

# 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

March 22, 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



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC

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## *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

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**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

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**PASTOR/PARISH SECRETARY:** Bettyanne Russo:

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**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.

**Business Manager**  
**Dolores Tiernan**  
**Finance Chairperson**  
**Richard Bove**  
**Trustees**  
**Philip C. Pandolfi**  
**Raymond Smolenski**



**Collection Totals**

**March 14 & 15**

Weekly: \$ 9,520.00  
 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

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, Mar 21**

4:00 PM Joseph A. Todaro  
 Paul West  
 Living Intentions of Jack Tseng  
 Bill Trujillo  
 Andrew J. Garafalo

7:00 PM Ana Olinda Najarro

**Sunday, Mar 22**

7:30 AM Anthony Muller  
 9:30 AM Joseph S. Brunetti  
 11:00 AM Anthony Gentile, Jr. and  
 Clementina & Anthony Gentile, Sr.  
 12:30 PM (L) For the People of the Parish  
 12:30 PM Josephine Brizard ~  
 Happy 98th Birthday

**Monday, Mar 23**

9:00 AM Mario & Marie Pape

**Tuesday, Mar 24**

9:00 AM Thomas Detore ~ Happy Birthday

**Wednesday, Mar 25**

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Sullivan  
 & Gallagher Families

**Thursday, Mar 26**

9:00 AM Giuseppina Piccoli

**Friday, Mar 27**

9:00 AM Frank Pape

**Saturday, Mar 28**

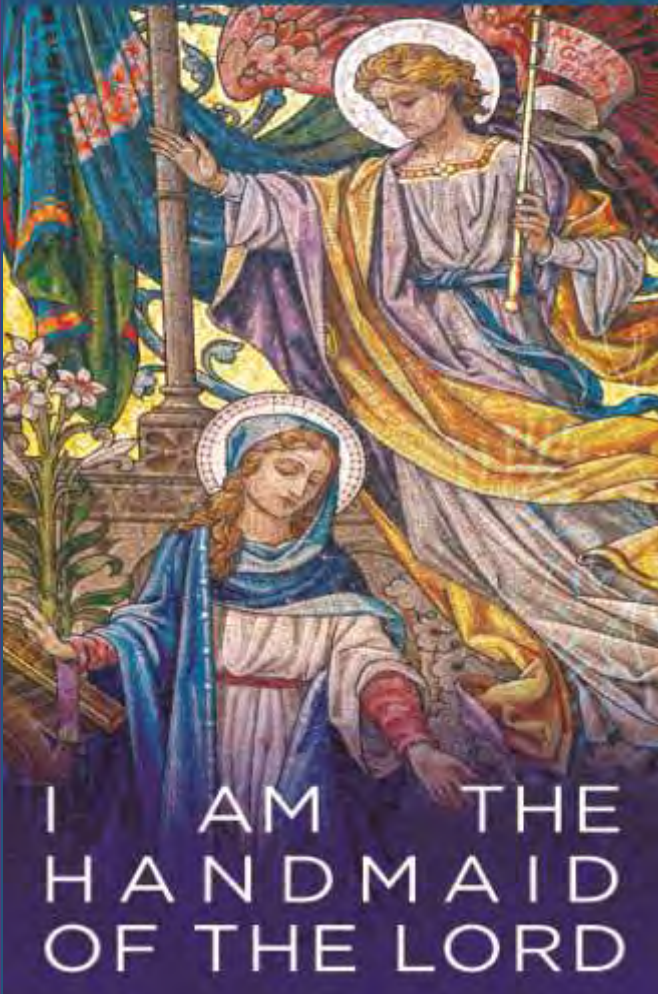
9:00 AM Jeannine LaRocca  
 Cristina Maria Torres  
 Marguerite Przyborowski  
 4:00 PM Living Intentions of Jack Tseng  
 Debra Lategano  
 Marion Joseph  
 Frank Pellegrini  
 Rae J. Lange  
 7:00 PM Jose Angel Alvarenga ~  
 7th Year In Heaven

**Sunday, Mar 29**

7:30 AM Helen Muller  
 9:30 AM Thomas Archbold  
 11:00 AM Lorraine & Raymond Cortelli and  
 Salvatore & Catrina Cortelli  
 12:30 PM (L) For the People of the Parish  
 12:30 PM Peter Scagnelli

Wednesday, March 25th

## THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD



### A Prayer to Be Open to God's Will

Good and gracious God,  
I know that life can be unpredictable.  
Sometimes I know what is good and right,  
but I don't have the courage to do it.  
Sometimes I am so busy with my own affairs,  
I forget to see the needs of people in front of me.  
Sometimes I am set in my own ways,  
and I resist growing and learning.  
Help me, Lord, to be open to Your will.  
When You prompt me to do the right thing,  
give me the courage to do it.  
When those around me need my help,  
give me Your heart to love them.  
When I'm stuck in my own ways, give me the  
grace to grow closer to You every day.  
Give me the trust and confidence of Mary.  
Let it be done unto me according to Your word!

