ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS CYRIL& METHODUS



W W W . S S C M D P . O R G 125 HALF HOLLOW RD, DEER PARK, NY 11729

2nd SUNDAY of EASTER

April 11, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Last week, Easter Sunday saw a very good turn out in the attendance at all Masses. It truly felt like "the stone that covered the tomb" has been rolled away as people have come to Church from being locked down at home to celebrate faith in the community of faithful as Jesus is risen from the dead. It was truly a joyful and heartwarming sight to behold. I am grateful as well for the humbling generosity that you showed in your financial support for your parish. We pray that this upward trend continues while not keeping our guards down, continuing to be cautious and not failing to follow safety guidelines.

This weekend is 2nd Sunday of Easter and we know it as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Image of The Divine Mercy represents the risen Christ whose hands and feet bear

Readings this Sunday

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35 The first Christian community shared their possessions, and no one was needy.

2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-6 Those who love God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31 Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

the marks of the Crucifixion. From the diary of Mother Faustina in her conversation with Jesus, we read: "The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. ... These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross" (Diary, 299). In other words, these two rays signify the sacraments of mercy (Baptism and Penance), and the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the blood of souls, carrying lifesustaining food for our spiritual journey. The water is analogous to the sacraments of Baptism and Penance, in that through these sacraments our souls are washed clean.



Divine Mercy Sunday

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Vigil) Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am: Family Mass - LIVESTREAM, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm 4:00 pm (Vietnamese Mass) & 6:00 pm Weekdays: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm Saturday: 8:30 am

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE Eve of Holy Day: 5:00 pm Holy Day: 7:00 am, 8:30 am 12:15 pm & 7:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Children's Chapel) Monday, Wednesday & Friday: after the 12:15 pm Mass Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm and by appointment by calling the Parish Office

PARISH OFFICE

Tel: (631) 667-4044 Fax: (631) 667-6237 Email: parishoffice@sscmdp.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday Saturday & Sunday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Tuesday & Thursday: 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

PANTRY AND OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Other hours by appointment only.

BAPTISM: Saturday at 12:30 pm and Sunday at 2:00 pm. Contact the Parish Center to arrange for an interview and to register for the required preparation class.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance and prior to wedding reception plans. Call the Parish Center for an appointment with the priest or deacon you wish to officiate at your wedding.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Holy Communion will be ministered by appointment to those confined to home. Contact the Parish Center to schedule a visit by a Eucharistic Minister.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Each Saturday morning at the 8:30 am Mass. In an emergency, call the Parish Office to request a priest. Outside office hours, call (631) 667-4044, Ext. 9

PASTORAL STAFF: (631) 667-4044

Rev. Gius Garcia, Pastor, Ext. 121 Rev. Patrick Grace, Associate Pastor, Ext. 166 Rev. Francis D. Sang, In Residence, Ext. 170 (Retired) Rev. Gregory Cappuccino, Occasional Help, (Retired)

Deacon John F. Fitzpatrick, Ext. 124 Deacon James A. Murano, Ext. 127 Deacon William Sperl, Ext. 112

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MASS INTENTIONS

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Monday	April 12
7:00 AM:	Frank Mulligan
8:30 AM:	Aida Feliciano
12:15 PM:	Antonina and Charles Princiotta
Tuesday	April 13
7:00 AM:	For Father Dennis Suglia's intentions
8:30 AM:	For Mary Barbier's intentions
12:15 PM:	Linda Ulysses
Wednesday	April 14
7:00 AM:	Joseph Malerba
8:30 AM:	James Doyle
12:15 PM:	For Chuen Kam Chan-Shek's intentions
Thursday	April 15
7:00 AM:	For Jose DeGracia's intentions
8:30 AM:	Jean Muenkel
12:15 PM:	Joan McCarthy
Friday	April 16
7:00 AM:	Vincent Malerba
8:30 AM:	Anna Maria Mannino
12:15 PM:	Eileen Jackson
Saturday	April 17
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM	Peter Bozza, Kathleen Raimondo, Tracey Meinhold, Alice and Raymond Mayerle
Sunday	April 18
8:00 AM	Ann Marie Franzese
9:30 AM	Fortunata Ancanan
11:00 AM	Ralph Saviano, Julius Averna and for Chuen Kam
	Chan-Shek's intentions
12:30 AM	Richard Calapinto and Donald and Mary Barra
6:00 PM	For Our Parishioners
Presiders	FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES
Saturday,	April 17
5:00 PM:	Fr. Patrick Grace
Sunday,	April 18
8:00 AM:	
9:30 AM:	Fr. Gius Garcia
11:00 AM:	Fr. Patrick Grace

