

St. Matthew Parish



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

Website: www.stmatthewrc.org

Pastoral Staff

Pastor

Fr. Frank Black

In Residence

Bishop Guy Sansaricq

Priests

Fr. Michael Joy Akposu

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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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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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Mass Schedule:

Sunday: Rosary 9:00am

9:30am-Praise & Worship

10am-Mass

Office Staff:

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday:10am-6pm

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Msgr. Pellegrino : The Strong One

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus calls us to come to Him and then tells us that He is 'Meek and humble of heart.' What does that mean, meek and humble of heart? How can we understand this? I was turning this over in my mind when an image came to me that I see every Sunday and that you most probably witness every day.

Let me set it up this way: We are blessed to have many families in our parish. They taking attending Church together seriously and as a family. I love seeing them come in and getting their tribe in line. The largest member of the family is most often the father. Some of our fathers are very big men.

I love it when I see them carrying their baby into the church. I really have a smile when I see a huge man carrying his one of two year old little girl. She might be tiny, and he may be large, but she has taken control of her and he is quite happy about it. As one of our new father's said, "I have become my little girl's gym. I lie on the floor, and she climbs all over me. She slobbers on me, or worse, but I love it."

I am sure that the toughest man in our parish is a pussycat when it comes to protecting his daughter, but for her, he is meek. He is also humble of heart. None of our fathers, or mothers for that matter, think that they are too lofty, too important to care for their children. From changing diapers to drying tears, good parents cannot be arrogant. Their love for their children won't let them be anything other than humble of heart.

There are many time that we feel overwhelmed by the world, our responsibilities, even our efforts to grow in the most important relationships of our lives, for many of you, your marriages, for me, my relationship to my people, for all of us, our relationship to God. We watch the news, listen to commentaries and witness all we hold dear being mocked. We read how our children and teens are being exploited by drugs, alcohol, sec, etc. We see images of turmoil in the world, ISIS in Iraq, Russians in the Ukraine, and terrorism everywhere. We witness all this and feel that the world is too much for us. "Come to me," the Lord says, "I am meek and humble of heart." I know how you feel,. You think the world is falling to pieces and you fear for your family. Entrust them to me, entrust yourself to me. I will care for your family. I am God, but I have not distanced myself from you. I love you too much to do that. I am that big man, and you are my little child. Come to me."

Many respond, "But how can I provide all that my family needs." Jesus answers, "I am all that they need." everything else will fall into place.

We are called to give him our relationships. Relationships take a lot of hard work. Marriages take a lot of hard work as husbands and wives continually sacrifice their own wants, even their own points of view,

Relationships with people outside of our family take work. It takes humility to allow other people to be themselves, not to be what we think they should be. Our relationship to God takes the greatest amount of work in our lives. Every day is another chance t let Him enter deeper into our lives. But this means denying ourselves. It means setting more and more time for Him. It means sacrifice when what we really want to do is pull a Jonah and go Southwest when God tells us to go Northeast. Sometimes we come before the Lord and say, "I can't seem to get along with anyone, beginning with myself, and say, "I can't seem to get along with anyone, beginning with myself, and including you." Jesus says, "I've got you, I'll teach you how to love. Just let me hold you, and care for you. I want to help you. Come to me, I am meek and humble of heart."

The words of our second reading from Romans 8 encourages us. We are not in th4e flesh. We are in the Spirit. The Spirit of God dwells in us. The very same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead gives us life. We need to put our trust in God. He is our hope, our hope, not just for the future, but our hope for the present. Jesus tells us to pick up our crosses and follow Him, follow Him to Calvary living His sacrificial love, and follow Him to the joy of eternal union with God.

Just as the strong father, carries his little baby into the Church, our Lord carries us into the Father's eternal Temple, into heaven. His actions are motivated by love; his love for us, and his love for His Father who told Him to bring us to Him

"Come to me. All you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

The One who carries us is strong, stronger than our fears, stronger than our struggles, stronger even than that man who used to carry us into Church...Infinitely stronger..

