



St. Therese of Lisieux Parish

Where all are welcome to help us build the City of God!

Our Mission:

*We are a spiritual home for all who come here to worship.
We are united in supporting one another in prayer and caring for the corporal needs of our brothers and sisters.
We strive to imitate Therese, our patroness, by loving one another even in the simplest ways.*

Nuestra Misión:

*Somos un hogar espiritual para todos los que viene a aquí venerar.
Somos unidos a apoyar el uno al otro en oración y en cuidar de las necesidades corporales de nuestros hermanos y hermanas.
Nos esforzamos a imitar Therese, nuestra patrona por amando el uno al otro aún en las maneras más sencillas.*

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00pm; 8:00pm (Spanish)
Sunday: 8:30am & 10:30am
Weekdays: Mon -Thurs 8:30am
First Friday: 8:30 Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacred Heart Novena
Rosary: Mon - Thurs after 8:30 Mass
Exposition, Benediction & Novena of St. Anthony: Tues after 8:30 Mass

www.sttheresemontauk.weconnect.com

St Therese Parish Center

67 So Essex Street
PO Box 5027, Montauk, NY 11954
 (631) 668-2200 Fax (631) 668-2384
 Apostolado Hispano: (631) 283-4379
 Office Hours: Mon – Fri 10am – 2pm
 Parish Outreach: (631) 668-1318
Religious Education: (631) 668-2460
 Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs 9:00am-4:00pm

St. Therese Nursery School (631) 668-5353

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Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Murray
Apostolado Hispano: Vincentian Fathers
Director of Religious Ed: Louise Carman
Business Manager: Madeline Boddy
Music Director: Iryna Androskova
Trustees: Jerry McKeon & Tom Bogdan

Catholic Schools

St. Therese Nursery School

Phone: (631) 668-5353
Ellen Cooke Maureen Kingston

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confession): Saturdays 4:00pm - 4:30pm

Please call the parish office for:

The Sacrament of Baptism
The Sacrament of Matrimony
The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
Nighttime emergencies (631) 238-5965

E-mail addresses

Pastor sttheresepastor@optimum.net
Religious Ed. sttheresedre@optimum.net
Business office sttheresebusoff@optimum.net
Front desk sttheresedesk@optimum.net

Alcoholics Anonymous

AA meets in the basement of the parish center:

Tues: 1:00pm (OD) **Wed:** 8:00pm (OD)
Thurs: 8:00pm (Step) **Sat:** 8:00pm (OD)

Al-Anon

Montauk Community Church
Sunday: 5:30pm

Parish Outreach: 668-1318
Contact: Gert Murphy

Montauk Food Pantry: Food is graciously accepted at the parish center Mon-Fri.. Non perishable foods, tuna, soup, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, rice, canned beans, pasta, pasta sauce, juice and **Diapers** of all sizes.

Communion for the Sick: Please call the parish office for arrangements.

Pregnancy Support Resources:
(855)301-4247

My Dear Family of St. Therese,

I hope everyone's Advent and New Year is off to a good start. A recent news report spoke of a Christmas Display in a small town that was almost destroyed. Vandals had come in the night before the celebration and cut the wires to the Christmas Trees and the Christmas display. In the past I have had the experience where the baby Jesus was stolen from the manger scene and it was considered a teenage prank.

What bothers me is that if it had been a Menorah it would have been classified as a hate crime and anti-Semitic. I see these other attacks as anti-Christian and not vandalism or a prank. Once again we are still being persecuted in silent ways. Recently a statue of St. Anthony was pushed off his pedestal in a garden at a church on Staten Island. The event was recorded on a security camera and again it was called "vandalism". When will the media begin to recognize Christian Persecution?

On a brighter side (literally) this past week I was watching the "Great Christmas Light" competition on TV. I was delighted to see that in most of the light displays the manger was present. One family went so far as to have the risen Christ in the center of the display. When asked "Why?" the displayer responded that if it were not for Jesus, there would be no reason for all the lights. (Ain't that the truth!)

