

# St. Matthew Parish



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

## Pastoral Staff

### **Pastor**

Fr. Frank Black

### **Priests**

Fr. Thaddeus J. Abraham

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Fr. Ralph Theodat

Fr. Paul Afetor

### **Deacon**

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### **Mass Schedule:**

**First Friday** 10:00am

**Saturday**-5pm

**Sunday 11:30am**

**Saturday:** Reconciliation-4:30 pm

### **Office Staff**

**Secretary:** Rosanne Barber Ext.100

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

### **Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

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### **Mass Schedule:**

Monday-Friday 7:30am & 9:00am

**Saturday** 8:00am & 8:00pm

**Saturday:** Reconciliation-7:30 pm  
or by appointment

### **Sunday:**

English-7:30am & 11:30am

Spanish 9:30am; Kreyol 1:30pm

### **Office Staff**

**Secretary:** Sharon Andrews

**D.R.E.:** Charmaine Noel

### **Office Hours:**

Monday:10:00am-4:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday Friday & Saturday:

10:00am-6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am-4:00pm

**Monday - Saturday-**

**Closed for lunch 1-2 P.M.**

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### **Mass Schedule:**

**Sunday:** Rosary 9:00am

9:30am-Praise & Worship

10am-Mass

### **Office Staff:**

**Secretary:** Patricia Romain

### **Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday:10am-6pm

### **Catholic Cemeteries-**

80-01 Metropolitan Ave.

Middle Village, NY 11379

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## Ascension of the Lord: The Mystery that Summons Us

Today's celebration presents quite a number of mysteries that call us to faith.

The first mystery is this: Jesus said that unless he goes to the Father the apostles could not receive the Holy Spirit. Why couldn't he just stay with them as they receive the Holy Spirit? Perhaps the answer is that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Father and the Son and must be sent by both to the apostles. We don't really understand that. But we do know that after they received the Holy Spirit, the apostles spread the faith throughout the known world. We know that it was the Holy Spirit working in them that gave them the power to draw people to Jesus Christ. A great mystery of the Church is the mystery of how these twelve everyday commoners could so engage the world that people were enraptured by their words. "Men of Galilee why do you look up in the sky. This Jesus who you have seen ascend will come back again. Get to work to prepare the world to receive its Lord." Jesus sent the Holy Spirit so that the Spirit could work in the world. We are witnesses to this as we recognize the action of the Spirit in our own times and in each of our lives.

Why Jesus had to ascend to the Father to send the Holy Spirit, we do not know. What we do know is that the Holy Spirit did come and continues to be poured out upon the Church.

A second mystery of the Ascension is the union of the Resurrected Lord with the Father in heaven. The Second Person of the Holy Trinity was always united with the First Person, the Father. Their bond was their Holy Spirit. How, then, does the human nature of Jesus fit in? This is a great mystery that we just accept in faith. There is one God with three Persons, but after the Incarnation the Second Person has both a Divine and Human Nature. This is tough stuff to fathom. We really can't explain it. It was presented to us, so we believe.

One truth that flows from this mystery is that the human and the spiritual will be united again after death. This is the resurrection of the dead that we profess when we say the Creed. It is the reason why we treat the bodies of our deceased with dignity. It is the reason why we have cemeteries.

A third aspect of the Ascension is a mystery that effects each of us intimately. Jesus took his seat at the right hand of the Father where he became the judge of the living and the dead. Jesus Christ judges those who lived their lives in a way that they could be admitted into the presence of the Father and those who lived their lives in a way that excluded them from the presence of God. This is tough for us to take. We know the Lord is Merciful. We have the devotion to Divine Mercy to remind us that God's mercy is greater than we could ever imagine.

What we might miss is that the Lord is merciful because we need His mercy. We live under the mercy of God.

We have to be humble enough to recognize our need for His mercy and want His mercy. The literary figures of Faust and Don Juan portray those people who do not want God in any aspect of their lives including their need for His mercy after their deaths.

Jesus is the judge of the living and the dead. This mystery is in direct conflict with that part of us that wants to reduce Jesus to Barney. But Jesus is not a pink bear who sings for all eternity, "I love you and you love me." (That would be hell, not heaven.) Jesus is a judge, the judge of the living and the dead. Those who live their lives in a way that exclaims, "I neither need you nor want you," cannot expect to receive the mercy that they reject. Those who live their lives doing their best to make their unique reflection of God a reality in the world can trust in God's Divine Mercy.