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

Sun July 9	Zec 9: 9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30
Mon July 10	Gn 28: 10-22a; Mt 9:18-26
Tue July 11	Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38
Wed July 12	Gn 41: 55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7
Thu July 13	Gn44: 18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15
Fri July 14	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23
Sat July 15	Gn 49:29-32, 50: 15-26a; Mt 10: 24-33

OUR LADY OF CHARITY INTENTIONS

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Sheldon Brathwaite Jr., Cheryl Williams, Dawn Sheppard, Shenn Pollydore, Eboni Brown, Marva Jackson, Jasmine Bain, DaShawn Perry, Tristan Thompson, Karen Hutchinson, Lazaro Candelaro, Antonia Voliton, Skylar Cummins, Mahalia Arjoon, Carlos Huggins Jr., Woodrow Spencer, Debbie Grant, Wayne Anderson II, Yvonne Voliton.

We pray to the Lord.

TODAY'S MASS: Memorial mass for Rupert Bowen requested by Joy Bowen, **We pray to the Lord.**

Memorial Mass for Marlon Lennox requested by his God-mother Deidre 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.**

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

Sunday, July 9th	11:30 AM Mass for Brent Leonce, R. I.P., Requested by The Leonce & Gomez Family
Tuesday, July 11th	8:30 AM Mass for Melona & Christopher, Jr. Barber, In Thanksgiving for Life & Birthday Blessings, Requested by Rosanne Barber
Thursday, July 13th	8:30 AM Mass for Catherine Spivey, In Thanksgiving for Life, Requested by Deacon Roy & Mrs. George

ST. GREGORY-BREAD & WINE - JULY



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

ST. MATTHEW CANDLE JULY 9th -JULY 15th



Birthday blessings in heaven for Lucile Gaggerre by Evelyn Barreau

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday July 8th	8:00pm – Birthday blessings in heaven for Elizabeth Augustin by daughter Augusta Williams
Sunday July 9th	7:30am – Holy Name Society 9:30am – Birthday blessings for David Parris by Fulvia Parris 11:30am – Thanksgiving for Sharon Andrews by Judith George and famiy 1:30pm – a. In loving memory of Paul Bossin by Emila Edouard-Bossion b. For the people of the parish c. Messe de Remerciement A dieu et tous les saints by Adeline & family
Monday July 10th	7:30am – Birthday blessings for daughter Catherine Nelson & mom Catherine Nelson by Catherine Nelson 9:00am – God' blessing, health & healing for my nephews, Chayse & Cole by Floe Patrick
Tuesday July 11th	7:30am – In loving memory of Barbara Robinson by sister Early May Cole & family 9:00am – In loving memory of Anne-Marie Rosette Voltaire by Marie Denise Ariste
Wednesday July 12th	7:30am – In loving memory of Rafael Gomez by Milagros & Hijos 9:00am – In loving memory of Jimmy Soloman & Christopher Valentine by Nigel & Lynette Holder, & Marva Forde
Thursday July 13th	7:30am – For the parish of St. Matthew 9:00am – R.I.P. Federico Sinclair by Cecilia Duncan
Friday July 14th	7:30am – Birthday blessings for Rosanna Sterling & Nasya Perry by Clara Carthy 9:00am – Birthday blessings & Thanksgiving for Usfine Guabadia by grandmother Maria Guobadia
Saturday July 15th	8:00am – The Johnson 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, Francisco Lopez, 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 Gomez, Enid Huntley, Sampson Lewis, Leticia McDowell, Barbara Manuel, Suzanna Neil, Catherine Richards, Carlos Rudas, Mother Margaret Thompson, Martel Vendryes.

