

# Roman Catholic Church of St. Matthew

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

June 30, 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



13<sup>th</sup> Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." - Lk 9:60

## *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

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**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:

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

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

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**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.



**Saturday, Jun 29**

4:00 PM Carolyn Viverito  
 Living Intentions of Jack Tseng  
 Maria DiNola  
 Slawek Bogun  
 Theresa Mazzaro  
 Charles & Adeline Moll  
 7:00 PM Victor & Vincente Gonzalez -  
 Happy Anniversary In Heaven

**Sunday, Jun 30**

7:30 AM Sean Hennessy  
 9:30 AM Lillian Edwards Barrow  
 11:00 AM Dora Garcia  
 12:30 PM (L) For the People of the Parish  
 12:30 PM Giovanni Musacchio

**Monday, Jul 1**

9:00 AM Dorothy Sammon

**Tuesday, Jul 2**

9:00 AM George Sheehan

**Wednesday, Jul 3**

9:00 AM Thomas Archbold

**Thursday, Jul 4**

9:00 AM Jack Vierling, Jr.

**Friday, Jul 5**

9:00 AM Neil F. & Eugene Howell

**Saturday, Jul 6**

9:00 AM Juan Ramon  
 Philip Perry  
 Jela Perkovic  
 Vincent Costello  
 William B.Hopkins  
 Julio Mercado  
 4:00 PM Living Intentions of Jack Tseng  
 Natalie Salazar  
 Charles Varady  
 Rocco Rugnetta  
 John McCarthy  
 Arturo A. Santiago

7:00 PM

**Sunday, Jul 7**

7:30 AM Susan Cipolla  
 9:30 AM Carroll White  
 11:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of  
 the Honkanen Family  
 12:30 PM (L) For the People of the Parish  
 12:30 PM Birthday Blessings For Yolene Lubin

**Business Manager**

*Dolores Tiernan*

**Finance Chairperson**

*Richard Bove*

**Trustees**

*Deacon Carmine DeStefano and  
 Joseph Napolitano*



**Collections**

**Please note the following Correction:**

The figures in last week's bulletin were incorrectly listed for June 8 & 9.

The totals were actually for June 15 & 16.

**June 15 & 16**

**Weekly:** \$14,943.00

**Regional School:** \$ 3,123.00

**Faith Direct:** \$ 2,300.00

**June 22 & 23**

**Weekly:** \$12,913.00

**Faith Direct:** \$ 2,300.00



**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)



# God Bless AMERICA!

**4<sup>TH</sup>  
OF  
JULY**  
INDEPENDENCE DAY

THE PARISH CENTER WILL BE  
CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF  
THE HOLIDAY.

The Gift Shop and Reception Desk will be closed Saturdays during July and August.

The hours Monday-Friday remain as 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM ~ closed 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM for lunch.



Dear Friends,

As we end the month of June, let me express my appreciation for the especially beautiful celebration of the traditional Latin Mass and Benediction last Sunday for the feast of Corpus Christi.



Our music department, led by Lee Forsythe and the Adult Choir, aided and guided by the expertise of Susan Hugelmayer and our guest organist, Gary Ducoing filled our church with the splendid sounds of our Catholic liturgical patrimony, so long neglected and now resurrected. The altar servers and assistance of our regular Latin Mass community did so much to give worthy glory to Our Lord as well.

Things quiet down for July and I am happy to have the assistance of our visiting summer priests, Fathers Thomas and Jacob. For the next few weeks, let us enjoy the “summer lull.” In August our Summer Religious Education Program commences.

Also, please keep in your prayers the six new priests ordained for our Diocese last week, who take up their assignments this week. May they remain faithful and zealous servants of the Lord as the Church and our Diocese face changing and challenging times. To the extent that it was, the diocesan priesthood is no longer a predictable, sheltered, low-challenge environment for a “career.” The imminent future will bring significant changes in the “staffing” of parishes and long accustomed expectations of parish life.

For now, as ever,  
God’s Blessings!

Father Hewes

### **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.**



The Altar Flowers,



Altar Candles



and Bread and Wine

*In loving memory of Arturo A. Santiago  
From Your loving wife, Teresita and daughter, Teresita*



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*

**REGISTRATION**

Registration forms for the Winter Program (September 2019 thru April 2020) were mailed home last month and are coming in at a steady pace 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.

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.

Tuesday, July 30th, there will be a Summer Program Teachers Meeting in the St. Jude Room on the second floor at 7:00PM. Please make every effort to attend as this is the only meeting we are going to have.

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

Rosemary Femia , the professional photographer who takes the pictures for Confirmation and First Holy Communion can be reached at this number—631 586-0833.

