

# 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**

Bishop Guy Sansaricq

### **Priests**

Fr. Michael Joy Akposu

Fr. Jean-Augustin  
Francois

Fr. Juan Luxama

### **Deacons**

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Nickie Colon

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### **Mass Schedule:**

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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**Principal:** Mr. Rudolph Cyrus

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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

### **Catholic Cemeteries—**

80-01 Metropolitan Ave.

Middle Village, NY 11379

Tel:718 – 894-4888



### Hospitality: Welcoming the Lord: Msgr. Pellegrino

Our reading this week begins with a wonderful little story about the prophet Elisha from the Second Book of Kings. If you remember, Elisha was Elijah's protégé. On one of Elisha's journeys he came to the city of Shunem where he was warmly received by a generous lady of the city. She knew that he carried the presence of God's prophetic Spirit, so she invited him to stay with her and her husband anytime he was passing through the area. Elisha wanted to do something for her in return. He found out that she and her husband did not have any sons and that childbearing time was over. This was a serious situation because it was up to sons to care for their declining years. Elisha prophesied that God would reward her by giving her a son and the prophecy was fulfilled.

This is a beautiful story of generosity and the love of God. You might remember a similar event in the Book of Genesis. Three men on a journey came upon Abraham's tent. Abraham treated them with complete respect, welcoming them and providing for their needs. In response, they promised him that his wife, Sara, would have a baby within a year. She was inside the tent and heard this. Knowing that she was beyond childbearing years, she started laughing, but the travelers were actually angels. In a year Abraham and Sarah had a baby they named Isaac, which means Child of Laughter.

Hospitality was one of the great virtues of the Bible. The ancients believed that each person should be welcomed as though one were welcoming God himself. Jesus moves this virtue into Christian times in today's Gospel, "Whoever receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward, and whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple —amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

The virtue of hospitality is far more than being a good host at a dinner party. Hospitality means encountering the presence of God in others, usually in those whom we least expect.

Sometimes I and we get so self-absorbed in our own expressions of spirituality, that we miss the presence of the Lord as he stands right before us in our family or as he knocks on the door of our homes and our lives through other people. For example, we can make the mistake of thinking that our particular expressions of spirituality be they within the Catholic faith or within the general context of Christianity are exclusive. If another person doesn't pray as we pray,

express the presence of the Almighty as we express His presence, we might miss the Lord as He is standing right before us in a person that we least expect to meet Him.

This is what the people of Jesus' time did. The scribes and Pharisees were so self-absorbed with their ways of practicing the faith that they missed God speaking through John the Baptist, saying that he was a fanatic, and they missed God speaking through John the Baptist, saying he was a fanatic, and they missed God's presence in Jesus.

There is a wonderful parable about this in Luke. Jesus says, "These people are like children in the marketplace." Their mothers dragged them there and normally the kids would play, but instead they argued saying, "we played the flute and you wouldn't dance, we sang a dirge and you wouldn't weep." The girls were playing the flute and boys would do the wedding dance of the groomsman. They would play wedding or the boys would sing a sad song, and the girls were supposed to wail like professional mourners. They would play funeral. Only the children in the parable wasted time arguing.

The people of Jesus' day wasted their opportunity to experience the presence of God because they decided what this presence should be like. We need to let God be God and let God express himself in others, even if this expression is new or even foreign to us.

One of the joys of Catholicism is contained in the very word "catholic". That word means "universal." The word means "universal." The expression of God is universal throughout the church even if this expression is quite different in cultures and individuals. The virtue of hospitality is the virtue of recognizing the presence of God in others and nourishing this presence. When we practice this virtue, then the stranger among us is no longer a stranger, but a member of the family, welcome, like Elisha, to enjoy a room in our house, our Church.

Today we pray for an openness to God's presence in ways we least expect. We pray for the virtue of Hospitality.

