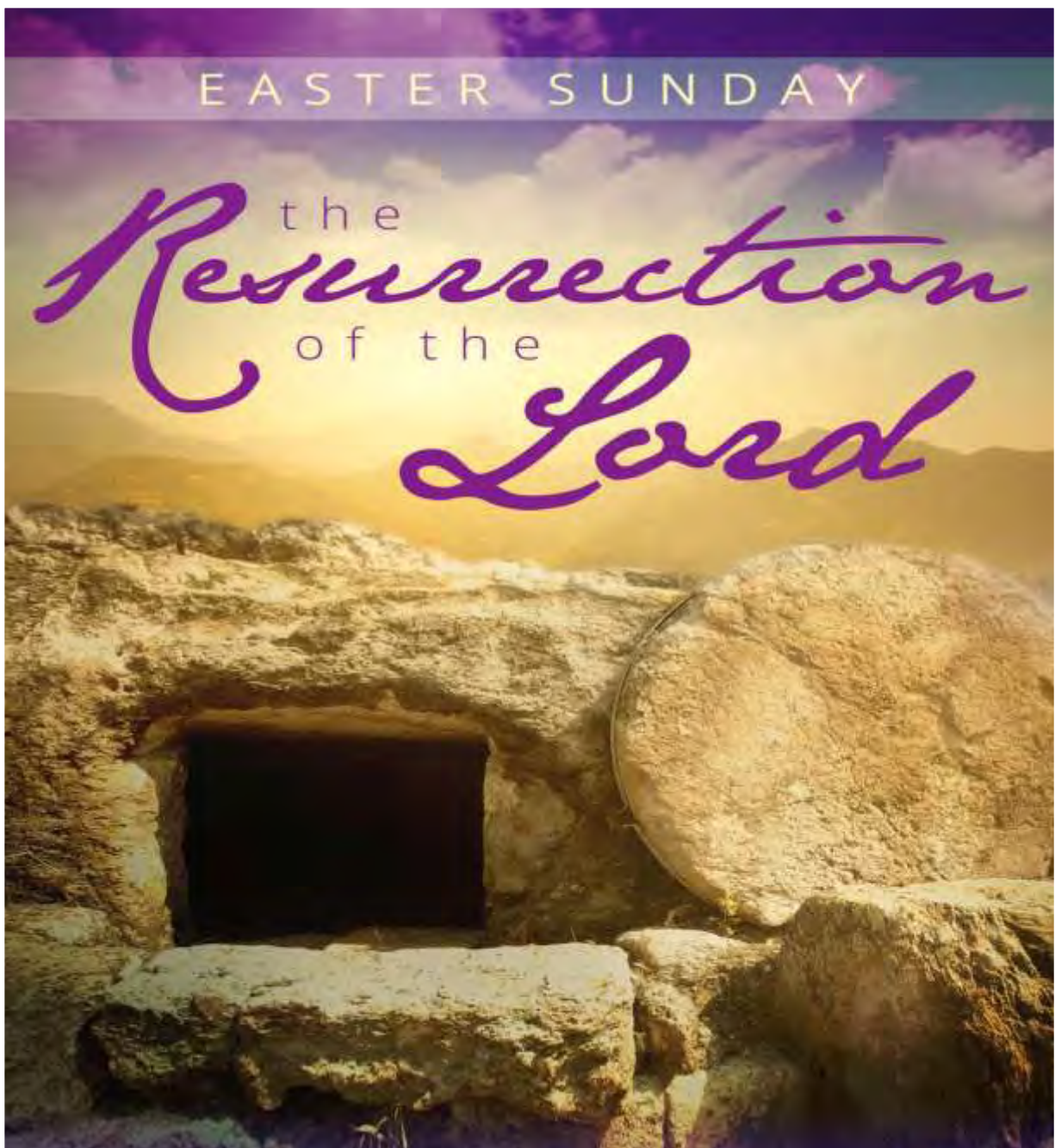


April 12, 2020



The Salvation of Souls is the Supreme Law

Roman Catholic Church of St. Matthew

35 North Service Road, Dix Hills, New York 11746

(631) 499 - 8520 Fax: (631) 499 - 1530 www.smrcc.org

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



Pastor

Rev. Robert Hewes

Associate Pastors

Rev. Joseph Habila

Rev. Benet Uwasomba

Deacons

Carmine DeStefano

Luis Polanco

Pastoral Associate

Sister Kathleen McCarthy, O. P.

