

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

January 19, 2020

Pastor

Rev. Robert Hewes

Associate Pastors

Rev. Joseph Habila

Rev. Benet Uwasomba

Deacons

James McQuade

Carmine DeStefano

Luis Polanco

Pastoral Associate

Sister Kathleen McCarthy, O. P.

D.R.E.: Mary Donaldson

Music Director: Lee Forsythe



The Salvation of Souls is the Supreme Law

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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

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

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

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISM SCHEDULE

The 3rd Sunday of each month at 1:45 p.m. and the 4th Saturday of the month at 12:30 p.m. (No Baptisms Easter Sunday or Christmas Weekends.) First-time parents are required to attend a **Baptismal Preparation Class** which is offered on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. (No class is held in December.)

Registration is required for both the Baptism and/or the Baptism Class and must be done online at www.smrcc.org.

MARRIAGE

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

PARISH MINISTRIES

ALTAR SERVERS: Porzia DiGiorgio: me@porzia.com

and John DiGiorgio: me@johndigiorgio.com

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER:

Kathryn Giandoreggio: 631-491-3735

ATHLETIC WEBSITE: www.smrcc.org

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR/ INTRAMURAL & CYO TRAVEL

COORDINATOR: Chris Felice: smrccathletics@gmail.com

BAPTISM OFFICE: Bettyanne Russo: 499-8520 x 126

Email: stmatthewdixhills@gmail.com

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

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

Widows and Widowers 65 and under

Widow and Widowers 65 and over

BIBLE STUDY: Anthony Albano: 586-4827

BOY SCOUTS: Ernst Tramosch: 631-254-2656

BULLETIN: email: bulletin@smrcc.org

BUSINESS MANAGER: Dolores Tiernan: 499-8520 x 113

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION:

Ann Podina: 858-0684

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:

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

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: 940-4015

PLANT ENGINEER: Luis Flores: 631 492-7881

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

RIGHT TO LIFE: Toni Shannon: 631 586-3807

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Patricia Bissex: 631 549-9415

PASTOR/PARISH SECRETARY: Bettyanne Russo:

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

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

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

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

USHERS: Tom Siegler: 631-920-2055

WEDDING MUSIC: Lee Forsythe: 631-334-7138

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

PARISH REGISTRATION

NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.smrcc.org.

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

INSTRUCTIONS IN THE FAITH:

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

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

FIRST SATURDAY: 8:15 a.m. Devotions

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: The Sacrament is available EVERY SATURDAY after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The Sacrament is available for those who are to undergo a serious medical procedure the following week or who have a serious illness and who have not been anointed within the past three months. If you wish to be anointed, please let the celebrant know before Mass.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Holy Communion will be ministered to those confined at home. Those who are seriously ill should request a priest for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

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



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

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan 18

4:00 PM Alexander Tartaglia
Luis Felipe Acebedo
Living Intention of Jack Tseng
Ann Cunningham
Louise Costello
Joseph D'Amore

7:00 PM Melinda Munoz & Luis Carlos Munoz

Sunday, Jan 19

7:30 AM Lenore Bavoso
9:30 AM Lucrezia Chironna
11:00 AM Arthur Plurad
12:30 PM (L) For the People of the Parish
12:30 PM Margaret Cavacuiti

Monday, Jan 20

9:00 AM John Vierling, Jr.

Tuesday, Jan 21

9:00 AM Monika Sand

Wednesday, Jan 22

9:00 AM Friderick Liewehr

Thursday, Jan 23

9:00 AM Stanley Gladkowski

Friday, Jan 24

9:00 AM Michael Ugenti

Saturday, Jan 25

9:00 AM Kathy Katzer
Jeannine Maher
Anna Passerelli
Silvestro & Robert Spilabotte
Salvatore DiGuardia

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

7:00 PM Anna Olinda Najarro

Sunday, Jan 26

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

Business Manager
Dolores Tiernan

Finance Chairperson
Richard Bove

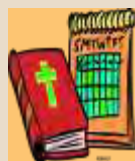
Trustees
Philip C. Pandolfi
Raymond Smolenski



Collection Totals

January 4 & 5

Weekly: \$15,873.00
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



**God, who are unity in three holy persons
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
you have called us to live in peace with all people.
You have also called us to work toward unity
in purpose to spread the Gospel to all nations.
Graciously give us the courage and strength to work toward unity,
and act toward each other as brothers and sisters.
We ask this in the unity of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

The Parish Center will be closed Monday, January 20th In observance of



On A Personal Note



I've heard many people remark that a combination of the latest possible Thanksgiving Day and a Wednesday Christmas and New Year's holidays made this Christmas Season rushed and played havoc with their usual Christmas routines.

