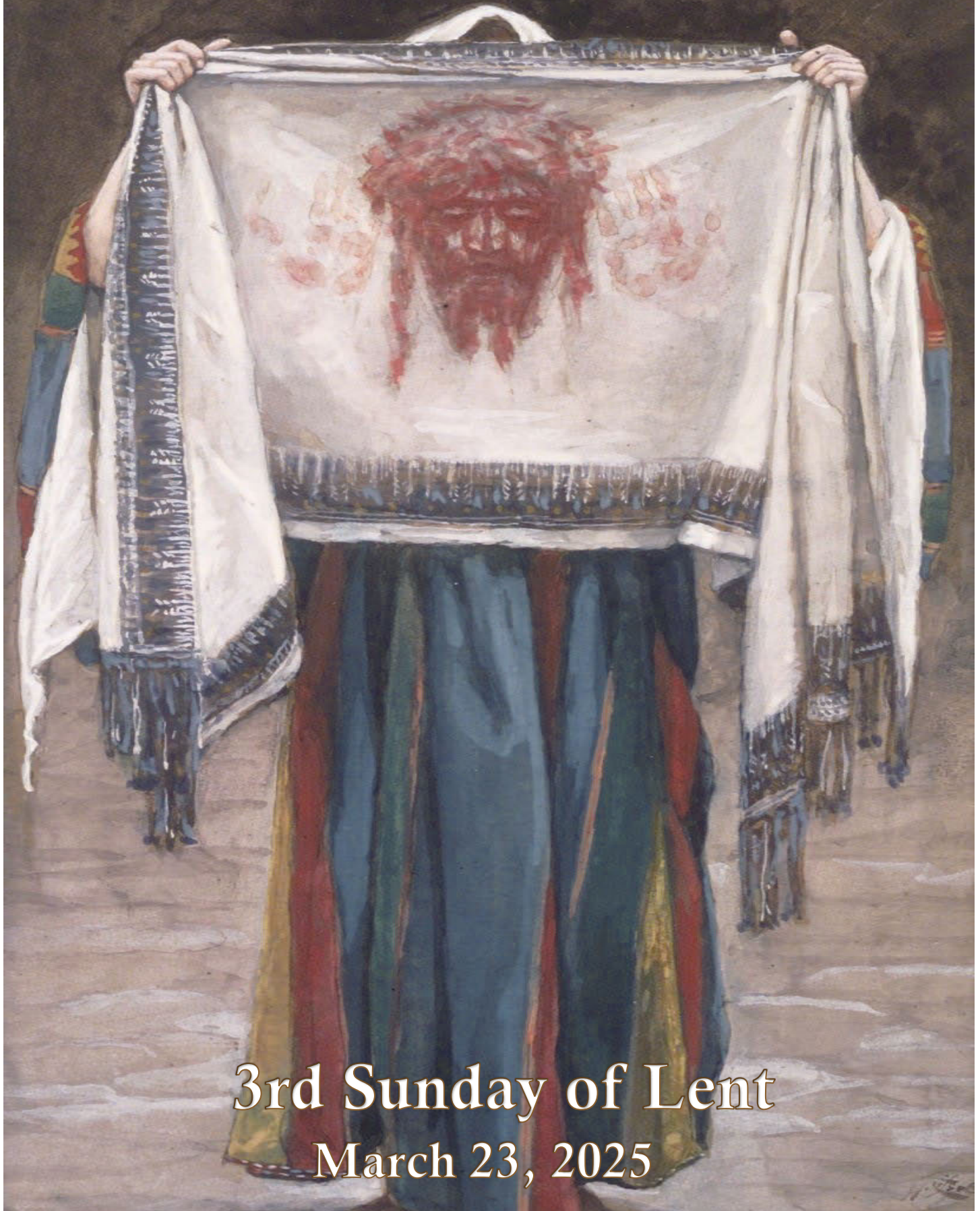


St. Matthew Roman Catholic Church



3rd Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2025

Pastor	Reverend Allan Sikorski
Associate Pastors	Rev. Anthony Sebamalai
Deacon	Carmine DeStefano
Music Director	Lee Forsythe
Director of Religious Ed	Mary Donaldson

SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m., Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Family Mass), 11:00 a.m. (Choir Mass), 12:30 p.m. (A Traditional Latin Mass is offered at this regularly scheduled Mass - 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month.) 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:

Twice a month. (No Baptisms Easter Sunday or Christmas Weekends.) First-time parents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class which is offered on the last Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel. (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 REGISTRATION: Now available online at: www.smrcc.org

New families and new parishioners are encouraged to register with the parish online.

