

# Roman Catholic Church of St. Matthew

35 North Service Road, Dix Hills, New York 11746

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri in the Parish Center 9 am-12:30 pm & 1:30 pm-5 pm



June 16, 2019

## Pastor

Rev. Robert Hewes

## Associate Pastor

Rev. Benet Uwasomba

## Deacons

James McQuade

Carmine DeStefano

Luis Polanco

## Pastoral Associate:

Sister Kathleen McCarthy, O. P.

D.R.E.: Mary Donaldson

Music Director: Lee Forsythe

*The Salvation of Souls is the Supreme Law*

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m. and Spanish Mass at 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Family Mass), 11:00 a.m. (Choir Mass), 12:30 p.m. and also at 12:30 p.m. (Latin) Tridentine Mass in the Chapel.

MONDAY - SATURDAY: 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Church. Holy Days will be printed in the bulletin.

## CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY: 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. For any other time, please call to make an appointment with a priest.

PLEASE NOTE: The BAPTISM SCHEDULE has changed as of April 1, 2019 as follows:

The 3rd Sunday of each month at 1:45 p.m. and the 4th Saturday of the month at 12:30 p.m. (No Baptisms Easter Sunday or Christmas Weekends.) Please contact the Parish Center for the Baptismal Packet containing the registration form and all other necessary paperwork. First-time parents are also asked to register for one of the Baptismal Preparation Classes offered on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. (No class is held in December.) Please register on-line for the Baptism and /or the Baptism Class at [www.smrcc.org](http://www.smrcc.org).

## MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance and should be made prior to making plans for a reception. Call the Parish Center for an appointment with the priest or deacon you wish to witness your wedding. All couples are required to attend Pre-Cana.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Porzia DiGiorgio: me@porzia.com  
And John DiGiorgio: johndigiorgio@optonline.net

**APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER:**

Kathryn Giandoreggio: 631-491-3735

**ATHLETIC WEBSITE:** www.smrcc.org

**ATHLETICS DIRECTOR/ INTRAMURAL & CYO TRAVEL**

**COORDINATOR:** Chris Felice: smrccathletics@gmail.com

**BAPTISM OFFICE:** Bettyanne Russo: 499-8520 x 126

Email: stmatthewdixhills@gmail.com

**BEREAVEMENT:** Kathryn M. Douglas: 631-495-8541

Including: Teens (12-17) who have lost a parent.

Widows and Widowers 65 and under

Widow and Widowers 65 and over

**BIBLE STUDY:** Anthony Albano: 586-4827

**BOY SCOUTS:** Ernst Tramosch: 631-254-2656

**BULLETIN:** email: bulletin@smrcc.org

**BUSINESS MANAGER:** Dolores Tiernan: 499-8520 x 113

**CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION:**

Ann Podina: 858-0684

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:**

Jack Maccio: 499-8520 x 117 or JBM1944@icloud.com

**C.C.D. RELIGIOUS ED:** Mary Donaldson, D.R.E.: 864-3321

Rita Minder, Assistant: 864-3321

**CHOIR:** Lee Forsythe: 631-499-8520 x 116

Ed Oriani, Cantor for Tridentine Mass

**COMPASSIONATE CARE & CONSOLATION MINISTRY:**

Sr. Kay McCarthy: 499-8520 x 124

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

Ray Smolenski: 243-0449

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND:**

Sr. Kay McCarthy: 499-8520 x 124

**FEED THE POOR MINISTRY:** Frank Harnos: 499-0074 or

Julie Maddaloni: 242-2183

**FOOD PANTRY:** Sr. Kay McCarthy: 499-8520 x 124

**HOSPITALITY:** Dolores Tiernan: 499-8520 x 113

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Kevin Bertolini GK: 516-652-6438

**K OF C SQUIRES:** Sir Francis Scotti: 917-567-9829

**LECTORS:** Helen Campa: 586-0682

**LEGION OF MARY:** Judy Archbold: 667-4629

**MINISTRY OF PRAISE:** Rosemary Sammon: 499-5176

**MOMMY and ME:** Jessica Larsen: 258-3965

**PARISH OUTREACH:** Sr. Kay McCarthy: 499-8520 x 124

**PILGRIM MADONNA:**

Rosa Nappo: 920-2446 or Lucia Agnone: 940-4015

**PLANT ENGINEER:** Luis Flores: 631 492-7881

**PRE-CANA:** Deacon Carmine DeStefano: 631-896-0983

**RIGHT TO LIFE:** Toni Shannon: 631 586-3807

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY:** Patricia Bissex: 631 549-9415

**PASTOR/PARISH SECRETARY:** Bettyanne Russo:

499-8520 x 126 - Email: stmatthewdixhills@gmail.com

**SONS OF ITALY:** Diana Grauer: 631-242-2710

**SPANISH MINISTRY:** Deacon Luis Polanco: 631-334-1052

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL:** Michael Brennan: 499-8520 x 118

**USHERS:** Tom Siegler: 631-920-2055

**WEDDING MUSIC:** Lee Forsythe: 631-334-7138

**YOUNG SENIORS MODERATOR:** Fr. Benet: 499-8520 x125

## PARISH REGISTRATION

**NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [www.smrcc.org](http://www.smrcc.org).**

New families and new parishioners are encouraged to register with the parish. Registration forms are also available at the Parish Center.

**INSTRUCTIONS IN THE FAITH:**

Those adults who live in the Dix Hills area and/or those with family in the parish seeking information about becoming a Catholic or completing their Sacraments are invited to contact the Pastor.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** Mass is at 9:00 a.m. Exposition of the Holy Eucharist takes place in the Chapel from Friday 7:00 p.m. until Saturday 8:30 a.m. and concludes with Benediction.

**FIRST SATURDAY:** 8:15 a.m. Devotions

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** The Sacrament is available EVERY SATURDAY after the 9:00 a.m.

Mass. The Sacrament is available for those who are to undergo a serious medical procedure the following week or who have a serious illness and who have not been anointed within the past three months. If you wish to be anointed, please let the celebrant know before Mass.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:** Holy Communion will be ministered to those confined at home.

Those who are seriously ill should request a priest for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

**PARISH SCHOOL: HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL:**  
631-543-0202

*Eucharistic*



*Adoration*

**First Friday Exposition**  
From 7:00 pm the First Friday  
of the month until  
8:30 am Saturday morning  
in the Parish Center Chapel.

Private and *authorized* group prayer before the Blessed Sacrament *in the Tabernacle* is encouraged at any time during the many hours the main Church and Chapel are open. Occasions on which specific groups request Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament can only be conducted by a priest or deacon with the knowledge and approval of the Pastor.

# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, Jun 15**

4:00 PM Vincenzo Domingo ~ Happy Father's Day  
 Guiseppi Taranto & Family  
 Jack DiStefano  
 Thomas Slevin  
 Louis Garafalo, Sr.  
 Frank Tricamo

7:00 PM Lidia Barreto

**Sunday, Jun 16**

7:30 AM Father's Day Novena  
 Matthew J. Ferrara

9:30 AM Joseph & Rosemary Volpe ~ Anniversary

11:00 AM Joseph Spina

12:30 PM (L) For the People of the Parish

12:30 PM Vincent J. Terry, Jr.

**Monday, Jun 17**

9:00 AM Father's Day Novena  
 Salvatore Montesano

**Tuesday, Jun 18**

9:00 AM Father's Day Novena  
 Josephine Vitale

**Wednesday, Jun 19**

9:00 AM Father's Day Novena  
 Frank Bogus

**Thursday, Jun 20**

9:00 AM Father's Day Novena  
 Aida & Joseph Vuoso

**Friday, Jun 21**

9:00 AM Father's Day Novena  
 Billy Burke

**Saturday, Jun 22**

9:00 AM Father's Day Novena  
 Vincent F. Costello  
 Living Intentions of Pauline Raio  
 Patricia Reciniello  
 Richard F. Zammillo  
 Ramon Padilla

4:00 PM Fred Liewehr  
 Living Intentions of Jack Tseng  
 Msgr. James McDonald  
 Margie Kroner  
 Marie Karpinski  
 Michael Panico

7:00 PM Melida Munoz

**Sunday, Jun 23**

7:30 AM Father's Day Novena  
 John Vierling, Jr.

9:30 AM Sylvester & Angela Billings ~ Anniversary

11:00 AM Living Intentions of the Honkanen Family

12:30 PM (L) For the People of the Parish

12:30 PM James Sullivan

**Business Manager**  
 Dolores Tiernan

**Finance Chairperson**  
 Richard Bove

**Trustees**  
 Deacon Carmine DeStefano and  
 Joseph Napolitano



**Collections**

**June 8 & 9**

**Weekly:** \$14,513.00  
**Faith Direct:** \$ 2,300.00

**PLEASE NOTE THE  
 UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES**

Sunday, June 23 deadline ... Monday, June 17  
 Sunday, June 30 deadline ... Monday, June 24  
 Sunday, July 7 deadline ... Thursday, June 27  
 Sunday, July 14 deadline ... Monday, July 8  
 Please email: [bulletin@smrcc.org](mailto:bulletin@smrcc.org)



**Mondays**

- **Miraculous Medal Novena:** after the 9:00 am Mass
- **Legion of Mary:** 2:30 pm  
 In the Blessed Mother Room

**Tuesdays**

- **Rosary Society:** 1st Tuesday each month  
 7:00 pm
- **K of C:** General/Business Meeting 2nd and 4th  
 Tuesday of each month 8:00 pm

**Wednesdays**

- **Adult Choir Rehearsal:** 7:00 pm  
 In the Family Room

**Thursdays**

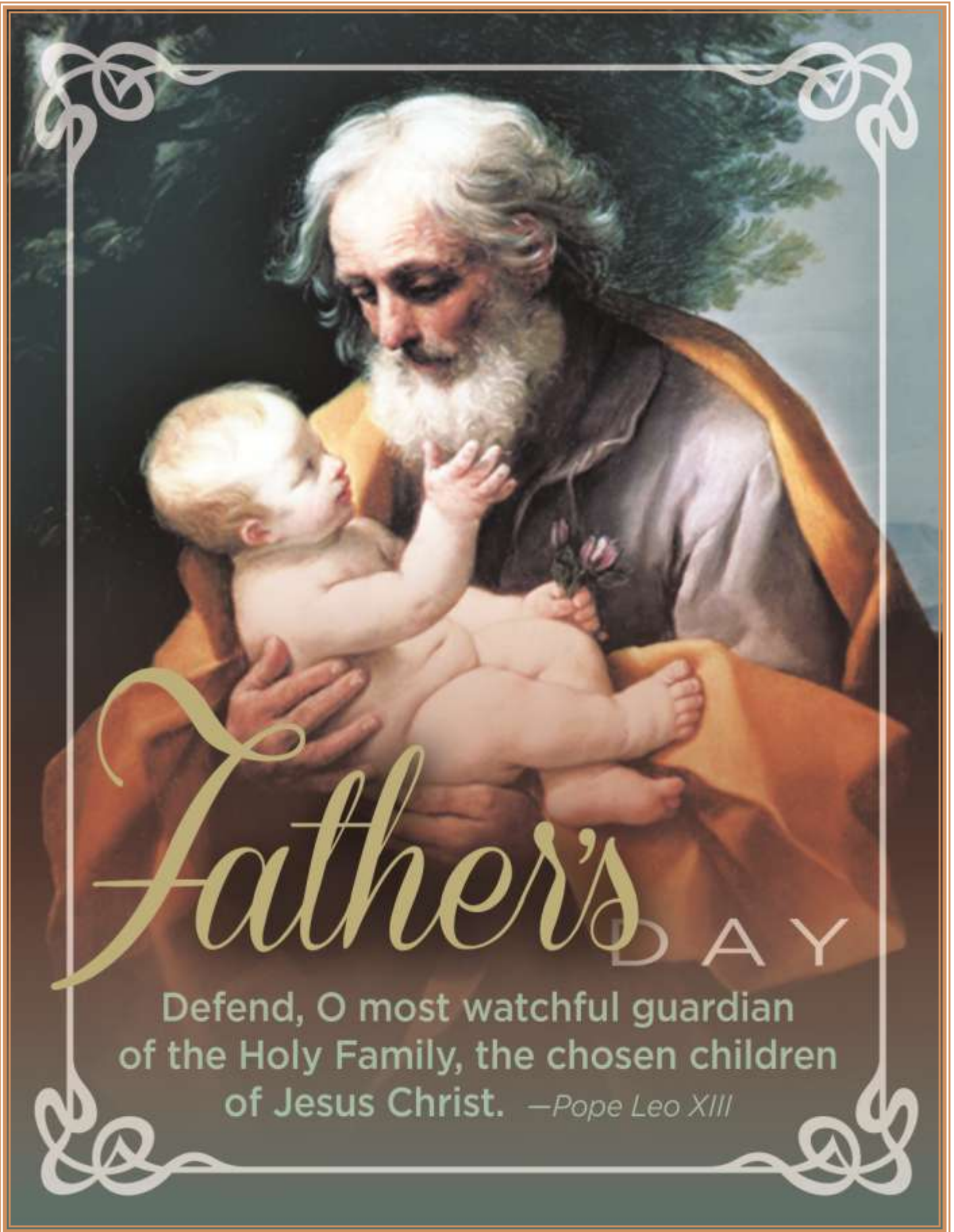
- **Carmelite Holy Hour:** 3rd Thursday of each  
 month 4:00 pm-5:00 pm in the Chapel
- **Young Seniors:** 9:00 am
- **Apostleship of Prayer:** 1st Thursday of each  
 month after the 9:00 am Mass

**Saturdays**

- **Fatima Spiritual Formation Prayer Group:**  
 1st Saturday of each month after the 9:00 am  
 Mass in the Blessed Mother Room
- **Bible Study:** 9:45 am
- **Spanish Bible Study:** 1:00 pm
- **Tridentine Mass Choir:** (Latin) 4:00 pm  
 in the Family Room

**Sundays**

- **Secular Franciscan Order:** Second Sunday of  
 each month (except January & August) 1:15 pm  
 in the Library (Room 201)



# Father's DAY

Defend, O most watchful guardian  
of the Holy Family, the chosen children  
of Jesus Christ. —Pope Leo XIII

## Special Mass on June 23rd, Corpus Christi Sunday



This year, on Sunday, June 23rd, at the 12:30 PM Mass we will continue our recent tradition of offering a special *Missa Cantata* or “Sung Mass” in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, or traditional Latin High Mass followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The powerful and beautiful music of our Catholic tradition (Gregorian Chant, polyphony, and Mozart’s *Ave Verum*) will be featured. The Eucharistic Blessing will be intended to reach our entire community as well.

As summer nears we will be welcoming some familiar priestly faces back to St. Matthew’s. Fr. Thomas will be with us most of the summer and Fr. Jacob will be here in July.

Also, our old friend, Fr. James wishes to be remembered in our prayers, as we are in his. He was with us as a summer priest some time ago and now serves in a parish in Iowa. Greetings and fond wishes!

### About The Types of Catholic Wedding Ceremonies

There are two forms of our Catholic wedding Liturgy:

#### The Wedding or Nuptial Mass:

Often referred to as a “full Mass,” it is the celebration of the Mass with the wedding ceremony inserted in the middle of the Liturgy. It presupposes both parties are practicing Catholics and receiving Holy Communion after a proper spiritual preparation.

#### The Wedding Ceremony:

This has all the elements of the above (music, readings, vows, etc.) but without the celebration of Mass. This form is suitable for general congregations and is of shorter duration than the above.

**PLEASE NOTE: Nuptial Masses are NOT celebrated on Sundays. The ONLY exception is when a visiting priest is invited by the family, approved by the Pastor and is willing to offer a Nuptial Mass on Sunday.**

*Marriage  
Banns*

*Announced for the Second Time  
Thomas Suarez and  
Samantha Hartnett*

### June 16 - Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity



As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are suffering.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*The Place for Learning and Praying*

***Our Family/Children's Mass is Sunday at 9:30AM***

*Mary Donaldson, Director, Rita Minder, Assistant*

*Religion Office Phone 864-3321 Fax 499-1530 maryccd@smrcc.org*

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR PARISH DADS**

**REGISTRATION**

Registration forms for the Winter Program (September 2019 thru April 2020) have been mailed home for students in grades two through eight. When registering a new student, 1st thru 8th grade, you must come into the Religion Office, on the second floor of the Parish Center, Monday through Thursday, between 11:00AM and 4:00PM. Please be sure to bring a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate when you come. The fee of \$175.00 per child is due at that time.

**SUMMER PROGRAM**

The dates for the Summer Program 2019 are August 4th through August 18th, from 8:30AM to 1:00PM, Monday thru Friday and the three Sunday 9:30AM Masses on 8/4, 8/11 and 8/18. Grades 4 thru 7 are eligible and the fee is \$250.00 per child.

Summer Program helper sign up was Wednesday, June 5, 2019. There are still some openings for college students, high school students and eighth grade students. Community service letters are distributed at the end of the program. If interested contact the Religion Office.

Beginning Thursday, June 27th and running through Thursday, August 1st, the Religious Education Department is looking for volunteers (8th grade and up) to come in and help us prepare for the Summer Program which begins on August 4th. If interested, please give us a call. The hours are 12PM to 2PM Monday thru Thursday. For those students in need of community service, this counts towards it and we will be happy to fill out the appropriate paperwork.

Summer Program T-shirts for students, helpers and teachers will be ready for pick up Monday, July 1st through Thursday, August 1st from 11AM to 4PM on the second floor in the St. Theresa Room. Class assignments are given out at that time. **NOTE:** The Religion Office will be closed Thursday, July 4th and Friday, July 5th.

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

Rosemary Femia will be here every Thursday night from 7-9PM in the breezeway with Confirmation and First Holy Communion pictures until the end of June. Her phone number is 631 586-0833.

**THE ST. MATTHEW GIFT SHOP** is open Monday through Friday  
**9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. for lunch**  
**Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Unique Religious Gifts, rosaries, books, fonts, statues,  
picture frames, wedding candles and so much more!

*The Gift Shop is located in the Parish Center, across from the  
Receptionist area. All Proceeds Benefit Our Parish Ministry!*





**June 22 & 23**

*Eucharistic Ministers*

4:00 P.M.	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
M. Brennan	J. D' Agostino	J. Napolitano	G. Cruz	B. Abadom
J. Commisso	B. Hermosura	C. DeStefano	E. McEvoy	J. Maccio
A. Palumbo		B. Napolitano	K. Camilleri	A. Sosnilo
J. McQueeney		S. Fleming		

*Lectors*

4:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
R. Smolenski	J. Campa	J. DiGiorgio	K. Camilleri	B. Abadom



**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

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|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Baby Chloe Atienza | Lawrence Famighetti | Jay McNamee       | Casey Rodriquez            |
| Lisa Ciota         | Nunzio Grella       | Matthew Montesano | Christopher Sabato, Sr.    |
| Gerard Costa       | Lisa Marie Hulsen   | Marie Pecoraro    | Cecelia Sanzone            |
| Joseph Costa       | Kay Internicola     | Mary Perry        | Charles Sanzone            |
| Vilma Diaztoral    | Thomas Iuculano     | Peter Prestia     | Grace Sanzone              |
| Elisabeth Dorovich | Florence Linda      | Marge Puccio      | George Schnell             |
|                    | Christian Martino   | Eugene Quarello   | Debbie Serio               |
|                    | Sophia Marzulla     | Alice Reilly      | Ed & Ann Smith             |
|                    | John McIntyre       | Helen Reineking   | Arthur Joseph Sonnick, III |
|                    | Maureen McNamara    | Corinne Rivituso  | Brian Tripp                |



**APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER**

The **Apostleship of Prayer** is a worldwide association of Catholics and other Christians who strive to make their ordinary, everyday lives apostolically effective. Through the Apostleship of Prayer, the **Pope** gives his monthly prayer intentions to the entire Church. For this reason, the Apostleship came to be known as *"the Pope's own prayer group."*

**DAILY OFFERING PRAYER** - *God, our Father, I offer You my day. I offer You my prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sufferings in union with Your Son Jesus' Heart, Who continues to offer Himself in the Eucharist for the salvation of the world. May the Holy Spirit, who guided Jesus, be my guide and my strength today so that I may witness to Your love.*

**JUNE: The Mode of Life of Priests**

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.



**We Pray, especially for our Service Men and Women:**

- Pvt. Brandon Leap - Active Duty - Army, 1st Lt. Dominador Pascual III - Active Duty - Air Force, Pilot Matthew Waldman - Active Duty - Air Force, 2nd Lt. Joseph Morgan - Active Duty- Army, 2nd Lt. Christopher Felice - Marines, Christopher Motlenski - Navy, Nicholas Mazzone - U.S. Coast Guard, Peter Mazzone - Marines, SSG Michael Hughes, SPC John Vautrin-Gardinier - US Army, Tyler Smith-Reynolds - U.S. Coast Guard, Lance Corporal Ryan, Matthew Ferrara - Marines, Matthew Kirchner - Army, Noah Kirchner - Air Force, Ensign Melanie Thompson - Navy, Capt. Joseph De Monte IV - Pilot - United States Air Force, Lt. Brendan Johnston - U.S. Navy, LCPL Michael Porfidio - Marine in Afghanistan, Jeffrey Gabriellini - Air Force, Corporal Michael Grella - Navy Airman, Julien-Army-Iraq., Lt. Col. Robert Wright - Marines, Michael Wissemann, LPL San Sievero - Marines, Ambrose Michelino, Jarod Racuot - Army, Robert Scarpelli, Anthony Lazado - Marines, Richard Freese, Jr. - Navy, Rho Nagasguna - Marines, Michael Doherty - Army, Pablo Quirindongo - CW4 - Army, Cpl. Ronnie Belmarez - Marines, Commander Christopher Grande - Navy, Spec. 4 Frank Grue - Retired - Army

→ If you would like your family member added to the list or if one has returned home, ←  
please contact the Parish Office or email [bulletin@smrcc.org](mailto:bulletin@smrcc.org).

**2019 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Supporting Dismatic Missionary Growth in Our Community



Witnessing Forgiven Loving Helping Teaching Igniting Evangelizing  
Teaching Igniting Evangelizing Forgiving Loving Helping Witnessing

**Every day, people in our community are helped because of support from funds raised through the Catholic Ministries Appeal.** Today, consider a Dad like Tom.

It was the weekend and I was at a local bar partying. That was my routine. Apparently the guy near me was partying harder and next thing I know we're in a bad fight. And in that one heated, drunken moment I lost everything. I was arrested for assault and sentenced to seven years in one of the worst prisons in New York State.



All I could keep thinking was, "This isn't possible. It can't be happening to me." But it was. When I got there I did everything I could to get out early. I took part in a prison substance abuse program because alcohol had been a mitigating circumstance in my case. I also served as an assistant to a college professor who taught classes for inmates, helping them earn high school diplomas. I loved the work and did that for four years. In the meantime I trained myself to read a book a day, joined a music program and taught myself to play guitar. But even with all my good behavior it was still five and a half years before I was released on parole

When I finally got back home to Long Island I tried hard to start life over but it was difficult. Not only did I have to find a job and a place to live, I had to reconnect with family and figure out who my real friends were. To make matters worse I was unhappy with the outpatient program I had been assigned to. I felt like I was just a number to them so I took a chance and transferred to Catholic Charities.

The change in atmosphere was like night and day. They had a more spiritual approach and didn't judge me for my past. In fact, they helped me understand that my experiences were valuable life lessons. I finally started feeling good about myself, like I was a part of the community. Today, I work a full time job, have a beautiful family and I haven't had a drink since 2010. It wasn't easy but the team at Catholic Charities gave me the get-up-and-go I needed to make a fresh start.