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.***

Dear Friends,

The following directives were received Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Like you, I find this an occasion of regret and sorrow.

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

As you can imagine, this is an unprecedented and disturbing time.

I will try to keep you informed by the parish website [smrcc.org](http://smrcc.org) and the electronic bulletin on the website as to any further developments and changes.

The Sacrament of Confession will still be available as of this writing at the normal time: Saturday from 3 to 4 pm.

The church will remain open for private prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament. Now more than ever, you are all in my daily Divine Office and prayers!

Father Hewes



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

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

1. *Beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 at 3:00 PM, all Masses (weekday and weekend), meetings, and non-essential activities in our parishes are suspended or postponed through Tuesday, April 14, 2020. This will include all Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. However, these will be televised and available online (see below). This includes all Confirmations, First Communions, First Confessions, etc. When these events are rescheduled, they will be announced by local parishes. Funerals and weddings may be permitted if necessary, but should be limited to immediate family and remain under 50 people in attendance. Baptisms should be postponed unless absolutely necessary and should observe the same limits.*
2. Churches may remain open for private prayer at the discretion of the Pastor. However, they must observe the recommendation of fewer than 50 people permitted.

3. The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will provide televised and online daily Masses, including Holy Week and Easter Liturgies, as well as other devotional and spiritual programs. (Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Spectrum channel 162/471.) CFN is also available on selected cable and satellite systems and through 24/7 live stream at CFNtv.org. You can also watch CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by downloading the **CFN iOS mobile app at the app store by searching “Catholic Faith Network” or “CFN.”**

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

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

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

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

*You may wish to mail your contribution envelopes to the Parish, or drop them off at the Parish Office.*

*Faith Direct online giving is available per information in the bulletin. Our Parish Code is NY 368.*



## **Act of Spiritual Communion**

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

# 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
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<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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Dear Parishioners of St. Matthew's,

Shortly before Lent, many Catholics usually ask themselves what they are giving up for Lent? The Jesuit author, Fr. James Martin, suggests rather than giving up something like chocolate, why not just be kind?



He suggests ways to do this. Even though you may be sick, tired or upset about something, don't pass your anger or frustration on to others. We don't need to make others miserable.

Honor the absent. Stop talking about people behind their backs. Few things are as damaging to our spiritual lives as denigrating other people. It is a serious lack of charity and needless to say, it makes the other person feel terrible if they discover what you said – which they often do!

Give people the benefit of the doubt. St. Ignatius Loyola, the Founder of the Jesuits, mentions the following at the very beginning of his Spiritual Exercises. He writes that "wherever there is any doubt about what someone said or did, give him or her the plus sign."

Finally, Fr. Martin believes that being kind may be harder to do than giving up chocolate. But he also believes that this is a lot more helpful for your spiritual life.

Lastly, the author, Joyce Rupp, in her book, "Inviting God In," suggests that we should try to be more aware of the presence of God in the other person. She explains that insecurity, hurt, revenge or the desire to feel better about myself can all be unloving motivations for naming someone else's weaknesses.

As Lent continues, let us pray for one another and let us draw closer to God. Hopefully, we will experience the joy and new life of the Resurrection at Easter. As Saint Teresa of Calcutta said, "never let anything so fill you with pain or sorrow that you forget the joy of the Risen Christ."

Easter Blessings to you and your families, Sister Kay McCarthy

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







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*

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

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Registration forms for the Winter Program (September 2020 thru April 2021) will be mailed home in early May for students in grades two through eight. When registering a new student, 1st thru 8th grade, you must come into the Religion Office on the second floor of the Parish Center, Monday through Thursday, between 11:00AM and 4:00PM. Please be sure to bring a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate when you come. The fee of \$180.00 per child is due at that time.

**CONFIRMATION INFO**

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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INFO**

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

**SUMMER PROGRAM**

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

Every Tuesday, a Eucharistic Holy Hour for the Sanctification of the Clergy and the Purification of the Church is held in the church from 9:30 - 10:30 AM.