So – as the days get shorter and the darkness longer through the night – how is the light of Jesus getting brighter in our lives? After all, if it were not for Jesus, the light of the world, there would be no reason to celebrate!

May our Advent journey continue to brighten our days and the lives of all we meet!

Continue the journey!

Fr. Tom & The Monsignor

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Please pray for the sick

Jackie Dickinson, James Beatty, James Howard, Robert Briody, Helene Fugazzi, Faye Costa, Lucille Hawkins, Gabrielle Balestri Lucille Malouche.

Please pray for the Deceased

Lauri & Joe Kelly, Jennifer Balnis, Msgr. Joseph P. Granata, Fr. Hugh Cannon, Raymond Cappiello, Msgr. Alex Manly, Garry Nagle, Sr,

Pray for Peace

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me....
Please pray for those who work for peace and to protect our country by serving in our military...

Capt. Joseph Pugh (*U.S. Navy*)
Drew Forsberg (*U.S. Navy Seal*)
Jason Saglimbene (*Lt. US Navy*)
Andrea Saglimbene (*Lt. JAG US Army*)
Ronald Saglimbene (*Lt. USMC Afghanistan*)
Michael Saglimbene (*US Air National Guard*)
Matthew Graham (*Lt., USNA*)
Caitlin Chiamonte (*Capt. Jag US Army*)
Dylan Weidenmuller (*US Navy*)
Connor Weidenmuller (*US Navy*)
Paegge Weidenmuller (*US Navy*)
Morgen Seeley (*U.S. Army Afghanistan*)

Remembering a Loved One **Memorials**

As we bring our gifts to the altar at **Mass** we also bring our joy, pain, sorrow and love. We believe that God accepts all of this from us and gives us salvation through His Son in return.

If you would like to remember a loved one in our Eucharistic celebrations please contact our office. 668-2200

Another thoughtful way to remember a loved one is by donating a **Memorial** in the form of a liturgical item to be used in worship at St. Therese. The ongoing needs of our parish enable us to offer a variety of such items for memorialization. For more information about this opportunity, please contact Don Bostrom at 668 4202.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 9, 2017-Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 Patrick Dykes (Mary & Robert Ihle),
Carolyn Tesar (Doreen Miller)

Sunday, December 10, 2017-Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 Jay Rigano (His Family), Bruce Mitchell
(Pat Bonnabeau)

10:30 Jane & Jack Murray, Linda Ruggiro (Bob)

Monday, December 11, 2017-Advent Weekday

8:30 Florence & Daniel Doyle (Joellen Doyle)

Tuesday, December 12, 2017- Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 Our Parishioners

Wednesday, December 13, 2017-St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

8:30 Lucille Malouche (William & Nancy Kuhle)

Thursday, December 14, 2017-St. John of the Cross, Priest and Dr. of the Church

8:30 H.B. Jose Lenin Sanchez (Wife)

8:25 Bells for Jose Lenin Sanchez (Amazing Grace, by his Family)

Friday, December 15, 2017-Advent Weekday

8:30 No Mass

Christmas Concert!

Our Christmas concert is next Sunday, December 17th at 3pm. Please join us for a fun filled afternoon of Christmas cheer and songs to put us in the holiday spirit!

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Second Sunday of Advent

NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).
The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Caring for our parish

Sunday Collection December 3, 2017

Collection: \$5191

Designated Maintenance Collection

Collection: \$742

Faith Direct Collection November

\$2245

**Thank you for all
you do for our Parish!**

March for Life!

The Diocese of Rockville Centre's Respect Life Office is planning a March for Life on Friday, January 19th, 2018. You can pick up your signs at the Respect Life Office which are available on a first come first serve basis. For more information, or materials please visit the following website: www.respectlife.drvc.org/event/march-life-2018/
Please respond by Monday, January 8th 2018

Thank You!

A very special thank you to East by Northeast for again hosting our annual Jingle Bell Hop! Also, thank you to all our local businesses who donated prizes, all those who participated in buying tickets and to Kathy Mercurio for collecting all our fabulous prizes around town!