### WEEKLY 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)*

**BREAD & WINE, CANDLE, BLESSINGS**

<b>Sun July 2</b>	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11, Mt 10:37-42
<b>Mon July 3</b>	Eph 2: 19-22; Jn 20: 24-29
<b>Tue July 4</b>	Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8: 23-27
<b>Wed July 5</b>	Gn 21: 5, 8-20; Mt 8:28-34
<b>Thu July 6</b>	Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8
<b>Fri July 7</b>	Gn 23: 1-4, 19; 24: 1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13
<b>Sat July 8</b>	Gn 27: 1-5, 15-29; Mt 9: 14-17

**OUR LADY OF CHARITY INTENTIONS**

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS**

Pegye Johnson, Sharonnie Perry, Carmita Phillus, Khalilah Saleem, June James, Herelene Thomas, Septimus Johnson, Kim Robinson, Carol Dufresne, Ian Ranjitsigh, Lisa Scott /Spencer, Lindi Bubb , **We pray to the Lord.**

**TODAY'S MASS:** Independence of United States of America, **We pray to the Lord.**

**ALTAR BREAD and ALTAR WINE** For the month of July is donated in thanksgiving for the Haynes family, **We pray to the Lord.**

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Mr. & Mrs. Hensire 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**

<b>Tuesday, July 4th</b>	8:30 AM Mass for Winnifred Warren, R.I.P., Requested by Marjorie Lopez
Saturday, July 8th	8:30 AM Mass for Francine Barber-Morris, In Thanksgiving for Life & Birthday Blessings, Requested by Rosanne Barber & Family

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



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

**ST. MATTHEW CANDLE JULY 2nd –JULY 8th**



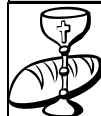
**For everyone who works at St. Matthew parish and their families**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday July 1st</b>	<b>8:00pm–</b> Wedding Anniversary blessings for Anthony & Simone Lambert by Cita Ferguson
<b>Sunday July 2nd</b>	<b>7:30am–</b> Altar Rosary Society <b>9:30am–a.</b> R.I.P. Augustin & Bienvenea Pena by Julian Pena/In loving memory of Naomi K.B. by son <b>b.</b> Descanse en Paz Jesus Guzman dor Olivia Diaz <b>c.</b> Thanksgiving mass for Blanca Alveiro Munoz  <b>11:30am–</b> Birthday blessings for granddaughter Coretta by Melba P/ Brown  <b>1:30pm–</b> Birthday blessings for Kaleeia Laraque Desdunes by Grandma Yolette Desdunes
<b>Monday July 3</b>	<b>7:30am–</b> Birthday blesisngs for Kyle John & Evelyn by Ruby Hall <b>9:00am–</b> Selina Akua Ahoklui in loving memory by Dorothy Akua Ahoklui
<b>Tuesday July 4</b>	<b>10:00am–</b> In loving memory of Doris E. Kennedy by Claret P. Haynes & family
<b>Wednesday July 5</b>	<b>7:30am–</b> In loving memory of Pierre Vincent by Michelle Vincent & family <b>9:00am–</b> R.I.P. Michael Joseph by Mom & family
<b>Thursday July 6</b>	<b>7:30am–</b> Thanksgiving to St. Antoine by Mona Alexis <b>9:00am–</b> R.I.P. Emilia Castello by Brillones family
<b>Friday July 7</b>	<b>7:30am–</b> God's grace & mercy for Wayne Armani <b>9:00am–</b> Thanksgiving for Holy vocations for priests deacons & religious by Janet Cayenne
<b>Saturday July 8th</b>	<b>8:00am–</b> Anniversary blessing Sylvain Chireau in heaven 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

## 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, 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,  
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,  
Carmen D. Lorenzo, Barbara Manuel,  
Darsen Marcellin, Virginia Marcellin, Theresa Marriott,  
Mother Pearl Matthews, Dorothy Mazzio,  
Vera McArthur, Dylan Stephens- McKee, Kerry Mills,  
Edson Mitchell, Isai Monroe, Patricia Moorehead,  
Alicia Mungo, Nelson Munoz, Mother Dolores Olf,  
Gabrielle Ortiz, Floe Patrick,  
Lettuce Rayson, Russell Wilson, Leonora Speid, Joie  
Horford,  
Yolande Cadet, Delcia Charles, Catherine DeLeon,  
Eulalia Diaz, Lula Durio, Stella Emmanuel, Muriel Go-  
mez, Enid Huntley, Sampson Lewis, Leticia McDow-  
ell, Barbara Manuel, Suzanna Neil, Catherine Rich-  
ards, Carlos Rudas, Martel Vendryes

### **SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR :**

Lynda Evans, Jocelyn Lynch, Vida Boyea, Sharon  
Andrews, Kerry Mills, Oliver Joseph, Phyllis Brown,  
Lelitza & Nathan Ford, Lourdes Ayala, Kenneth &  
Gwen Woodroffe & family, Obama family, Griffith,  
Sandiford, 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