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.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Those who are seriously ill should request a priest for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Parish Ministries

ALTAR SERVERS: Porzia DiGiorgio: me@porzia.com
and John DiGiorgio: me@johndigiorgio.com

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER:

Kathryn Giandoreggio: 631-491-3735

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR/ INTRAMURAL & CYO TRAVEL

COORDINATOR: Chris Felice: smrccathletics@gmail.com

BEREAVEMENT: 631-499-8520

BIBLE STUDY: Anthony Albano: 631-586-4827

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION:

Ann Podina: 631-858-0684

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL: 631-499-8520 x 113

CHILDRENS CHOIR: Lee Forsythe: LR601@optonline.net

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Ray Smolenski: 631-243-0449

FISHERS OF MEN: Vincent Beauman: 631-889-4393

email: FishersofMenGroup419@gmail.com

FOOD PANTRY: 631-499-8520 x 118

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: John Graf, GK: 516-637-1787

LECTORS: Helen Campa: 631-586-0682

LEGION OF MARY: Bea Hermosura: 631-242-0681

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION:

Carol DeStefano: 631-786-7786

NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY:

Toni Shannon: 631-586-3807

PILGRIM MADONNA: Rosa Nappo: 631-827-4575 or

Lucia Agnone: 631-522-1436

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

RIGHT TO LIFE: Toni Shannon: 631-586-3807

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Susan Terrone: 845-853-2471

ST. VINCENT de PAUL: Ron Pomian: 631-499-8520 x 118

email: stvincentdepaul69@gmail.com

USHERS: Roger Sirangelo: 631-703-5420

"YES" Young Energetic Seniors: patriciabenoit819@aol.com

Finance Chairperson— Richard Bove

Trustees— Raymond Smolenski
Kevin Bertolini

Business Manager— Lori Marando

COLLECTION TOTALS

March 16, 2025

Weekly:	\$11,396.00
Mail Ins:	\$550.00
Faith Direct:	\$3,159.00
Utility Fund:	\$3,355.00

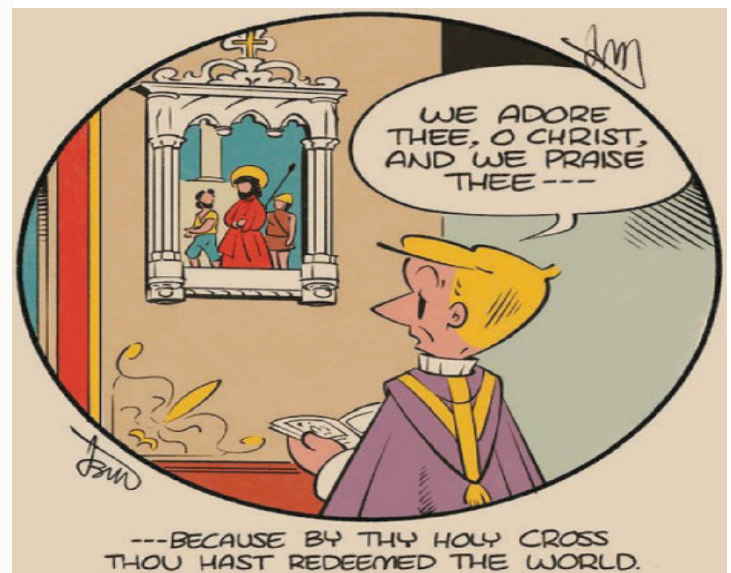


Lent 2025

**Stations of the Cross every
Friday of Lent at 7pm**

**Eucharistic Holy Hour Tuesdays
after the 9am Mass**

All of the above are in the Main Church



As a parish, we strive to be good stewards of our resources. Many families have moved away from envelopes and are now using Faith Direct to fulfill their generous stewardship commitments to our parish and the wider church through electronic donations.

We have also found that many are not using their envelopes that we mail out. Help

us to reduce our envelope and postage expense and at the same time support St. Matthew Catholic Church in a secure and convenient way by enrolling with Faith Direct.

Please enroll in this program by visiting faith.direct/NY368 to enroll securely online or scan the code with the camera on your mobile phone. May God bless your stewardship to our parish community!





