

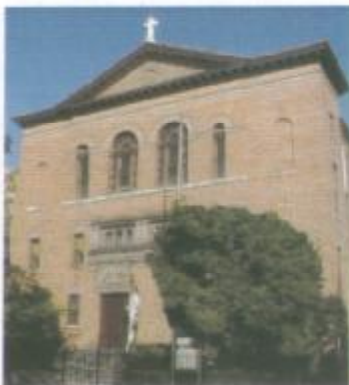
St. Matthias Educational Foundation
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Preparing students for success in life, one day at a time . . .

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St. Matthias School

Excellence in Education Since 1909.

St. Matthias is outstanding in its reputation for academic excellence. Our 8th graders have earned on average the following percentiles on their New York State Assessments:

ELA - 84 Math - 95 Science - 89 Social Studies - 99

Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools



Dedicated Veteran Faculty - School Sisters of Notre Dame

Scholarship Awards

New State of the Art Library Media Center



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Band Program

Science Lab

Choir Program

After School Program

CYO Sports

Scouts

Media Group

Safe and Structured Learning Environment

*Alone we can do so little,
together we can do so much . . .*

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**2007
Annual
Fund
Drive**

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The Foundation

The St. Matthias Educational Foundation is an autonomous 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, established to secure the future of St. Matthias School, which benefits only the school and its children. Our Annual Fund Drive will be used to defray current costs, while some of the funds will be devoted to an endowment fund, which will grow for the benefit of future students. Your generous donations to our Foundation supports:

Academic activities • Tuition credits for every student • Educational testing • Capital improvements • Faculty enrichment • Grants to the school's new Library and Media Center with enhanced programs in the arts, music and communications • The Daniela D'Angelo Fund • Joseph DiFede Memorial Fund

In these tough times, we need these types of fund-raising activities to help overcome the difficulties facing Catholic schools.

The Daniela D'Angelo Fund supports families in the educational testing of their children with learning disabilities.

We want to do everything we can to keep the doors of St. Matthias wide open for all those who want a quality education.

Your support will help us achieve our mission.

The Joseph DiFede Memorial Fund provides one-year scholarships for students participating in the St. Matthias School Band.

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Supporting Catholic schools, and in particular St. Matthias, is more important than ever. We fondly remember the gifts and sacrifices of generations of religious sisters and brothers, parents and grandparents, teachers and teachers' aides. These gifts and sacrifices preserved the vital connection between faith and education, the freedom of parents to

choose the school their children attend, and the right of the child to discover and experience faith. It is the story of Catholic education at St. Matthias, a story that needs to be told again and again. Your support and love are the pledge and guarantee that the story will continue to be told.

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Donations can be made payable to the St. Matthias Educational Foundation using the enclosed envelope.

**Secure the Future
of St. Matthias
School**

May God bless you for your generous support of St. Matthias School, which will help preserve the school's presence in the Ridgewood community, and educate generations of children for years to come!

Your gifts are making a difference . . .

"St. Matthias is not just a school. To us it is a family."
(parent)

"St. Matthias is a great place because the teachers care about us and every year we have events like the Christmas Show that I enjoy so very much."
(student)

The children have opportunities to learn and practice their Catholic Faith and to try to live as followers of Jesus Christ. They can show their talents by joining the school's kids' choir, band, newspaper team and discussion groups.
(parent)

"The students at St. Matthias are hard working, loving children. They make coming to work a joy!"
(faculty)

"I really enjoy reading books at the new Library Media Center. It's a quiet environment where I feel very comfortable picking out fun books to read."
(student)

"We couldn't ask for a better academic and religious education than the one provided at St. Matthias."
(parent)

"I like St. Matthias School because it has nice teachers and fun celebrations. Also, it has gym, computers and a new library which makes my education even better."
(student)

"Every day when my son goes to school, I feel that he is in a safe and friendly environment. I believe that this loving and caring atmosphere is a perfect place for my son to grow, develop and become a valuable person."
(parent)

"St. Matthias is my #1 choice for elementary school. It embodies strong academic principles and teaches in a structured environment. Two of my children have successfully graduated with honors and have gone on to have very productive High School experiences. I attribute their successes to the basics they learned at St. Matthias. Thank you St. Matthias".
(parent)