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12:30 PM:

6:00 PM:



REST IN PEACE

Catherine Sorrentino, John Anthony Nappo Sr., Anthony DiNapoli Jr., Fausto Carvajal, Lucille De Vivo

PRAY FOR THE SICK

T. J. Hicks, Christian Daniel, Owen Chapman, William Shirk, Baby Bella Barra, Rita Haggerty, Catherine Rizzo, Rosemarie Dorsty, Margaret McCartney, Richard J. Murphy, Nuala Egan, Theresa Schaefer, Leonard Caltabiano, Mary Massa, Joseph Massa, Jacqueline Lullis, Mary Anne Farrell-Tzanetos, Frank Persico, Joan Olcott, Barbara Wineberger, Connie Rigert, Steve Peterson, Frank Peterson, Diane Peterson, Catherine Troiano, Luida Samson, Matthew Locascio, John Giusto, Omar Stuart, Robert Glaser, Lucille Sanelli, Michael Ferro, Stanley Urbanowski Angelina Diramacco, Joseph Giammarino, Maryann Farrell, Stephen Neveroski, Eugene Sheehy, Edward Muldowney, Alberto Sanelli, Stephen M. Murphy, Clemente Oropallo, Kevin Talbot, Jean Fortunato, Gayle Ryan, Jen Scicutella, Anthony Ferrero, Luke Vaughn, Joyce Ratushny, Barbara Dunne, John Townsend, Myra Bianco, Hazel Mills, Kristen Mills, Caroline Palma, Diane Canavan, Phyllis Catapano, Michael Naglieri, Christopher Scheuer, Geralyn, Joseph, Nicole and Meala Vizzari, Glenn Tarquinio, Lisa Hulsen, Eleanor Collazo, Jean Simeone, Provadence Hulsen, Antoinette Fisher, Patricia LaMotte, Tony Bufalino, Jackie Becker, Maureen Edwards, Baby Bradley James Reich, Baby Chase Everett Reich, Donna Daly, Edward Henry, Kathy & Michael Rivera, Patricia Brennan, John Daly, Kathleen Jacobi, Carmine Soldano, Salvatore Piazzolla, Keith Thomas, Frank Ribando, Anthony Marchese, Carmelo Mal Controne, Joseph Battista, Brianna Barra, Chrisie Carbona

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Sgt. Joseph Evola, Karley Hawkins, Gabriella Hawkins, Ryan Ferrara, Sean O'Farrell von Fenton, Lt. Patrick H. LaMonica, Lt. Jonathan W. LaMonica, 1st Lt. Charles Gulotta, 1st Lt. Matthew Gulotta, James Powers, Cordel Breitenstein, Commander Christopher Grande

If you would like your family member added to the list or if one has returned home, please contact the Parish Office or email jloring@sscmdp.org

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FROM THE PASTOR

This weekend, we will have speakers at all the Masses promoting the Catholic Ministries Appeal. It is quite fitting for the appeal truly is a way that we show support to the ministries of the diocese in reaching out to those who need our help the most. It is a way that we express our compassion for the needy and solidarity with those that society may have abandoned. Let us consider generously supporting the CMA 2021.