Saturday, March 22nd 9:00 am

Cecelia DeMarzo
John Zammillo
Silvio Iacoviello

Saturday, March 22nd 4:00 pm

Barbara Mangano
Jack (Chun-Chieh) Tseng
Neil De Lira
Barbara Chmela
Victor Mignoli

Sunday, March 23rd 7:30 am

Norveria Santoro

Sunday, March 23rd 9:30 am

Francis A. De Domenico

Sunday, March 23rd 11:00 am

Dennis Vitelli
Denise Lynch
Claudine Costa-Soto
Lazzaro Alfano

Living Intentions of Fr. Sikorski

Sunday, March 23rd 12:30 pm

Patricia Pape

Monday, March 24th 9:00 am

Michael & Elvira Tartaglia

Tuesday, March 25th 9:00 am

Deceased Members of
the Archbold & McNally Families

Wednesday, March 26th 9:00 am

Kuo Chang Tseng

Thursday, March 27th 9:00 am

Wen Pin & Tsai Su Kuei Tseng

Friday, March 28th 9:00 am

Tauno & Gertrude Honkanen

Saturday, March 29th 9:00 am

Thomas Archbold
Rick Silveri

Living Intentions of Rosemarie Marte

Saturday, March 29th 4:00 pm

Barbara Mangano
Jack (Chun-Chieh) Tseng
John Posa
Claudia Murphy

Living Intentions of Fr. Joseph Habila

Sunday, March 30th 7:30 am

Vincent Costello

Sunday, March 30th 9:30 am

Mary & Joseph Lichtenberger

Sunday, March 30th 11:00 am

Richard R. Rocco
Benjamin Lombardo
Frances Craig
Gasperino Mistretta
Nora Del Rosario

Sunday, March 30th 12:30 pm

Julie Anne Hewes



SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO
REMEMBER, HONOR AND
CELEBRATE YOUR LOVED ONES

The name of the person remembered will be printed in the weekly bulletin.

The requested offerings are:

Announced Masses	\$20.00
Unannounced Masses	\$15.00
Altar Candles (week of)	\$50.00
Altar Flowers (week of)	\$125.00
Bread & Wine (week of)	\$75.00

You are welcome to visit the Parish Center to
arrange for these offerings.

Or call 631-499-8520 during our business hours:
Monday–Thursday 9am to 1pm

WEDDING BANS



Joseph Del Santi & Alexa Del Priore



Born into Eternal Life

Rosa Domingo

Frank Jappola

St. Matthew Roman Catholic Church
35 North Service Road
Dix Hills, NY 11746

Parish Office & Gift Shop Hours:

Monday through Thursday, 9AM–1PM.

631-499-8520 | www.smrcc.org

Important telephone extensions for general, non-emergency messages:

- Parish Secretary: 126
- Parish Business Manager: 114
- Religious Education (CCD): 631-864-3321
- Plant Manager: Lou: 631-492-7881
- For urgent calls for Last Rites or a similar emergency: 631-912-5955.

Contact information regarding Funerals is on the

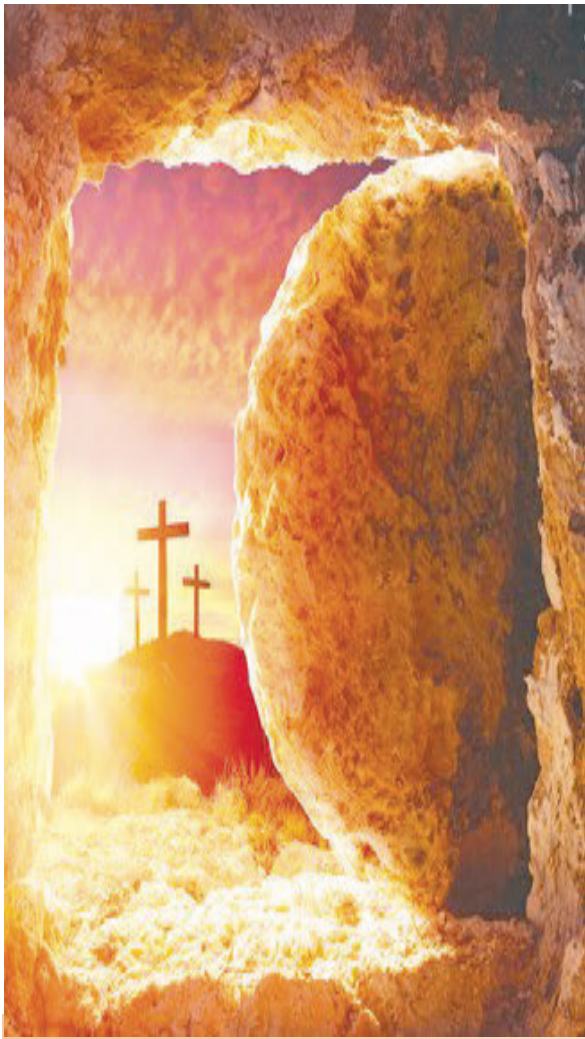
Parish Voice Mail phone greeting: 631-499-8520.