After Jesus ascended and sent the Holy Spirit, the small band of disciples proclaimed Jesus Christ to the world. And Christ worked through them. And He worked through their successors. Now, He works through us. Proclaiming the gospel means far more than teaching articles of faith. Proclaiming the Gospel means making the presence of Christ a reality to the world. This is the commission that we Christians have received from the Lord. Jesus works through us attracting others to Himself. People do not become Christians through the words of Christianity. People become Christians through the presence of Jesus Christ in Christians.

We cannot allow anything to destroy the presence of Christ within us. We cannot give ourselves over to the forces of evil that wage war on the Lord. The battles of the Book of Revelation continue daily. The early Church believed that every Mass, every prayer, every work of charity, was a skirmish in the fight against evil. Like every difficult enemy, the forces of evil continually finds new ways to wage war. The eighteenth century saw this in the Enlightenment when rationalism challenged faith. The nineteenth century saw the enemy embrace the industrial revolution as a way to turn people against each other, against God, and toward the worship of materialism. The first half of the twentieth century saw the battle change to the political front with the ideals of socialism, fascism and communism twisted to eliminate the presence of the Lord. The second half of the century and continuing into this century suffers from the attack of evil upon personal holiness through the misuse of technology. The battle for or against the Gospel continues. The Lord fights with us. His power, His presence is greater than all evil, even the evil we come up with ourselves.

The Ascension is the mystery of the Second Person's Human Nature united to the divine nature of God. It is the mystery of the judgment of the living and the dead. It is a mystery of the Mercy and Justice of God. It is the mystery of our summons to proclaim that Jesus lives.

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun May 12	Acts 1:15-17, 20, 20-26 / Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11-19
Mon May 13	Acts 19: 1-8 / Jn 16: 29-33
Tue May 14	Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26 / Jn 15: 9- 17
Wed May 15	Acts 20:28-38 / Jn 17: 11- 19
Thu May 16	Acts 22:30, 23: 6-11/ Jn 17:20-26
Fri May 17	Acts 25:13-21 / Jn 21: 15- 19
Sat May 18	Acts 28:16-20,30-31 / Jn 21: 20- 25

**OUR LADY OF CHARITY: MASS INTENTIONS**

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS :** La Mar Wilson , Patricia Romain , Bedell Frame ,Tashanna Garcia , Victoria Curtis , Violette Mondesir , Vladimir Mondesir II , Terance Allen , Monice Davis , Dahrel Cadore , Denver Brouet , Xander Latimer , Nikita Slocombe , Alani Guess , Genofa Brouet , **We pray to the Lord**

**TODAY'S MASS :** Birthday blessings with thanksgiving for God's goodness on **Patricia Romain, We pray to the Lord.**

Birthday blessing for **Maura Chiasm**, giving thanks to God for his grace and mercy, requested by Maura Chiasm, **We pray to the Lord**

For all mothers , for women who waiting and wanting to be mothers, that God's grace will cover them with patience, love, happiness , understanding, knowledge, wisdom, counsel, fortitude, piety and fear of the Lord,

**ALTAR BREAD :** For the month of May is donated by Patricia Romain for amazing grace, **We pray to the Lord.**

**SANCTUARY CANDLES :** For the month of May in Thanksgiving for Patricia Romain, her children, her grandchildren her sisters her brothers, nieces, nephews as we flourish in the goodness of God , **We pray to the Lord.**

**ST. GREGORY : MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** 5PM Mass for Gregorio A. Lopez, Birthday In Heaven, R.I.P., Requested by Marjorie Lopez

Bread & Wine for Jeannette Sultan, R.I.P., Requested by Antonio Sultan & Family  
&  
Sanctuary Lamp for Jeannette Sultan, R.I.P., Requested by Antonio Sultan & Family



**Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** 11:30AM Mass for Jeannette Sultan, R.I.P., Requested by Antonio Sultan

**Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** 7PM St. Gregory the Great Parish Pentecost Service

**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** 5PM Vigil Mass for Helen Milburn, R.I.P., Requested by daughter Theresa Milburn

**ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday May 11** **8:00pm**– Thanksgiving for Phillippa & Jannil Louisy by Phillippa Louisy