Coming in May is the virtual concert entitled Joseph: Silent No More in support of the school and honoring St Joseph and the sisters of St Joseph. There are ways that you can support the concert. Financially, you can choose to be a Sponsor for the concert as either **Seraphim**, **Cherubim** or **Throne**, which will in turn allow you

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to promote your business. See page 9 for an explanation of the Sponsorship options. Or you may call the school (631-667-4044 Ext 131) for inquiries.

But even better, if you and your family are able to sing and perform, you can choose to submit a recording for either or all of the three group songs (**Malo Malo, Open my eyes** and **Family of the Eucharist**). Recording it is easy. Instructions are provided on page 6 in the bulletin.

Fr. Gins Garcia

MEMORIALS – April 11 to April 17

<u>BREAD AND WINE</u> - For the Intention of **Nicholas Perrone**. Rest in Peace. All our love, Ann Mancini, Children, John and Luisa and Theil Families.

ALTAR CANDLES - Available

<u>CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE</u> - Always in our hearts, **Anna Maria Mannino**. Love, your Family.

FLOWERS AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE - Available

CANDLES AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE - Available FLOWERS AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE - Available

ALTAR FLOWERS - Thanks to you our Parishioners.

Altar Candles and Candles at Our Lady's Shrine and St. Joseph's Shrine Offering \$25; Bread & Wine \$50 Flowers at Blessed Mother and St. Joseph's Shrine \$50; Altar Flowers \$50 per Vase \$100 for both.



APRIL 4, 2021 Regular Collection \$46,986.66 Online Giving \$ 1,688.47

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$124,100 \$56,806.25 Pledged 45.77% of Parish Goal

Thank you, and God Bless you, for your faithful weekly Stewardship of our Parish and for your support of the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal! In today's Gospel, Jesus appears to all of the Apostles (with the exception of Thomas.) Later, Jesus appears to Thomas, who doubted the story told to him by his friends.

OUR STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE: THREE (3) HOURS TO THE LORD

- One hour in prayer each week
- One hour in service to others each week
- One hour's wages financial support of our parish family.







JOSEPH silent NO MORE





A VIRTUAL CONCERT May 2021



Dear Parishioner and Friends of Saints Cyril and Methodius Catholic School,

Here is a unique and exciting way for you to be part of **Joseph: Silent No More** Concert as one of the PERFORMERS. You can do this by recording yourself (and we encourage with your family!) singing one or all of the three songs below. The songs are fun and easy to sing. The 2nd and 3rd songs are best sang as an individual. Although the first song is best with a group, you can still sing it as an individual as long as you do it with much fun and gusto!

- MALO MALO (Thanks be to God)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KUvJ1YspV2XzuUlvQYeBKLArGwbvPZZt/view

- OPEN MY EYES

https://youtu.be/OuW73-Nq5QA

- A FAMILY OF THE EUCHARIST (Parish theme, composed by Dcn James Murano).

https://youtu.be/RmYh6UN16qU

Some basic instruction on how to record:

What you will need:

- A. Device to watch and listen to the video (i.e. iPad, Android, TV or computer)
- B. Video recording device (i.e a SEPARATE iPhone, iPad, Android or computer). Please record in portrait orientation. Make sure you have good lighting.
- C. Quiet room. Put the dog away in another room!
- D. Thankful voices!

Watch the YouTube video and practice.

When you are ready to record, follow the video as to when to start and stop recording.

When you finish, upload your recording here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_7G6NBUFqDVyJVza86D2VpyuftPUx15k

For any questions, contact Beverly at bevzrn@gmail.com or Peter at peter_mercado@yahoo.com

Family Faith Formation and Religious Education

Weekly Greeting from Ms. Laucella

This week concludes the Easter Octave, or the first eight days of the Easter Season. It is also the Feast Day of Divine Mercy, Or Divine Mercy Sunday.

