

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

January 26, 2020

Pastor

Rev. Robert Hewes

Associate Pastors

Rev. Joseph Habila

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



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” - Mt 4:19

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.

BAPTISM SCHEDULE

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.) First-time parents are required to attend a **Baptismal Preparation Class** which is offered on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. (No class is held in December.)

Registration is required for both the Baptism and /or the Baptism Class and must be done online at 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: me@johndigiorgio.com

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

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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: Glenn Martin GK: 631-873-7233

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

LECTORS: Helen Campa: 586-0682

LEGION OF MARY: Judy Archbold: 667-4629

LET'S PLAY: Sr. Kay McCarthy: 499-8520 x 124

MINISTRY OF PRAISE: Rosemary Sammon: 499-5176

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

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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.

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



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, Jan 25

4:00 PM Living Intention of Jack Tseng
Richard Brayuha
Silvestro Spilabotte
Debra Lategano
Frank Henn
Salvatore Furnari

7:00 PM Ana Olinda Najarro

Sunday, Jan 26

7:30 AM Jenny Leone
9:30 AM John Christman
11:00 AM Rosalie Manetta
12:30 PM (L) For the People of the Parish
12:30 PM Intentions of Stephanie Lubin

Monday, Jan 27

9:00 AM Alexander Tartaglia

Tuesday, Jan 28

9:00 AM Thomas Slevin

Wednesday, Jan 29

9:00 AM Thomas P. Moore

Thursday, Jan 30

9:00 AM Marion, Otto & Alan Baur

Friday, Jan 31

9:00 AM Elvira & Michael Tartaglia

Saturday, Feb 1

9:00 AM Margaret & Edward Malone
Edward Salvin
Ruth F. Mallon
Joni Grimaldi

4:00 PM Katherine R. Moore
Rosalie Hagel
Living Intention of Jack Tseng
Sal Spilabotte
Salvatore Furnari
Marie Pecoraro

7:00 PM Luis Francesco-Rodriguez

Sunday, Feb 2

7:30 AM Josephine A. Johnsen
9:30 AM Peter Cortina
11:00 AM Edward Fergus
12:30 PM (L) For the People of the Parish
12:30 PM Basain Martinez de Parra

Business Manager
Dolores Tiernan

Finance Chairperson
Richard Bove

Trustees
Philip C. Pandolfi
Raymond Smolenski



Collection totals for
January 18th & 19th will be
in next week's bulletin.



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

- **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) 1:00 pm
in the Library (Room 201)
- **Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites:** Second
Sunday of each month (except April, May & August)
9:00 am-1:30 pm including 11:00 am Mass

ANNUAL BIRTHRIGHT RECEPTION

A fundraiser hosted by the
Knights of Columbus

Birthright is a volunteer organization that provides loving care and essential needs for mothers and their babies during and after their pregnancy.

Guest Speaker: Florence Telluto
“The History of Birthright”

Date: Sunday, February 9, 2020

Time: 2:00-5:00 pm

Place: St. Matthew Church Hall
35 North Service Road
Dix Hills, NY 11746

Fellowship, Fun, Food, Beer, Wine and Prizes!!!

Suggested donation: \$15.00 or a new baby gift
Any additional donations are welcome.



Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus
Host: Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council #7479
St. Joseph Council #4810
St. Elizabeth Council #5753
Gate of Heaven Council #468
Christ the King Council #11163



For more information call: Co-Chairman Kevin Bertolini - 516 652-6438



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

LOOKING AHEAD

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.

GRADE LEVEL MASS FOR WINTER AND SUMMER PROGRAM STUDENTS

Sunday, February 2, 2020, the 1st & 2nd grade will attend the 9:30 Mass.

Sunday, February 9, 2020, the 7th & 8th grade will attend the 9:30 Mass.

These Masses do include all the Summer Program students. For those students attending their grade level Mass listed above, please sit in the front of the Church, try to arrive by 9:10AM and remember your tithing envelope as they are not only used for a donation but also for taking attendance. All family members are invited to join us at this Mass.

