

# 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](http://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

James McQuade

Carmine DeStefano

Luis Polanco

## Pastoral Associate

Sister Kathleen McCarthy, O. P.

D.R.E.: Mary Donaldson

Music Director: Lee Forsythe

February 2, 2020



## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34a

*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](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](mailto:me@porzia.com)  
and John DiGiorgio: [me@johndigiorgio.com](mailto:me@johndigiorgio.com)

**APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER:**

Kathryn Giandoreggio: 631-491-3735

**ATHLETIC WEBSITE:** [www.smrcc.org](http://www.smrcc.org)

**ATHLETICS DIRECTOR/ INTRAMURAL & CYO TRAVEL**

**COORDINATOR:** Chris Felice: [smrccathletics@gmail.com](mailto:smrccathletics@gmail.com)

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

Email: [stmatthewdixhills@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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:** 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: 631 522-1436

**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](mailto: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



**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, Feb 1

4:00 PM Katherine R. Moore  
 Rosalie Hagel  
 Living Intention - 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

## Monday, Feb 3

9:00 AM Joan Murtha

## Tuesday, Feb 4

9:00 AM Kathleen Owens

## Wednesday, Feb 5

9:00 AM Kevin Archbold

## Thursday, Feb 6

9:00 AM Michael G. Quinlivan

## Friday, Feb 7

9:00 AM Johann Karges

## Saturday, Feb 8

9:00 AM Margaret Piazza  
 Kobe & Gianna Bryant  
 4:00 PM Salvatore Di Guardia  
 Living Intention - Jack Tseng  
 Vincent & Louise Costello  
 Debra Lategano  
 Silvestro & Robert Spilabotte  
 Marie Pecoraro  
 7:00 PM Anna Olinda Najarro

## Sunday, Feb 9

7:30 AM Lillian, Clarence &  
 Clara Krumenacker  
 9:30 AM Fred Caldiero  
 11:00 AM Enrichetta & John Manetta  
 12:30 PM (L) For the People of the Parish  
 12:30 PM Lucille Fernandez

Business Manager  
 Dolores Tiernan

Finance Chairperson  
 Richard Bove

Trustees  
 Philip C. Pandolfi  
 Raymond Smolenski



### Collection Totals

#### January 18 & 19

Weekly: \$13,101.00  
 Seminary: \$ 4,076.00  
 Faith Direct: \$ 2,300.00

#### January 25 & 26

Weekly: \$13,140.00  
 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

- **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





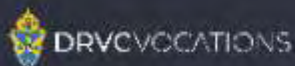
# 54 DAY NOVENA

---

JANUARY 31-MARCH 24

Please join the Diocese of Rockville Centre Vocations Office in praying a 54 Day Rosary Novena for vocations to the priesthood, beginning on January 31, 2020 and ending on March 24, 2020, the vigil of the Annunciation. Thank you for your prayers and support.

---



DRVCVOCATIONS.COM

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

516-678-5800 ext. 214



*“And now a word ABOUT sponsors”*

Every year as we approach Confirmation time the Religious Education Ministry gets questions about who is eligible to be a Confirmation Sponsor. And every year I give the same response.

Here it is:

To be a Confirmation sponsor the person can be of either sex and:

- A baptized AND confirmed practicing Catholic in good standing.
- At least 16 years of age (this can be dispensed by the pastor for a good reason).

The first requirement cannot be dispensed and the common sense definition of the words is the **standard of judgment**. E.g., a “Greek Orthodox/ Methodist/ Baptist, etc. who’s a really nice guy and my brother-in-law, etc.” may be all of that, but is NOT a “baptized and confirmed practicing Catholic.” Even secular organizations, e.g., country clubs, often require a “sponsor” from the organization itself not some other club or organization.

*Fr. 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.***

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.





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.

Wednesday, February 26th, is Ash Wednesday. Classes are cancelled that 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.



