

St. Matthew Parish



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

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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

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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

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday:10am-6pm

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Msgr. Pellegrino : Weeds among us

I'm sure you are aware that Pope Francis rarely holds himself back when he feels deeply about something. And he feels extremely deeply about sex abuse within the Church. A while ago he gave a talk to victims of sex abuse. Among other things he said, "This is something more than despicable." He went on excoriate those who did not respond properly to reports made by family members and the victims themselves. "There is no place in the Church's ministry for those who commit these abuses, and I commit myself not to tolerate harm done to a minor by any individual, whether a cleric or not. All bishops must carry out their pastoral ministry with the utmost care in order to help foster the protection of minors, and they will be held accountable." When this pope says, "they will be held accountable," he means it. Ask the former Archbishop Nuncio from the Dominican Republic who was defrocked. Our most pastoral pope is a fierce shepherd when it comes to caring for his flock.

"Well, good for you, Pope Francis," some people might say. Others might say, "Its about time." Both are right. But another question comes up: How is it possible that there could be such horribly sinful people in the leadership of the Church? This question has been asked for ages. The saints of the Middle Ages and Renaissance could not believe the scandals that took place in Rome. There were popes like the Borgias who violated celibacy openly and then placed their children in positions of authority. How could God allow evil people to have positions of authority in His Church?

This question probably was posed by the Eleven when they learned about Judas Iscariot's betrayal. Judas not only experienced the presence of the Lord, he shared in the power of the Lord. In Luke 9:1-2 we read, "He summoned the Twelve and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal [the sick]." Judas Iscariot cast out demons, cured diseases and healed the sick. And yet he betrayed the Lord because there was money to be made. Thirty pieces of silver. Jesus said that he was going to die anyway. Judas might as well profit from it. Judas valued money over the work of the Lord, the establishment of the Kingdom, and the very life of Jesus Himself. How could Judas, an avaricious man, be one of the Twelve? Perhaps the Lord was offering him an opportunity to change his ways. But Judas didn't change.

How could this happen, that evil people could be part of the Church? Jesus knew this question would be asked.

He answered it with the parable in today's Gospel, the weeds among the wheat. An enemy sowed the weeds. The devil uses his cunning to convince evil people to seek their victims within the Church. Documents recently released detail how the Soviet Union's KGB, planted spies in the Vatican during the papacy of St. John Paul II. This was similar to the popular TV show the Americans which depicts Soviet spies assuming a role in American society. In real life, intelligent young boys were sent to seemingly Catholic families that prepared them for the seminary. They faked having faith, passed their exams with flying colors, were ordained priests, and worked their way up to positions of authority in the Church. They then sent to Moscow whatever information their real bosses might find useful.

So what should the Church have done if it had known what was taking place, close the seminaries? The enemy sowed the weeds, but you can't just burn the wheat field down. There is plenty of good wheat there. Hundreds of thousands of priests and bishops are sacrificing their lives for the Kingdom of God right now. What do we do about the relative few who are evil? The Lord says, "Wait until it is the time for the harvest." "By their fruit you will know the evil ones," the Lord said in Matthew 7. The Church in America demands all sorts of safeguards like we do in our safe environment training, and all forms of vehicles of transparency as we do in our financial policies. These actions eliminate many prone to evil, as well as discourage others from seeking their victims in the Church. But there will always be those in any organization, religious, educational, you name it, there will always be those who will find ways to beat the system. Still, God is in control. He is aware of those who bear evil fruit. They will have to account for their actions in the most severe way to the One who is judge of the living and the dead. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke all quote the Lord as saying, "It would be better for them to have a millstone around their necks and then be cast into the sea."

With all this said, I have to remind you not to look at your priests in a negative way. Two weeks ago Fr. Brian joined about thirty other priests hearing confessions for a minimum of six hours each at the Steubenville Atlanta Youth Conference. Over 25,000 teenagers wanted to go to confession. The priests did their best to provide. I remember a few years ago that the former auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta, Bishop David Talley, now the Bishop of Alexandria, Louisiana, was scheduled to say Mass on the Saturday evening of the conference. He arrived four hours early so he could hear confessions too. There are 23 of these conference held throughout the country and Canada this summer. There are great speakers, music and experiences for the Teens, but the conferences are only profitable for them if there are a large number of priests to support them, and this takes a lot out of a priest. The vast majority of priests, well over 95% of them, are more than willing to empty themselves for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

At the same time, we priests have the best life there is. The needs of our people force us to focus on Jesus Christ throughout the day. And, sometimes, in the middle of the night. And we love it. We love being needed. We love ministering. We loved being called on to pray in the most significant moments of our people's lives: their babies' baptisms, their children's first communions and confirmations, their weddings, their battles against sickness, and their commending their loved ones to the Lord in funerals. We love saying Mass. We love preaching, sometimes too much.

What I said here about our priests, I and you can also say about teachers, coaches, scoutmasters, instructors in music, theater and dance, etc. most of them, have had a huge, positive impact on your children. We cannot judge the wheat fields by the presence of some weeds. But, we have to be wary. We have to be watchful. We have to be sure our various systems of protection are enforced. Most of all, we need to pray that the Lord of the Harvest will continue to sort out the weeds from the wheat.