Be that as it may, this phenomenon and an increase in the amount of time and concern I had to give to my sister, have caused the holiday season to slip by me without my usual thank-you Christmas/New Year cards and acknowledgements.

Allow me to use this means to thank the very many people who were so kind and generous to me personally and to the Parish this past Christmas Season especially.

I count being made pastor of St. Matthew's Parish the greatest blessing of my near 42 years of priesthood and it is yourselves, and those who have gone before us, who have made it so.

Please accept my sincerest thanks for your kindness both now, and all throughout the year.

In Christ,
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.

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

Monday, January 20, 2020, classes are cancelled for Martin Luther King 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.

**PLEASE NOTE THE
UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES**

Sunday, January 26 is Friday, January 17
Sunday, February 2 is Monday, January 27
Sunday, February 9 is Monday, February 3
Sunday, February 16 is Monday, February 10
Sunday, February 23 is Friday, February 14

Please email: bulletin@smrcc.org

ATTENTION STUDENTS 7TH GRADE AND OLDER

If you would like to be a part of the church ministry and are comfortable speaking in public, you may want to consider becoming a lector at the 9:30 AM Sunday Family Mass.



**If you are interested, call Mrs. Campa
at 631-586-0682.**



January 25 & 26

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		P. DiGiorgio	K. Zaki	
D. Tiernan		C. Sposato		

Lectors

4:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
B. Vogt	J. Campa	S. Kampta	G. Cruz	S. McPherson-Berg



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.*

JANUARY ~ Promotion of World Peace

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



We Pray, especially for our Service Men and Women:

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

↔ If you would like your family member added to the list or if one has returned home, ↔
please contact the Parish Office or email bulletin@smrcc.org.



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

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

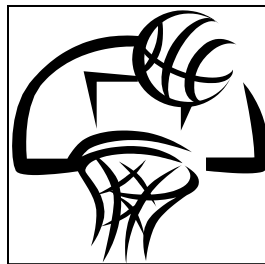


St. Matthew Knights of Columbus
ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN COUNCIL, No. 7479

35 North Service Road
Dix Hills, New York 11746

WILL BE HOSTING THE LOCAL COUNCIL
Knights of Columbus

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



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

OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9 -14

~ REGISTRATION BEGINS @ 5PM ~

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

WINNERS CAN PROGRESS THROUGH TO THE
DISTRICT, ISLAND AND STATE COMPETITIONS

FOR PRE-REGISTRATION OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
CONTACT: CHRIS FELICE, SMRCCATHLETICS@GMAIL.COM

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.

Most of our "snowbirds" have already flown the coop and will be enjoying fun in the sun till winter makes its exit. We will think of them while shoveling our driveways.

PLEASE: If the weather is predicted as extreme, stay home, as there will be no meeting. This does not just refer to snow, but anything that would put you in danger, including heavy rain and freezing temps. That combo produces icy roads. For this reason also, we will not be scheduling guest speakers during January and February. January 23 and January 30 will be regular meetings.

Coming up is our "What Am I Going To Do With That?" Bingo. Any item that you received as a gift and did not fall in love with, can be wrapped and contributed as a bingo prize. There is no charge to play. It is just for fun (Note: new items only). The date will be announced.

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 first responders who daily put themselves between us and danger. Say a special prayer for all of our servicemen and women who couldn't spend Christmas at home with their families. God bless America.

Heavenly Father, thank you for the opportunity to laugh. Help me to find joy in everything I do. Let me laugh and be cheerful, so that those around me will be blessed by my smile and my optimism. Amen.

See you in church, Pat



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, January 26, 2020 is Searching For A Meaning. 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. Don't forget to tune into Catholic Faith Network, Cablevision 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 or visit www.cfntv.org.

Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites

are laymen and women called to live out a contemplative **vocation in daily life**. Daily meditation and prayer is our primary focus as well as Liturgy of the Hours, ongoing formation and study of the saints of the order and their writings/doctrines. If you feel called to experience a more intimate and deep prayer life and wish to learn more about the Discalced Carmelite Seculars, please contact: Carolyn Weber at 631 261-6455.