SPECIAL NOTES

Classes are cancelled the week of February 17, 2020 for Winter Recess. They resume on Monday, February 24th. The Religion Office will be closed on Monday, February 17th for President's Day.

CONFIRMATION INFO

The date for Confirmation for our 8th grade students is Tuesday, March 31, 2020. Bishop Richard Henning will be presiding and there will be two Confirmations, one at 10:00AM and one at 1:30PM.

Saturday, February 8, 2020, Confirmation Retreat in Msgr. Goggin Hall A-L 10AM-12PM; M-Z 1PM-3PM. All Confirmation students must attend.

Confirmation Packets are due back to the Religion office on Thursday, February 13, 2020.

**PLEASE NOTE THE
UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES**

Sunday, February 2 is passed
Sunday, February 9 is Monday, February 3
Sunday, February 16 is Monday, February 10
Sunday, February 23 is Friday, February 14

Please email: bulletin@smrcc.org

*The Bread and Wine
In loving memory of
John Grue, Jr.
With love,
Angel Piccirillo*



Getting a Mass Card

One of the most characteristic features of the Catholic “way of death” is to bring a “Mass Card” to the Wake or to send one to a bereaved family on the occasion of the death of a loved one.



We speak of the “Mass Book” being open for people to “get Masses said” for their deceased or living family members. At almost every Mass the name or names of the “Mass Intentions” are announced.

What does this mean?

First, it is rooted in the theology of the Mass as the representation of the Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross on Good Friday. As our theology matured over the centuries this was often described as **the one Sacrifice of Himself offered by Christ in a “bloody manner” on the Cross once and for all; and the Mass as an “unbloody” Sacrifice that renews or “re-presents” the Cross for us in our churches until the end of time.**

It is important to bear in mind that from the earliest writings we have from the New Testament itself to the “infant Church” the Eucharist is always described in sacrificial language. The Eucharistic Liturgy is seen as making the Sacrifice of Christ present under the outward forms of bread and wine, transformed by the Lord’s own words into His Body and Blood. The Eucharistic Sacrifice is offered by the Lord through the consecrated ministry of the apostolic priesthood.

Catholic theology discerned what were termed “fruits of the Mass” as *“the spiritual and temporal blessings obtained through the Eucharistic sacrifice. The general fruits of the Mass are applied to the whole Church, in which all the faithful share, both the living and the dead. The special fruits are applied first to the priest who celebrates Mass, then to those for whom he offers it, and finally to those who participate in the Eucharistic liturgy.”*

The Mass Card represents that a Mass will be offered either at a set date or time, or at an unspecified date, for a named person or intention by a priest who will apply his ministerial intention or **fruit to the intention of the donor. The donor offers a “Stipend” or donation to the priest for his sustenance and prayers.** A long-standing axiom in the Church is that the priest should *live off the altar*. This is most often arranged through the parish office.

Another important point can be put this way: “God-ward” the fruits of the Mass are infinite in that the Mass is Christ’s own offering of Himself to the Father in an unbloody manner by the hands of the priest for the redemption of the world. However, “us-ward,” our capacity to benefit from the fruits of the Mass is limited by our finite ability to receive these benefits and by the actual or residual effects of our sins as well as the passage of time. Hence, Masses are offered again and again till the end of time.

Most Masses are offered in practice for the deceased. This again is seen in ancient Christian practice from the earliest days that in some fashion the dead can benefit from the offering of the Mass.

They are still bound to us on earth, and to the Saints in Heaven, by the *communio sanctorum*. This Latin phrase from the Creeds is often translated as the “Communion of Saints” but can literally mean the “sharing of holy things.”

As with any human person, the ability to benefit from the fruits of the Mass is conditional upon the faith and devotion of the person and many Masses are often offered for the same person as a help to their final salvation.

This and That

This Parish has long offered opportunities for special Eucharistic Adoration in the form of “Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament”; i.e., the Host is exposed to view in the monstrance for prayer. As the years have gone on, the number of people attending such times has steadily declined.

Currently, we have one such Holy Hour, Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the church. In addition, on First Fridays of the month Exposition and Adoration is held in the Chapel from the evening through to the next morning.

