

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
**Ss. CYRIL &
METHODIUS**

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125 HALF HOLLOW RD, DEER PARK, NY 11729

3rd Sunday of ADVENT

December 12, 2021

My dear parishioner,

This would have arrived in the mail. I am having it reprinted here.

The cold air marks the ushering of one of the most anticipated seasons of the year. Christmas is again upon us. We will recall how in a dead cold winter night, our savior Jesus Christ, the light of the world was born. He was the King of kings, and yet he wasn't born in luxury, comfort and convenience. He was born in a manger for there was no room for them in the inn. Warmth was provided by the embrace and love of two humble and poor parents - Mary, a modest country girl and Joseph, a lowly carpenter. But the warmth and light the child gave was even more than what they could provide this baby. He brought joy to their hearts, he inspired faith and hopeful expectation amid the darkness, cold and gloom that they were in. Despite everything, someone greater than them made them feel safe, secure and courageous.

This year, as we prepare to celebrate Christmas, we continue to struggle and confront many challenges. The threat of the virus and the fear and anxiety it brings in us continue to be the great battle that we confront. The overwhelming stress and despair that this has brought to many in our families and in our communities has affected the way we live our lives. Erratic behaviors that manifest in hateful words and destructive punches thrown at each other, negativity and refusal to choose to respect and understand, impatient attitude or resigned dismissals, are all we see, as these are all constantly highlighted by the hour and by the minute in both main and social media. On top of this, financial troubles continue to pose threats to many on the stability of life that we have gotten so used to in the past world we lived in.

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Readings this Sunday

No. 999 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Zephaniah 3:14-18a**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 4:4-7**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 3:10-18**

LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

Christ, Be Our Light **#590**

O Come, Divine Messiah! **#401**

Maranatha, Come **#410**

Savior of the Nations, Come **#421**

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)

Upcoming Events

December 3, 10 & 17 - ADVENT TRIPTYCH
- 3 Friday nights of Advent Prayer and Reflection. See page 9 for details.

December 12 - 12:30 Mass - presided by Bishop John Barres in celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. To be followed by a re-enactment of the apparition.

December 19th, at the 9:30 am Mass - Children's Christmas Pageant

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

Parish Social Ministry Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Other hours by appointment only.

Email: socialministry@sscmdp.org

BAPTISM: Saturday at 12:30 pm and Sunday at 2:00 pm. Contact the Parish Office 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 to make an appointment for the initial intake.

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

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Saturdays after the 8:30 am Mass (inform priest before Mass or request for it after 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. Christopher Deh, *Associate Pastor*, Ext. 165

Rev. Francis D. Sang, *In Residence*, Ext. 170 (Retired)

Rev. Gregory Cappuccino, *Occasional Help*, (Retired)

Deacon John F. Fitzpatrick, Ext. 124

Deacon William Sperl, Ext. 112

Deacon James A. Murano, *Liturgical Music* Ext. 127

Ms. Amora Laucella, *Religious Education*, Ext. 145

Ms. Janet McEnany, *Social Ministry*, Ext 105

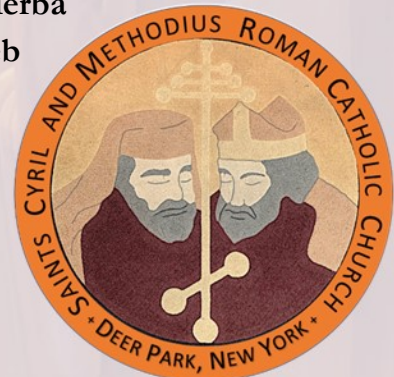
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Deacon Philip A. Mills, Jr. *Business Manager*, Ext. 110

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John Grieb



Mrs. Catherine Henery Ext. 111,

Bookkeeper

Mrs. Joan Ann Loring, Ext. 122

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Mrs. Marianne Saffran, Ext. 115