D.R.E.: Mary Donaldson

Music Director: Lee Forsythe

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.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Those who are seriously ill should request a priest for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

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

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Widow and Widowers 65 and over

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**Collection totals
for April 4th & 5th will
be in next week's Bulletin.**

**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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Apr 11

7:30 PM Edwin J. Lucie
Michael Quinlivan
Patricia Endres
Janet Reynolds
Margaret DeCiantis
Millie & Frank Tricamo
Intentions of Jack Tseng

No Spanish Mass

Sunday, Apr 12

7:30 AM Frank Campa
9:30 AM Schoch, Mantel &
Schwartz Families
11:00 AM Edwin J. Lucie
12:30 PM (L) For the People of the Parish
12:30 PM Intentions of Sbashnig &
Seery Families

Monday, Apr 13

9:00 AM Beatrice & Joseph Tuzzolino

Tuesday, Apr 14

9:00 AM John Vierling, Jr.

Wednesday, Apr 15

9:00 AM Mary & Michael Columbia

Thursday, Apr 16

9:00 AM Jay Bilicki

Friday, Apr 17

9:00 AM Marie & Frank Damato

Saturday, Apr 18

9:00 AM Josephine Pergolizzi
Betty Singleton
Dr. Lourdes Pineda
4:00 PM Maria & Vito Fodera
Antonio Caputo
Living Intentions of Jack Tseng
Deceased Members of
the Rosato Family
Peter Scagnelli
Salvatore Di Guardia
7:00 PM Melida Munoz &
Luis Carlos Munoz

Sunday, Apr 19

7:30 AM
9:30 AM Meaghan Burton
11:00 AM Rose Barbero Volpe ~
Happy Birthday
12:30 PM (L) For the People of the Parish
12:30 PM Mariantonia Gangi

*Altar Candles
In Loving Memory of
Jack Distefano and
The Toronto Family
With Love,
Rosa Distefano*



**PLEASE NOTE:
The Spring
Let's Play Program
has been postponed
at this time.**



April 12 - Easter Sunday

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice. It is then that we are truly Easter people!

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy.



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Chloe Atienza
Marie Clarke
Lisa Ciota
Gerard Costa
Joseph Costa

Vilma Diaztoral
David Falen
Lawrence Famighetti
Nunzio Grella
Lisa Marie Hulsen
Christian Martino
Sophia Marzulla

John McIntyre
Jay McNamee
Jill Pasqulone
Mary Perry
Marge Puccio
Eugene Quarello
Gary Rickerson
Casey Rodriguez

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.*

APRIL - Freedom from Addiction

That those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.



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.

Easter



It was the morning of the world now...but ...as yet...the world did not know it..

It seemed to the 'world' ...that the "world' was safe....

Another Messiah...another imposter...history...

The Death was real alright, no doubt about that....

Scourging...nails...plaited thorns...the Roman cross...the blood...the Seven Words...the final shudder...the final cry...then..for good measure a Roman *pilum* in the side...must've pierced the pericardium...all that blood and clear fluid...that was it...wasn't it?

There was that oddly troubling darkening of Day...the rumbling of earth....the strange coincidence of how the Temple's inner curtain separated....the crazy stories of open tombs and walking dead...But...there was a Tomb...and two of the Sanhedrin made sure it was all done proper-like... Odd..NOW they come forward? ... after He was Dead?...well...you know how "religious people" are....

But...it was the morning...THE morning...and it was growing light....

More weeping women...back to the Tomb....finish the job of preparation...now that the Sabbath was over...

Open?empty?...HOW????

They enter...the winding sheet askew...no body....Then...the MEN...can't look at them....

"Why seek ye here amongst the dead for One Who is Living?"

He is not HERE...well....THAT they could see...after all....LIVING?...

RISEN?....

But....don't we ALL know that DEAD is DEAD????

Isn't it that there is nothing more certain than that Death is final?....

"Remember...He told you....remember? ...He told you..."

REMEMBER!!!!...

It comes flooding back...Yes...yes....but....but....we thought He was...?

KIDDING????

No....He Who is Truth...told you....me... the Truth...

It can't be...it IS!....

