  
 Defend me from the evil enemy  
 And call me at the hour of my death  
 To the fellowship of your saints

**ST. GREGORY: MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup></b>	5 PM Vigil Mass for All the Sick of our Parish
<b>Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup></b>	11:30 AM Mass for Clarisa Jacques & Elma Wong Chong, Birthday Blessings

**ST. GREGORY-BREAD & WINE - JULY**

 **Arthur & Audrey Davis, R.I.P., requested by The Callender Family**


**ST. MATTHEW EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Adoration in the Chapel:  
 Monday – Friday  
 After 9:00 am Mass until 12:00 noon.  
 The Divine Mercy is recited during the reposition.  
 Benediction every First Friday at Noon  
*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)*

**ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS**


<b>Saturday July 15th</b>	<b>8:00pm</b> – Birthday blessings for Cita and Liam Lambert by Clta Ferguson
<b>Sunday July 16th</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – Birthday blessings for Arlene Houk by Floe Patrick  <b>9:30am</b> –Repose of the soul Valentin Santana by Carmen Arias  <b>11:30am</b> – R.I.P Rita and Desmond McMilan by Judith George and Family  <b>1:30pm</b> – For the people of the parish
<b>Monday July 17th</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – Thanksgiving to St. Matthew by Marlene Augustin  <b>9:00am</b> – Thanksgiving by Denise Jean Magloire
<b>Tuesday July 18th</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – Healing for Lydia  <b>9:00am</b> –Health & protection for Ethelbert Louisy, Berthelina Melius & kids by Marah Vincent
<b>Wednesday July 19th</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – Healing for Norma & Ian  <b>9:00am</b> – Repose of the soul for Ninon Calixte-Voigt & Anicee Nicoleau-Lamour by Myriam Voigt
<b>Thursday July 20th</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – Healing for Cynthia & Floe  <b>9:00am</b> – Gracia Divino Nino por la orracion a todos los ninos del mundo by Victoria Guzman
<b>Friday July 21</b>	<b>7:30am</b> – Healing for all sick parishioners  <b>9:00am</b> – Birthday blessings Maureen Hinds by family
<b>Saturday July 22nd</b>	<b>8:00am</b> – Birthday Blessings for Nadia Andrews by family

**ST. MATTHEW-BREAD & WINE - JULY**

 **Bread**  
 In thanksgiving for God's Mercy and Love requested by Ms. Veronica Harris

**Wine:**  
 Thanking God for his many blessings especially healing, joy and peace requested by the Andrews family

**ST. MATTHEW CANDLE JULY 16th –22nd**

 Birthday blessings in heaven for Lucile Laguerre requested by Evelyn Barreau

## 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, 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, Mother Dolores Olf,  
Gabrielle Ortiz, Floe Patrick,  
Lettuce Rayson, Catherine Ricards, Carlos Rudas,  
Leonora Speid, Mother Margaret Thompson,  
Martel Vendryes, Russell Wilson.

### **SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR :**

Vida Boyea, Sharon Andrews, Kerry Mills,  
Oliver Joseph, Phyllis Brown, Lelitz & Nathan Ford,  
Lourdes Ayala, Kenneth & Gwen Woodroffe & family,  
Obama family, Griffith, Sandiford, Lewis and Crock-  
well 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 Reli-  
gious Vocations, and an increase in Religious Voca-  
tions, all men and women serving our country, the  
elders, all who are incarcerated, and unexpressed  
prayers, **We pray to the Lord.**

## WEEKLY MEETINGS

### **SUNDAY 07/16/17**

+ 10 AM Service at Marcus Garvey Manor  
+ 11:15 AM Call to Worship  
+ 11:30 MASS in Church  
+ GIFTSHOP  
+ CREDIT UNION

### **MONDAY 07/17/17**

+ 8:30 AM Mass - Chapel

### **TUESDAY 07/18/17**

+ 8:30 AM Mass - Chapel

### **WEDNESDAY 07/19/17**

+ 8:30 AM Mass - Chapel

### **THURSDAY 07/20/17**

+ 8:30 AM Mass in Chapel

+ After Mass Senior Bible Study-Rectory basement

### **FRIDAY 07/21/17**

+ 8:30 AM Mass -Chapel

### **SATURDAY 07/22/17**

+ 8:30 AM Mass - Chapel

+ 4 PM Confessions - Church

+ 4 PM-Vigil Choir Rehearsal - Church

+ 5 PM Vigil Mass in Church

### **WEEK OF SUNDAY 07/16/17 @ ST. MATTHEW**

+ 11:45am Legion nidi de la Presentation

+ 1:30pm Youth Ministry

### **MONDAY 07/17/17**

+ 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

+ 7:00 PM Haitian Charismatic Prayer Group

### **WEDNESDAY 07/19/17**

+ 11am- Senior Group

### **FRIDAY 07/21/17**

+ 5 PM English Legion of Mary

+ 7 PM Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group

### **SATURDAY 07/22/17**

+ 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

**\*\*\*\*\*FR. ELVEAU'S SPECIAL MASS\*\*\*\*\***

celebrating his 29th anniversary of priesthood, will be held on Monday, July 17th at 7 PM, followed by a reception in the Parish Center. All are invited to come out and celebrate with him. @ St. Matthew