Please enter the Parish Center through the Main

Entrance **only, not the Gym Entrance**. The Main Entrance is

between the shrines to Sts. Padre Pio and Mother Teresa of Calcutta. The inner doors to the building are to the right. Please note:

As the sign indicates, ring the bell for admittance.



****Easter Vigil:** On this holy night, the Church keeps watch, celebrating the resurrection of Christ in the sacraments and awaiting his return to glory. It is the turning point of the Triduum, the Passover of the new covenant, which marks Christ's passage from death to life. **The Easter Vigil does not correspond to the usual Saturday evening Mass, making the service considerably longer.**

Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2025

CONFESSIONS:

All Saturdays of Lent

3:00 to 4:00 PM

Monday of Holy Week April 14th

2:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Good Friday April 18th

12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM

**No confessions on Holy Saturday*

Liturgies of Holy week

Palm Sunday April 13th: Regular Sunday Schedule

Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM,

11:00 AM, 12:30 PM

Holy Thursday April 17th

7:00 PM: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday April 18th

3:00 PM: Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

7:00 PM: Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday April 19th

7:00 PM: Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday April 20th

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM

The following items are needed to fill our pantry:

Apple sauce (Unsweetened preferably), canned and dried beans, canned chicken, tuna fish, canned fruit (low syrup), canned Vegetables, cereal (low sugar), pasta, tomato sauce, peanut butter, jam/jelly, rice, soup, instant mashed potatoes, coffee (no K cups), tea bags, macaroni and cheese, toiletries, paper towel, toilet paper, soap and laundry detergent.

****OUR MOST REQUESTED ITEMS ARE PAPER TOWELS AND JAM/JELLY!****

Please check expiration dates before donating as we cannot accept expired food.

In addition to food donations, gift cards to ShopRite and Stop & Shop are needed for families to purchase perishables and other items

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity in helping our neighbors in need. It is greatly appreciated. God bless you.





THE HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER BEFORE
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN A
SOLEMN FORM IS HELD EVERY TUESDAY
AFTER THE 9:00 AM MASS.

If you are unable to come in the daytime, the Host (Jesus) is exposed to view in the Monstrance every First Friday of the month, from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, when the Nocturnal Adoration Society meets in church and prays together. Come join us and spend special time with Jesus. He's waiting to see you.

Mass Cards at St. Matthew's

St. Matthew's Parish offers two types of Mass Cards:

- **Announced Masses:** As the name implies this is a Mass set for a specific date and time and the name of the person(s) for whom the Mass is offered is published in the bulletin and announced at the Mass. These are particularly suitable for those families or individuals who will attend the actual Mass on the day appointed. While anyone can arrange for an Announced Mass, their number is necessarily limited by the number of public Masses offered in a year.
- **Unannounced Masses:** These are Masses that will be offered in the coming year but at an unspecified date, time and place. The priests of the Parish offer these Masses during retreat, vacation, and other days in which they do not have a public Mass. Mass Cards are issued for these Masses with the name of the person(s) written in the card but without any specific promised date or time. This category might be suitable for cases where the family of the named person(s) are not parishioners, live some distance away, or would not otherwise be able to attend a Mass here on a set day or time. The receptionist will help you in arranging either or both of these Masses and the different offerings for each category.

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER? Many parishioners support St. Matthew's in the weekly collection and we don't have them listed in our census. We would like to make sure you are given proper credit for your donations. Please fill in the bottom of this page and we will send you a registration card. (You can drop in the collection basket or send to the parish office)

****Are you looking to become a sponsor for Confirmation or a godparent for Baptism? You must be registered with the parish for your form to be completed. You are not automatically registered if you received a sacrament in the parish i.e. Baptism, Confirmation, Matrimony etc. *You can also register on the website www.smrcc.org**



NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
TOWN _____ ZIP _____
PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES OR EMAILS WITH NEWS AND UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS?

