

Roman Catholic Church of St. Matthew

35 North Service Road, Dix Hills, New York 11746

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

February 9, 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



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

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: 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

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, Feb 8

4:00 PM Salvatore Di Guardia
Living Intentions of 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

Monday, Feb 10

9:00 AM Living Intentions of Jimmy Joseph

Tuesday, Feb 11

9:00 AM Neil Hauptman ~ Happy Birthday

Wednesday, Feb 12

9:00 AM Philomena Gatto

Thursday, Feb 13

9:00 AM Chloe Atienza ~
Happy 11th Birthday

Friday, Feb 14

9:00 AM Deceased Members of
the Kainz Family

Saturday, Feb 15

9:00 AM Alex Seefried
Jennifer Weiss
Special Intentions of
Harmanie Termitus
4:00 PM Vincenzo Domingo
Millie Tricamo ~
Happy Birthday In Heaven
Living Intentions of Jack Tseng
Anna Olinda Najarro
Rocco Amoroso
Catherine Pappas
7:00 PM Melida Munoz &
Luis Carlos Munoz

Sunday, Feb 16

7:30 AM Kathy Katzer
9:30 AM Ann Caldiero
11:00 AM Salvatore Montesano
12:30 PM (L) For the People of the Parish
12:30 PM Matthew J. Ferrara

Business Manager
Dolores Tiernan

Finance Chairperson
Richard Bove

Trustees
Philip C. Pandolfi
Raymond Smolenski



Collection Totals

February 1 & 2

Weekly:	\$16,424.00
Regional School:	\$ 3,874.00
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



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.





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 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.

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



*Bread & Wine
In Loving Memory of
Annie Sanchez
With love,
Isabelle & Francis Grue*

**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

Dear Friends,

As we all know today, "recycling" is a common practice. Our Lord once said that "The scribe learned in the Law can bring out of his storehouse things both old and new." I composed the following article some years ago. With some minor modifications, I place it before you again for your consideration.



The traditional liturgical calendar gives us three oddly-named Sundays before Ash Wednesday with their numerical Latin names: *Septuagesima*, *Sexagesima*, and *Quinquagesima* (meaning simply the Seventieth, Sixtieth, Fiftieth days before Easter). Today is the first of them.

If we're not forewarned, Lent will just suddenly creep up on us unprepared; and most of us will be scrambling for "things to give up."

Hilaire Belloc (1870-1953), one of the most famous Catholic writers of the last century, wrote **not long before his death**: *"We sit by and watch the barbarian. We tolerate him. In the long stretches of peace we are not afraid. We are tickled by his irreverence; his comic inversions of our old certitudes and our fixed creeds refresh us; we laugh. But as we laugh we are watched by large and awful faces from beyond; and on these faces there is no smile."*

On this Septuagesima Sunday (roughly 70 days before Easter) and three weeks from the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday; I lay before us "the barbarian" of whom Belloc spoke. Who or what is he/she/it?

It is the spirit that is literally "inverted" in the root sense of the word: it turns things inside out. It is the spirit that makes the odd-ball the normal, the insane the sane, the wild and undisciplined the true sage; and the virtuous, the loyal, the hard-working figures of fun and pity. "Respectability" becomes a term of contempt; the "rebel" is the hero of every tale.

Mockery and the smirk are the barbarian's trade-mark. The barbarian has a certain "roguish" charm and just enough truth in his words to make them palatable

Society laughs along, titillated at the "tweaking" of its own norms and the "stuffiness" of authority.

History records that in the 1780's in France, the theatrical "hit" was de Beaumarchais' plays about a certain "scamp" named "Figaro" whose attitudes and antics mocked and poked fun at the foibles of the aristocracy. The author was amazed to see that his biggest audience was that very aristocracy that tittered and laughed at their own way of life. The plays were in fact amusing and provided material for operas such as Mozart's charming *The Marriage of Figaro* and Rossini's comic *Barber of Seville*. Yet, as in Belloc's quote there were other "faces" that watched, waited, and did not smile. Within a few years, those very men and women who laughed at the mockery of themselves went to the guillotine in the thousands.

As Belloc warned, we trifle with the barbarian at our own peril.

The ultimate Barbarian is in fact the Evil One, the Devil; and he has a bit of an accomplice in each human being; and many others (witting or not) today in the entertainment, media, academic, and political worlds.

Too many have surrendered to him; for it seems so "modern" to do so. Civilization is hard, barbarism is easy. This barbarism of today is in the small things first; then the big things.