Baptism & Wedding Coordinator

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	December 13
7:00 AM:	For Stephen Salerno's intentions
8:30 AM:	Blanca Guzman
12:15 PM:	Cormac B. Gerrity
Tuesday	December 14
7:00 AM:	Lawrence Downes
8:30 AM:	For Jasmine Henschke's intentions
12:15 PM:	For the Vilog Family's intentions
Wednesday	December 15
7:00 AM:	For Laura Malerba's intentions
8:30 AM:	Marilou Vilog
12:15 PM:	For Doris Critelli's intentions
Thursday	December 16
7:00 AM:	For Matthew Malerba's intentions
8:30 AM:	Andrea Ferrara
12:15 PM:	For Chuen Kam Chan-Shek's intentions
Friday	December 17
7:00 AM:	For Chelsea Kravitz's intentions
8:30 AM:	For Mary Hartman's intentions
12:15 PM:	For Cathy Salegna's intentions
Saturday	December 18
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM	Richard, Marcellina & Michael Solomita, Richard J. Daoust, Sophie & George Kassick, Burke, Power, Fedrick & Campbell Families, Joan Olcott,
Sunday	December 19
8:00 AM	Raymond Peter Grieb
9:30 AM	Glenn Shephard
11:00 AM	Carlo Acquasanta, Damian J. Aiello II, Adele Minetta, Art Samuells and for Chuen Kam Chan-Shek's intentions
12:30 AM	James Russell and Mildred Velotta
6:00 PM	For Our Parishioners

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday,	December 18
5:00 PM:	Fr. Christopher Deh
Sunday	December 19
8:00 AM:	Fr. Gius Garcia
9:30 AM:	Fr. Patrick Grace
11:00 AM:	Fr. Christopher Deh
12:30 PM:	Fr. Gius Garcia
6:00 PM:	Fr. Patrick Grace



REST IN PEACE

Joan V. Olcott, Jennifer A. Capone, Carmen I. Rivera, Vincent Mongelli, Mary Elizabeth Hahn, William Noel Prole

PRAY FOR THE SICK

T. J. Hicks, Christian Daniel, Bella Barra, Frank Barra, Margaret McCartney, Theresa Schaefer, Leonard Caltabiano, Joseph Massa, Connie Rigert, Stanley Urbanowski, Stephen Neveroski, Eugene Sheehy, Clemente Oropallo, Kevin Talbot, Jean Fortunato, Joyce Ratushny, Barbara Dunne, Hazel Mills, Kristen Mills, Tony Bufalino, Jackie Becker, Patricia Brennan, Keith Thomas, Anthony Marchese, Carmelo Mal Controne, Joseph Battista, Brianna Barra, Chrisie Carbona, Julio Cesar Rivera, Lydia Reveron, Christopher M. Wall, Peter Sheppard, Robert Glaser, Jonathan Pultz,, Robert D'Amato, Baby Ezra Folcik, Omar Stuart, Carmine Soldano, Joseph, Sydney & Parette Torres, Diane Ryan, Lucy Symes, Brendan Gould, John Viviani, Petey Muller, Bryan Bonin, Mark Dixon, Troy Liddell, Madelyn Simonetti, Antonetta Giles, Kathleen Jacobi, Rosemarie Maloney, Pat Alfano, Peter Franzese, Joann Awe, Salvatore Piazzolla, Mark Glatzer, Rosemarie Dorsty, Annmarie Costiglio, MP, Mellie

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, Captain Matthew Gulotta, James Powers, Cordel Breitenstein, Commander Christopher Grande, Sgt. Vincent Tullo US Army, Thomas Anthony Brick US Marines, Staff Sgt. Jason Miller, Warrant Officer Kelly Johnston, Chief R. Travis Johnston, Petty Officer 2nd Class Kaitlyn Parisi, Petty Officer 2nd Class Kacey Medrano, Petty Officer 1st Class Hugo Medrano, Petty Officer 2nd Class Vincent Parisi III. 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

Though this may be the prevalent air that we breath, as a Christian, I can choose to focus my sight on what Christmas really means. It is to know that despite everything going on, I can choose, like Mary and Joseph, to be enlightened by the light of the Child King, that I can choose to allow myself to be embraced by Him so my frozen heart can be melted by faith, hope and love. Personally, this should be a good time for me to recall people in my life – family, friend or neighbor – who served as light to my life when everything else was dark and gloomy. In doing so, my heart's attitude can change so the true spirit of Christmas may dominate my being – to be grateful ... to be thankful.