**February 8 & 9**

*Eucharistic Ministers*

4:00 P.M.	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
I. Lucie	H. Campa	M. Prainito	E. Vincente	A. Albano
C. Vogt	J. Campa	F. Harnos	A. Pappas	M. Shef
R. Grande		C. Sposato	K. Zaki	
D. Tiernan		P. DiGiorgio		

*Lectors*

4:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
S. Carambia	H. Campa	M. Okonkwo	E. McEvoy	B. Abadom



**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Chloe Atienza  
Lisa Ciota  
Daniela Conti  
Gerard Costa  
Joseph Costa

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 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.*

**FEBRUARY - Listen to the Migrants' Cries**

That the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



**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](mailto:bulletin@smrcc.org).



St. Matthew RC Church  
Rosary Altar Society Presents  
**ST. PATRICK/ST. JOSEPH**  
DINNER/DANCE



*Music by "Domino Party" Entertainment*

Saturday, March 14, 2020

5:00 PM

Adult \$25 each Child(ren) 5-16 yrs old \$10.00

Corned Beef and Cabbage/Pasta and Meatballs

Beer, Wine, Soda, Dessert  
50/50 and Lotto Board



We will sell tickets after the Masses  
February 29-March 1 and March 7-8 or send your check to:

*Donna Marra, 8 Beatrice Ct., Dix Hills, NY 11746*

Last day to purchase tickets is March 8th.







A heartfelt Thank You to all the parishioners of St. Matthew who supported the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) this past year. Due to your unending generosity, the Parish has reached and exceeded the goal set for us by the Diocese and over 600,000 people in Suffolk County have been given the help they so desperately need.

I would also like to thank John Gatto, Nancy Murtha and Joe and Barbara Napolitano who helped make my first year as head of the CMA go so smoothly.

The 2020 CMA appeal will kick off at the end of January and I am confident that your generosity will continue.

*Hebrews 6:10 ... God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.*

God bless you all.

John (Jack) Maccio, Chairman  
Catholic Ministries Appeal



**Blessed Rosalie Rendu** was born at Confort, France on September 9, 1786. She entered the Daughters of Charity on May 25, 1802, just after the Community was reestablished in France following the French Revolution. Her zeal for the poor drove her to establish the means to educate poor children, to care for infants, to support the elderly unable to care for themselves, and to supervise young working girls. One of her disciples in her mission of service was Frederic Ozanam, founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. After fifty years of dedicated service to the poor in the Mouffetard district in Paris, she died on February 7, 1856. Pope John Paul II beatified Sr. Rosalie in 2003.

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

Meetings are held every Thursday (from September - June) after the 9:00 a.m. Mass except on luncheon dates. Please join us. All are welcome.

Can you believe that it is already February? So can spring be far behind?

Maryann is working diligently getting speakers for our meetings, although we will not book anyone till after the winter. It would be discouraging to invite someone and have a very poor attendance or even a cancellation because of bad weather. The same goes for our bingo and secret auction.

The February Valentine luncheon will be, as always at Popei's Clam Bar in Deer Park. - \$20. Come, enjoy and bring a friend Why not wear red?

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 all those who put themselves between us and danger. God bless America.

See you in Church. Pat

Every experience God gives us, every person He puts in our lives, is the perfect preparation for the future that only He can see. *Corrie Ten Boom*

**PLEASE NOTE THE  
UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES**

Sunday, February 16 is Monday, February 10  
Sunday, February 23 is Friday, February 14  
Sunday, March 1 is Monday, February 24  
Sunday, March 8 is Monday, March 2  
Sunday, March 15 is Monday, March 9

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

**A Morning Prayer**

*Dear Heavenly Father,  
So far today, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped or  
lost my temper. I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty,  
or self-centered. I'm really happy about that so far. But  
in a few minutes I'm going to be getting out of bed and  
then I'm going to need a lot of help. Thank you!  
Amen.*

Dear Rosarians,

Please make note of the following dates and tell others:



Feb 29-Mar 1 - Sell St Patrick/St. Joseph Tickets. Please volunteer.

Mar 3 - Rosary/Meeting - Fr. Joseph will speak.

Purchase St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dinner/Dance and Spring Gala Tickets.

Mar 7 - Gratitude Mass and Breakfast from John Gatto - 9:45 a.m. Mass in the Chapel - Fr. Hewes, followed by Breakfast in Msgr. Goggin Hall.

Mar 7-8 - Sell St. Patrick/St. Joseph Tickets. Please volunteer.

Mar 13 - Setup and decorate for St. Patrick/St. Joseph Celebration @ 10:00 a.m.

Mar 14 - St. Patrick/St. Joseph Celebration @ 5:00 pm.

Apr 4-5 - Easter Plant Sale and Spring Gala/Fashion Show Tickets. Please volunteer.

Apr 7 - Rosary/Meeting - Fr. Hewes Holy Week Meditation.

Purchase Gala/Fashion Show Tickets.

Apr 18-19 - Sell Spring Gala/Fashion Show Tickets. Please volunteer.

Apr 23 - SPRING GALA @ 6:00 p.m. at Watermill - BIGGEST ROSARY ALTAR FUNDRAISER.

To Purchase Tickets (\$70) call: Mary Fronhofer 631-499-7820

Peggy Edelman 631-499-7820



**February 2 - Presentation of the Lord**

In the Gospel, we hear Simeon say to Mary: "... your own soul shall be pierced with a sword—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare."

**Your generosity enables the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring hope to parents whose hearts are burden with worries and concerns.**

**Use your IRA for your Gift Now and/or for your Estate Gift!**

If you would like to make a gift now using your IRA and if:

You are at least 70 1/2 years old and don't exceed your maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions, you will not have to report your distribution as income. It will be free of federal and New York State income tax, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD). The best way to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution." In most cases, you will only have to fill out a simple form.

**Very important!** Your gift must go directly from your IRA to the Parish. If you receive the money first, you'll be taxed on it. If you make an Estate gift, you can make your Parish a beneficiary of

# 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)			<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: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_

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.



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



# 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**

**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/resenter, 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 allnew 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](mailto:libraryweb@icseminary.edu)



**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED!**

**Tune into "Religion and Rock" with Rev. Msgr. Jim Vlaun** on Sunday from 7 AM - 8 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island's East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117. **The theme for next Sunday, February 9, 2020 is Relationships. Don't miss it!** To listen online or receive more information regarding Religion and Rock go to "Religion & Rock" on ITUNES or [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com). Don't forget to tune into Catholic Faith Network, Cablevision 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 or visit [www.cfnv.org](http://www.cfnv.org).

**Diocese of Rockville Centre**  
*Healing after Abortion*



**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 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**For more information and to register please visit [www.respectlife.drvc.org](http://www.respectlife.drvc.org) or contact Project Rachel at 1(888) 456-HOPE (4673), 1(516) 766-2538 or [projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.ProlifeED.org) and [www.ProlifeLI.org](http://www.ProlifeLI.org) or call 631 575-1482 to request a copy of the application.

Magnificat, Suffolk County, NY Chapter Invites You!  
**Winter Women's Breakfast Retreat**

**The Plans and Purposes of God**

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

**Speaker: Patti Gordon**



Patti Gordon is a wife, mother of four grown children and nine grandchildren. As a gifted spiritual director and speaker, Patti has many opportunities to share the Lord's Word and encourage others-most especially women. Patti also ministers healing prayer and teaches with Bridge for Peace, on international mission trips.

At this breakfast retreat, Patti will be testifying to how God's plans and purposes for her life did not change-even when her choices took her in other directions. Using personal examples from her own life, Patti will share how the Lord uses all for our good. She will help us all to see how the Lord reveals His love for us and encourage us to recognize God's Hand at work in our lives.

Don't miss this opportunity to discover God's plan at work in your life and be immersed in the Lord's love for YOU!

**Saturday, February 29, 2020**

9:30 am to 12:30 pm (doors open at 9am)

**Swan Lake Caterers**, 388 River Road, Manorville, NY 1

**\$30 per person**

All checks must be received by Weds, Feb. 26th.

No seats will be sold at the door.



**Heart Healthy Tips | CHSLI**

Catholic Health Services is here to help you manage your heart health. Check out the heart-healthy tips at the site listed below. Our hospitals also offer health screenings, events and seminars throughout the year.

Call (855) CHS-4500 (855-247-4500) to find a CHS cardiologist near you.