Bible Class

Fr. Tom will offer Bible study each Tuesday evening in Fr. Ron's room at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

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Children Celebrate!

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Today's Readings

Isaiah 40:3-5

Psalms 85:8-9, 10-11

Mark 1:1-8



We Pray

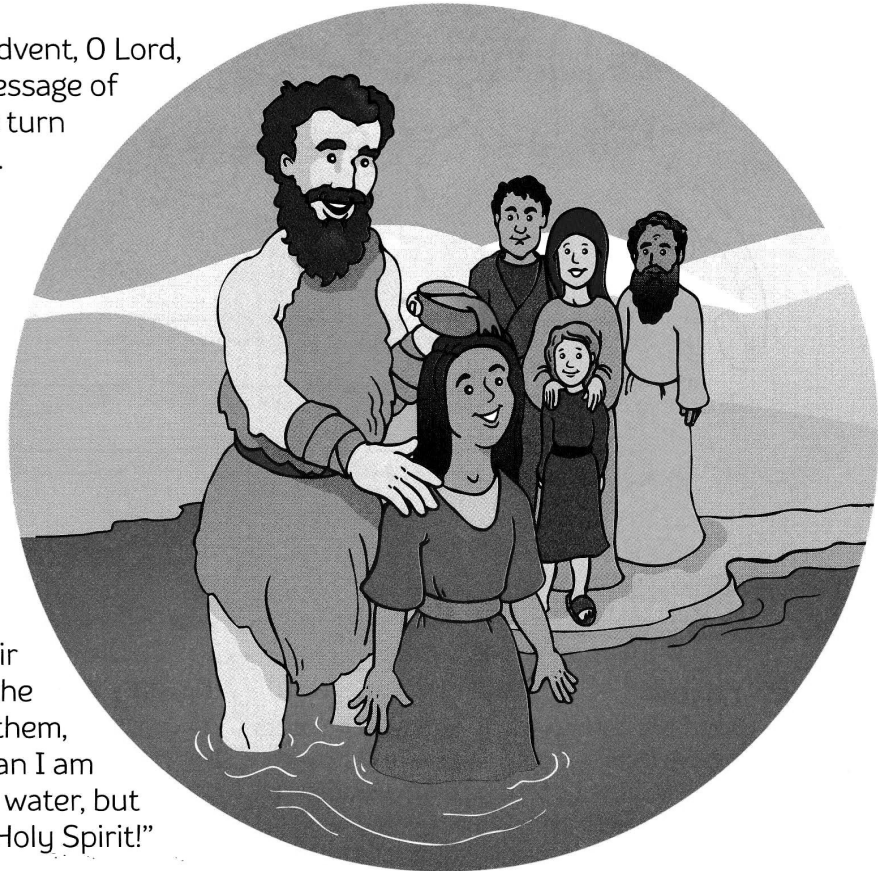
During this holy season of Advent, O Lord, open our ears to hear the message of St. John the Baptist. May we turn our hearts back to you, Lord.