January 19 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel after Jesus was baptized, John testified saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove...and remain upon him."

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

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

HELP SUPPORT THE PRECIOUS SCHOOL'S MISSION IN INDIA FOR THE AUTISTIC CHILDREN



Autism, a developmental disability in children, has become prevalent all over the world. Many children are struggling to live with it. In India, the financial backwardness and the social stigma make their life extremely miserable. The social support is practically nothing. The children with most severe autism and impairments have little hope unless we extend to them a helping hand. I believe that every child we encounter is a Divine appointment and no man stands as tall as when he stoops down to help a child in need.

Precious School is a home where healing and hope meet. It was founded in 2013 in a rural area of Kerala, India. It is a home where autistic children and their parents find shelter and care. A team of professionals, priests and religious are dedicated to do meaningful services to the children.

Mission Statement

Precious School's focus is to raise awareness, provide treatment services and support families. It has a program that is to introduce and help facilitate early and on-going treatment in autism with a strategy to provide necessary services, so each child can reach his/her highest potential. It provides various therapies and education in a tender loving ambience. It has day-care programs, residential facility and parenting skills training. It promotes social awareness and works to fight against social stigma.

What we need: Your prayerful financial support for-

- **Daily Care:** One dollar a day will support a child with food and care. I would appreciate if you could sponsor a child for a year or for a few months. A brochure is available for more information about sponsoring children and donating to the mission.
- **A New Project:** Many autistic children under five years of age are in desperate need of a place for care. The existing home is full. Therefore, we need a facility to provide them with early intervention therapy. A family in the locality has benevolently donated an acre of land which is suitable for a walk-in-clinic. The estimated cost of a building is approximately \$150,000.00 (One hundred and fifty thousand dollars). I am requesting your generous financial support for this project for the "little angels."

You Can Make A Difference...

Through sponsorship you can make a life-changing investment. Your donation, no matter what its size may be, will directly and in full, go to the benefit of the needy children. They will receive personalised support by free care and training. We will provide them food, therapy and spiritual nourishment.

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said:

"Not all of us can do great things in this world, but we can do small things with great love."

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE:

PRECIOUS SCHOOL FRIENDS INC. is a non-profit organization registered in New York to help support of Precious School's Mission in India. You will receive a receipt for your tax purposes.

Fund transfer options:

1. Online: **Zelle** QuickPay- Use the email: dadyjacob@gmail.com Or **PayPal**
2. By **"Donate Now"** in the website*
3. **Check for donation can be made out to Precious School Friends Inc.** and return/send to Fr. Jacob Vattackattu, 35 North Service Road, Dix Hills, NY 11746.

Contact details: Fr. Jacob - Cell # **516 591 9315**, email: dadyjacob@gmail.com

*Website: www.preciousschool.org

You can also contact Mr. John Gatto at **516 241 1264** who stands-in here for Precious School.
NB: Fr. Jacob is residing at St. Matthew's until mid-January 2020.



I want to say **THANK YOU** for all you have done for me during my stay here at St. Matthew's.

Your hospitality:

The way Fr. Hewes, Fr. Benet, Fr. Joseph, the staff and many of you made me feel loved and respected will always be memorable...THANK YOU!

Your support:

In India, autism care at Precious School and the rehabilitation of the mentally challenged has been my prime mission for over 20 years. I am so glad that you, the parish, collectively and some individually, made contributions to these underprivileged children. I can't articulate in words my appreciation for your generosity and support, except simply...THANK YOU!

Our prayers for you:

On behalf of all the children and their parents, I would promise our sincere prayers for your kindness. It is only with your generosity and help that I can provide meaningful services to the children in need...YOU DESERVE IT!

May the good Lord bless you with good health, peace and prosperity in the New Year!

Humbled and grateful,
In Jesus,
Fr. Jacob



St. Matthew's Gift Shop is open
Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closed 12:30 p.m.—1:30 p.m. for Lunch

Unique religious gifts, rosaries, books, fonts, statues, picture frames, 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!

**March for Life 2020,
January 24, 2020
Washington, D.C.**

Come Join Our Bishop John Barres and the Dioceses of Rockville Centre along with hundreds of thousands of Catholics and others in solidarity for a pilgrimage of public witness, penance and prayer for all those affected by the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, and for the conversion of

those who misguidedly perpetuate it. We look forward once again to a unified and powerful stand against the Roe v. Wade decision!