If so please provide your cell phone# for text messages, which will be added to our REMIND app, or your email address which will be included in our CONSTANT CONTACT group. You can drop in the collection basket or drop off at the parish office.
(your information is kept confidential and will not be shared)



NAME _____

☐

CHECK OFF THE SERVICE YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED TO:

Text

Provide Cell Phone # _____

☐

Email

Provide Email Address _____



Our Pilgrim Madonna

The Legion of Mary would love to bring
Our Lady of Fatima
to spend a week at your home.

If you are interested, please call:

Lucia: 631 940-4015 or Rosa: 631 920-2446



March 5 to April 13
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Help Save Babies in Smithtown!

Spring Campaign 2025

Our 2025 spring campaign begins Ash
Wednesday March 5th and runs
through April 13th.

Please sign up and be present for vigil hours.

www.40daysforlife.com/Smithtown

Planned Parenthood

70 Maple Ave, Smithtown

Prayer Vigil Hours 7am-7pm

As in the past, volunteers can sign up at the site listed
above or at one of our participating
churches or parishes.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 29 & 30, 2025

	4:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
<i>Lectors</i>	S. Carambia	H. Campa	D. Manetta		B. Abadom
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	A. Palumbo M. Gerardi	H. Campa	V. Beaman	E. Vincente	B. Abadom

NOTE: If you are scheduled to serve at a Mass, please sit in the front row, middle left side (your significant other can sit with you there.) Remember we must distribute the host to the Special Needs section. Usually, if you are stationed at St. Joseph side you will be done first. If no one else has gone back,



St. Matthew's St. Vincent de Paul Conference In Action

Our motto is "We Help People." Our SVdP conference was able to fulfill this motto recently thanks to your continued financial support in the Poor Box and donations received through the mail. We paid a water bill for one neighbor. We also helped pay a PSEG bill for another. We assisted paying the mortgage for another neighbor. We also gave neighbors who came into our food pantry a gift card to buy fresh produce, fruits and meats. Please consider contributing. Remember, **"It is more blessed to give than to receive."** (Acts of the Apostles 20:35)

A special thanks goes out to the New Pentecost Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, the Knights of Columbus and our parishioners for their donations of gift cards and food to our pantry.

PRAYER LIST UPDATE: We are updating the names on our prayer lists for the Sick and active Service Men & Women in the military. Please send an email message to bulletin@smrcc.org if you would like a name added. All requests must be submitted with the permission of the immediate family. THANK YOU

**PRAYERS FOR THE MEN
AND WOMEN WHO SERVE
IN OUR ARMED FORCES.**



Christopher Pavlat, U.S. Army Pilot
Matthew Waldman, US Airforce
Francis L. Grue, U.S. Army, Retired



Fr. Stephen Arabadjis	Anna Caravella
Grayson Danielski	Ralph Macchia
Rashell Dantzler	Alyce Campbell
Jamie Mesta	Raquel Ortiz
James Zlokovitz	Tamara Zlokovitz
Gary Perz	
Christopher Picciano	

ALL KINDS OF LOVE

After the tragic fires and floods , hurricanes and tornados across this beautiful country , I read a true story that touched my heart. After a forest fire in Yellowstone, Forest Rangers were estimating the damage. One ranger found a bird, literally petrified in ashes, perched on the ground at the foot of a tree . Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, he tapped it with his foot. When he did this, three tiny chicks scurried out from under their mother's wings. The loving mother, aware of the pending disaster, had carried her babies to the tree trunk and gathered them under her wings, knowing that toxic smoke would rise. She could have flown to safety but she refused to leave them.

When the blazing flames arrived and the heat had scorched her tiny body, she remained steadfast. Because she had been willing to die , so those under the protection of her wings would live. Such love, such sacrifice .

Reminds you of what is going on in our world today. People are willing to risk everything, including their very own lives, for their loved ones. With the recent fires and floods here in our country , people that had lost everything came out to help their neighbors. Don't misunderstand , I know there were also people who sought to victimize them even after all that they had lost already.

If this tiny creature can show such love, we should be able to as well.

He will cover you with his feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge. Psalm 91: 4 .

We say "family first" and of course this is true, but consider this as well. Family isn't always blood. It is also the people in your life that want you in theirs , the ones who accept you for what you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile, and who love you no matter what. If we are lucky , we have those people in our "family. "

And Now For a Smile or Two

A little boy, sitting in church listening to a long sermon when his eyes fixed on the red sanctuary lamp . He said to his dad "When that light turns green, can we go ?"

The Pope comes to NY for a visit and was met at the airport by a driver and a beautiful car. The Pope repeatedly asked if he could drive. Not being able to say no to the Pope, he gave in. The Pope then drove over 100 miles an hour and was pulled over by the police. The officer, startled, goes back and radios the chief. I have a problem he says" I pulled this guy over but he's very important. Important like the Mayor or Governor ? No , more important. The chief says, the President ? No, way more important. Nobody more important than the President the Chief says So who is it ?

I don't know, but he's got the Pope driving for him !!!!

Remember to pray for everyone . See you in Church. Pat

PS: Luncheon at Sangria ,Commack. March 26. A new restaurant, a new adventure

**Young
Energetic
Seniors**

ROSARY SOCIETY



If you are new to the parish, or are interested in becoming a member of the Rosary Society, please join us at our next meeting or contact Sue Terrone at sueterrone@yahoo.com or 845-853-2471. The Rosary Society consists of prayerful women who love and honor Our Blessed Mother. We hold monthly meetings, pray the Rosary, schedule events and trips, as well as fundraise for the parish. You can be as active as time allows. Our annual dues are \$20.

Our meetings take place on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. (*April's meeting date has been changed to April 1st, due to Holy Week. Check the bulletin weekly for updates about the upcoming meeting dates.*) We will begin by praying the Rosary at **6:30** in the chapel and then proceed to Monsignor Goggin Hall.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

May Our Blessed Mother Always Be At Your Side
Susan Terrone

Board members

Susan Terrone-President 845-853-2471
Judy Archbald-Vice President 631-667-4629
Tina Murgolo-Treasurer 631-839-9212
Lourdes Ashley- Recording Secretary 917-747-5087
Mary Lou Lea- Corresponding Secretary 631-513-8146



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Family/Children's Mass is Sunday at 9:30AM

Mary Donaldson, Director Rita Minder, Assistant

Religion Office Phone 631 864-3321 Email maryccd@smrcc.org

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation date for our 8th grade students is Thursday, March 27, 2025. Bishop Luis M. Romero will be presiding and there are two alphabetical Confirmations, one at 10:30am and one at 1:30pm.

Classes are cancelled on Confirmation Day, Thursday, March 27, 2025.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion dates are Saturday, May 10th at 10:30am and Saturday, May 17th at 10:30am and 1:30pm.

Saturday, March 29th and Saturday, April 5th is First Reconciliation (Penance) for our second grade students at 9:45am in the Church. Please refer to the parent Communion letter for information regarding student date and time.

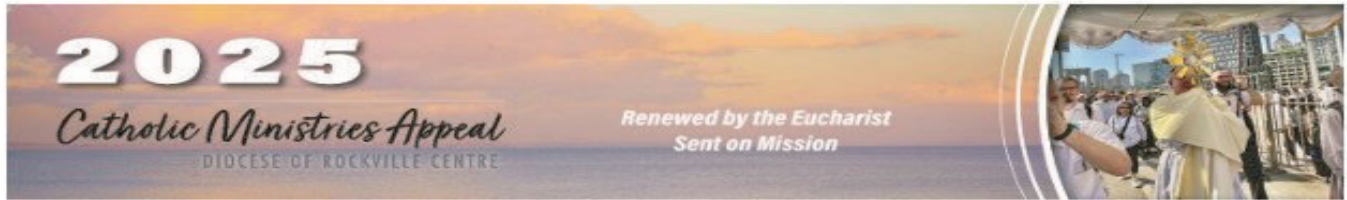
SUMMER PROGRAM

The dates for the **Summer Program 2025** are August 3rd through August 17th, from 8:30am to 1:00pm, Monday thru Friday and the three Sunday 9:30am Masses on August 3rd, August 10th and August 17th. Eligible grades are 4, 5, 6 & 7. The fee is \$350.00 per child—family rates apply for 3 or more children.

SPECIAL NOTES

Classes are cancelled and school is closed for the Eid al Fitr holiday on March 31st.

The week of April 7th is the last week of classes.