It is in this light that I come to you today. To celebrate Christmas this year, I want us to highlight how the light of Christ can bring joy and warmth to our hearts. We hope as well to be a reflection of that light to every person we meet each day.

This year, I would like to campaign for 1000 lights that would illumine the big Christmas tree that adorns the sanctuary of the Church. The 1000 lights will stand for the grateful hearts of many of us in the parish illumined by the light of Christ. For each light, I would like to ask for a donation of \$100. As you

do, I would like you to recognize the one person in your family or circle of friends, dead or living, whom you would like to honor as the beacon of bright light to you, to your family or the community. Each honored name will be individually printed on an ornament that will fill and adorn the Christmas tree. These many ornaments will be a testament to the truth that what we hold in our hearts, the light of Jesus, born on Christmas day can never be extinguished by the dark forces that constantly threaten us.

In Opus Ministerii,

Fr Gius Garcia

O COME, O COME
EMMANUEL
AND RANSOM
CAPTIVE ISRAEL



1000 Lights

Name to be honored: _____

By: _____



We thank **Bishop John Barres** for gracing us with his presence this weekend, presiding at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and participating in the re-enactment of the apparition of the Blessed Mother to Juan Diego.

We likewise thank all participants, the choir, and those who volunteered to help in the set-up for the luncheon.

We also would like to acknowledge the participation of the students of Our Lady of Guadalupe School under the able leadership of Dr. Valerie Serpe.

Special gratitude goes to Ms. Carmen Gomez for spearheading this wonderful event and making it possible for everyone to grow in our devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

MEMORIALS — December 12 to December 18

BREAD AND WINE - Available

ALTAR CANDLES - In loving memory of **Dorothy E. Mallon**. Forever in our hearts. Your loving family.

CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE - Available

CANDLES AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE - Available

FLOWERS AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE - Available

FLOWERS AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE - Happy 67th Birthday in Heaven, **Johnny**. Love, Macaluso Family.

ALTAR FLOWERS - Available

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.

Stewardship

DECEMBER 5, 2021

Regular Collection \$20,897.81

Online Giving \$ 2,661.32

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$124,100

\$107,976.25 Pledged

87.01% 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, the crowds come to St. John the Baptist and ask him how they may change so as to live a life more pleasing to God.

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.

VANCO
FAITH

Family Faith Formation and Religious Education

Weekly Greeting from Ms. Laucella

Happy Gaudete Sunday, everyone! “**GAUDETE**” means “**REJOICE**”, and is the week of **JOY**! It is also my favorite Sunday of the entire Liturgical Year! This week of Advent reminds us of all of the joy that surrounds Christ’s Birth; From the angels bringing tidings of great joy to the shepherds, to the shepherds joyfully going to Bethlehem to see the Christ Child, to the joy that Mary and Joseph felt as new parents, to Mary thinking of all of these things that have happened, and reflecting on them in her heart. What a gift this week is in its role in Salvation History! May this week be filled with joy for all of you!

The Advent Spirit is truly alive here in the world of Family Faith Formation! So many festivities have taken place, and we still have so many events coming up; We are so excited to share it all with you, and hope that you join us for everything that we have planned for you!

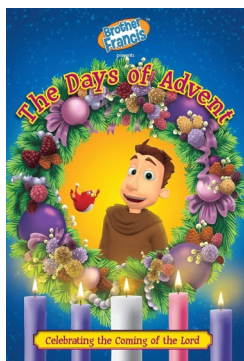


Family Advent Prayer Night with John the Baptist!

This Friday, December 17th, we will be hosting an Advent Prayer Night for all of our families! This evening will give all of us time to come together and spend time in prayer and reflection for families. We will also be having a special guest join us; Saint John the Baptist is coming all the way from the Jordan River to tell us all about what it means to “Prepare the Way of the Lord” this Advent! You and your family do not want to miss this!

Christmas Pageant!

All of our boys and girls who signed up to be in our Christmas Pageant are working so hard and are doing so well! They are so very excited to tell you all the Story of the Birth of Jesus! The Christmas Pageant will be taking place next Sunday, December 19th at our 9:30am Family Mass followed by Christmas Breakfast; Be sure to mark your calendars so that you can join us!



FORMED Recommendation

To continue preparing our hearts and minds for Christ, my FORMED recommendation for all of our families this Advent Season is “The Days of Advent” with Brother Francis. This series is made up of daily three to five minute reflections for our students and their families, to take some time out of their days to be in God’s Presence. Each daily reflection ends with a short suggestion of what you can do to get ready for Jesus at Christmas! Use the QR code to the left to take you directly to the film; Just scan with your phone in the camera app to start watching, and enjoy!

Administration

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Instagram: SSCMFamilyFaithFormation
Facebook: SsCyrilandMethodiusRCC

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - "We Help People"

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise . . . Christmas is a time of love and gift giving. Please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that we can assist our neighbors in Deer Park and North Babylon. A "painless" way to support our mission is through Amazon Smile while doing your online shopping. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the amount spent on qualifying purchases to our conference. Sign up at smile.amazon.com; then enter the "Central Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul" as the charity that you want to support; and then under that, please be sure to select Deer Park as the location.

Last week, we inadvertently failed to mention several individuals who generously supported the Christmas Craft Fair. Thank you Amora Laucella, who coordinated the effort of our Religious Education volunteers, and Margie and John Reilly, Alice Carpico and Janice Acker. The success of the Fair was truly a team effort involving our Vincentians along with many other Parish members.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance in addressing rent, mortgage, utilities or other crucial bill arrears, or needs assistance with furniture, clothing or dental needs, please email us at sscmstvincentdepaul@gmail.com or call us at (631) 667-4044 ext 175.

Those interested in donating furniture should call (631) 858-0380. Bins for clothing donations are available in the parking lot on the north side of the Church.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COLUMBIETTES

Our next meeting will be **Monday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m.** at Our Lady of the Rosary Council on Long Island Ave. Please bring your wrapped gift for the Adopt A Family. Also please feel free to bring a dessert. Don't forget our 20/20 Calendar Raffle \$20=20 chances to win. Any questions call Tammy Loring at 631-242-1151

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Please join us every first Saturday of every month for Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 8:00am followed by the 8:30am Mass and recitation of the rosary. Our Lady requested at the Fatima apparitions her desire for this devotion for the conversion of all souls and world peace. The world is in great need of prayers at this time. **The next First Saturday of the month is January 1st, 2022.** There is no meeting in January. Any questions call Nancy Lanni at 631-242-5078.

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 your needs to her son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Youth Group for all 8th-12th Graders

We meet Sundays after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. 7:00- 9:00 p.m. on December 5, 12, 19. December 12th is our Christmas Craft Night we will be preparing gifts for the Cookie Bake.

Christmas Cookie Bake for the Homebound 12/14

We will meet on Tuesday, December 14th from 7-9:30 in the auditorium to bake cookies and prepare gifts for our homebound parishioners. All teens are welcome. [Call or text Tim Leitch at 631-806-4715](tel:631-806-4715) if you have questions about Youth Ministry activities

Eucharistic Ministers!

If you would like our Youth Ministry members to prepare a Christmas Gift for the homebound parish members you visit, please call or text Tim Leitch at 631-806-4715 and let him know how many parishioners you visit.



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.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Join the Rosary Altar Society every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6pm. You may tune in to the communal recitation of the Rosary on ZOOM CONFERENCE as led by the members of the Holy Rosary Society of Saints Cyril and Methodius. Download the **Zoom app** on your phone or login to **zoom.us** **Meeting ID: 82505467253** and **Password: TV369x** Any questions call Leslie Barra at 631-586-1663.

Ss CYRIL AND METHODIUS HOLY NAME SOCIETY

6 HOUR DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE - Our next Defensive Driving Course is January 22nd. If you would like to sign up for the Defensive Driving Course, please contact Phil Hogan at 631-667-9148.

SENIOR CLUB

Our next meeting will be on **January 4, 2022 at 2:30pm** in the Father Behan Hall.

LINEN COMMITTEE

If you would like to help with taking care of the linens that are used during daily Masses please contact Dot Congro at 631-586-5475 for information.

USHERS

Ushers are needed at all Masses. If you would like to help out at the Mass you attend then please contact Paul Coppola at 631-433-8712 for more information.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COLUMBIETTES 20/20 CALENDAR RAFFLE

\$20 = 20 chances to win. \$75 drawing every other Friday (13 chances to win) \$150 drawing on each of the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Tax Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day (7 chances to win) Each winner will be placed back in the raffle with the chance to win again. Drawings to be held at Columbiette monthly meeting. Winners checks will be mailed once a month. Proceeds to benefit Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiette Charities. Make checks payable to OLOR Columbiettes. Must be in by December 15th. Any questions contact Geri Cavanaugh at gc7kern@aol.com or call Joan Gillespie at 631-243-6407.

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*To reserve your set,
call 631-667-4044, ext 105
OR visit the Social Ministry table at our
Christmas Fair, Sunday, Nov 28th,
8:30am - 4pm*

FRIDAYS OF ADVENT

December 3, 10 and 17 at 7:00 pm in the Church



Please join us for an **ADVENT TRIPTYCH**
three nights of ADVENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

December 3 – Advent Evening of Recollection for
Adults with Fr Greg Cappuccino

December 10 – Advent Holy Hour & Vespers

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer and Benediction, with music lead by our choir

December 17 – Advent Evening of Recollection for
Children and Families, with a special visit from "John the

Advent, Christmas

CONFESSIONS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 12:45 pm to 1:15 pm

Saturday, December 18 - 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Monday, December 20 - 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

MASSES

Friday, December 24 - CHRISTMAS Vigil

4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, & 10:00 pm (*Concelebrated Mass*)

There is NO 12:00 Midnight Mass

Saturday, December 25 - CHRISTMAS Day

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30pm

There is NO 5:00 Mass

Sunday, December 26 - HOLY FAMILY

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 6:00 pm

Saturday, January 1 - MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Vigil - 5:00 pm on December 31

8:30 am on Saturday, January 1

Sunday, January 2 - EPIPHANY

BINGO

Please consider becoming a **VOLUNTEER**
DOOR OPENS 6:00 PM

PORTAL of SAINTS

ORDER FORM

Date: ____/____/____

Saint: _____

In memory of: _____ (optional)

Requested by: _____

Contact info: _____ (Email)

_____ (Phone number)

\$100 - Payment: (check one) Cash _____ Credit Card _____ Check _____

Why NO NAME TAGS 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.

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 \$5.00 per Bag

Director of Parish Social Ministry

Hello again everyone!

Thank you to everyone that have been dropping off their wrapped gifts from the tags on the giving trees. It is very heartwarming to say the least.

Please bring your wrapped gifts no later than December 17th. Yes I know it is a Friday. I will be here. In fact if you see my red SUV in the parking lot rest assured I am here. So if I am here please feel free to drop in. Everyone is always welcome to see what we are up to over here.

Now having said that I must talk about the giving tree which may seem completely secular. However, it is not entirely so. To Christians, the gifts given during Christmas are symbolic of the three wise men bearing gifts to the baby Jesus.

It may seem as if the tags are never going to end. They have now ended. Although I have recently gotten three new families whose circumstances have become dire within the last week or two there is only so much we can do.

I know I may be criticized for the gifts that are asked for on the giving tree. So as usual there is a method to my madness. No one asks to be born into the circumstances they find themselves. Undoubtedly some adults are in situations due to poor choices. However, that does not change the circumstance for them as we celebrate Christmas. I realize I have asked for a couple of big ticket items. No child wants to feel that they are different. Even though their homes may be very humble they would still like to participate in playing games using technology. If you cannot provide these things I do understand. I just do not want people judging the people who have asked for what they know is probably impossible because they don't want their children to be "less than" the other children. Whether we like it or not people judge. I would never ask anyone to donate more than I would donate myself. Just as when we donate to the Church to keep the lights on so to speak and the programs running, these donations are meant to be given from our need, not our excess. So I am asking you to give what you can and asking that you be kind and realize that the parents want the same kind of Christmas that other children enjoy. Okay off the soap box now.

Please bring all the wrapped gifts with the original tag attached to the Parish Social Ministry Center Monday through Thursday from 9 until 3. I will certainly make arrangements for other times if you call and let me know. 631-667-4044 ext 105 If they get dropped off at the rectory it makes it difficult for those that work and live there, however, I will go and pick them up there if you have no other alternative.

I am wishing you a very fruitful Advent Season as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus.

God Bless you all!

PANTRY NEEDS:

Please do not purchase items in the big box stores most of our families are really small. Regular sized items from regular grocery stores such as Stop and Shop, Shoprite, Aldi (you can get quite a lot there reasonably) or Lidl

FOOD

1. Coffee (1 lb cans)
2. Tuna fish (very low)
3. Canned chicken
4. Cereal
5. 24 oz jars Spaghetti sauce (not cans please)
6. Jelly
7. Ritz type crackers
8. Granola bars
9. Cookies
10. Regular size jars of peanut butter
11. mayonnaise

NON FOOD ITEMS

1. Toilet paper
2. Paper Towels
3. Tissues
4. Napkins
5. Dishwashing liquid
6. Laundry Detergent
7. Shaving Cream
8. Razors (men and women)
9. Deodorant (women)
10. Shower Gel
11. Bath soap

Janet

Gift Cards Available

Christmas is just around the corner. SS. Cyril & Methodius has gift cards available for sale at the Rectory, **Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 1pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 4pm to 8pm.** The attached list are cards and values that we currently have in stock, but if there is something we do not have that you would like, let us know. Please call 631-667-4044 ext. 110.

STORE	CARD VALUE	STORE	CARD VALUE
Amazon	\$100.00	Pet Smart	\$ 25.00
Apple Bees	\$ 25.00	Red Lobster	\$ 25.00
Barnes & Noble	\$ 25.00	Regal Movie	\$ 10.00
Bed, Bath & Beyond	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
CVS	\$ 25.00	Rite Aid	\$ 25.00
Dicks Sporting Goods	\$ 25.00	Shutterfly	\$ 25.00
Dunkin Donuts	\$ 10.00	Speedway	\$ 25.00
Home Depot	\$ 25.00	Staples	\$ 25.00
Kohl's	\$ 25.00	Starbucks	\$ 10.00
	\$ 50.00	Stop & Shop	\$ 25.00
	\$100.00		\$ 50.00
Lowes	\$ 25.00	Tanger Outlets	\$ 25.00
Macy's	\$ 25.00	Target	\$ 25.00
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	\$ 25.00		\$100.00
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Thank you!

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CHILDREN'S CHAPEL ~ 2021 20th YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

This year, the Children's Chapel is home to the presepio, the nativity scene, that used to be displayed in the Marian shrine in the front of the church in years past. As is customary, it will continue to be a place of gathering but with one slight change in visitation access. For security purposes and limited

gathering, the Children's Chapel will be locked. This will assure that all of the figures will remain in place and can be enjoyed for years to come. As for our alternate display which has occupied this room for many years, well for now, it is "resting". Still, we encourage you to visit this beautiful scene, and continue to make your visitations to the Children's Chapel as part of your Advent and Christmas traditions. It is for you! ... Our Lady of Guadalupe School, Ss. Cyril and Methodius Religious Education and Faith Formation Program, our parish family, and all visitors. Welcome to all!

May our journey together continue as a family of the Eucharist. It has certainly been a privilege and honor for us to have shared this season with you in such a special way these past twenty years.

Blessings of the season ~
Linda and Robert Laucella & Family

Holiday Remembrance Service and Tree Lighting

In celebration and remembrance this holiday season.

You and your family are invited to join us for a special holiday event

1st Annual Holiday Remembrance Service and Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 19, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Claude R. Boyd-Caratozzolo Funeral Home 1729 Deer Park Ave., Deer Park, NY 11729

Each family will receive a personalized ornament in honor of their loved one.

Please RSVP by December 17, 2021

Light refreshments will be served.