We see the signs of the Barbarian all around us in every day life. In the increasingly frequent use of obscene and vulgar speech in the media and in everyday life. In the lack of regard for sexual purity, chastity, and self-restraint that is turning a child with two married parents into a vanishing breed, as whole sociological demographics where vowed and legally recognized marriage is a rarity; whose children are often condemned to the same pattern.

We see the Barbarian in men no longer “gentlemen,” women no longer “ladies.” We see the Barbarian in the crass, the loud, the drunken, the abusive, the pornographic; and finally, as it always ends, in violence and death. For in the background of barbarism, always, there is blood: the blood of the beaten, the murdered, the raped, the abused, the addicted, and the aborted.

We know there is no joy, no mirth in Hell. The Evil One grimly goes about his business. There is no laughter in Hell. Yet, as the Scriptures tell us there is laughter in Heaven: *“He who sits in the heavens laughs.”*

Perhaps the joke is on the Barbarian after all? It is those who fight against the Barbarian and **“all his empty works and promises” who will share in that never ending mirth of Heaven. This upcoming Lent might be a very good time to look at one’s life and see where our own hidden barbarian might lurk and drive him out with that Divine and True joy that resounded from the first day of Creation with our Father God’s triumphant cry “It is good!....very good!”** It is always when barbarism seems to be victorious when The Barbarian overreaches himself. For he has no sense of humor, only mockery: which is not the same thing.

As it says in the Church’s liturgical tradition: *“Let us commend ourselves, and each other, and all our lives to Christ our God...for He is gracious and a Lover of Souls!!!...To thee, O Lord...to thee!”*

God’s blessings,

Fr. Hewes

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



February 15 & 16

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	M. Klimek	

Lectors

4:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
J. Seefried	J. Campa	K. Ramonetti	E. Vicente	S. McPherson-Berg



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Chloe Atienza
Deacon Jimmy Carrol
Lisa Ciota
Daniela Conti
Gerard Costa
Joseph Costa

Vilma Diaztoral
David Falen
Lawrence Famighetti
Nunzio Grella
Lisa Marie Hulsen
Roy Internicola

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

Casey Rodriquez
Christopher Sabato, Sr.
Cecelia Sanzone
Charles Sanzone
Grace Sanzone
Debbie Serio
Ed & Ann Smith
Albi Snolis
Brian Tripp



APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

The **Apostleship of Prayer** is a worldwide association of Catholics and other Christians who strive to make their ordinary, everyday lives apostolically effective. Through the Apostleship of Prayer, the **Pope** gives his monthly prayer intentions to the entire Church. For this reason, the Apostleship came to be known as *"the Pope's own prayer group."*

DAILY OFFERING PRAYER - *God, our Father, I offer You my day. I offer You my prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sufferings in union with Your Son Jesus' Heart, Who continues to offer Himself in the Eucharist for the salvation of the world. May the Holy Spirit, who guided Jesus, be my guide and my strength today so that I may witness to Your love.*

FEBRUARY - Listen to the Migrants' Cries

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



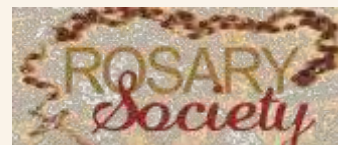
We Pray, especially for our Service Men and Women:

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.

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 or Peggy Edelman 631-499-5786.

Feed the Poor Ministry

On the third Saturday of every month, immediately following the 9 o'clock Mass, in the kitchen in Monsignor Goggin Hall here at St. Matthew, a group of people get together and make a difference in the lives of some very needy people. Some of them bring wrapped sandwiches they have made at home; some bring individual bags of chips, homemade goods, or 12 packs of canned soda. Some drop off packaged cookies, or napkins, or even toiletries like mini shampoos, mouth-wash, etc. Tons of clothes are donated.

For over fifteen years, this merry band of volunteers has wrapped up all the generosity of this parish each and every third Saturday and has taken it to the men at the Bellevue Men's Shelter on First Avenue and Twenty-ninth Street, next to Bellevue Hospital. We also bring hot food, to be served HOT, on the street, next to the shelter.



Would you like to join us?

Sometimes writing a check to your favorite charity doesn't cut it. Sometimes you want to get involved and express your desire to help the poor. You don't even have to go to the city with us. A commitment equal to your wishes could be fulfilled in this group's effort and here's how you can help. Trays of hot food are always welcome or make a few wrapped sandwiches of beef baloney and cheese or peanut butter and jelly. Bring the food, etc., to the kitchen before Mass, if possible, but we must have all at about 9 o'clock. Our usual departure is about 10 o'clock and usually we get back before 2 o'clock.