The Word of God This Week

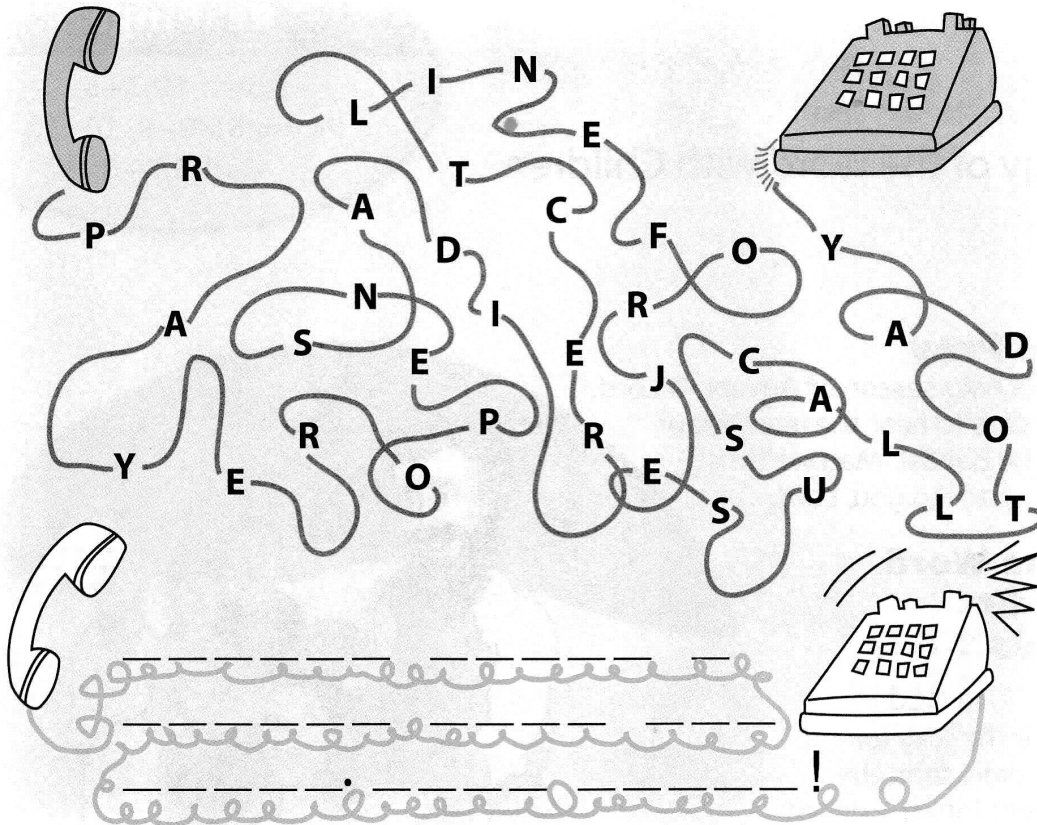
'Turn Back to God'

To prepare the way for Jesus to come, John the Baptist went into the desert and preached, "Turn back to God and be baptized! Your sins will be forgiven." Many people came, listened to John, and were sorry for their sins. John baptized them in the Jordan River. John also told them, "Someone more powerful than I am is coming. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!"



Activity

This important message can't get through the tangled phone line. To find the message, start at the receiver and write each letter along the straight line below.



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Family Corner

Faith Focus

Jesus travels the path to reach us, but he respects our timing. We clear the path. We make it straight. We can start with prayer. In the days ahead, help your family experience prayer in this new way: When night falls, if your Christmas tree is up, turn on your tree lights. If it isn't, light just your Advent candles or another candle. Sit together in silence and enjoy the wonder of light in darkness.

Family Activity

To demonstrate how much easier a straight path is to travel, create an "obstacle course." First, use masking tape to mark a path across your floor. Then place chairs, tables, and other obstacles along the path. Climb over, under, and through the obstacles to get from one end to the other. Then remove the obstacles and try again. Discuss:

- Which path was easier? Which path would Jesus prefer?
- What obstacles get between you and Jesus?

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What's new from the Desk of the Religious Education office...

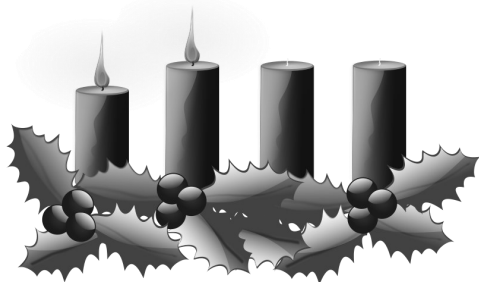
What's new from the desk of the Religious Education office....

Thank you to our First Graders for hosting Family Mass last Sunday. Great job and well behaved also! Coming up...

Fr. Tom is having Open House at the Rectory today from 4-6pm, with lighting of the Christmas Tree in front of the church at 6pm. Come and celebrate with us!