*2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal*

*St. Matthew R.C. Church*

Parish Goal: \$116,000

Pledges to Date: \$107,924

Percentage to Goal: 93%

**"Your gift means so much to so many."**

**Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in someone's life. Thank you!**

To make a donation, you can also visit [CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org](http://CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org)  
or call Jack Maccio at 631 499-8520 Ext. 117 or [JBM1944@icloud.com](mailto:JBM1944@icloud.com)

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Down payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





## Focus on Religious Freedom

[www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org)

### The Fight for Freedom in Schools

\* The Lyceum, a small, classical Catholic H.S. in Ohio, sued the City of South Euclid, arguing an anti-discrimination law passed last year violates the school's religious rights by threatening penalties for its Catholic stances on issues such as marriage and gender. The new law includes sexual orientation and gender identity as protected classifications. Therefore, if denied a religious exemption, the school's employment and admissions policies, based on deeply-held religious beliefs, could be illegal.

**"Religious schools must be free to operate consistently with their faith without fear of unjust government punishment. A good outcome for The Lyceum will help protect the freedom of other faith-based schools to abide by their religious convictions as well,"** said Headmaster Luke Macik.

Thankfully, the city recently ruled that The Lyceum has the right to hire employees that share its beliefs and the lawsuit was dismissed. This was a David vs Goliath case and, this time, David won.

\* **The U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear a case concerning a PA school district policy to allow transgender students to share a shower, locker room, or restroom matching their gender identity and disregarding the bodily privacy rights of other students.**

**However, in the past, the Supreme Court had affirmed that real, biological differences between men and women mean that privacy must be protected.**

The school had made the policy change without informing students or teachers. This resulted in male students being embarrassed and confused when a female student was changing clothes in their locker room. Female students were distressed to find a male in their bathroom. "I saw a reflection of a man (in mirror). My body went into immediate shock," said one student.

Alliance Defending Freedom plans to continue to represent those who believe no one's privacy right should depend on what others believe about their own gender.

(adflegal.org, 5/28/19; cleveland.com, 4/4/19; crisismagazine.com, 4/30/19; 1cbn.com, 5/28/19)

***"Not to oppose error is to approve it; and not to defend truth is to suppress it;"***

Pope St. Felix III





### **Respect Life News ~ Spiritual Adoption Program Happy Birthday - Spiritually Adopted Baby**

Your spiritually adopted baby is born this month - - nine months after his/her mother conceived him/her. The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. He/she is no different now than he/she before birth except that he/she breathes and eats differently. He/she is truly a miracle. He/she began as a 46-chromosome cell and has developed over the past nine months into this unique human baby. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is just like your spiritually adopted baby. Your prayers saved his/her life. Thank you on behalf of all of the little babies that you cared enough to pray for him/her and his/her mother.



### ***Father's Day Baby Shower on June 15th and 16th***

to provide for the physical needs of our new born babies.

Volunteers from the Respect Life Ministry will be at the doors of the church after the Masses to accept your donations. The Life Center of Deer Park needs YOUR help in caring for the mothers and their unborn babies. Contributions of baby clothes and food, diapers and wipes, toiletries and monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. The Life center is at 1767 Deer Park Ave. across from St. Cyril & Methodius Church under the name of AAA Pregnancy Options.

May God thank you for your help.

### **Y.E.S. ~ SENIOR NEWS**

Meetings are held every Thursday after the 9:00 AM Mass except on luncheon dates.  
Please join us and bring a friend.

It's hard to believe that we have just completed the 18th year of the **Young Energetic Seniors** group! They were years of fun trips, speakers and luncheons.

Did you know that back when the YES group started, the men cooked for us once a month? When that became too much like work, the luncheons were the way to go. We enjoyed many trips - among them were West Point, Essex Conn, the Culinary Institute, Montauk, Greenport, Sight and Sound Christian Theatre, The Spirit of NY Cruise around New York, just to name a few.

We thank Sr. Anthony for her years as our moderator. It was her ideas that created the annual Communion Breakfast, St. Anthony Concert, Sr. Ave's twice-yearly inspirational talks and our spectacular Senior Prom. That was a night of dinner and dancing. Most of the ladies wore evening gowns and a few of the men sported tuxedos. Brother Joshua and his wonderful young men and women decorated the hall, served the dinners and even danced with those of us who had no partners (without being prompted). The music was a perfect mix of the old and the new. The dance floor was packed all night. We crowned the King and Queen, Mike and June Sheehan. Most of the staff attended and we said farewell to Msgr. McDonald and welcomed our new pastor, Father Hewes. Oh, what a night! You had to be there and I'm so glad that I was.

We are basically a social group, but have a few special charities. At Thanksgiving, we donate dinners to the needy and on Christmas, we adopt a family and provide food and a gift for the children. A few of our more talented members crochet red, white and blue blankets for the veterans at the Northport VA Hospital. Our memories are both happy and sad. Over eighteen years we have lost so many of our dear friends due to illness, moving away or sadly, passing on. Something as simple as not being able to navigate the stairs, because of a painful condition, may prevent a person from attending. We are all eighteen years older than when we first started out, and maybe a little slower, but we are still hanging in, ready to make new friends and treasure the old. Come join us for coffee and start making some new memories of your own. You are always welcome.