Off they run...these women...with their confusing names...Now...which "Mary" is which?...

Off they run....



To the Eleven...depleted now by one....the Man with the Plan...proud like many men who think their sin is much too great for God to forgive....tragedy...the Potter's Field....

The Eleven...behind locked doors...quiet...ashamed...confused...the "Rock" is back...faithful now...Yeh...big help he was in the Garden!...well....where else can we go?...WHO has the words of Eternal Life except...the One...who is DEAD?.....they sit there...fearful at a knock on the door....

The Tomb empty? ...Two men in white?????

Come on now....really....They said what? ...when the Master was with us in Galilee...well...yes...we do remember that now... but...but....

Perhaps it was the deeply hurt and pragmatic Thomas who snapped "NONSENSE!!!!" ... and stormed out wrapped in his own sad darkness into the World's Morning...

The Fisherman goes tho'...after all...he has to keep them together...even after...the denials...He runs...probably runs with the rolling gait of a landed fisherman ...bends down...the clothes!...but...wrapped up?...what kind of grave robber would leave behind that cloth...but wrap it up?...Odd...odd.....He wonders....wanders....back.....

The Dawn would come...the Voice...the soft call to the Magdelene...then....the Appearance... Alive...wishing them Peace...yet....the wounds....those wounds!... never to be gone...always the Sign of The Sacrificed God....always there...always....they would see Him....fear....rejoice... cling....even our good Thomas would receive his tender but firm challenge...See...Touch!...."Be not unbelieving but believing!"

He told us...didn't He...?

Yes....of all the world's tombs...only Two are empty because the One buried in it got up...and walked away...or...rather...rose....

Only two...

The other one?....

Well...there IS that other scene not recorded....too private...too intimate...but...it surely HAD to happen....

While the women and disciples rush around....

Somewhere in the early Dawn....a meeting occurs...

We almost cannot bear to imagine it...but it surely HAD to happen...

Somewhere in Jerusalem...

Three years before...pensive...loving...determined...He who is the Sacrificed God...and yet is The Son of A Mother...said farewell....

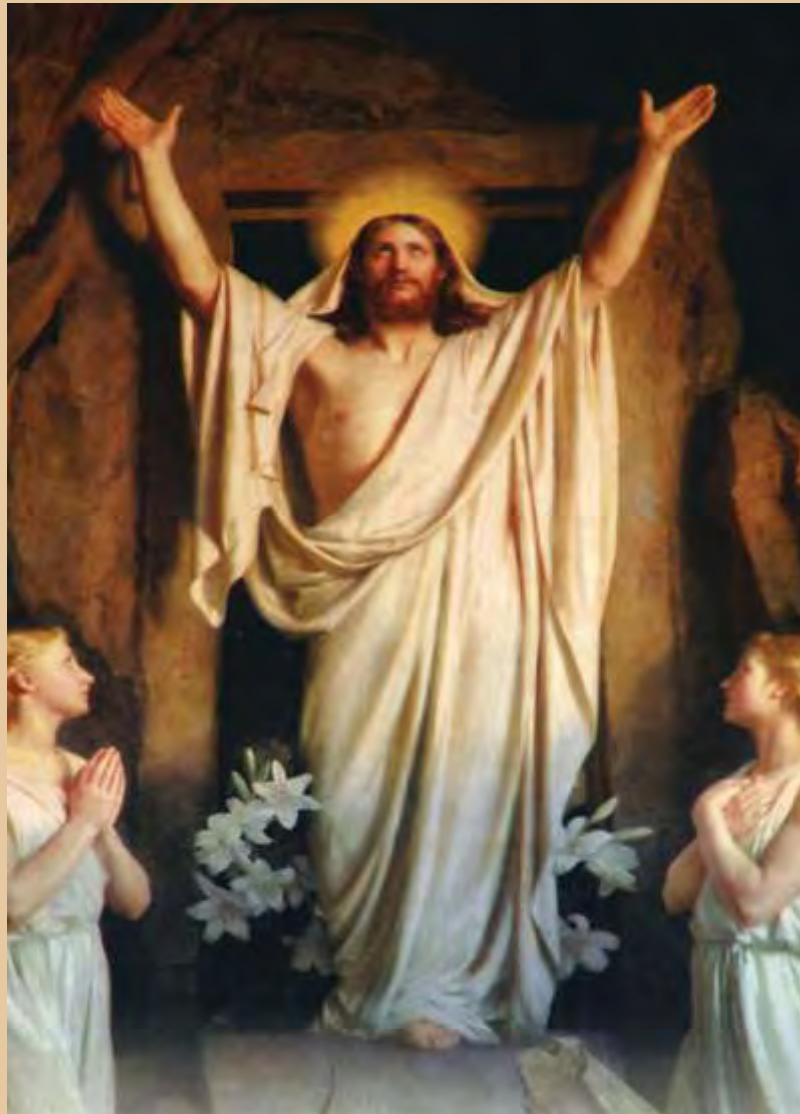
Now...this morning...it is "Ave...Hail....the words come from the ancient love song of inspired Scripture...the book that oddly never mentions God....now it makes sense..." Arise...my lovely....my dove...Arise....Come..."