We look forward also, to hearing all those heavenly voices rejoice on Gaudete Sunday, including those of our children's choir as they sing in joyful anticipation at the Christmas concert on December 17th at 3pm.

What a wonderful time of Year!!



OUR PRAYER LIFE CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK!

Come and pray with us

**MONDAY: 5:30 - 7:30 (Church)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
(Beginning with the Chaplet
of Divine Mercy & Ending with
the Miraculous Medal Devotion)**

TUESDAY: Exposition will be directly following 8:30 Mass with Holy Hour and Benediction at 10AM.

**WEDNESDAY: 6:00 - 7:00
(Parish Center)
Parish Prayer Group**

**FRIDAY: 2:00 - 2:45 (Church)
Bouquet of Rosaries for
Jesus & Mary & The Divine Mercy
Chaplet**

**FRIDAY: 5:00 - 6:00
(Choir Loft - Church)
Interdenominational Prayer Group**

**FRIDAY: 8:00 - 10:00 (Church)
Spanish Prayer Group**

Winter Schedule

Just a reminder that starting in January we will be following our winter schedule. The only change will be the elimination of the 8:30 am Mass. The 5pm vigil as well as the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday will remain the same. We shall follow this schedule until the first week of Lent which begins this year on Sunday, February 18th.

Giving Tree

Our Giving Tree is up in the back of the Church. All you have to do is take a card off the tree and purchase whatever the card says and return it under the tree unwrapped. Thank You!

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**JOIN OUR NEW
TRADITION
Ring the Bells of
St. Therese of Lisieux
Montauk, NY**



**Ring the bells in memory of a loved one
or for a special celebration!
This contribution will go towards repairing
the church roof.
Your offering will be greatly appreciated!**

The Bells of St. Therese of Lisieux will ring the daily Angelus and the Call to Mass. Our new carillon will play special hymns each day of the year. On each day, the bells ring in special significance.

Select a day or week that is personally significant to you, or choose a special day, and know that our new bells will ring in honor of a loved one for the entire community to hear.

Bells to be Rung in Honor of:

Name: _____

Date to be rung: _____

Requested by: _____

Song Requested: _____

Contact Phone # _____

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Catholics for Freedom of Religion

The 12 Myths of Christmas (Part 1)

Myth: *Public school students aren't allowed to sing or play Christmas carols.*

Fact: Students **can** sing and perform religious carols along with secular ones. The purpose is to teach about our society's cultural and religious heritage and allow students to perform a full range of music, poetry and drama.

Myth: *Teachers and students are banned from saying "Merry Christmas."*

Fact: The Supreme Court stated that teachers and students do not shed their right of free speech at the schoolhouse gate. Saying a simple greeting does not violate the First Amendment Establishment Clause.

Myth: *Public schools cannot display religious Christmas symbols.*

Fact: A public school is free to display a Nativity scene among other forms of religious and secular seasonal expression with the purpose of depicting the origins of the holiday.

Myth: *Students cannot hand out invitations to a Christmas party held at their church.*

Fact: When students are allowed to pass out invitations to birthday parties and other events, the courts have ruled that First Amendment free speech rights are guaranteed to even young students.

(adflegal.org, 12/11/15; rutherfordinstitute.org)

News Alert:

The Little Sisters of the Poor are returning to court to defend themselves against lawsuits from Pennsylvania and California that seek to take away the nuns' recently received conscience exemption from the Health and Human Services (HHS) rule. In October, HHS had rolled back the Affordable Care Act's federal mandate that employers must provide abortion-inducing drugs and contraception in their health insurance plans.

Diocese of Rockville Centre Day of Prayer and Healing for Women

The Day of Prayer and Healing for Women is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space.

The day is directed by faithful priests who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.

**Saturday, December 9, 2017 Long Island
Location**

For more information visit: respectlife.drvc.org

To register contact: Project Rachel

1-888-456-4673 | projectrachel@drvc.org

All reservations and information will remain confidential.