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.



*The Bread and Wine  
In Loving Memory of Frank Pellegrini  
Love,  
Georgianna, Denise & Chrissy*



**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Chloe Atienza  
Patrick Cawley  
Marie Clarke  
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 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.*

**MARCH - Catholics in China**

That the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



**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).



HELP SAVE LIVES IN SMITHTOWN, NY!  
Join our 2020 Campaign of Prayer and Fasting!

**You can help protect mothers and children** by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired over 1,000,000 volunteers! **With God's help**, here are the proven results in 25 coordinated campaigns: **16,742** babies saved from abortion **196 abortion** workers quit ~ **104 abortion** centers closed

**Here's how to take part** in our 40 Days for Life prayer campaign (choose one or all three):

- (1.) Prayer Vigil – pray on sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood building, 70 Maple Ave., Smithtown. (Park in public lot, corner of Main St. & Maple Ave. near CVS) *Please sign up* for your hour(s) each week at: [40daysforlife.com/Smithtown](http://40daysforlife.com/Smithtown) ~ February 26-April 5 from 7am to 7pm
- (2.) Pray with friends and family at your local parish/church and at home
- (3.) Fast and Sacrifice as your health permits

**More info.:** [40DFLsmithtown@gmail.com](mailto:40DFLsmithtown@gmail.com) ~ [40daysforlife.com/Smithtown](http://40daysforlife.com/Smithtown)

## 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.



DRVDVOCATIONS.COM  
vocations@drvc.org  
516 678-5800 ext. 214

## Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

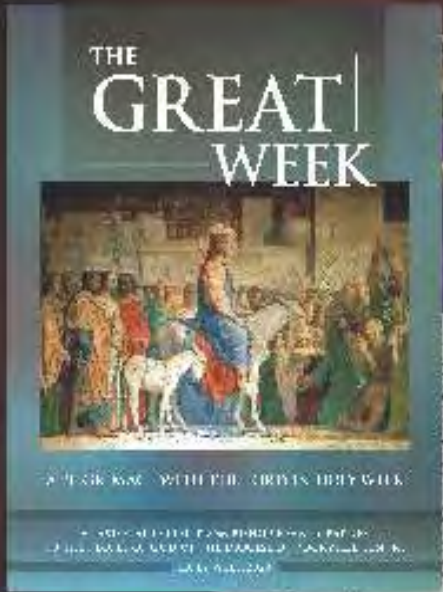
Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



### March 22 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe.

**Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.**



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**Come & join us on a pilgrimage to the  
National Shrine of Divine Mercy at Stockbridge, MA  
on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19, 2020.**

The bus will depart at 5:00 AM from LIE Exit 61, Park & Ride Lot, then proceed to St. Matthew's Church, Dix Hills for a second pickup of passengers. The bus will return to the same locations at approximately 9:45 PM. The bus ride is \$39, payable by check only, which is non-refundable but transferable.

First-come, first-served.

Please contact Hermy De Los Reyes via cell phone at 631 566-0143 for reservations or for additional information.

### **PLEASE NOTE THE UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES**

- Sunday, March 29 is Monday, March 23
- Sunday, April 5 is Friday, March 27
- Sunday, April 12 is Thursday, April 2
- Sunday, April 19 is Monday, April 13
- Sunday, April 26 is Monday, April 20

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

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



**The YES group celebrating an early St. Patrick's Day at the BiVio restaurant.**



# BLOOD DRIVE

**St. Matthew/K of C 7479**

35 North Service Road, Dix Hills

**Sunday March 29, 2020**

**8:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Msgr. Goggin Hall**

For more information, please contact:

Ron Pomian, [ronpomian@gmail.com](mailto:ronpomian@gmail.com) or Mark Petosa, [markamerica@verizon.net](mailto:markamerica@verizon.net)

**WALK-INS WELCOME**

Remember to eat, drink and bring your Donor ID or ID with name and photo

Eligibility Information:

<https://www.nybc.org/donate-blood/become-donor/can-i-donate-blood/>



1.800.933.2566  
[www.nybc.org](http://www.nybc.org)

 **New York** Blood Center

**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, March 29, 2020 is Spirituality. 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.cfntv.org](http://www.cfntv.org).

## Everyone Counts

Census Day is April 1. This means when you respond to the census, you'll tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020.

**The census response website is now live.** You can fill out the census for your household at [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov) even if you have not received your invitation and census ID number.

Just enter your address to begin.