Our weekly meetings are over until September but our June luncheon is on June 20th at the Bonwit Inn ... \$30. Hope to see you there and bring a friend.

Remember to pray for all those who are ill and for their loving caregivers. Pray always for our church, our country, all first responders and for those who put themselves between us and danger. God bless America.

See you in church, Pat

Thank you and God bless these wonderful volunteers listed below. I am deeply grateful to them.



Sister Kay

- |                  |                   |                   |                    |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Judy Archbold    | Kathy Di Giovanni | Jessica Larsen    | Tina Murgolo       |
| Fran Barone      | Brian Dutton      | Mary Lou Lea      | Mary Perry         |
| Angela Beauman   | Peggy Edelmann    | Marie Mancini     | Kim Prahalis       |
| Louise Benenati  | Marie Faas        | Hilda Mantel      | Fran Robertson     |
| Nev Bienstein    | Tina Femia        | Dotty Manetta     | Joan Rosato        |
| Anna Bishoff     | Sharon Fleming    | Rosalie Manetta   | Terry Sbashnig     |
| Rosalie Bonavise | Michele Garaffa   | Olga Mantione     | Loretta Sehlymeyer |
| Michael Brennan  | Frank Gentile     | Donna Marra       | Carmela Sposato    |
| Helen Campa      | Frank Harnos      | Cathleen McGee    | Sue Terrone        |
| Anna Cantone     | Bea Hemosura      | Sue McKinley      | Linda Urso         |
| Kathy Curtin     | Mary Anne Klimek  | Janet McQueeney   | Adelaide Vierling  |
| Josie D'Agostino | Christine Konfino | Mary Motlenski    | Bill Vogt          |
| Carol DeStefano  | Jean Lamendola    | Hannalore Mueller |                    |

To Michele Garaffa, who will be moving soon, we will miss your faithful service. Our prayers and love go with her and her family.

Sister Kay McCarthy

### Young Widow/Widowers

**Congratulations** to Kathryn Monaco Douglas and the wonderful Volunteers listed below for leading the Young Widow and Widowers Groups. Kathryn has done an outstanding job and is the essence of compassion and concern for these young Widows and Widowers. She works tirelessly on their behalf. This year at the recent Fund Raiser Walk on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Belmont Lake State Park, there were several hundred people present. Even Channel 12 and Channel 2 were there interviewing Kathryn and some in her group. The money raised at the walk enables us to help the young widows and widowers who are in financial need. People tell me that Kathryn has saved their lives. She tells me that "it's the Lord who has done this."

In addition, Kathryn and Maryann de Veau facilitate a Bereavement Group during the day for older Widow and Widowers. God bless Kathryn and all of the volunteers listed below who facilitate groups and help her all year long. All of them are Young Widows and Widowers as well.

Sr. Kay McCarthy



- Dee Antonucci, Barbara Arabio, Kevin Flynn, Stacy Justich, Laure Kaminsi, Olga Lucia, Amanda Maharaj, Roni Mosakowski, Debra Nieman, Nina Padovano, Sandy Powers, Arlene Ricca, Tara Troise, Robert Verdi and Kim Brent.

# Around the Diocese

Diocese of Rockville Centre

## An Evening of Prayer for Men Suffering Abortion Loss



An Evening of Prayer for Men is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The evening is directed by a spiritual team who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.

The evening will consist of Mass, Dinner, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Adoration.

**Wednesday, June 19, 2019 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm**

To register and for more information please visit

[www.respectlife.drvc.org](http://www.respectlife.drvc.org)

or contact Project Rachel at 1(888) 456-HOPE (4673) or 1(516) 766-2538

[projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto:projectrachel@drvc.org)

Please register by Monday, June 17, 2019.

*All reservations and information will remain confidential.*

St. John the Baptist DHS is offering Summer School and Regents Review Classes in various subjects.



Registration is

July 1st and 2nd from 9 AM - 11 AM.

For additional information please visit [stjohnthebaptistdhs.net/academicresources](http://stjohnthebaptistdhs.net/academicresources) or call 631-587-8000 ext. 117.

The St. Elias Third Order Carmelites meet each month on the third Sunday at St. Francis RC Church in Greenlawn from 1:30 to 4:30 PM.

The meeting includes our opening prayer, ongoing formation on Carmel, its history, Carmelite Saints and its charism of prayer.

For additional information contact Ellen LoBasso: 631-486-2155.

### ATTENTION RETIRED TEACHERS!

THE OPENING WORD PROGRAM, AN ESL PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, SPONSORED BY THE SISTERS OF ST. DOMINIC OF AMITYVILLE, IS LOOKING FOR EXPERIENCED, VOLUNTEER TEACHERS TO ASSIST THE STUDENTS ONE DAY EACH WEEK.