Traditionally, the Church has always encouraged the less formal and more flexible form of Eucharistic Adoration known as “a visit to the Blessed Sacrament” as the primary way to adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

In this parish the main church is open for basically 12 hours every day, and the Parish Center Chapel is available while the building is open. I notice with pleasure many people “dropping by” to be with Our Lord in the Tabernacle for some time, or only even for a few moments.

Along with this, however, the Church has also surrounded Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with safeguards and requirements befitting a properly liturgical action. This means that unlike the Visit which is a private devotion, there must be certain ceremonies and care taken with Exposition.

The main point I am concerned about is the number of people who actually attend and who benefit from Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration of the Lord in His Eucharistic Presence reserved in the Tabernacle is always beneficial for those who avail themselves of it, but a liturgical rite has a public dimension beyond the merely personal.

Father Hewes

Every Tuesday, a Eucharistic Holy Hour for the Sanctification of the Clergy and the Purification of the Church is held in the church immediately after the 9:00 AM Mass.

The Rosary will be prayed before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the monstrance and other prayers will be offered in reparation for sins and for the healing of the victims of sin.



Y.E.S. ~ SENIOR NEWS ... Thursday, January 30th - Regular meeting



February 1 & 2

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	J. Camilleri	A. Sosnilo
J. McQueeney		S. Fleming	M. Klimek	

Lectors

4:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
M. Brennan	C. DeStefano	M.C. Okonkwo	D. Manetta	M. Shef



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Atienza
Lisa Ciota
Daniela Conti
Gerard Costa
Joseph Costa

Chloe

Vilma Diaztoral
David Falen
Lawrence Famighetti
Nunzio Grella
Roy Internicola
Christian Martino

Sophia Marzulla
John McIntyre
Jay McNamee
Jill Pasquolone
Mary Perry
Marge Puccio
Eugene Quarello
Gary Rickerson
Casey Rodriquez

Christopher Sabato, Sr.
Cecelia Sanzone
Charles Sanzone
Grace Sanzone
Debbie Serio
Ed & Ann Smith
Albi Snolis
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.*

JANUARY ~ Promotion of World Peace

That Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.



We Pray, especially for our Service Men and Women:

Christopher Pavlat - Army, Rev. James Krische - Active - Colonel - Army,
Pvt. Brandon Leap - Active - Army, 1st Lt. Dominador Pascual III - Active - Air Force,
Pilot Matthew Waldman - Active - Air Force, 2nd Lt. Joseph Morgan - Active - 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,
Lance Cpl. 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, Jeffrey Gabriellini - Air Force, Cpl. 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.



St. Matthew Knights of Columbus
ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN COUNCIL,
No. 7479

will be selling Super Bowl boxes
to support St. Jude's Children's Hospital
after all Masses
from January 4th through Feb 2nd, boxes are \$25.00 each.



St. Matthew Knights of Columbus

ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN COUNCIL, No. 7479
35 North Service Road, Dix Hills, New York 11746
WILL BE HOSTING THE LOCAL COUNCIL

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



**AT ST. MATTHEW CHURCH, DIX HILLS
JANUARY 25, 2020, 5:15 PM**

**OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9 -14
~ REGISTRATION BEGINS @ 5PM ~**

~ COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED FOR PROOF OF AGE ~

**WINNERS CAN PROGRESS THROUGH TO THE
DISTRICT, ISLAND AND STATE COMPETITIONS
FOR PRE-REGISTRATION OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
CONTACT: CHRIS FELICE, SMRCCATHLETICS@GMAIL.COM**

January 26 -Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



In this Sunday's Gospel, we find that Jesus "went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the Kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people."

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom to the poor, by assisting families, providing them with food and gifts, and helping them pay utility bills and rent.

Dear Parishioners,

This is a heartbreaking story. Please read the message below from Daniela Conte's family. I wish you could meet her as she is a beautiful, smart, amazing, courageous little girl who has suffered from cancer for 3 years.