Divine Mercy is a constant theme in scripture, as it focuses on forgiveness. However, Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the fourteen revelations that Christ made known to Saint Faustina in the 1930s, stating His specific Desire for this Feast. In these encounters with her, Christ revealed that on the Sunday following Easter, "the divine floodgates through which graces flow" are opened, as are the very depths of His Tender Mercy. Christ also conveyed "that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners". It is a time when all are encouraged to go to Reconciliation, receive Communion, and ask for forgiveness. We wish everyone a Happy Divine Mercy Sunday, and a Blessed Easter Octave!





April Family Workshops

This is a reminder to all of our families that our last series of Family Worship for the year will be taking place this week. Please be sure to check your emails for the Google Form to sign up for the one of the four available slots that works best for your family, if you have not done so already!

FORMED Recommendations

We have some wonderful recommendations for all of you for this Easter Season!

For this season, I am sharing with all of you "<u>After The</u> <u>Search</u>" (for the Catholic teaching behind each individual episode of "The Search") and, "<u>He is Risen!</u>" from the Brother Francis Collection! In honor of Divine Mercy Sunday, I am also recommending to everyone the series "<u>Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest</u> <u>Story Ever Told</u>". This series shares the history behind this Feast, the story of Saint Faustina, and how Saint Pope John Paul II commemorated this Feat on the Sunday following Easter.

Use the QR codes to take you directly to each video series; Just scan with your phone in the camera app to start watching, and enjoy!

Administration

Ms. Laucella Director of Family Faith Formation, Programming, & Religious Education (631) 667-4044 ext. 145 amlaucella@sscmdp.org



Office Information

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:30am-2:30pm (631) 667-4044 exts. 146 & 147 faithformation@sscmdp.org Instagram: SSCMFamilyFaithFormation Facebook: SsCyrilandMethodiusRCC

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - "We Help People"

Although we are a Catholic organization, we offer assistance and support to anyone in need regardless of religion, race, age or background. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is not just about helping our neighbors. Inspired by Gospel values, we are an organization of women and men who strive to grow spiritually through prayer, fellowship with other members, and through person to person works of charity and service to the needy and suffering in North Babylon and Deer Park.

Those interested in donating furniture should call 631-858-0380.

If you, or anyone you know is in need of assistance, please contact us at 631-667-4044 ext. 175, or at <u>sscmstvincentdepaul@gmail.com</u>.

Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes Baby Shower for the Life Center

We will be having a Drive By Drop Off Baby Shower on **Monday, April 26th from 6pm to 8pm at the Council** located at 759 Long Island Ave., Deer Park. This is not a meeting. We will also have a small raffle table. Any questions you can call Inez Schillinger at 631-374-5906. We really need your support.

Big Buck Knight - **Friday, June 11th at 7pm** Fewer than 80 tickets left. \$50 per ticket. For details go to www.olor4428kofc.org 100% of the profits are donated by OLOR #4428 For tickets contact GK Joe V. at 516-848-8209. Checks to be made out to OLOR 4428.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

We will be meeting in the Church on Monday, May 3rd at 7:30pm. This is our Living Rosary, Induction of New Members and our Memorial Service for our deceased sister Rosarians. If anyone is interested in joining the Rosary Altar Society please call Nancy Lanni at 631-242-5078. Also on May 3rd we will have a drop off Baby Shower for the Life Center. You can drop off your new baby items at the Breezeway on Monday, May 3rd between 7:00pm and 8:30pm. Everyone in the Parish is welcome to participate in this Baby Shower. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Maintaining social distancing practices we gather weekly to recite the Novena near the statue of Mary. Make this powerful 20 minute prayer an essential and routine part of your spiritual life. Let our Blessed Lady intercede for <u>your</u> needs to her son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

FLAME OF LOVE DEVOTION

Will gather in the Church, by Our Blessed Mother's Shrine, every Friday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Our Mother is begging for our help! Won't you say yes? Any questions call Anna Mancini at 631-586-5214.

BIBLE STUDY CLASS CONTINUES — ALL ARE WELCOME!