**YOUNG ADULTS SUMMER BBQ**

Will take place on Saturday, July 19th at 10 AM. Food, drinks will be on sale. We will have games and other activities. @ St. Matthew

**ENGLISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

Remember! Charismatic Conference to Scranton, Pennsylvania on August 4th thru 6th . Shirley Crooks at 917 518-4626 for more information @ St. Matthew

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

will be having their annual pilgrimage to Blessed Katharine Drexel Shrine in Bensalem , Pennsylvania on **Saturday, August 5th**. Tickets available from members of the Holy Name Society or in the rectory. @ St. Matthew

St. Matthew's Fundraising Committee will celebrate St. Matthew's Feast Day with a Black & White Gala at Glenn Terrace Catering Hall on Sunday, September 24, 2017, from 5pm-10pm. Tickets are \$100.00 in advance and \$110.00 at the door. Tickets may be purchased from Fundraising Committee members or at the Rectory. @ St. Matthew

**EAST BROOKLYN CONGREGATIONS**

Join us again on **Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul Community Baptist Church** to take action with **NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill and Housing Commissioner Maria Torres-Springer**. Let's press for solutions and commitments on gun violence, immigration raids, better relationships with the police, and new truly **affordable housing** for families & seniors.

We committed to bring at least **200** and we need you there. To sign up, please go to the rectory Everyone will be in their seats by 6:45 PM; the assembly will start promptly at 7:00 PM. St. Paul is located at 859 Hendrix Street (off of Linden Blvd) in East New York.

**PILGRIMAGE:ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA**

Come join Fr. Frank Black on a Fatima & Cultural Portugal Pilgrimage in October 2017.

Price: \$2,798.00 per person double occupancy.

Included: \*\*Roundtrip from NYC. 6 night accommodation: Breakfast and dinner daily Touring & entrance fees Services of a professional tour guide Transfers to and from international airports Entrance fees —Date: Departing October 8,2017  
**Final payment is due by August 7,2017**

**Feast of St. Gregory – 3 Nights of Prayer**

In Church @7 PM in preparation for the Feast Day Mass on Sunday., September.3<sup>rd</sup> @11:30am.  
@ St. Gregory

**Special Labor Day Mass**

on Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2017 @ 2:30pm with Auxiliary Bishop Neil Edward Tiedemann **at St. Matthew** Church (corner of Utica & Eastern Parkway)

**Annual Labor Day Mass & Procession**

On Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. With Monsignor Joseph P. Malagrecia **at St. Matthew Church** (corner of Utica & Eastern Parkway)

**National Night Out Against Crime - Tuesday**  
August 1st from 11 AM to 8 PM at Brower Park– Park Place between Brooklyn & Kingston Avenues

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

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

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**

Every Tuesday between 9am & Noon except on 5th Tuesday @ St. Matthew

**GIFT SHOP**

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

**COLLECTION 07/01—07/02**

**ST. MATTHEW**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Enve- lopes Used</b>	<b>Envelope Collection</b>	<b>Loose money</b>	<b>Totals</b>
8 PM	78	2,126.00	337.00	2,463.00
7:30 AM	125	3,157.00	584.19	3,741.19
9:30 AM	51	772.00	327.53	1,099.53
11:30 AM	106	2,155.00	962.01	3117.01
1:30 PM	52	749.00	234.50	983.50
L.I.R.	33	1,378.00	—	1,378.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>10,337.00</b>	<b>2,445.23</b>	<b>12,782.23</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>	28	776.00	130.00	906.00
<b>11:30AM</b>	47	1,272.00	365.71	1,637.71
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>2,048.00</b>	<b>495.71</b>	<b>2,543.71</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>	61	2,329.00	76.75	2,405.75
<b>Free Will</b>	7	407.00	—	407.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>2,736.00</b>		<b>2,812.75</b>

**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.

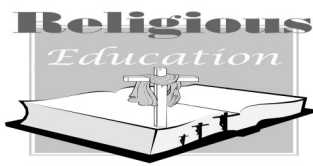
The diocesan goal for the 2017 Appeal has not been raised and remains at 8 million. The individual parish goal remains the same. Remember our goal is based on our assessment: based on your collections.

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**

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### 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.