The Son greets His Mother before all else.....the first "Regina Caeli" "Queen of Heaven..Rejoice!..Alleluia!...For He whom you did merit to bear...to birth...to feed...to love...and who for a while said goodbye...He ...is Risen....Even as HE said!" ...

HE said...and so we here...two thousand years later...WE say....He is Risen....Alleluia!

Still, even now, in our empty churches and in our small family groups...in a plague-stricken confusing world...we say...

HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!



Dear Friends,

The following directives were received Monday, March 16th. Like you, I find this an occasion of regret and sorrow.

Bound by the obligation of ecclesial obedience and concern for the public health, I have implemented them immediately. The communication to the priests from the Diocese explicitly cancels all public Liturgies and devotions until Easter Tuesday, April 14th.

As you can imagine, this is an unprecedented and disturbing time. I will try to keep you informed by the parish website smrcc.org and the electronic bulletin on the website as to any further developments and changes.

As of March 17th as well, all scheduled Confessions are suspended and no Funeral Liturgies are to be celebrated in church or in the Funeral Home.

The church will remain open for private prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

Now more than ever, you are all in my daily Divine Office and prayers!

Father Hewes

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As of March 15, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control announced that it is recommended that all events involving 50 people or more be suspended or postponed.

In an effort to promote health and safety of all people, the Diocese of Rockville Centre announces the following measures:

1. *Beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 at 3:00 PM, all Masses (weekday and weekend), meetings, and non-essential activities in our parishes are suspended or postponed through Tuesday, April 14, 2020. This will include all Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. However, these will be televised and available online (see below). This includes all Confirmations, First Communions, First Confessions, etc. When these events are rescheduled, they will be announced by local parishes. Baptisms should be postponed unless absolutely necessary and should observe the limits.*
2. Churches may remain open for private prayer at the discretion of the Pastor. However, they must observe the recommendation of fewer than 50 people permitted.
3. The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will provide televised and online daily Masses, including Holy Week and Easter Liturgies, as well as other devotional and spiritual programs. (Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Spectrum channel 162/471.) CFN is also available on selected cable and satellite systems and through 24/7 live stream at [CFNtv.org](http://CFNtv.org). You can also watch CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app at the app store by searching "Catholic Faith Network" or "CFN."



Currently, our Catholic Schools are closed through March 27, 2020, following the measures taken by Nassau and Suffolk public schools. However, we continue to monitor the situation and will adapt and update as needed. Again, we continue to monitor the situation and will adapt and update as needed.

In an effort to participate in the statewide efforts to halt the spread of the COVID-19 virus, effective on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, the administrative offices of the Diocese of Rockville Centre located in Rockville Centre and Massapequa Park will be closed through Monday, April 13, 2020. Offices are scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 8:30 am. These locations will be thoroughly cleaned during closure. All employees will be working remotely, with business being conducted by email, telephonically or electronically, as best as possible.

For the latest information visit [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org).



## **Act of Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

# *Thank You!*

*Thank You, Thank You, Thank You many times over to Jack, Tony, Fran, Marcelli, Margaret, Tina, Sharon, Mary Anne, Nancy, Xavier and Frank for all your help with the Sunday morning grade Mass breakfast. The ministry of fellowship is truly evident.*

*Please give it some thought. Offering your skills and enthusiasm positively impacts the lives of others, as well as your own. Volunteering assists in the overall improvement of the quality of life for everyone and fosters relationships and interaction with others. Research has shown that people who volunteer actually live longer. There is nothing to lose and a lot to gain.*

*Thank you again, Dolores Tiernan*



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*

**THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WISHES EVERYONE  
A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND BLESSED EASTER**

Due to the Coronavirus threat Religious Education classes have ended for the year.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Registration forms for the Winter Program (September 2020 thru April 2021) will be mailed home in early May 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 \$180.00 per child is due at that time.

**CONFIRMATION INFO**

The Bishop has cancelled Confirmation here on Tuesday, March 31st. The new date is Tuesday, June 2nd. All Confirmation requirements have also been cancelled until further notice.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INFO**

Our First Holy Communions are still scheduled for Saturday, May 9th and Saturday, May 16th but First Penance for our second grade children on March 28th and April 4th has been cancelled. The rescheduled date has not been determined.

**SUMMER PROGRAM**

The dates for the Summer Program 2020 are August 2nd through August 16th, from 8:30AM to 1:00PM, Monday thru Friday and the three Sunday 9:30 Masses on 8/2, 8/9 and 8/16. Grades 4 thru 7 are eligible and the fee is \$300.00 per child. **Registration is Wednesday, May 20th at 7:00PM in the Church** and Summer Program Helper sign-up is Wednesday, June 10th at 7:00PM in Msgr. Goggin Hall.

**PLEASE NOTE THE  
UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES**

Sunday, April 19 is Monday, April 13  
Sunday, April 26 is Monday, April 20  
Sunday, May 3 is Monday, April 27

**Please email: [bulletin@smrcc.org](mailto:bulletin@smrcc.org)**

Dear Parishioners, YES Group and Rosarians,

You have prayed me into wellness for which I am most grateful. My thanks to all of you and please remember, you are in my daily prayers.

Peace and prayers, Sr. Anthony Therese



**In these days, St. Matthew's parish will still need your generosity.**

You may wish to mail your contribution envelopes to the Parish, or drop them off at the Parish Office or use the Faith Direct online giving (see the Enrollment Form below).

Our Parish Code is NY 368.

# ENROLLMENT FORM



Church Name



St. Matthew Catholic Church  
35 North Service Road  
Dix Hills, NY 11746

FOR ONLINE ENROLLMENT  
USE CHURCH CODE:

NY368

Faith Direct · Attention: Enrollment · P.O. Box 7101 · Merrifield, VA 22116-7101 · 1-866-507-8757 (toll free) · www.faithdirect.net

Weekly Offertory contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Total contribution amount will be debited on the 4<sup>th</sup> of the month or the next business day. The total amount will be determined by the number of Sundays in the month. Some months have 5 Sundays.)

You may also choose to give to the optional collections listed below as part of the total monthly transaction in the month listed for each.

| COLLECTION                                               | AMOUNT   | MONTH    | COLLECTION                                                       | AMOUNT   | MONTH     |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Year's Day (Solemnity)      | \$ _____ | January  | <input type="checkbox"/> Peter's Pence                           | \$ _____ | June      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seminary                        | \$ _____ | January  | <input type="checkbox"/> Feast of the Assumption                 | \$ _____ | August    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church in Need                  | \$ _____ | February | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional School Support                 | \$ _____ | September |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional School Support         | \$ _____ | February | <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic University                     | \$ _____ | September |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ash Wednesday                   | \$ _____ | February | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry                          | \$ _____ | September |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Relief Services        | \$ _____ | March    | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired Priests                         | \$ _____ | September |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Flowers *                | \$ _____ | March    | <input type="checkbox"/> Respect Life                            | \$ _____ | October   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Land (Good Friday)         | \$ _____ | April    | <input type="checkbox"/> World Missions                          | \$ _____ | October   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Sunday                   | \$ _____ | April    | <input type="checkbox"/> All Saints' Day                         | \$ _____ | November  |
| (In addition to weekly gift)                             | \$ _____ | April    | <input type="checkbox"/> All Souls' Day *                        | \$ _____ | November  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother's Day Mass Remembrance * | \$ _____ | May      | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Development/Home Missions         | \$ _____ | November  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Elementary Schools     | \$ _____ | May      | <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Offering                           | \$ _____ | November  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Communications         | \$ _____ | May      | <input type="checkbox"/> Support <i>The Long Island Catholic</i> | \$ _____ | December  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feast of the Ascension          | \$ _____ | May      | <input type="checkbox"/> Immaculate Conception                   | \$ _____ | December  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Retirement            | \$ _____ | June     | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Flowers *                     | \$ _____ | December  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Father's Day Mass Remembrance * | \$ _____ | June     | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas                               | \$ _____ | December  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional School Support         | \$ _____ | June     |                                                                  |          |           |

\*Please call the parish office at 631-499-8520 to give the names of your dedications/intentions for these collections.

I would like to enroll in the Faith Direct program. I understand that my total monthly contribution amount will be transferred directly from my checking account or credit card as stated above, a record of my gifts will appear on my bank or credit card statement, and my transfers will begin next month. I understand that I can increase, decrease or suspend my giving by contacting Faith Direct toll free at 1-866-507-8757. [All gifts provided to your Church originating as Automated Clearing House transactions comply with U.S. law.]

Signature: X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Church Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- Name as I/we would like it to appear on Offertory Cards: \_\_\_\_\_
- I do not wish to receive Offertory Cards to place in the collection basket as a sign of my electronic giving.

If you choose to enroll by mail, you can contact Faith Direct at 1-866-507-8757 (toll-free) to set up online access to your account.

For Checking Account Debit: Please return this completed form and a voided check to Faith Direct Enrollment.

For Credit Card Debit: Please complete the following...  VISA  MasterCard  American Express  Discover

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name as Appears on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions about the Faith Direct program, please contact us at 1-866-507-8757 (toll free) or info@faithdirect.net.



2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

### A Message from the Office of the Catholic Ministries Appeal

As we continue to struggle with the effects that COVID -19 is having on our community, let us continue to work together through prayer and precaution to help ensure that our community and church will be vibrant for future generations.

Not unlike weekly giving to your parish offertory, gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal are essential to our mission.

As such we are processing mail as quickly as possible with limited staff, but we are also encouraging you to give online at <https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/> if you are able.

Thank you for your patience and support. We join you in prayer for an end to this terrible virus.

“O Christ Jesus  
When all is darkness  
And we feel our weakness and helplessness,  
Give us the sense of Your Presence,  
Your Love and Your Strength.  
Help us to have perfect trust  
In Your protecting love  
And strengthening power,  
So that nothing may frighten or worry us,  
For, living close to You,  
We shall see Your Hand,  
Your Purpose, Your Will through all things.”  
- *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

**God bless and stay safe.**

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

To make a donation or for more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit [CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org](https://CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org), phone 516-678-5800 ext. 296 or call Jack Maccio at St. Matthew - 631 499-8520 Ext. 117 or [JBM1944@icloud.com](mailto:JBM1944@icloud.com).



## Urgent Need for Blood Donations!

In order to maintain and ensure social distancing during the Coronavirus pandemic, Long Island Blood Services has **canceled** all local Blood Drives for the immediate future, *including St. Catherine's Blood Drive scheduled for March 30*

**As a result, Blood Centers are in Urgent Need of Blood!**

St. Catherine of Siena encourages all healthy Community Residents to make an appointment to donate blood at one of the local New York Blood Center donor locations:

**Bohemia Donor Center**  
3125 Veterans Memorial Hwy  
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

**Melville Donor Center**  
905 Walt Whitman Rd. (Rte. 110)  
Melville, NY 11747

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1010 Route 112  
Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776

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If you were planning to donate at St. Catherine of Siena's Blood Drive, please donate on behalf of St. Catherine's using:

**Group Number: 06284**

*Remember to bring photo ID and you donor ID Card*

NYBC hours have been adjusted to reflect the increased need for donations. NYBC collection sites are disinfected frequently and comply with CDC infection prevention regulations.

**\*\*\*Register on line or call 646-983-0661 to choose your location and time\*\***  
<https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/>



### Everyone Counts

Have you filled out your 2020 Census yet?

The Census impacts our hospitals, our healthcare, our disaster programs - all systems that are being stretched thin by the current public health crisis.

Fill out the Census today to contribute to a brighter, more resilient future for Long Island. Go to [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov) or call 844-330-2020.

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### Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father,  
In the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap your arms around our world and hold us in your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.

Amen.

