

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

WWW.SSCMDP.ORG
125 HALF HOLLOW RD, DEER PARK, NY 11729

4th Sunday of ADVENT

December 19, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to remind everyone of the schedule for the next two weeks.

This year Christmas, December 25th falls on a Saturday. We have 3 Masses on the eve of Christmas, the 24th of December. First Mass is at 4:00 pm which is traditionally our Family Mass. There is also one at 6:00 pm, and finally, one at 10:00 pm which is a concelebrated Mass. There is no midnight Mass on the 24th. This year, I have decided to do the evening Mass earlier at 10:00 pm instead of midnight because the next 2 days will be very hectic and loaded.

On December 25th, Christmas Day, we have 4 Masses – 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 and the last Mass of the day is at 12:30 pm. On Christmas day, there is no 4:00 pm Confessions and no 5:00 pm Mass.

The following day, Sunday, December 26th, is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This does not happen often, that Christmas is followed immediately, the following day by another great and important Feast. On the 26th, we will follow the usual Sunday Mass schedule of 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm and 6:00 pm.

The following weekend will have a similar occurrence as Saturday, January 1st is the feast of Mary, Mother of God. Masses for the feast includes a Vigil Mass the day before, December 31st at 5:00 pm and 8:30 am on the Feast Day itself.

The following day, Sunday, January 2nd is the Feast of the Epiphany. Masses will be the usual Sunday schedule: 5:00 pm on the day before (December 31), and 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am,

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Readings this Sunday

No. 1002 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Micah 5:1-4**

2nd Reading: **Hebrews 10:5-10**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 1:39-45**

LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel **#395**

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman **#889**

I Receive the Living God **#916**

People, Look East **#409**

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)

Upcoming Events

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

December 20 - Sacrament of Reconciliation offered from **3:00 - 9:00 pm** in the Church

Reminders:

No Midnight Mass on December 24th.

No 4:00 pm Confessions and No 5:00 pm Mass on December 25th, Christmas Day

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

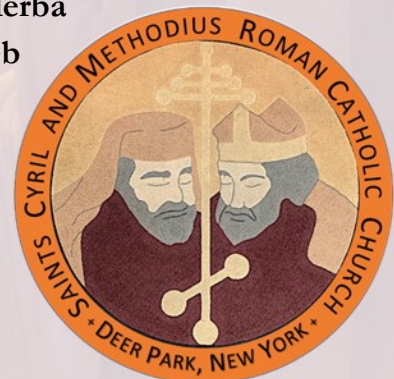
Mr. Timothy Leitch, *Youth Ministry*, Ext. 154

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

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Mary Malerba

John Grieb



Mrs. Catherine Henery Ext. 111,

Bookkeeper

Mrs. Joan Ann Loring, Ext. 122

Parish Secretary / Bulletin Editor

Mrs. Marianne Saffran, Ext. 115

Baptism & Wedding Coordinator

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	December 20
7:00 AM:	For Mesaila DeGracia's intentions
8:30 AM:	Apronigno Cabubas Jr.
12:15 PM:	James Amend
Tuesday	December 21
7:00 AM:	For Russell Salerno's intentions
8:30 AM:	Maria Arenas
12:15 PM:	Rita Brown
Wednesday	December 22
7:00 AM:	Timothy G. Mullins
8:30 AM:	For Chuen Kam Chan-Shek's intentions
12:15 PM:	Assunta and James DeJohn and James Barone
Thursday	December 23
7:00 AM:	For Mary Malerba's intentions
8:30 AM:	Richard A. Barth
12:15 PM:	Theresa Joseph
Friday	December 24 Christmas Eve
	4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, and 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, 12:30 pm There is NO 5:00 pm Mass
Sunday	December 26
8:00 AM	Angela M. Macaluso
9:30 AM	Harold W. Schillinger
11:00 AM	Peggy Kelly, Veneranda Stellato-Vitale, Damian J. Aiello II, Valentino Maetta, Teresa Krzyszluf, the Iwinski Family and for Chuen Kam Chan-Shek's intentions
12:30 AM	Jokubiel and Giordano Family
6:00 PM	For Our Parishioners

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday	December 25
5:00 PM:	No 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday	December 26
8:00 AM:	Fr. Christopher Deh
9:30 AM:	Fr. Gius Garcia
11:00 AM:	Fr. Patrick Grace
12:30 PM:	Fr. Greg Cappuccino
6:00 PM:	Fr. Gius Garcia



REST IN PEACE

Saverio Imbriano, Thomas Libourel

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, Eileen Conlin

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

12:30 pm and 6:00 pm on Sunday, the day of the Feast.

On days such as these, there are questions regarding the fulfillment of the obligation to attend Mass. Each obligation (in this case, one for Christmas and another for Holy Family, and similarly the following weekend one for Mary, Mother of God and another Epiphany) must be fulfilled with a separate Mass.

Please be guided accordingly.

In Opus Ministerii,

Fr Gius Garcia

O COME,
O COME
EMMANUEL
AND RANSOM
CAPTIVE
ISRAEL

MEMORIALS — December 19 to December 25

BREAD AND WINE - In loving memory of our Father and Grandfather, **Richard A. Barth**. Love always, Incandela Family.

ALTAR CANDLES - Available

CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE - Forever in our hearts at Christmas time. To the Corsino and Zuppone Family. Love, from your family.

CANDLES AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE - Available

FLOWERS AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE - Available

FLOWERS AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE - Available

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 12, 2021

Regular Collection \$17,358.31

Online Giving \$ 926.62

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, Mary is greeted by her cousin Elizabeth. Even St. John the Baptist, as a child in the womb, recognized Jesus and Mary (who was carrying Jesus in her womb)

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.

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FAITH

Family Faith Formation and Religious Education

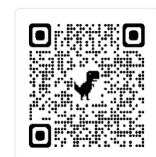
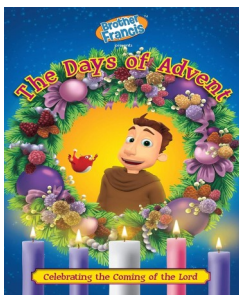
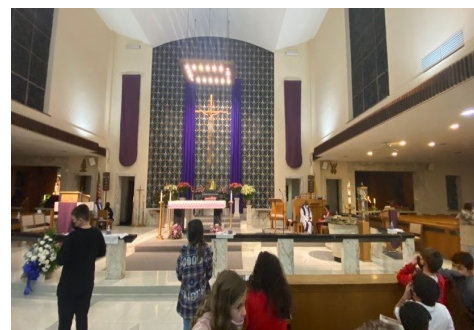
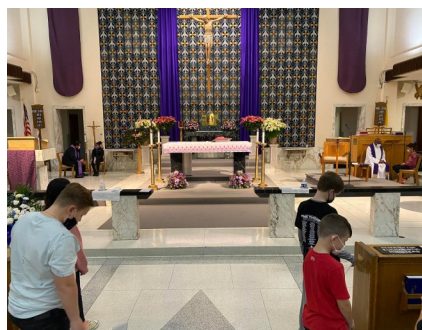
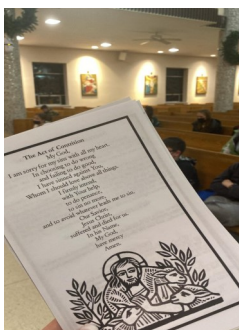
Weekly Greeting from Ms. Laucella

We are officially in our fourth and final week of Advent! Between all of our events and preparation that has taken place over these last few weeks, this Advent is absolutely flying; Christ is coming so, so soon!

Advent Confessions

During the week of December 6th and the week of December 13th, all of our students in Level 3, Level 4, and Level 5 all received the Sacrament of Confession. This time together started with a prayer service, and then one-on-one time with our priests for individual Reconciliation. This has been such a beautiful way of getting everyone's hearts and minds ready to receive our Lord in ourselves as the world gets ready to receive Him later this week.

Parents and parishioners, should you like to also be able to go to Confession before Christmas, I am inviting all of you to **Reconciliation Monday**, on **December 20th** between the hours of **3:00pm and 9:00pm**. Prepare the way of the Lord by preparing your hearts for Him!



FORMED Recommendation

To celebrate our last week of Advent, my FORMED recommendation for this Season is "**The Days of Advent**" with Brother Francis (one of my favorites!). You have one more week of short, daily reflections with a short suggestion of what you can do as a family to get ready for Jesus at Christmas! Use the QR code to the left to take you directly to the series; Just scan with your phone in the camera app to start watching, and enjoy!

Christmas Eve Family Mass

We are so excited for all of you to join us for Christmas Masses this year! Our **Family Mass** will be at **4:00pm** on Christmas Eve, with our annual **Concert beforehand starting at 3:30pm**. We will also be having a **special guest** making an appearance before he begins his evening tour around the world!

Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
• 4:00pm Family Mass (Concert 3:30pm)	• 8:00am
• 6:00pm Folk Mass	• 9:30am
• 10:00pm Mass	• 11:00am
	• 12:30pm

Administration

Ms. Laucella
Director of Family Faith Formation,
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amlaucella@sscmdp.org

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faithformation@sscmdp.org
Instagram: SSCMFamilyFaithFormation
Facebook: SsCyrilandMethodiusRCC

Advent, Christmas & New Year Schedule

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, 12:30 pm

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*

Vigil - 5:00 pm on January 1

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

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

Jesus was born during the time of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there. During this Christmas season, please pray for all those who are experiencing difficult times.

Please remember to use Amazon Smile while doing your online holiday 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.