Remember, you can buy chips, puddings, soda, cereal bars during your monthly run to COSTCO and flag it for the homeless. Your help or donation lights up the lives of these marginalized folks. Be inspired by the kindness and generosity of our parish and join us in this way to lighten the sting of poverty and homelessness. There is a place for you in this ministry.

For information call – Frank Harnos 631- 499-0074 or Judy Maddaloni 631- 242-2183.



February 9 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world," he is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds.

Be a "light" to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by giving a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

THE 28th WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Feb. 11th, 2020 is the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. This day of prayer was introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is an important opportunity for those who serve in Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who provide care for them. Let us not only pray for those who are sick and disabled but let us also reach out to help and comfort them. Thank you and God bless you. Sr. Kay McCarthy



WHAT IS NEEDED IS A PERSONALIZED APPROACH

to the sick, not just of curing, but also of caring, in view of an integral human healing. In experiencing illness, individuals not only feel threatened in their physical integrity, but also in the relational, intellectual, affective and spiritual dimensions of their lives. For this reason, in addition to therapy and support, they expect care and attention.

In a word, love.

Pope Francis
28th World Day of the Sick Message, 2020

Tender and merciful God,
You watch over your creatures with unfailing care, keep us in the safe embrace of your love. With your strong right hand, make whole all who are suffering. Give them the strength of your power and the stillness of your Peace. Minister to them through the compassionate service of others and heal their every affliction. Fill those who serve the sick with new hope and joy for the good they do in your name.

Amen.



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.



Announced for the First Time

Angel R. Cedino and Vicenta E. Vite

David Antonio Guevara and Rosario Cruz-Estrada

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**

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 16, 2020 is Leadership. 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.

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
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St. Elizabeth Council #5753
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For more information call: Co-Chairman Kevin Bertolini - 516 652-6438



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 re-established 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 Mouffertard 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.

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*

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.





Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

Administration Committed to Ensuring Religious Organizations a Level Playing Field

"Faith-based groups should have the opportunity to compete on a level playing field as they seek to partner with the federal government to provide critical social services," said the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "These proposed (new) rules protect religious liberty, a core constitutional right..." (1)

On Religious Freedom Day, the administration issued 9 rules to protect freedom by eliminating burdensome requirements, issued in past years, that unfairly imposed unique regulatory burdens on religious organizations. Federal agencies, including the Dept. of Labor, must now ensure that the grant-making practices of state recipients of Federal funding comply with the First Amendment.

Religious freedom has been an ongoing concern in recent years as anti-faith groups have brought litigation against faith-based nonprofits and privately owned companies. These opponents of religious freedom have created much confusion by suggesting that it is illegal or even unconstitutional, for religious organizations to participate in federal contracts simply because they choose to operate in accordance with their faith. The end result was a distortion of law that put religious contractors at a distinct disadvantage. Many of them had to make an untenable choice: continue operating in accordance with their deeply held religious beliefs or violate their conscience just for the opportunity to compete for a federal contract.

"From its opening pages, the story of America has been rooted in the truth that all men and women are endowed with the right to follow their conscience, worship freely, and live in accordance with their convictions. On Religious Freedom Day, we honor the foundational link between freedom and faith in our country and reaffirm our commitment to safeguarding the religious liberty of all Americans." *President Trump, Proclamation, Jan. 16, 2020*

(Religious Freedom Day 2020 Proclamation; firstliberty.org; christianheadlines.com, 8/15/19; daily.signal.com, 8/14/19; White House press release; (1) usccb.org/news)

"Freedom is not a gift bestowed upon us by other men, but a right that belongs to us by the laws of God and nature." *Benjamin Franklin, Founding Father*

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 and ending on March 24, 2020, the vigil of the Annunciation.



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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.

Night of Praise and Worship



Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord. (Psalm 150:6)

Looking for a deeper relationship with God?

The Diocese of Rockville Center Charismatic Renewal invites you to be touched by God's love in a relaxed evening of non-traditional prayer with contemporary praise and worship music.

St. John Nepomucene Church
1140 Locust Avenue, Bohemia, NY 11716
February 20, 2020, 7:30 pm
(Rosary before at 7:00)

Special Guests: Fr. Larry Chadwick
Kathleen Murray
"Winds of Flame" Music Ministry

Prayer teams will be available for healing prayer.
Come pray with us!

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.



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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.

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SUNDAY MARCH 1
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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 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 an opportunity to discover God's plan at work

in your life. 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 ~ **\$30 per person** ~ All checks must be received by Weds, Feb. 26th. No seats will be sold at the door. **You can also** Register online to reserve your space!

*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 15th 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
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