If you are unable to join us please know that your prayers and sacrifices on this day and everyday are needed and appreciated for this important mission of transforming the Culture of Death to a Culture of LIFE!

St. Matthew's did not arrange for a bus. However, if you are interested in going to Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 24th, St. Anthony of Padua Parish in East Northport will welcome you on their bus. To reserve a seat, call Marianne Wright at 631 368-5612.



LONG ISLAND COALITION for LIFE, Inc.

Help restore the right to life for preborn children. Please join the Long Island Coalition for Life for the Roe v. Wade Anniversary Memorial Face the Truth event on Sunday, January 20, 2019, from 1:30. to 3:00p.m. This

peaceful public witness will be held on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center ([2201 Hempstead Tpke., E Meadow](#)), a hospital that commits abortions. Be a positive sign for LIFE! Signs provided. Rain or shine. Sponsored by: LICL ([631\) 243-1435](#), info@prolifeLI.org.



**DAY OF PRAYER
FOR THE
LEGAL
PROTECTION
OF UNBORN CHILDREN**

**Wednesday,
January 22, 2020**

Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless.

Let us pray...

Good and gracious God,
you blew into our nostrils the breath of life.
You are the One to whom we owe our very existence.

Give us the courage to take that unpopular position
of protecting those who have no voice,
the unborn child in the womb
to the person taking his or her last breath.

The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure.
Embolden us to speak the truth
about protecting the child, the elderly,
and the one without a voice in the public square.

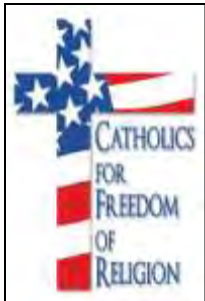
With thankful hearts,
we ask all this of the One God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Attention High School Juniors & Seniors

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

High School Scholarship Award

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



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

National Religious Freedom Day - January 16 A day to learn, celebrate and thank God...

Each year since 1993, the President declares January 16th to be "Religious Freedom Day," and calls upon Americans to "observe this day through appropriate events and activities in homes, schools, and places of worship."(1)

January 16 is the anniversary of the passage, in 1786, of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom, written by Thomas Jefferson, and is the model for the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights. It is a statement about freedom of conscience that protects the rights of people to express their religious beliefs without suffering discrimination. Also, the government is banned from interference in religion and individual beliefs as well as taxing people to pay for the support of the local church.

This principle of a "wall of separation between church and state," was written by Pres. Jefferson in 1802 to further clarify and support individual freedom of conscience and the open practice of faith without government interference, as intended in the First Amendment.

"On Religious Freedom Day, we celebrate our Nation's long-standing commitment to freedom of conscience and the freedom to profess one's own faith. The right to religious freedom is innate to the dignity of every human person and is fundamental to the pursuit of truth." (2) President Trump Proclamation, 2019

(gateways.org (1); virginiahistory.org; billofrightsinstitute.org; time.com, 1/16/18; whitehouse.gov, 1/15/19 (2)

"Almighty God hath created the mind free, and manifested his supreme will that free it shall remain ..." Thomas Jefferson

Holy Family Regional

"Academic Excellence, Faith & Values, Friendship & Family"



You are invited to be a part of our family...

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020 • 10:30AM-2:00PM

Meet our teachers, talk with our principal, and tour our school.

See the difference a Catholic education can make!

Grades Nursery to 8th

2 Indian Head Road • Commack, New York 11725 • 631-543-0202

www.holyfamilyregional.com

338-4440130

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 2nd.

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

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



REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED!

Share the Warmth Winter Drive

St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center
is hosting a Winter Drive to help our
local parishes and neighbors in need.

Items most needed are:

**Towels * Bed Sheets * Winter Boots * Washable Coats * Children's Socks
Washable Blankets * Children's Clothing * Children & Adult Pajamas
(Please no stains, broken zippers or missing buttons)**

Kindly bring new or gently used items to:

**St. Catherine of Siena Medical Office Building at 48 Route 25A, Smthtown
Public & External Affairs Office - Suite 205
Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm**

Donations accepted through January 31st



For questions, please contact :
Mary Ellen McCrossen 631-82-3523 or
maryellen.mccrossen@chsli.org

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