St. Therese Christmas Schedule 2017

Saturday December 16th, 2016

11:00 a.m. Communal Penance
(with individual absolution)
Confessions 4:00-4:30

Monday, December 18th, 2017

7:00 p.m. Communal Penance
With individual absolution)

Sunday, December 24th, 2017

4:30 p.m. Christmas Family Mass
7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25th, 2016

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Mass

Sunday, December 31st, 2016

5:00 p.m. Mass of Mary the Mother of God

Monday, January 1st, 2017

8:30 a.m. Mass of Mary the Mother of God

New Year's Day

This year because the Solemnity of Mary falls on a Monday it is **not** a holy day of obligation. However, for those who would still like to celebrate Mass will be at 8:30am.

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Segundo Domingo de Adviento

¡Llama el Señor! ¡Nos llama, ¡el Señor, en medio del desierto! A recuperar la alegría de la fe. Viene a nuestro encuentro, en cada circunstancia, para llenarnos de valor y de entereza, de audacia y de esperanza. ¿Seremos capaces de levantar las antenas de nuestra existencia para dejarnos guiar y llevar por El? ¡Vino, viene y vendrá el Señor! Para infundirnos ánimo y sacarnos de tantas fosas en las que nos hemos metido. ¡Necesitamos salvación! ¡Necesitamos a Jesucristo! ¡Bienvenido sea el adviento, tiempo de esperanza y días que nos adentran en los caminos de Dios! Vamos a bendecir la Corona de Adviento.

Servicios legales para la comunidad inmigrante

ALFA Teléfono: 631-707-5375 /
OLA of Eastern Long Island 631 899 3441.

Las catequesis para adultos (RICA) que necesitan alguno de los sacramentos del Bautismo, Comunión o Confirmación Ponerse en contacto con Saul, llamando al teléfono 631 903 4090

El Asesor de Inmigración de Caridades Católicas

Estará a su disposición el día 14 de Diciembre de 2pm a 5pm en Apostolado Hispano de Southampton.

Horas del Apostolado: Martes a Viernes de 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Se recomienda hacer cita previa llamando al Padre.

Padre Marvin: Cel 631 377 9053

Padre Cesar Lara: Cel. 631-332-5300

Padre Jesus Arellano: Cel. 929-257-3467

Rincón de Información

¿Desean bautizar a sus hijos? Los papas y los padrinos deben asistir al curso Pre-bautismal sin previo aviso.

Curso Pre-Bautismal

El curso se da el último domingo de cada mes a la 1:30 pm en el Apostolado Hispano en Southampton o también a las 5:00 PM en la iglesia en East Hampton. Es preciso llevar la copia del Acta de Nacimiento del niño. No es preciso hacer cita previa. Basta presentarse.

Los lugares y fechas del Bautismo:

En Montauk, los primeros sábados de cada mes.
(Antes o durante la Misa de 8:00 pm)
Primer Domingo en Southampton a la 1:30 pm
Segundo sábado de mes en Hampton Bays 3:00 pm
Tercer sábado de mes en East Hampton 1:00 pm
Cuarto sábado de mes en Bridgehampton 1:00 pm

Requisitos para el Bautismo de un niño

Curso: Para bautizar a su hijo, es necesario que los padres y padrinos asistan al curso pre-bautismal.

Padrinos: Debe escoger a los padrinos conscientes de los requisitos. Los padrinos tienen que ser católicos bautizados, confirmados y que han hecho su Primera Comunión y deben poder comulgar. El padrino (madrina) debe ser soltero(a) o casado(a) por la iglesia.

Permisos: Si viven afuera de la zona servida por el Apostolado Hispano, necesitan una carta de su párroco.

Preparación Pre Matrimonial – Para casarse por la iglesia, haga una cita para una entrevista con P. Cesar, o P. Jesús. El curso pre-matrimonial se da por seis domingos, de las 9am al mediodía comenzando el primer domingo de octubre o de febrero.