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom continues! (Ascension Press DVD series by Jeff Cavins)

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. resumes April 15th in the basement of the school.

For more information please call Mary at 631-291-7020



Ss Cyril & Methodius Catholic School



proudly present



WAYS TO SUPPORT THE CONCERT (SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS)

SERAPHIM - \$500

- Business Logo/Name of sponsoring entity will be included at the bottom of all print ads (posters) and also
 in all electronic posters that will be carried by the websites of both the parish and the school
 (www.sscmweb.org and www.sscmdp.org). Electronic posters will also be posted for three weeks before
 the concert day in the official social media pages of the parish and the school which includes Facebook,
 Instagram and Twitter ads.
- The sponsoring entity will be acknowledged 3 times during the concert: First, in the beginning, the entities will be mentioned individually as Seraphim Sponsors while flashing their logo/name in slides. Second, in the middle of the Concert, the names in slides will be flashed as the host acknowledges them and encourages the audience to support them. And finally in the end, the sponsors will be included in the final credits.

CHERUBIM - \$250

- Cherubim sponsors will be acknowledged three times: At the beginning of the Concert, their names will be mentioned by the host as slides containing the sponsor's name will be shown as a slide show (5 names per slide).
- Again, their names in slides will be flashed in the middle of the concert. And finally, the slides will be shown as part of the end credits.

THRONES - \$100

• Thrones are Song Sponsors. At the beginning of each number, an intro is given and a slide containing the title of the song with an accompanying artwork will be flashed for about 15 seconds. The throne sponsor will be included in this slide with an intro: "brought to you by..."

FOR INQUIRES CALL 516-6474956 Ext 131

Director of Parish Social Ministry

Hello, Everyone. My name is Janet McEnany (pronounced mac en any). I am your new Director of Parish Social Ministry. I look forward to meeting everyone.

I am always open to answering any questions and helping in whatever capacity is needed. I am usually here Monday through Thursdays from at least 9:00am to 3:00pm. Please stop by and meet me if you have time.

I would love to meet any prior volunteers and look forward to meeting new volunteers as well. I will be setting a date in the very near future for an open meeting to meet with anyone interested in helping with the Social Ministry needs of the parish. I need help in the food pantry most right now.

Each week I will have a list in the bulletin of the most needed items listed first. The parish is very generous and I cannot thank you enough for your generosity.

The new hours are going to be 9am to 3pm Monday through Thursday. I am also here on most Fridays.

Again I look forward to meeting everyone.

Janet

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ORDER FORM

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		_ (Phone number)
\$100 - Payment: <i>(check one)</i> Cash Credit Card	Check	

Why NO NAME LABELS for each Saint tile? One purpose of the wall is to become a challenge for our students to be able to enumerate as many names of the Saints as possible without a cheat sheet. Names and their donors will be posted on the Bulletin Board by the elevator in the near future to be our reviewer and also to acknowledge the donors of the tiles.

SSCM ANNUAL AUCTION May 15 and 16th

TICKETS = \$1.00 (INCLUDES – DOOR PRIZE TICKET) or 25 TICKETS FOR \$20.00, 35 TICKETS FOR \$30.00, 45 TICKETS FOR \$40.00 45 AMAZING PRIZES



"Did you hear?" - There's an EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!!

BUY YOUR TICKETS BEFORE APRIL 16 AND GET 50 TICKETS FOR \$40.00 AVAILABLE IN PARISH OR SCHOOL OFFICE



Saturday, May 29, 2021

FEE: \$25 PER PERSON - INCLUDES MEDALS REGISTER ONLINE AT www.VancoEvents.com/laz