**Sunday May 12**  
**The Ascension of the Lord**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**7:30am**–For the Holy Name Society  
**9:30am**–I.L.M. Maria Sosa by Nancy Valdez  
**11:30am**–Birthday blessings for Cheryl Lewis & Jacinta Butcher  
**1:30pm**–a. I.L.M. Azelita Jose & Srs. Marie Ange & Francoise Gibbs by Marie Coeur Altidor  
b. I.L.M. Carmelle & Wesner Cadet by Suzette Cadet  
C. R.I.P. Joseph Leclerc Morrisset by Legion of Mary

**Monday May 13** **7:30am**– Birthday blessings for Claudette Chasteau by family  
**9:00am** – R.I.P. Theresa Hargrove by Angela Dielingen

**Tuesday May 14** **7:30am** –Asking God for a home for me and my daughter by Letitia Pavy  
**9:00am** – I.L.M. of Arthur Lindo & Evelyn Brown by Ruby Hall

**Wednesday May 15** **7:30am** – R.I.P., my loving husband Herman O'Brien by Helena O'Brien  
**9:00am** – The Johnson family

**Thursday May 16** **7:30am** – For living & deceased mothers  
**9:00am** – Birthday blessings Patrick James by Cheryl Lewis

**Friday May 17** **7:30am** – For living & deceased mothers  
**9:00am** – Thanksgiving to God for his Divine Mercy by Nancy Guzman

**Saturday May 18** **8:00am**– Thanksgiving for the gift of the Holy Spirit, that it will strengthen, enlighten & sustain us by Althea Pierre

**CANDLE MAY 12TH– 18TH**



That Mother Mary will protect & guide all living mothers and those who are deceased will rest in the bosom of the Lord

**BREAD & WINE FOR MAY**

**BREAD :** For guidance & protection requested by Cracker & the Deraveniere family

**WINE:** For guidance & protection requested by Cracker & the Deraveniere Family



## REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

### **For the homebound, hospitalized and sick**

Judith Adams, Carmen Allen, Rita Antomez, Armelle Amilcar, Loraine Quash- Antoine, Marie Augustin, Al Barnett, Monica Belfon, Marque & Yael Barber-LaFon, Melona Barber, Jason Bascom, Silvestre Brathwaite, Ismay Brewster, Jahonah Brown, Recy Brown, Patricia Burrowes, Yolande Cadet, Diana Codogan, Cathleen Charles, Catilda Charles, Delcia Charles, Marcel Charles, Maria Clouden, Cecilia Clovie, Nelia Collins, Marilyn Coates, Virginia Cox, Daphne Critchlow, Theresa Cudjoe, Veronica Dale, Angela Daniels, Shirley Daniels, Joseph Drew, Stephen Duncan, Dorothy Edwards, Una Europe, Stella Emmanuel, Elardo Flemmings, Ian Fox, Carrie Frasier, Sherwin Fung, John Gale, Ryan Gee, Sybil Geoffroy, Catherine & Deacon Roy George, Bernadette Gilbert, Muriel Gomez, Trina Gonzalez, Kellon Hagley, Kelly Hagley, Gwendolyn Harding, Pat Harris, Bruno Henry, Beverly Hillyer, Pierre & Elreta Hinds, Florence Holder, Danielle Huie, Janice & Orson Hutchings, Kerlyne Hypolite, Anasha Inniss, Carlyn Jabouin, Donna James, Nellie James, Diane John, Alsie Johnson, Nicole Johnson, Magdalena Joseph, Ian Kellman, Lucy King, Albert Kirton, Kanelle Lang, Rhoda Lewis, Sampson Lewis, Marjorie Lopez, Luis Manuel Lorenzo, Madelin Lorenzo, Vivian Boykin Lott, Norberto Lovell, Jean Lubin, Gloria Lynch, Hubert Lynch, Mamita, Barbara Manuel, Judith Matthew, Wilma Maynard, Tom McCafferty, Laura McDonald, Mavis McDonald, Leticia McDowell, Vernita McDowell, Gemma Mejias, Marcelina Morales, Isai Munoz, Marta Munoz, Nelson Munoz, Suzanne Neil, Ronald Nethersole, Claudette Norde, Mother Dolores Oloff, Keena Ollivierre, Ronaldo Nano Paul, Sharon Perry, Andre Perry, Chung Peters, Mary James Peterson, Marie Pierre, Melody Pink, Sonia Prescott, Ann Primo, Val Quash, Len Quash, Dorothy Irons Reid, Catherine Richards, Melissa Richards, Elizabeth Rivera, Carlos Rudas, Lidia Saunders, Pamela Smith, Pema Smith, Robert Smith, Lisa Scott Spencer, Delores Sykes, Kevin Maynard, Basil Suarez, Antonio Sultan, Violet Sylvester, Brenda & Javier Talango, Angela & Edris Thomas, Jean Thornhill, Allison Thorpe, Lyonette Tribie, Janet Throne, Amparo Torres, Malik Wellington, Hazel Williams, Karen Williams, Terrance Williams, Octavio Willis, Leandro Wilson, Reynold Williams, Christine Wright, Joan Wright, Natasha Wright, James P. Young, Vilma Zuniga

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR :** Yvonne Lacy, Dean Jackson, Wendy Romain, Vaughn Haynes, Georgeann Campbell, Maura Chisam, Danielle Huie, Cotilda Charles, Anthony Hepburn Jr., Lawrence Latimer & family, La Mar Mc Nabb, Conrad Lord, Christine Hudson & family, Glenda Hunter, Livingston Holloway, Jaden Bell, Nathan Ford Sr. & family, Sabrinia Guess, Gwen & Helena Pugh, Golda & Daphne Crithlow, Leon Richards, Kendall Wilson, Almarie Mc Coy, Raymond Jorsling, Judith Prosper, Lisa Scott/ Spencer, Carla Martin, Hermelene Thomas, Marge Holas, Althea Gordon, all families represented here today

All students, teachers and principals, President Joseph Biden & his family, Vice President Kamala Harris & her family, our Government, prayers and petitions in our prayer basket, for the all Priest especially those who serve here at Charity, Religious Vocations, and an increase in Religious Vocations, all men and women serving our country, the elders, all who are incarcerated, and unexpressed prayers, for immigrants, a successful solution to the pandemic, the mentally sick, the unemployed and under employed, end to gun violence and for world peace,

**We pray to the Lord.**

## WEEKLY MEETINGS - St. Matthew

St. Matthew weekly meetings have commenced. Please contact your ministry to find out the time and date of the meetings.

### **WEEK OF SUNDAY 05/12/2024 @ ST. GREGORY**

- + 9:30 AM Sunday school- *Not In Session*
- + 10:30 AM – *Choir Rehearsal*
- + 11:30 AM Mass– *(Live Stream)*
- + *CREDIT UNION-OPEN*

### **MONDAY 05/13/24**

- + 7:30 PM *Choir Rehearsal-Church*

### **FRIDAY 05/17/24**

- + 7 PM *St. Gregory the Great Parish Pentecost Service-Church*
- + 7:30 PM *Bible Study- via zoom*  
*(The Book of Judges, Sermon: Exodus and Ephesians)*

### **SATURDAY 05/18/24**

- + 4 PM *Confession*
- + 4 PM *Vigil Choir Rehearsals*
- + 4 PM *Light Fest Prayer Group-via zoom*  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362442148?pwd=MGVNMWFFQcVdrQktXeTh0YjRadC9Mdz09>
- + 5 PM *Vigil Mass-Church*

COLLECTION 05/04- 05/05/2024

**ST. MATTHEW**

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8:00 PM	32	1,077.00	152.00	1,229.00
7:30 AM	98	3,483.00	403.55	3,886.55
9:30 AM	78	1,305.89	272.75	1,578.64
11:30 AM	69	1,266.00	393.78	1,659.78
1:30 PM	48	735.00	107.00	842.00
L.I.R.	24	1,070.00	—	1,070.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>8,936.89</b>	<b>1,329.08</b>	<b>10,265.97</b>

**ST. GREGORY**

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
<b>5 PM</b>	17	1,688.00	77.00	1,765.00
<b>10:00AM</b>	32	1,283.00	144.35	1,427.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>2,971.00</b>	<b>221.35</b>	<b>3,192.35</b>

**OUR LADY OF CHARITY**

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
<b>10:00AM</b>	42	2,686.00	—	2,686.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2,686.00</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,686.00</b>