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 Parish conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes you and your family a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy Holiday Season.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COLUMBIETTES

There will be **no meeting in January** due to the increase in COVID-19 cases. Any questions call Tammy Loring at 631-242-1151. Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

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 1, 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.



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. New members are welcome.

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 20th. Any questions contact Geri Cavanaugh at gc7kern@aol.com or call Joan Gillespie at 631-243-6407.

ROYAL ALBERT NATIVITY SETS

**JUST IN
TIME
FOR THE
HOLIDAYS!**

*Presented through
**Sts. Cyril &
Methodius
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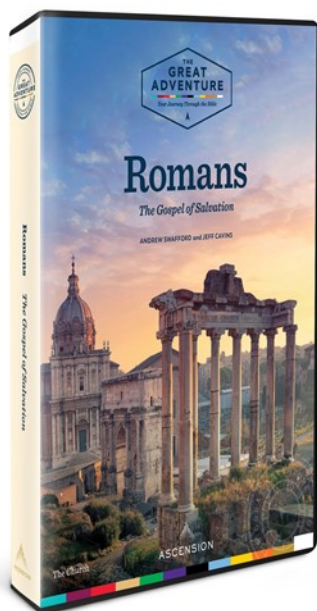


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OR visit the Social Ministry table at our
Christmas Fair, Sunday, Nov 28th,
8:30am - 4pm*

BIBLE STUDY CLASS CONTINUES
ALL ARE WELCOME!



Romans: The Gospel of Salvation

In these eight, 30-minute videos Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins provide an in-depth explanation of St. Paul's Letter to the Romans.

The Workbook contains the study questions, responses, and talk notes needed for the study.

The Videos Include:

Introduction

Romans 1-2: Paul's Gospel and the Universality of Sin

Romans 3-4: Faith, Works, and Justification

Romans 5-6: Entering into the Paschal Mystery


Romans 7-8: The Logic of the Covenant, the Gravity of Sin, and the Gift of the Spirit

Romans 9-11: God Fathers His Family

Romans 12-13: Making Our Lives a Living Sacrifice

Romans 14-16: The End of the Story

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, resumes January 5th, 2022 in Father Behan Hall For more information please call Mary at 631.291.7020



A New Dawn for Catholic Education on Long Island

In January 2020, the *Marianists*, *Tomorrow's Hope Foundation*, and the *Department of Education* launched the Morning Star Initiative (MSI) to revitalize Catholic education on Long Island through a robustly Catholic culture, academic excellence, safe and supportive communities, and fiscally sustainable schools.

DONOR IMPACT TO DATE

To date, fellow Catholics and foundations have pledged more than \$3 million to Tomorrow's Hope Foundation for vital MSI programs and local Catholic school needs, including:

- Tuition assistance for underserved students
- New learning devices for thousands of students and teachers
- Internet connectivity for 300 school families
- The launch of iReady, an innovative web-based student benchmarking tool, among all the Catholic elementary schools
- Vital startup investments in two MSI pilot schools

WHY GIVE?

By supporting MSI, donors can invest in a sustainable and robust educational model for our children and for future generations. Please help make that a reality by making a gift today.

"I am very confident in Brother Tom and the Marianist Brothers who are leading this [MSI] effort, and I am hopeful that other individuals and organizations will support this cause to help ensure our Catholic schools have a bright future."

— MICHAEL PASCUCI, MSI DONOR

GET INVOLVED

Contact kbill@thfny.com or call (516) 745-7640



Morning Star Initiative



To make a tax deductible donation, please scan the QR code below or complete this form and mail your check to *Tomorrow's Hope Foundation* with "MSI" written in the memo line.

Tomorrow's Hope Foundation
50 Charles Lindbergh Blvd, Suite 500
Uniondale, NY 11553



First, Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

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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 631-586-4044

CATHOLIC
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HOLIDAY
 631-767-5960

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS

Reusable Grocery Bags

Make Excellent Gifts
 Strong and Eco-Friendly
 Available for Purchase
 at the Rectory.
 \$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
Michael's	\$ 25.00	Texas Roadhouse	\$ 25.00
Panera	\$ 10.00		\$ 50.00
	\$ 25.00		\$100.00
	\$ 50.00	Walgreens	\$ 25.00
		Walmart	\$ 25.00



Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in someone's life.

Thank you!

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA>

or call us at **516-678-5800 ext. 296.**

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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



Ever thought of being an Altar Server?

We are looking for boys and girls in 4th grade or above to become part of our Altar Server Ministry.

We are hosting an Information Session on
Monday January 10th at 7pm
in the Behan Hall (auditorium downstairs)

Please stop by and see what is involved.

5 reasons to become an Altar Server

- 1) You can actually see what's going on during the Mass.
- 2) You can make a real difference by helping out the priest and other ministers.
- 3) You make some great friends.
- 4) You learn important life skills while earning community service hours
- 5) It can lead to a deeper relationship with Christ.