SSCM Family 5K Run/Walk REGISTRATION FORM

FIRST NAME:	LA	LAST NAME:					
EMAIL:							
PHONE:	GENDER:	AGE:					
T-SHIRT SIZE:	Running in memory	of:					
REGISTRATION OPTIONS: (CHECK ONE)							
STANDARD REGISTRATION \$25.00 (includes Finisher Medal and eligible for 1st place awards)							
DELUXE REGISTRATION \$35.00 (includes, Finisher Medal, Commemorative Face Mainir T-shirt,							
	eligible for 1st p awards)	place					
FAMILY OF 3 REG.	\$95.00 (Includes 3 Deluxe	e Registrations with discount)					
FAMILY OF 4 REG.	\$125.00 (Includes 4 Delux	xe Registrations with discount)					
FAMILY OF 5 REG.	\$150.00 (Include 5 Delux)	e Registrations with discount)					
	•	lso choose to find multiple family & f be made & received by August 22nd)	riends to				

(If a family or group has more the 5 participants, just add \$25, to the total registration fee)



REV. MSGR. THADDEUS ROONEY

Memorial Golf Outing & Dinner

Honoring:

Carol Tannehill Jane Carleo Anna Ortiz Cathie Taibi Kathy Liegey

Timber Point Country Club, Great River

Sponsored by Mangano Funeral Home, Inc.

Thursday, **June 17, 2021**

12:00 PM Lunch and Registration

2:00 PM Shotgun Start

6:30 PM Cocktail Hour at SSCM

7:30 PM Dinner, coffee, tea and dessert

\$170.00 per person for Golf (Soft Spikes required), Lunch, Green Fees, Beverage Cart, Dinner & Cocktails

\$75.00 Dinner only

PRIZES INCLUDE: Closest to Pin, Closest to Pin Second Shot Longest Drive (60 and over, 70 and over, 80 and over and 60 and under). **SPONSORS NEEDED FOR:** Tee/Greens: \$110; Flag Sponsor: \$150; Driving Range: \$300; Beverage Cart: \$800; Golf Carts: \$900; Cocktail Hour: \$900; Dinner: \$900; Dessert: \$900; Barbeque: \$900

ALL FLAG ORDERS DUE BY MAY 24

ALL MONEY DUE BY JUNE 1

For further information please call:

Mike Conboy (631) 539-8932, Rosemarie Brady (631) 681-6336, Sal Mangano (631) 586-3600, Mary Malerba (631) 291-7020 Russell Salerno (631) 291-7020, Joe & Teri Schiano (631) 595-1709, Carol Tannehill (631) 988-9906, Dcn. Phil Mills (631) 667-4044 X110

> Please find enclosed a check payable to: Ss. Cyril & Methodius, c/o Dcn. Phil Mills, 125 Half Hollow Road, Deer Park 11729

In the amount of \$_____to cover the cost of #_____golfers.

Names:

Item sponsored _____ Amount \$_____



ARTISANS | CRAFTS PEOPLE

Ss. Cyril and Methodius Catholic School Parking Lot

For information, please contact:

MIKE GONZALEZ: 917-705-5355



Dear Friends:

He is Risen! Alleluia!

Last year, during the Easter Vigil, Pope Francis commented on the beauty of Christian almsgiving when he said, "How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!" In the early stages of the pandemic and lockdown, these words meant so much to a hurting world and yet, they still mean so much today. When you give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you are offering encouragement and helping bear the burdens of our struggling brothers and sisters across Long Island. The Catholic Ministries Appeal is that message of life that you are offering to so many people.

Your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal will create pathways of faith for our brothers and sisters who come to the Diocese or local parishes for assistance with basic necessities such as food and clothing. Your gift can help assist a young pregnant mother receive the help she deserves; provide housing for seniors, individuals with developmental disabilities, and veterans; spread the Gospel to youth and young adults through our Diocesan ministries, and support Catholic Charities and Catholic Education. Your gift can also allow a seminarian the peace of mind to pursue his vocation without worrying about education debts.

Please also know that 100% of every dollar raised is restricted to serve the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Thank you for your gift to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, and for *creating pathways of* faith across Long Island. Know that you and your family are in my heart and in my prayers as we celebrate the Easter Season.

Sincerely in Christ,

Banes

Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre