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~ MASSES ~

Saturday Evening

5:00pm, 7:00pm (Spanish)

Sunday

8:00, 9:30am (Spanish), 11:30am

Daily (Mon-Sat)

9:00am – English

Monday & Wednesday

7:00pm – Spanish

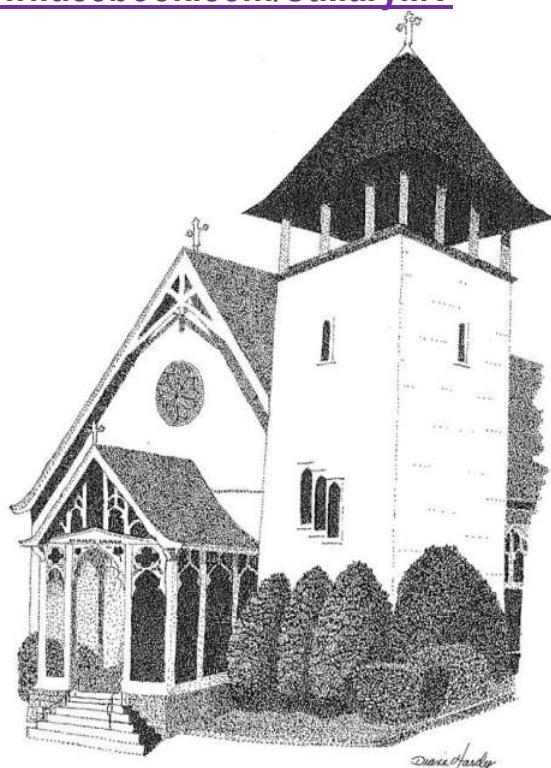
Holy Days

9:00am and 7:30pm

~ OFFICE HOURS ~

Monday through Friday: 9:00am – 2:00pm

Saturday & Sunday: Closed



Rev. Joseph Akunaeziri

Pastor

Deacon Joe Patrona

Minister of Education

Christine Class

Parish Secretary

John Griffiths

Minister of Music

Stephen M. Bauert

Maintenance Engineer

Juan M. Cruz

Custodian Assistant

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please call the Rectory for an appointment with the Pastor (914) 664-5855.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45pm or call office for an appointment

SPANISH PRAYER MEETING

Every Friday at 7:00 pm in Parish Hall.

First Friday: Healing Mass 7:00 pm

All are invited!

“Truly you have formed my inmost being; You knit me in my mother’s womb. You knew that I was there – You saw me before I was born.” (Psalm 139: 13, 16) **PRAY FOR THE UNBORN**

ABUSE SURVIVORS: We are grateful you are here today. We are sorry for the intense pain you suffer. We know there are many types of abuse; including sexual, physical, emotional, and psychological. We hope you find this Church community a place of sensitivity that does not exacerbate your pain. We pray that you seek the support and help you need. We also pray that God holds you in His gentle loving hands and helps you heal. Amen.

From the Pastors desk
Love your enemies and pray for
those who persecute you
(Luke 6:27-38)

Jesus speaks directly to His disciples, urging them to love their enemies, to do good to those who hate them, and to bless those who curse them. This is not merely a suggestion; it is a command that flips our natural inclinations upside down. Our human instinct often leans toward self-preservation and retaliation. Yet, Jesus calls us to a higher standard—a standard that reflects the unconditional love of God. When Jesus tells us to love our enemies, He is not asking us to ignore the pain or injustice we may feel. Rather, He invites us to transform our hearts. To love our enemies is to see them through the lens of God's grace. It means choosing to act with kindness, even when we feel wronged. This can be incredibly difficult, but it is also where the Gospel shines brightest. It is in these moments that we truly embody Christ's love. Let us learn how to love even when it's very difficult.

Rev, Joseph Akunaeziri

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal, a critical component of the archdiocesan mission, raises funds to sustain the various ministries, institutions, and outreach programs that serve thousands of individuals and families throughout New York.

As members of the parish community, we are encouraged to contribute generously to the Appeal for the sake of our greater archdiocesan family. Please consider making a gift today to support the Church's mission and to help us achieve our goal by Pentecost. When donating at cardinalsappeal.org/donate, please remember to specify our parish name. To learn more about the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal, contact us at 646-794-3300 or visit cardinalsappeal.org.

Mass Intentions - February 23, - March 2, 2025

Sunday, 2/23	8:00 am – Intentions for the people 9:30 am – Intentions for the people 11:30 am – Joe castellano (Deceased)
Monday 2/23	9:00 am – Anthony Signore Jr (Birthday Blessings) 7:00 pm – Intentions for the people
Tuesday, 2/25	9:00 am – Daisy Ford (Birthday in Heaven)
Wednesday 2/26	9:00 am – Pauline Servidio (20 th Anniversary in Heaven) 7:00 pm – Intentions for the people
Thursday, 2/27	9:00 am – Thomas McCaffery (Anniversary in Heaven)
Friday, 2/28	9:00 am – Juan Laboy (1 st Anniversary in Heaven)
Saturday, 3/1	9:00 am – Dennis M. Solano (Birthday in Heaven) 5:00 pm – Intentions for the people 7:00 pm – Intentions for the people
Sunday, 3/2	8:00 am – Intentions for the people 9:30 am – Intentions for the people 11:30 am – Helen Minchak (Deceased)



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Jesús habla directamente a sus discípulos, instándolos a amar a sus enemigos, a hacer el bien a quienes los odian y a bendecir a quienes los maldicen. Esto no es una mera sugerencia; es un mandato que pone patas arriba nuestras inclinaciones naturales. Nuestro instinto humano a menudo se inclina hacia la autopreservación y la venganza. Sin embargo, Jesús nos llama a un estándar más alto, un estándar que refleja el amor incondicional de Dios. Cuando Jesús nos dice que amemos a nuestros enemigos, no nos pide que ignoremos el dolor o la injusticia que podemos sentir. Más bien, nos invita a transformar nuestros corazones. Amar a nuestros enemigos es verlos a través del lente de la gracia de Dios. Significa elegir actuar con bondad, incluso cuando nos sentimos agraviados. Esto puede ser increíblemente difícil, pero también es donde el Evangelio brilla más. Es en estos momentos que verdaderamente encarnamos el amor de Cristo. Aprendamos a amar incluso cuando es muy difícil

Reverendo Joseph Akunaeziri**La Campaña Anual de Corresponsabilidad del Cardenal**

La Campaña Anual de Corresponsabilidad del Cardenal, un componente crítico de la misión arquidiocesana, recauda fondos para sostener los diversos ministerios, instituciones y programas de alcance que sirven a miles de personas y familias en todo Nueva York.

Como miembros de la comunidad parroquial, se nos anima a contribuir generosamente a la Campaña por el bien de nuestra gran familia arquidiocesana. Por favor, considere hacer una donación hoy para apoyar la misión de la Iglesia y ayudarnos a lograr nuestra meta para Pentecostés. Al donar en cardinalsappeal.org/donate, recuerde especificar el nombre de nuestra parroquia.

Para obtener más información sobre la Campaña Anual de Corresponsabilidad del Cardenal, comuníquese con nosotros al 646-794-3300 o visite cardinalsappeal.org.

Weekly Collection**February 9, 2025 \$****February 11, 2024 \$**

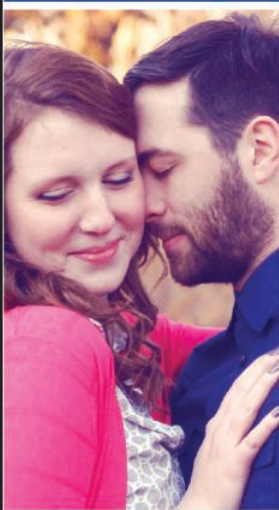
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