<https://www.chsli.org/heart-healthy-tips>

Shape  
your future  
START HERE >

United States  
**Census  
2020**

**Everyone counts.  
Why does the  
Census matter?**  
It's about fair  
representation.

Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets. It's also about redistricting. After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts. For more info, visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov)



### Full & Part-Time Job Opportunities at Catholic Charities

Visit the website at [www.CatholicCharities.cc/careers](http://www.CatholicCharities.cc/careers) for a list of open positions. To Apply for a Position: Please send your resume, cover letter & salary requirements: By mail: Catholic Charities Human Resources Dept., 90 Cherry Lane, Hicksville, NY 11801 By FAX: #516-733-7038 or By email: [jobs@CatholicCharities.cc](mailto:jobs@CatholicCharities.cc) Include the full JOB TITLE for which you are applying in the cover let-



### STARFISH COFFEE HOUSE - Located in the Basement of the St. Francis Rectory

Join us Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. All young adults welcome! Join us for fellowship, food, and different spiritual activity, such as guided meditation, Mass, movies, live music, or a guest speaker.



### Focus on Religious Freedom

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

### Students Should Not Have to Sue to Defend Their Basic Right to Religious Expression

"I didn't want to file a lawsuit, but after many unsuccessful meetings with the (school) administration, I wound up realizing it was the only way to secure future students' rights to pray..." Chase Windebank told President Trump on National Freedom of Religion Day, Jan. 16. <sup>(1)</sup> Chase had started a small group of fellow HS students praying during free period in his Colorado Springs school. By senior year, when the group had grown to 90 students, the administration banned students from praying during school hours - even during lunch.

The updated guidelines, originally issued at Pres. Clinton's direction, and announced by the White House on Jan. 16, are designed to end this abuse of student Constitutional protections and promote teachers' and students' right to pray in public schools. Windebank said, "And you guys are making sure that the Founding Fathers are living in our nation. So, thank you very, very much" <sup>(2)</sup>

Since secular legal groups have regularly pressured local school districts to end any perceived entanglement with religion, the Dept. of Education new rule "ensures the equal treatment and Constitutional rights ... owed to students on campus." <sup>(3)</sup>

(1) (2) c-span.org, 1/16/20, transcript; (3) christianpost.com, 1/16/20; nregister, 1/17/20; (2) whitehouse.gov/briefings)

\*\*\*\*\*

Jan. 24, 2020: Supporting the truth that "Religious Liberty protects the right to Choose Life," Catholics For Freedom of Religion, participated in the 2020 March for Life and Expo in Washington D.C. Over three days we distributed literature, videos, and pamphlets and spoke to thousands of attendees about First Amendment protections and rights in schools and the public square. Over 2500 of our Religious Liberty/Choose Life buttons were proudly worn by the Marchers.

"All of us here understand an eternal truth: every child is a precious and sacred gift from God. Together, we must protect, cherish and defend the dignity and the sanctity of every human life."







*The St. Matthew Rosary Altar Society*  
*“Spring Gala” Fashion Show*  
*at the Watermill*



*Thursday, April 23, 2020*

*We anticipate over 150 guests in attendance*  
*making this our biggest*

**fundraiser** *event of the year!*

*On behalf of our pastor, Father Robert Hewes and the Rosary Altar Society,*  
*we thank you for your continued support. We again appeal for your help*  
*in taking one of the journal ads listed below.*

*The monies collected are given to worthy and needy organizations within our*  
*parish and also for the much needed renovations of our parish church.*  
*Your contribution will earn the deep gratitude of all who will benefit from*  
*your kindness and generosity.*

*Please make checks payable to St. Matthew Rosary Altar Society*  
*and mail check by March 15<sup>th</sup> to:*

**Louise Benenati**  
**130 Albany St., Deer Park, NY 11729**  
**631-662-6074**

*On behalf of our members, I wish to extend our appreciation and a most sincere*  
*and heartfelt thank you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.*

*Sincerely,*

*Louise Benenati – Journal Chairperson (631 586-4515) H (631 662-6074) C*  
*Patricia Bissex - President/Fashion Show Chairperson*

**Journal Ads**

Back Cover _____	<b>SOLD</b>
Inside Front Cover _____	<b>SOLD</b>
Inside Back Cover _____	<b>SOLD</b>
Middle Page Left _____	<b>SOLD</b>
Middle Page Right _____	<b>SOLD</b>
Full Page _____	<b>\$200</b>
1/2 Page _____	<b>\$100</b>
1/4 Page _____	<b>\$ 50</b>