**PLEASE NOTE THE  
UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES**

Sunday, July 7 deadline is passed.  
Sunday, July 14 deadline is Monday, July 8  
Sunday, July 21 deadline is Monday, July 15  
Sunday, July 28 deadline is Monday, July 22  
Please email: [bulletin@smrcc.org](mailto:bulletin@smrcc.org)



July 6 & 7

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
M. Brennan	C. DeStefano	G. DiGiorgio	D. Manetta	M. Shef



**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

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



Soon we will celebrate our glorious Independence Day. In man's aspirations for freedom, there is also a spiritual element. It is a day that we should give thanks to God that He has allowed our spirit to live.

HAPPY 4th of JULY!

**THANK YOU!**

Through your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal we are able to support programs that help others enjoy religious freedom!

**Dembe was keeping a very dangerous secret.**

For months she had been visiting a Catholic shrine near her home in Uganda. Pregnant, she nurtured her new-found faith there and decided she would have her baby baptized.

But Dembe came from a devout Muslim family and she knew her change of religion could be disastrous. She eventually told her husband who supported her decision. However, it wasn't long before their families found out and tempers flared. Hers immediately cut all ties while his family quickly turned everyone in their small community against them.

Soon they were not only ostracized but regularly victimized. Neighbors would curse and throw stones as they walked in the street. Once, while she was home alone, a group of men threw her into a pile of animal dung and mud. *They told me they'd kill us if I baptized my baby. I was frightened. I knew I had to do something.* So Dembe sought religious asylum in the United States.

When she arrived without her husband, she was still eight months pregnant and the only shelter she could find was in a friend's unfinished basement. A hospital social worker heard her plight and called Catholic Charities' Regina Residence, our home for pregnant women in crisis. There, Dembe was welcomed with open arms and found unconditional love for her and her newborn baby, Maria.

Today, Dembe and her baby are healthy, happy, and enjoying the religious freedom and tolerance of the United States. But she recalls, *"At that shrine they told me that God would find a way to wrap His arms around us. It was true. His arms are the embrace of Catholic Charities."*

Story reprinted from Catholic Charities' March Newsletter - The Mission.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



**"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: \_\_\_\_\_





**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.



**THANK YOU**

**We Made A Difference.  
You Made It Possible.**

The Respect Life Ministry and  
The Life Center  
of Deer Park

would like to thank those parishioners who contributed to our Father's Day Baby Shower. Your contributions help in caring for the mothers and their newborn babies.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS GET TOGETHER**

On Tuesday evening, July 23rd, there will be a gathering of our Parishioners who are beginning College, who are already in College or who are Graduate students. This gathering will take place in the Mirror Room in the Parish Center from 5:30-7:45 PM. This gathering will give you an opportunity to meet other Parishioners who might even be in the same College you are attending.

We'll begin with a prayer and then pizza will be served. We look forward to seeing you.  
Thank you and God bless you.  
Sister Kay McCarthy and Susan Terrone

**You must register by July 12th. Please return your information to the Parish Center or email to [kaymccarthyop@optonline.net](mailto:kaymccarthyop@optonline.net). (Include, in the subject of the email, the words **College Get Together**).**

Name.....

Address.....

Phone Number .....

College Attending.....

**Please circle your response to the following:**

**Are you a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior?**

**Are you a Graduate student? Yes No**



The Gift Shop will be closed Saturdays during July and August.  
Open Monday through Friday  
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Closed 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. for lunch

Stop by to see our Christmas in July Sale.  
New items being delivered ~ Nativity, etc.

Unique religious gifts, rosaries, books, fonts,  
statues, picture frames,  
Baptism items, wedding unity candles,  
*vestments and so much more...*



The Gift Shop is located in the Parish Center,  
across from the Receptionist area.

All Proceeds Benefit Our Parish Ministry!

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

Meetings are held every Thursday after the 9 AM Mass except on luncheon dates.

We had a very nice June luncheon and wrapped things up till September. Have a very safe, fun and healthy summer. The Fourth of July is coming up so remember to fly your flag and wear your colors. Be proud to be an American .

Remember to pray for all those who are ill and for their loving caregivers. Pray always for our church, our country, the military and for those who put themselves between us and danger.

See you in September,  
Pat

Be the living expression of Gods kindness.

Kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile. *Mother Theresa*

Some people come into our lives, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never the same.

*Unknown*



### Focus on Freedom of Religion

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

#### July 4, 1776 - A Free Nation is Born

**The Great Awakening**, a religious revival begun in the 1740s, infused the colonists with a zeal for independence in religious practice as well as government, **thus reinforcing the principle of freedom from religious persecution/religious freedom**, that brought the first settlers to America.

After nearly a year of trying to resolve their differences with Britain concerning many grievances together with taxation without representation (the colonists had no say in the decisions of the English Parliament even though they were English citizens), in May, 1776, the 13 colonies sent delegates to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia. After nearly two months of prayer, discussion and debate, these "Founders" approved the **Declaration of Independence**, drafted by Thomas Jefferson.

**"We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."**

#### Fascinating Facts for the Fourth:

- \* The first Declaration of Independence draft presented to Congress blamed King George III for the slave trade, which Jefferson described as "a cruel war against human nature itself." Georgia and South Carolina delegates insisted the passage be removed.
- \* When told that George Washington would return to private life and not remain in power if the U.S. won the American Revolution, King George III reportedly said, "Then truly he is the world's greatest man."
- \* Three Founding Fathers and U.S. presidents died on the Fourth of July: Thomas Jefferson & John Adams on July 4, 1826, and James Monroe, July 4, 1831.
- \* In 1776, 2.5 million new people lived in the U.S. Now, 243 years later, over 300 million people live here.

(courant.com, 7/4/18; computer images.com)

**"Freedom is a gift and a personal responsibility. It is a challenge held out to each generation and it must be constantly be won over for the sake of the good."** *Pope Francis*

### Feed the Poor Project



The New Pentecost Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order and The St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold their **annual Family Fair** for the homeless families with children living at the HELP shelter in North Bellport on **Saturday, August 24, 2019**. Free franks, soda, ice cream and pony rides make for a fun day for the kids.

New back packs filled with school supplies donated by the United Jewish Appeal are given to all. Slightly used or new clothes along with slightly used or new toys and books are donated to help the families prepare for school. The families look forward to this great event. Any donations to help with the fair would be appreciated.



Contact Frank Harnos at 631 499-0074 for more information.

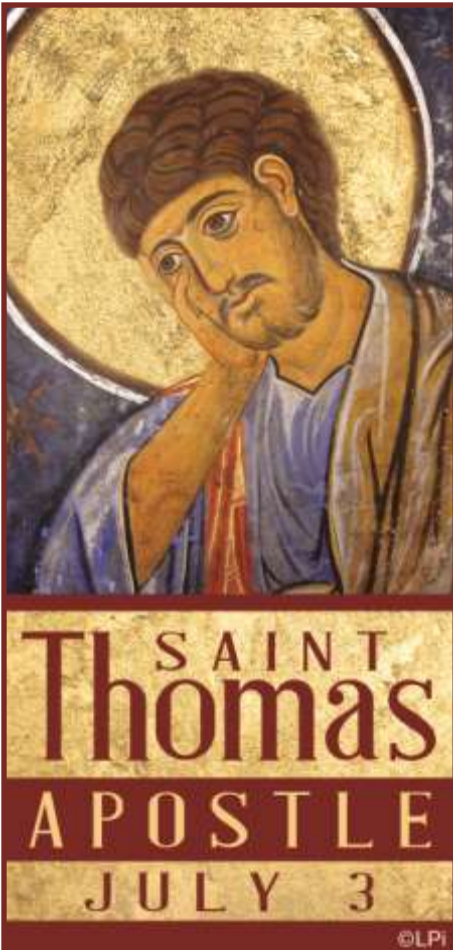
### June 30 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's Gospel we see how Jesus, on his way to Jerusalem, sent a "messenger on ahead of Him." To be the messengers of God, we must know well what it is God wants to say and do through us, as he sends us out to bring his love to others.

**In the month of June, you were the "messenger of God" in bringing hope to the poor. Your gifts enabled the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to assist families, providing food, gifts, and assisting with bills for utilities and rent.**

# Around the Diocese



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## Saint Thomas the Apostle's Story

Poor Thomas! He made one remark and has been branded as "Doubting Thomas" ever since. But if he doubted, he also believed. He made what is certainly the most explicit statement of faith in the New Testament: "My Lord and My God!" and, in so expressing his faith, gave Christians a prayer that will be said till the end of time. He also occasioned a compliment from Jesus to all later Christians: "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29). According to an ancient story, Saint Thomas the Apostle rendered most powerful assistance for constructing a church where pagan priests opposed it.

He is the Patron Saint of architects, construction workers.



## St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School SUMMER SCHOOL AND REGENTS REVIEW CLASSES IN VARIOUS SUBJECTS.

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School 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.

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM PREP COURSE

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School is offering a Prep Course to prepare students for the Catholic High School entrance exam.

There will be five 2 ½ hour sessions beginning in September. This year, there will also be a Test Taking Strategies Class the Friday evening before the exam.

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## Summer Blood Drive

**Sunday, July 28, 2019**

**8:00am - 2:00pm**

**35 North Service Road, Dix Hills**

**Thank you from all of us.**



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