### **SUNDAY 07/02/17**

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

### **MONDAY 07/03/17**

+ 8:30 AM Mass - Chapel

### **TUESDAY 07/04/17 – Independence Day-OFFICE CLOSED**

+ 8:30 AM Mass - Chapel

### **WEDNESDAY 07/05/17**

+ 8:30 AM Mass - Chapel

### **THURSDAY 07/06/17**

+ 8:30 AM Mass in Chapel

+ After Mass Senior Bible Study-Rectory basement

### **FIRST FRIDAY 07/07/17**

+ 10 AM Mass followed by the Eucharistic Adoration with  
Disciples In Mission -Chapel

### **SATURDAY 07/08/17**

+ 8:30 AM Mass – Chapel

+ 4 PM Confessions - Church

+ 4 PM-Vigil Choir Rehearsal - Church

+ 5 PM Vigil Mass in Church

+ After Mass Light Fest Prayer Group in Church

### **WEEK OF SUNDAY 06/25/17 @ ST. MATTHEW**

+ 11:45am Legion nidi de la Presentation

+ 1:30pm Youth Ministry

### **MONDAY 06/26/17**

+ 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

+ 7:00 PM Haitian Charismatic Prayer Group

### **WEDNESDAY 06/28/17**

+ 11am– Senior Group

### **FRIDAY 06/29/17**

+ 5 PM English Legion of Mary

+ 7 PM Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group

### **SATURDAY 07/01/17**

+ 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

**SICK AND HOMEBOUND MASS**

Will take place on **Saturday, July 15th at 10 AM.**

You must be Catholic and in a state of grace to receive this sacrament. The Mass will take place at St. Matthew but you can sign up in the rectory of Our Lady of Charity, St. Gregory or St. Matthew. The deadline for signing up is **Saturday, July 8th.** No applications will be accepted after this date. Drivers are needed to help bring people to and from the Church. **@ St. Matthew**

**ENGLISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

Friday 30th. 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**

**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**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Tuesday, July 4th. There will be one Mass at 10 AM. The Rectory will be closed .**@ St. Matthew**

**HEALING MASS**

Thursday, July 6th at 7:30 PM .**@ St. Matthew**

**1000 HAIL MARY'S**

Saturday, July 8th starting at 9:30 AM in all three languages .**@ St. Matthew**

**ST. GREGORY**

Feast of St. Gregory – 3 Nights of Prayer in Church at 7 PM in preparation for the Feast Day Mass on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 AM.

Special Labor Day Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Neil Edward Tiedemann at St. Matthew Church (corner of Utica & Eastern Parkway) on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 2:30 PM. (combined choirs)

Our Annual Labor Day Mass & Procession with Monsignor Joseph P. Malagrecia at St. Matthew Church (corner of Utica & Eastern Parkway) on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.

**National Night Out Against Crime - Tuesday August 1st at Brower Park from 11 AM to 8 PM**

**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 06/24—06/25**

**ST. MATTHEW**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Enve- lopes Used</b>	<b>Envelope Collection</b>	<b>Loose money</b>	<b>Totals</b>
8 PM	87	2,212.00	393.64	2,249.51
7:30 AM	114	2316.00	510.00	2,826.00
9:30 AM	60	820.00	410.88	1,230.88
11:30 AM	95	1805.00	600.00	2405.00
1:30 PM	56	96.00	706.00	802.00
L.I.R.	26	852.00	—	1253.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>8,101.00</b>	<b>2620.52</b>	<b>10,766.39</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>	26	1,605.66	162.00	1,767.66
<b>11:30AM</b>	38	1,005.00	301.10	1,306.10
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>2,610.00</b>	<b>463.10</b>	<b>2,285.78</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>	79	2,270.20	—	2,270.20
<b>Free Will</b>	10	283.00	—	283.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2,553.20</b>	<b>92.00</b>	<b>2,645.20</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.

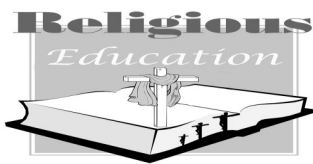
The diocesan goal for the 2017 Appeal has not been raised and remains at 8 million. The individual parish goal remains the same. Remember our goal is based on our assessment: based on your collections.

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.

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT-** \$60.00. Deadline- 6/30  
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.