Dear Friends:

In announcing the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis asked us to celebrate, “with deep faith, lively hope and active charity.” During this most holy season of Lent, let us be reminded that we are called to discover hope in current times and to be the instruments of hope for others.

One tangible way to accomplish this is by giving to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Through our shared support of our pastoral, educational and charitable ministries, we are assisting those most in need and spreading the message of hope in the Lord.

Your gifts to the Appeal support the education of our seminarians and priests who are dedicating their lives to serving Christ and His Church; assist college students and our young people to grow in their faith and relationship with the Lord; and ensure that vital resources are made available for children and families through Catholic Charities, Respect Life, and our Parish Outreach programs.

During this time of Jubilee in the life of our Church, I ask you to consider contributing to the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal so that we can enrich the lives of others and that the hope of Christ may abound more fruitfully throughout our diocese.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Please make check payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Name: _____ Parish: #169 - St. Matthew RC Church, Dix Hills

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone number: Home _____ Cell: _____

Signature: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/> or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

THANK YOU



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council #7479
35 North Service Road • Dix Hills, NY 11746
RON PIZZOLO MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING
Monday May 12, 2025

Wind Watch Golf & Country Club • 1715 Vanderbilt Motor Parkway, Hauppauge, NY 11788

John Graf, Grand Knight
516-637-1787
Joe Montelle PGK, Chairman
631-940-2915
Ray Fleming, Chairman
516-445-8892

All Proceeds From This Year's
Charity Raffle Will Be
Donated To



Ronald McDonald
House Charities
New York Metro

Campaign for a Ronald McDonald House
Serving Suffolk County

Lunch at 12:00 pm • Tee-off at 1:30 pm
A Halfway House & Beverage Cart will be served from 1:30 to 6:00pm.
Cocktail hour/dinner begins at 6:00 pm
Cost per Golfer \$300

REGISTRATION SPONSORSHIP FORM • JOURNAL ADS

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
_____	Day of Golf	\$300.00	_____
_____	Hole Sponsorship	\$150.00	_____
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_____	Lunch Sponsorship.....	\$300.00	_____
_____	Cocktail Hour Sponsorship.....	\$500.00	_____
_____	Dinner Sponsorship.....	\$500.00	_____
_____	Journal Ad-Full Page Gold.....	\$300.00	_____
_____	Journal Ad-Full Page	\$150.00	_____
_____	Day of Golf For 4 Players • Gold Page Ad • Hole Sponsorship	\$1,500.00	_____
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED		\$	_____

Print Name of Contact

Print Company Name

Contact Phone Number

Email Address

Date

Please list your players below with their handicaps. Send with a check made out to the Knights of Columbus and mailed to Ray Fleming at the address below. The Fee is \$300.00 per golfer.

1. Captain _____ Tel: _____ 3. _____
2. _____ 4. _____

Please join us for this exciting event!

Mr. Ray Fleming
21 Dulce Lane Dix Hills, NY 11746
Phone: (516) 445-8892
Website: www.kofc7479.org

Charity Raffle

\$10 per ticket / 3 tickets for \$25

First prize: \$500.00 Cash

Second Prize: \$200.00 Cash

Third Prize: \$100.00 Cash



The Rosary Altar Society would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and supported our St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Dinner Dance on March 15th. A special thank you to Father Sikorski, our pastor, and his business manager, Lori Marando, for their ongoing support and assistance throughout the planning and preparation. Father Anthony, Deacon Carmine and his wife Carol, were there celebrating as well. We were honored to have our former pastor, Father Hewes, attend and happy to celebrate his birthday that evening. It was truly a wonderful evening filled with joy, laughter, and great company. We are grateful to all who participated and helped make this event such a success.

The Retro Brothers kept the dance floor lively with their fantastic music, while we enjoyed a delicious feast of corned beef and cabbage, ziti and meatballs.

A very big thank you to our dedicated chefs, Jim Klein and Mike Terrone, who worked tirelessly in the kitchen to prepare the delicious meal—especially the perfectly cooked corned beef! We also want to express our deep gratitude to our anonymous donor whose generosity provided funds for the corned beef dinner. Thank you to Joe Murgolo for donating all of the delicious meatballs, they were a big hit. Thank you to those who donated the baked ziti, etc. and our generous parishioner who kindly donated the wine that adorned our tables.

Thank you to Sal Mangano from Mangano Funeral Home for the donation that paid for the entertainment. We also want to thank John Michalek from Commack Abbey Funeral Home for donating the Lotto Board. A warm and gracious thank you to both for their generosity and support.

A BIG congratulations to Liz Aquino, our Lotto Board Winner!! Good luck to Liz, we hope your luck continues and you win more! Our 50/50 winner was Rene Marino. She won a total of \$680. Congratulations to Rene!!

I would also like to thank the student volunteers who graciously gave their time and talent while serving our delicious meal.

A special thank you to the members of the Knights of Columbus who are always so helpful and willing to lend a hand, it is much appreciated. A BIG thank you to our hard working Lou Flores, who never disappoints with the setup of the room and all the details. Thank you Lou!

This event could not have been possible without the dedication of the Rosary Altar Society Board, Judy Archbald, Tina Murgolo, Lourdes Ashley, and Mary Lou Lea for their dedication and assistance in running this event. Thank you to our Rosarians and their husbands, who worked behind the scenes to set up, serve, and clean up. Your time and efforts are truly appreciated, and we are blessed to have such a wonderful community.

Lastly, I want to thank my mom, Louise Benenati. Her faith, love, guidance, and direction has been an inspiration. Events like this would not be possible without her leadership. She tirelessly dedicates herself to fundraising and organizing events, always giving her heart to support our beautiful St. Matthew Church. Thank you Mom!

Thank you all for making this a night to remember! We look forward to many more joyous celebrations together.
May Our Blessed Mother Be Always At Your Side

With gratitude,
Susan Terrone
President, Rosary Society



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

**Soldiers Defending the Constitution
Cannot be Denied Their Religious Freedom**

Each year new cases are brought to defend the religious freedom of members of our military by law firms who defend religious freedom in all relevant situations. Many Catholics wonder why there is an organization such as Catholics for Freedom of Religion. They tell us they can go to church on Sunday so what is the problem.

Freedom of Worship is not freedom of religion. Freedom of Worship is the right to pray within the church of your choice. Freedom of religion is the right to worship in church, in your home and in the public square, as in processions, public rosaries, etc. Freedom of Religion is the right to live your faith openly in every area of your life. So the cases brought against the military are an area of great concern. Many cases in recent years reflect a resistance to God's presence among the military as service men and women are criticized, marginalized and even dismissed for their religious beliefs and practices which denies their right to freedom of religion.

On Jan. 17, 2025 Liberty Counsel filed a lawsuit to defend an Idaho National Guardsman, Major Worley, because he was removed from a command position solely for his religious beliefs which he had stated in a venue off duty and outside of his military service. Major Worley was investigated based on a complaint filed by a guardsman who said he felt unsafe and threatened because of Worley's beliefs. The investigation showed no wrongdoing by Worley but still he was removed by a general who decided Worley's Christian views were toxic. Read more here: <https://tinyurl.com/33d36csw>

Read here about a VA chaplain whose sermons are being censored because he preaches based on his religious beliefs and his ecclesiastical endorsement. <https://tinyurl.com/3pnhvzn>

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March 11: St. Luke
Brentwood | 5:00-6:00 p.m.

March 12: Our Lady of Lourdes
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March 13: Our Lady of the Assumption
Copiague | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 14: St. Catherine of Siena
Franklin Square | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

March 15: St. Francis Cabrini
Coram | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

March 16: Holy Cross
Nesconset | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

March 17: St. Patrick
Huntington | 12:00-8:00 p.m.

March 18: St. Joseph
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March 19: Most Holy Trinity
East Hampton | 8:30-9:30 a.m.

March 20: Our Lady of Mercy
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March 21: St. Aloisius
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March 22: Sacred Heart
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March 23: St. Anthony of Padua
East Northport | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 24: St. Mary
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March 25: Resurrection
Farmingdale | 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 26: St. Boniface
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March 27: St. Agnes
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March 28: Our Lady of Lourdes
Massapequa Park | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 29: Good Shepherd
Hollisbrook | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 30: Sacred Heart
North Merrick | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

March 31: St. Joseph
Kings Park | 6:00-7:00 p.m.

APRIL

April 1: St. Bernard
Levittown | 12:30-1:30 p.m.

April 2: St. Jude
Hastis Beach | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

April 3: St. Gerard Majella
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April 4: St. Aidan
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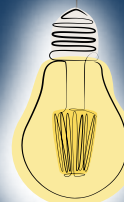
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