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 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 07/09/17

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

MONDAY 07/10/17

- + 8:30 AM Mass - Chapel

TUESDAY 07/11/17

- + 8:30 AM Mass - Chapel

WEDNESDAY 07/12/17

- + 8:30 AM Mass - Chapel

THURSDAY 07/13/17

- + 8:30 AM Mass in Chapel

+ After Mass Senior Bible Study-Rectory basement

FRIDAY 07/14/17

- + 8:30 AM Mass -Chapel

SATURDAY 07/15/17

- + 8:30 AM Mass - Chapel
- + 4 PM Confessions - Church
- + 4 PM-Vigil Choir Rehearsal - Church
- + 5 PM Vigil Mass in Church

WEEK OF SUNDAY 07/09/17 @ ST. MATTHEW

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

MONDAY 07/10/17

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

WEDNESDAY 07/11/17

- + 11am- Senior Group

FRIDAY 07/12/17

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

SATURDAY 07/13/17

- + 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

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. **@ 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**

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

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 and 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.

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 3rd 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 3rd, 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 4th 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**

*On behalf of the Lorna Gilkes,
Chairperson; Lennox Calder, Co-chair and the
BBQ & Health Fair Committee, we would like to
thank all the parishioners who so generously
donated monetary and food items towards the
barbecue as well as the parishioners who came
out to support our fundraiser for the Church.*

Thank You

COLLECTION 07/01—07/02

ST. MATTHEW

Mass	Enve- lopes Used	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8 PM	58	1671.00	190.85	1861.85
7:30 AM	159	3051.00	526.11	3577.11
9:30 AM	79	1020.00	374.60	1394.60
11:30 AM	110	2376.00	856.20	3232.20
1:30 PM	71	977.00	95.00	1072.00
L.I.R.	35	1280.00	—	1280.00
TOTAL	512	10,167.00	2042.76	12,417.76

ST. GREGORY

Mass	Enve- lopes Used	Envelope Collec- tion	Loose money	Totals
5:00 pm	27	1,163.00	85.75	1,248.75
11:30AM	32	835.00	656.00	1,491.00
Grand Total	59	1,998.00	741.75	2,739.75

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

Mass	Enve- lopes Used	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Total
10am	54	3058.00	—	3,058.00
Free Will	9	234.00	—	234.00
Grand Total	63	3292.00	—	3292.00

PRAYER FOR PEACE

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

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL & OFFERING

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

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

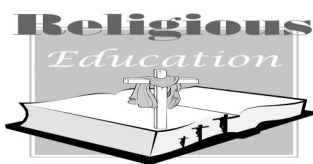
The diocesan goal for the 2017 Appeal has not been raised and remains at 8 million. The individual parish goal remains the same. Remember our goal is based on our assessment: based on your collections.

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

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

SACRAMENTS & REGISTRATION

SCHOOL OF RELIGION @ ST. MATTHEW



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

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

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

School of Religion @ Our Lady of Charity
Registration for school of religion is **ongoing**

School of Religion @ St. Gregory
Registration for Sacrament is **ONGOING**

RECONCILIATION:

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

MARRIAGE:

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

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

PARISH REGISTRATION

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

SACRAMENTS & REGISTRATION

BAPTISM:

To have your child baptized in the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens, you must show:

1. Proof that you live in the geographical boundaries of the Church you wish to have the baby baptized. (e.g. electric bill). If you live outside the boundaries of the Church you wish to have your baby baptized, you must get a permission letter from the Catholic church closest to where you live granting you permission to have your baby baptized outside of the geographical area.
2. Your baby is allowed **one** god mother and **one** god father, each must be Catholic, practicing their faith (letter from the Church stating this), and have their confirmation certificate. The baby can be baptized with only one god parent.
3. One parent must be baptized Catholic and have their baptism certificate as proof.
4. Once these requirements are fulfilled, we encourage you to call and set a date. Children 7 & under can be baptized w/o CCD classes.

RCIA

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

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

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

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

The sessions begin in October. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact the rectory.