Sister Kay

Last June, Daniela made her First Holy Communion in our Chapel. Fr. Hewes gave her the Eucharist for the first time and her parents, brothers and sister, her relatives, the Religious Ed Directors and I were privileged to be there. As you read below, you will learn that her family has tremendous medical bills. If you are able, please try to assist the family with these overwhelming bills. Of course, I also ask you to please pray for her and her family. I know that I can count on you.

Thank you and God bless you.

Sr. Kay McCarthy

Daniela Conte is a vibrant 8-year-old girl who continues her battle with Embryonal Rhabdomyosarcoma. Embryonal Rhabdomyosarcoma is a relatively common muscle and soft tissue pediatric cancer. What makes Daniela's case extremely rare is that it's in her liver and surrounding veins. There are almost no documented cases like this.

For the past 3 years, Daniela has undergone various types of chemotherapy, experimental procedures, surgeries, medications, and radiation therapy. Upon completing her most current 10 rounds of chemo this past year, her scans showed her as being cancer free.

Unfortunately, this September we received news that her cancer was never really gone, just not detectable with the scans. Two areas in her liver had a regrowth of cancer. The larger area was able to be destroyed with ablation therapy. She had this procedure last month. The second, smaller area is being treated with radiation therapy right now. The plan after this is to destroy any surviving microscopic cancer cells with immunotherapy medication.

Daniela has also undergone several dental procedures due to the extensive damage from chemotherapy. Most teeth have been rotted out, many have had to be pulled and she has multiple fillings and root canal procedures at such a young age. Unfortunately, this will continue until her treatment is finished. The dental bills have already been in the multiple thousands and will continue to rise due to the continuing treatment. Her dentist is unable to do most of these procedures due to the complexity of the problems and due to the fact that she is on blood thinner medication. So, she must see a specialist and they do not participate in our insurance plan.

Despite all that she has been through, she is still in good spirits. She's back at school almost full time and is trying to live the best life she can. It's been over 3 years of her fighting this. She is looking forward to the day she is cancer free and can stop with all the treatments, procedures, and medications.

Thank you all for your love and support.

Sincerely,

The Conte Family

**Donations can be sent to:
Mrs. Katia Conte, P.O. Box 1128
Melville, NY 11747**

THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS THINKING OF THOSE IN NEED. HOWEVER, AT PRESENT, WE DO NOT NEED CLOTHING, TOYS OR BABY ITEMS. PLEASE BRING BABY ITEMS DIRECTLY TO THE LIFE CENTER AT 1767 DEER PARK AVENUE, DEER PARK. PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF ANY OF THESE ITEMS OR CLOTHING IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH.

Thank you and God bless you, Sr.Kay.

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.



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

President Trump Safeguards the Right to Religious Freedom in Public Schools

"We don't worship government - we worship God."

President Trump, 2020

On Jan.16, National Religious Freedom Day, President. Trump said, "This afternoon, we're proudly announcing historic steps to protect the First Amendment right to pray in public schools...It is a sacred principle of our Republic that government must never stand between the people and God. Yet, in public schools around the country, authorities are stopping students and teachers from praying, sharing their faith, or following their religious beliefs.... Tragically, there is a growing ...impulse...that seeks to punish, restrict, and even prohibit religious expression." ⁽¹⁾

For seven years, Catholics for Freedom of Religion has been reporting instances of students denied their right to religious expression in their schools.

The Trump administration has updated the guidelines, first issued under President Clinton, and is sending them to every school that receives federal funds. The Guidance on Constitutionally Protected Prayer and Religious Expression in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools can be read on the United States Department of Education website at www.ed.gov

"These actions by the president should prompt discussions among parents, clergy and educators that will end the too common suppression of students' appropriate expressions of their faith." said Barbara Samuells, President of Catholics for Freedom of Religion.

To monitor compliance with the guidelines, every public school will continue to certify to their state that they have no policy that conflicts with students' religious freedom rights. **As before, a public school's federal funding could be suspended if the school is not in compliance."** ⁽²⁾

c-span.org, 1/16/20, transcript; ncregister.com, 1/17/20;
americamagazine.org, 1/17/20; whitehouse.gov/briefings;

(2) independentsentinel.com, 1/17/19

"The Constitution was never meant to prevent people from praying; its declared purpose was to protect their freedom to pray."