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun July 23	Wis 12:13,16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Mon July 24	Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42
Tue July 25	2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
Wed July 26	Ex 16:1-5,9-15; Mt 13:1-9
Thu July 27	Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20; Mt 13:10-17
Fri July 28	Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23
Sat July 29	Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30

OUR LADY OF CHARITY INTENTIONS

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS: Christine Hudson, Mandi Simone, Pauline Ortiz, Rawle Munro, Louisa Sebron, Lawrence Fowlkes, Salisha Francis, Kelvin Smith, Anthony Williams, Sylvia Lightfoot, Susan Matthews, Monique Daniel, Yvonne Herrera, Donnel Lewis

TODAY'S MASS : Mass of thanksgiving for Diandra Nesertti Archibald **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. , **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

ST. GREGORY: MASS INTENTIONS


Saturday, July 22nd	5 PM Vigil Mass for All the Sick & The Unemployed of our Parish
Sunday, July 23 rd	11:30 AM Mass for Dianne John, Birthday Blessings
Monday, July 24 th	8:30 AM Mass for Aldrick, Phillip & Norman Williams, R.I.P., Requested by Chislane Williams
Tuesday, July 25 th	8:30 AM Mass for Margaret White, R.I.P., Requested by The Fontenelle Family
Saturday, July 29 th	8:30 AM Vigil Mass for Josephine Alexander, R.I.P., Requested by Catherine Spivey

ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday July 22	8:00pm– Rest in peace Walsh Flemius by Hyacintha Flemius
Sunday July 23	7:30am– Birthday blessings for Fr. Apollo & Nicole Andrews 9:30am– For the people of the parish 11:30am– Wedding anniversary blessings for Shamai & Jamal Ernest by Sharon Dwyer 1:30pm– Deliverance pour la republique de P-au-p Haiti by Betty Desrosiers
Monday July 24th	7:30am– Healing for Lydia 9:00am– Birthday blessings Nyla Andrews by family
Tuesday July 25th	7:30am– Birthday blessings Ian Smith by family 9:00am– Healing for Sharon & Nadia
Wednesday July 26th	7:30am– Healing for all sick parishioners 9:00am– Wedding blessings for Mr. & Mrs. Jake & Sarah Reedy by Fr. Frank Black
Thursday July 27th	7:30am– In loving memory of Wilhelmina G. Mendez by daughter, Myrna Mendez 9:00am– Birthday blessings Craig Gaddard by Skitter George & family
Friday July 28th	7:30am– Repose of the soul of Carmen Fernandez by Evans Hayes 9:00am– R.I.P. Anne Catherine “Nola” Lacroix by family
Saturday July 29th	8:00am– Repose of the soul of Pradel Content by Bertha Content


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 23 –29



For Joanne Joseph & Hazelann Haynes requested by Jennifer Joseph

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, Lelitza & 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 @ ST. GREGORY

SUNDAY 07/23/17

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

MONDAY 07/24/17

+ 8:30 AM Mass - Chapel

TUESDAY 07/25/17

+ 8:30 AM Mass - Chapel

WEDNESDAY 07/26/17

+ 8:30 AM Mass - Chapel

THURSDAY 07/27/17

+ 8:30 AM Mass in Chapel
+ After Mass Senior Bible Study-Rectory basement

FRIDAY 07/28/17

+ 8:30 AM Mass -Chapel

SATURDAY 07/29/17

+ 8:30 AM Mass - Chapel
+ 12 Noon to 6 PM - Food Sale to support the Poor In Af-
rica-Front Porch of Church
+ 4 PM Confessions - Church
+ 4 PM-Vigil Choir Rehearsal - Church
+ 5 PM Vigil Mass in Church

WEEK OF SUNDAY 07/23/17 @ ST. MATTHEW

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

MONDAY 07/24/17

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

WEDNESDAY 07/26/17

+ 11am- Senior Group

FRIDAY 07/28/17

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

SATURDAY 07/29/17

+ 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

YOUNG ADULTS SUMMER BBQ

The Young Adult ministry will have a Fundraising BBQ on Saturday, August 19th, in the Church parking lot starting at 2 PM. There will be food and drinks on sale as well as games and music.

The Deanery Young Adult ministry will also have a back to school fundraiser to help underprivileged students. For the final two weeks in August we will be collecting school supplies. If you need more information please see Lisa. **@ St. Matthew**

ENGLISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

invites you to their pilgrimage to The National Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Washington, New Jersey on Sunday, August 13, 2017. Bus leaves from in front of St. Matthew at 6:30AM sharp and leaves New Jersey for the return trip @ 4PM. Cost of the bus is \$45.00. Please leave your name in the rectory or you can call Shirley Crooks at 917-518-4626. Bring your own lunch or lunch can be purchased at the shrine.

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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.

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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 27th 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.3rd @11:30am.

@ St. Gregory

Special Labor Day Mass

on Sunday September 3rd , 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 4th 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 07/15—07/16

ST. MATTHEW

Mass	Enve- lopes Used	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8 PM	71	1,869.00	249.00	2,118.00
7:30 AM	130	2,816.00	567.21	3,383.21
9:30 AM	49	784.00	513.01	1,297.01
11:30 AM	88	1,982.00	501.00	2,483.00
1:30 PM	48	772.00	92.00	864.00
L.I.R.	31	494.00	—	494.00
TOTAL	417	8,717.00	1,922.22	10,639.22

ST. GREGORY

Mass	Enve- lopes Used	Envelope Collec- tion	Loose money	Totals
5:00 pm	18	373.00	128.00	501.00
11:30AM	37	913.00	248.80	1,161.80
Grand Total	55	1,286.00	376.80	1,662.80

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

Mass	Enve- lopes Used	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Total
10am	51	1875.50	48.00	1,923.50
Free Will	8	335.00	—	335.00
Grand Total	59	2,210.50	48.00	2,258.50

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.

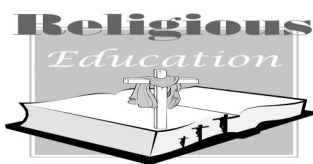
The diocesan goal for the 2017 Appeal has not been raised and remains at 8 million. The individual parish goal remains the same. Remember our goal is based on our assessment: based on your collections.

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.