**FAITH DIRECT:** \$1,730.00 collected  
April 1 to Apr 30, 2024

**ST. MATTHEW EXPENSES**

	<u>Apr - Jul 20</u>	<u>Apr - Jul 19</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b>Income</b>			
Collections	168,288.50	344,182.28	-51.11%
Rent	199,829.29	217,167.84	-7.98%
Programs	0.00	10,369.20	-100.0%
Donations/Fundraising	1,366.00	18,115.47	-92.46%
Other	25,491.52	24,792.07	2.82%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>394,975.31</b>	<b>614,626.86</b>	<b>-35.74%</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Employee Compensation	302,582.87	291,549.37	3.78%
Maintenance	69,276.57	33,706.71	105.53%
Office Expenses	28,460.39	19,601.93	45.19%
Programs	3,351.36	6,028.70	-44.41%
Altar Supplies	6,099.33	16,602.28	-63.26%
Utilities	28,261.46	27,878.02	1.38%
Miscellaneous Expense	2,032.03	3,230.79	-37.1%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>440,064.01</b>	<b>398,597.80</b>	<b>10.4%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(45,088.70)</b>	<b>216,029.06</b>	<b>-120.87%</b>

**ST. GREGORY THE GREAT**

*St. Gregory the Great* **BIBLE STUDY** with Catherine Abdullah @ 7:30PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) every week on

**FRIDAYS**

**Bible Study is beginning The Gospel of John**

**Link for Bible Study** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85498875775?pwd=Nk4zY3BVOUFmVzRUSDJodlJWSDArUT09>

To Join Zoom Meeting please use Meeting ID: 854 9887 5775  
Passcode: 374738

On tap mobile

Dial 929 205 6099 using Meeting ID and the passcode

**Bible Study (ALL ARE INVITED) meets on zoom every Friday from 7:30PM to 8:30PM - THE BOOK OF JUDGES, SERMON: EXODUS AND EPHESIANS WILL BE STUDIED FOR THE**

**NEXT FEW MONTHS.**

*(A Book of the Bible is picked (By the Group) alternatively, from the Old Testament, followed by The New Testament.)*

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**LIGHT FEST PRAYER GROUP (ALL ARE**

**WELCOME!) Meet-In-Person at St. Gregory R.C. Church every**

**FIRST SATURDAYS of the month in the Church's dining room. The remaining Saturdays of the month, Light Fest Prayer Group meets on zoom in the Light Fest Reading Room from 8PM to 9PM. The zoom link is**

**mentioned above. Please contact any member for information for telephone number and pin number to access this prayer line. (This enables us to discuss confidentiality protocols to New Participants)**

**UPCOMING MTGS. & EVENTS @ ST. GREGORY**

**St. Gregory the Great – Religious Education**

Sunday school is in session. Time: 9:30am.

Registration fee: \$60 per candidate

**MARCUS GARVEY SERVICE ONCE A MONTH ON THE SECOND SUNDAY AT 2 PM**

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Registration is still open. **CROCHET CLASSES.** Please join us!

If you would like to enhance your techniques and knowledge, come or fellowship on Saturdays: May 11<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup>. Time: 3pm to 4:30pm –

Place: St. Gregory the Great Rectory Hall located at 224 Brooklyn Avenue, corner of Sterling Place. Course Charge:

\$25 donation to St. Gregory's Building Fund

Please contact Ms. Catherine Abdullah at 718-864-7683 or Ms. Gemma Mejias at 917-293-0399 to register.

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**SPRING CHOIR CONCERT**

Sunday, June 23<sup>RD</sup> at 4PM. **THEME: "RETURN TO THE LORD"**

**VENUE:** St. Gregory the Great Church, entrance on St. Johns Place, corner of Brooklyn Avenue

**Donation: \$30 – Adults \$15 – Children**

**Tickets are available of purchase by Senior Choir Members**

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**ST. GREGORY'S USHER BOARD ANNUAL BUS OUTING**

Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to Atlantic City Resort's Casino.

Bus leaving at 7AM from St. Gregory's Church.

**COST: \$60 Play & Earn \$10 in slot play.**

## SACRAMENTS & REGISTRATION

### PARISH REGISTRATION:

All are welcome! Any letter concerning sponsorship for the sacraments or testimonial letters will only be issued to registered parishioners of 6+ months. Please register in the rectory.

