



“THANK YOU GOD!”

Please bless the parishioners and friends of Our Holy Redeemer who supported Your Church’s labours with their prayers and presence at 175 Woodcleft Avenue.

On 4 June 2016, Our Holy Redeemer’s **Ministry to Catholics of African Ancestry (MCAA)** took Our Holy Redeemer to 175 Woodcleft Avenue, and with members of **Our Holy Redeemer Choir**, a Spirit-filled kickoff to Freeport’s annual *Nautical Mile Festival*, and another season for the Church on Woodcleft Avenue, got underway! And, as our Parish-bulletin readers, Wednesday-night visitors, and Sunday-morning visitors to Grover’s Dock know: “**O what a Season** (our third for the Summer Concert Series, and our sixth since Mass returned to the Mile in 2011) **it was!**”



Sunday Masses at the Dock for 2016 ended on 28 August with a Mass being offered for three deceased Freeporters: Elwood Verity, Corey Weyant, and Al Miller, all of whom died in the waters where they made their living. Our III Annual Summer Concert Series on the Mile ended the following Wednesday (31 August) with over one hundred and fifty Freeporters and visitors singing along with the choirs of Our Holy Redeemer and the Second Greater Baptist Church of Freeport!

These offerings on *the Mile*, could not have been made without the Spirit of Generosity that year after year moves the Grover family to provide the Church with the setting that helps anyone and everyone on the Nautical Mile see for themselves why “coming home is what it’s all about”! Provisions for such an offering it should be noted, date back to 1981, when the Pastor of Our Holy Redeemer at the time, Monsignor Saverio Mattei, sought and received permission from the Most Reverend John R. McGann, Bishop of Rockville Centre Diocese (1976 – 2000) to *leave the house (at 37 South Ocean Avenue), get into a boat (donated by Mr. Joseph Scalamandre) and teach the crowds (gathered at 175 Woodcleft Avenue) (cf. Saint Matthew XIII).*



While Mass and our *Summer Concerts on the Mile* will be put into dry dock until next July, plans are being made to keep the space alive right through the 2016 -2017 Christmas Season, with help from our II Annual Christmas Caroling with Cookies, Cocoa, and Coffee at the Creche on 8 January 2017 and in October when Our Holy Redeemer hopes to partner with our new neighbour at 180 Woodcleft Avenue for a family Oktoberfest. Any and all proceeds from that celebration will be used to support Our Holy Redeemer’s year-long labours to make Freeport not necessarily the coolest village in the nation, but with the help of believers:

the holiest one; a village where people of every race, language, colour, sex, and creed can worship, rest, work, play, study, live, and walk the streets (even Woodcleft Avenue) in Peace with God and neighbour! That is why Our Holy Redeemer was born in Bethlehem, and that is why He is being borne into Freeport!