**Place:** Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Parish, Wyandanch  
**Days:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
**Time:** 9 AM to 12 PM - 12:30 PM to 2 PM  
Please call Angie Aceituno at 631 920-0916 if interested.



### SUMMER WORK FOR YOUTH

The link below will take you to the application for the Department of Labor's Summer Youth Work Experience Program for Suffolk County. This provides summer jobs for youth between the ages of 14 and 21. Wages for in-school youth will not affect the family's public assistance grant. You may want to make this information available at your outreach.

[https://suffolkcountyny.gov/Portals/0/formsdocs/labor/summer\\_app2019.pdf](https://suffolkcountyny.gov/Portals/0/formsdocs/labor/summer_app2019.pdf)

Tune into "Religion and Rock" with Rev. Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island's East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11:00 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117.

The theme for next Sunday, June 23, 2019 is **Special Days** don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding Religion and Rock go to [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com). or at "Religion & Rock" on ITUNES. Don't forget to tune into Catholic Faith Network, Cablevision 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 or visit [www.cfntv.org](http://www.cfntv.org).



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June 22-29

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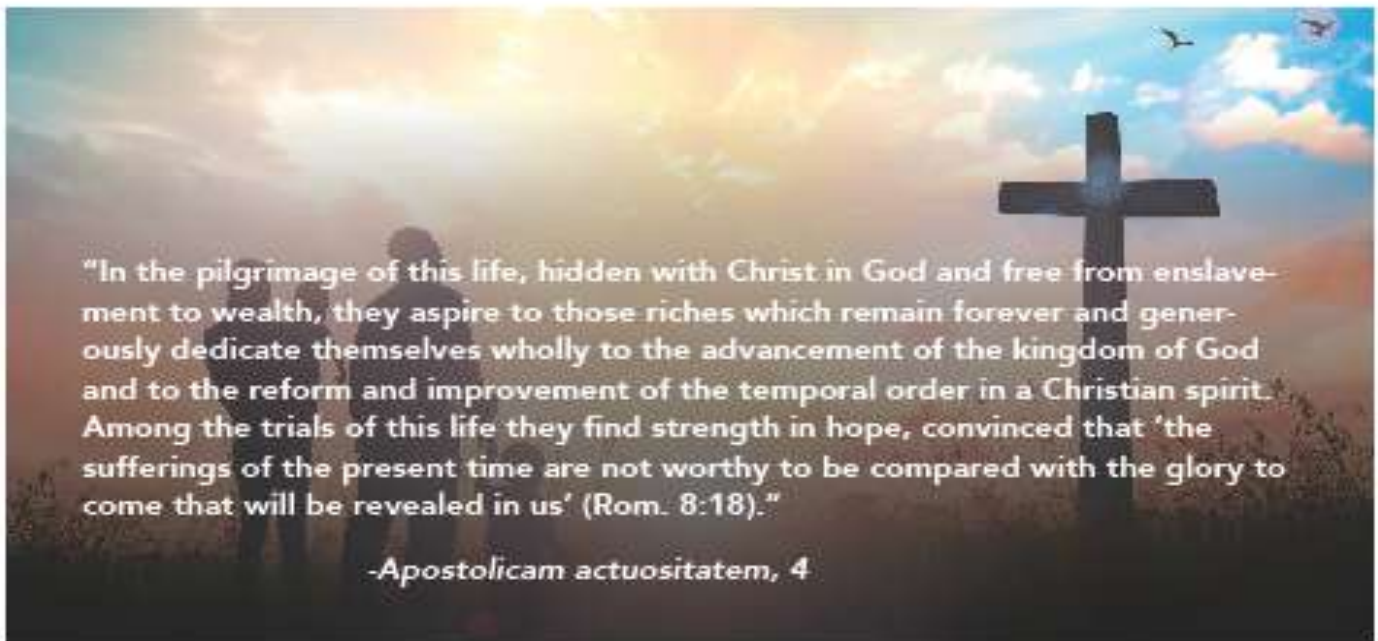
*In the face of our country's challenges, and challenges within the Church herself, Catholics find strength in the hope of Jesus Christ. We want to share that hope with everyone.*

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Religious freedom gives us the space to carry out the mission that Jesus has entrusted to the Church. Religious freedom means that Catholics, and all people of goodwill, are free to seek the truth and to live in accordance with that truth, and so to strengthen our common life as a nation.

Beginning June 22, the Feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops celebrates Religious Freedom Week. In the midst of our current challenges, join us as we seek the kingdom and find Strength in Hope.

Learn more at [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek)



"In the pilgrimage of this life, hidden with Christ in God and free from enslavement to wealth, they aspire to those riches which remain forever and generously dedicate themselves wholly to the advancement of the kingdom of God and to the reform and improvement of the temporal order in a Christian spirit. Among the trials of this life they find strength in hope, convinced that 'the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come that will be revealed in us' (Rom. 8:18)."

*-Apostolicam actuositatem, 4*

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