### 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, one must be Catholic, practicing their faith (letter from the Church stating this), and have their confirmation certificate. The baby can be baptized with one Catholic god parent.
3. One parent must be baptized Catholic and have their baptism certificate, First Communion or Confirmation 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 readings from the Bible which we hear daily at Mass, the Sacred Liturgy as well as the Catechism of the Catholic Church, teens and adults who have not yet done so prepare themselves to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Holy Eucharist.

**RCIA is offered in Spanish, Kreyol & English and is for people who:**

- ◆ Were baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation, First Holy Communion or First Confession
- ◆ Were baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to join the Catholic Church
- ◆ Were never baptized & wish to fully worship in the Catholic Church
- ◆ Wants 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.

## SACRAMENTS & REGISTRATION

### School of Religion @ St. Matthew

***After receiving First Holy Communion, It is essential for your child to continue each year in our program, until they complete their initiation with the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.***

For more information about registration requirements or other questions you might have, contact us: Phone: 215-576-4124; email: [stmatthewredu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org](mailto:stmatthewredu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org)

***Después de recibir la Primera Comunión, es esencial que su hijo continúe en nuestro programa cada año, hasta que complete la iniciación con la recepción del Sacramento de la Confirmación.***

Para más información acerca los requisitos para registración u otras preguntas que usted pueda tener, comuníquese al Tel: 215-576-4124; email: [stmatthewredu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org](mailto:stmatthewredu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org)

**ENSKRISYON YO AP FÈT KOUNYE A  
BATÈM, PREMYÈ SENT KOMINYON  
AK KONFIMASYON.**

Pou plis enfòmasyon sou kondisyon enskripsyon oswa lòt keksyon ou ta genyen, kontakte nou nan: (215) 576-4124  
Email: [stmatthewredu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org](mailto:stmatthewredu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org)

## ST. MATTHEW EVENTS

### GIFT SHOP

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

### VOCATIONS

“Whoever drinks the water I shall give you will never be thirsty.” If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission as a priest, deacon, sister or brother .Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org)

### RETREAT

The English Charismatic Prayer Group has a **retreat to Mt. Alvernia on the weekend of May 24th to the 26th. For additional information, please contact Shirley Crooks at 917-518-4626**

### ST. MATTHEW GROUP OF HOPE

Is hosting their annual Bake Sale, Raffle and BBQ on Sunday, June 23rd.

**Time:** Bake sale starts after the 7:30 A.M. Mass  
BBQ starts after the 11:30 A.M. Mass

**Place:** In front of the Church (1123 Eastern Parkway)

**Raffle:** One Grand prize of \$500.

**Price** of a single ticket is \$5 and the raffle drawing is at 5 P.M.

Bake sale and BBQ sold separately

Tickets can be purchased from members of the group or in the rectory

### PILGRIMAGE

The Haitian Apostolate invite you to join them on **Saturday, June 8th, 2024**, on a pilgrimage to the National Blue Army Shrine ,located in 674 Mounta Washington, New Jersey.

The theme of the Pilgrimage is: **Mary, our Mother, Help and Deliverance of the Haitian People**  
**MANMAN MARI ,DELIVER PEP AYISYEN AN**

### SPANISH CHARISMATIC GROUP

El grupo de oracion Crismatico Hispano les invita al seminario en el Espirito Santo  
Los Jueves a la 7:00 P.M. Salon Parroquial 4th topiso

## MOTHERS' DAY PRAYER

**Good and gracious God,**

**We thank you** for all mothers - the women you have called to bring forth new life, and women who provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those entrusted to their care.

**Give them** the courage to raise Godly children through happy and difficult times and wisdom to guide their children on the path to eternal life.

**Fortify them** through your Word and Sacraments to endure the challenges and trials of motherhood.

**Instill in them** joy and delight as they accompany their children through the years.

**Show them** with care and support from their family and friends.

**Comfort** those mothers who have lost their children and those children who have lost their mothers.

In your charity, **entrust all mothers** to the tenderness of your own Mother, Mary.

**We love our mothers, Lord.**

We ask for your blessing upon them this day and always.  
Amen!



### CONFIRMATION

Please join us in celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation with our students from the School of Religion on Thursday, May 23rd at 7 P.M.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration in the Church on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays** after **9:00 am Mass** until **12:00 noon.**

Fridays from  
**7 P.M. to 9 P.M.**