President Ronald Reagan



LECTURE SERIES ~ COME MEET DAN SEARBY

Speaking on: **Return to the Holy Land - *The Sequels*** (All New Content!)
Take a brisk, multi-media, virtual pilgrimage through Israel and Palestine. Go to the Western/Wailing Wall, inside the Dome of the Rock, experience Easter within The Holy Sepulchre and meet the High Priest of the Samaritans. There will be some music, humor, politics and hopefully, insha'Allah, some spirituality and like all pilgrimages, you will either return home safely or go straight to heaven.



BIO/BACKGROUND

The author/presenter, Dan Searby is an Anglican convert to Catholicism and a Bible Lands aficionado who possibly suffers from "Jerusalem Syndrome" (Google it). He is also an active supporter of Christians in the Middle East through CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association), The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and Bethlehem University. This presentation is a follow-up to a talk on his 2016 pilgrimage given in September 2017. The all new content in "Return to the Holy Land" is drawn from 2017, 2018 and 2019 pilgrimages to Israel and Palestine.

Sunday, February 2, 2020 2:00-4:00 pm

in the Library at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743

The Seminary is 3 miles north of Main Street in Huntington Village.
Library is on the 4th floor. For directions or other information,
call 631 423-0483 ext. 141 or email us at: libraryweb@icseminary.edu.



REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED!

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Project Rachel retreats offer the opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The retreats are directed by specially trained compassionate caregivers, including counselors and clergy, who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.

Day of Prayer and Healing for Women
Saturday, March 7, 2020

Please register by Monday, March 2nd.

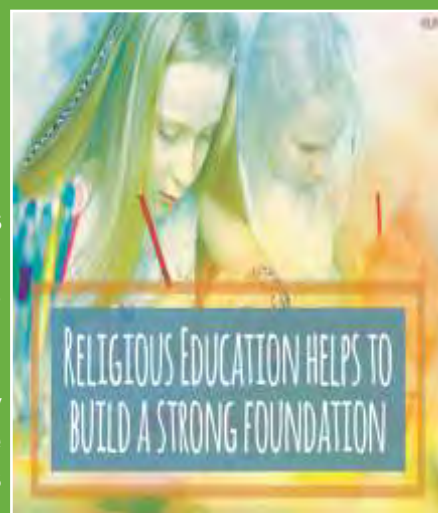
For more information and to register please visit www.respectlife.drvc.org or contact Project Rachel at 1(888) 456-HOPE (4673), 1(516) 766-2538 or projectrachel@drvc.org. All information will remain confidential.

Attention High School Juniors & Seniors - High school juniors and seniors including home schoolers, you have the voice, the enthusiasm, the spirit and the opportunity to speak up for the voiceless and marginalized members of the human family; the pre-born, the frail elderly and the disabled. Please consider participating in the annual **Oratory Contest** sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust to be held at Kellenberg Memorial High School on Sunday, March 22, 2020. You will have the opportunity to express, in a logical and organized way, your respect for the life of every individual, no matter how small or incapacitated. The first, second and third place winners will receive \$500, \$300 and \$200 respectively. You may focus your 5-7 minute speech on one of the following topics: abortion, stem cell research/cloning, euthanasia, assisted suicide or health care rationing. The application will be in the Jan/Feb issue of *Life News* and will be on our website: prolifeli.org.

High School Scholarship Award - The LI Coalition for Life Educational Trust invites all high school seniors (including home schooled) in Nassau & Suffolk counties to take part in its 2020 High School Scholarship Award. Applicants are to participate in and engage their peers in respect for human life activities. Students will be evaluated on their level of involvement, creative advocacy and dedication in supporting respect for human life. The awards are \$350 and \$250. Applications are available at www.ProlifeED.org and www.ProlifeLI.org or call 631 575-1482 to request a copy of the application.

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Schools Week 2020
January 26 - February 1**

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The first was celebrated in 1974. Catholic Schools Week always begins the last Sunday in January. Schools typically observe National Catholic Schools Week with Masses, open house and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.



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