# ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS CYRIL& METHODIUS



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### 2nd Sunday of ADVENT

#### December 5, 2021

#### Dear Parishioners,

I would like to thank the "four ladies and a gentleman" who, together with our hardworking leader Tim Leitch, came to decorate the Church for advent last Friday, November 26. Although it was Friday after Thanksgiving, you chose to join us to create an environment that promotes the spirit of advent in our liturgical celebrations in the Church. Special mention to the three ladies who did an awesome job creating a wreath from real evergreen branches.

I have insisted on using real evergreens for our wreath this year. As you know, evergreen boughs have long been decoratively used since ancient times to signify hope and everlasting life, as well as festive joy. In the context of the Advent Wreath, the evergreen reminds us to have hope in the coming of Christ our Savior—the Messiah—and the redemption of everlasting life that He will obtain for us (particularly through the special graces that the liturgical season of Christmas will bestow upon us). This in turn will bestow on us the supernatural joy that only Christ can give.

Furthermore, the scent of evergreen boughs (e.g., of pine or fir) provides a clean and refreshing odor, further impressing upon us through our senses the importance of purifying our souls during Advent.

I also would like to acknowledge father and son Gerry and Kevin Lanni who made the new wooden stand for our Advent wreath. The stand is custom made, fit to our specifications and is both sturdy and elegant and is very fitting where it is now placed in the sanctuary. The stand will be stored after Advent and will be used for many years to come.

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#### **Readings this Sunday**

#### No. 996 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Baruch 5:1-9** 2nd Reading: **Philippians 1:4-6,8-11** Gospel Reading: **Luke 3:1-6** 

#### LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

On Jordan's Bank	#418
Wait for the Lord	#406
A Voice Cries Out	#416
Soon and Very Soon	#865
(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)	

#### **Upcoming Events**

December 8 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Masses: Dec 7 - Vigil 5:00pm, Dec 8 -7:00am, 8:30am, 12:15pm, 7:00pm

**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 LA-DY OF GUADALUPE** to be followed by a reenactment of the apparition and luncheon.

#### 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.

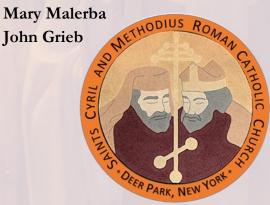
**THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Saturdays after the 8:30 am Mass (inform priest before Mass or request for it after Mass). In an emergency, call the Parish Office to request a priest. Outside office hours, call (631) 667-4044, Ext. 9.

#### **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

#### PARISH TRUSTEES



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 I	Intentions
Monday	December 6
7:00 AM:	Agnes Barbier
8:30 AM:	For Russell Salerno's intentions
12:15 PM:	For Cathy Salegna's intentions
Tuesday	December 7
7:00 AM:	Robert Malerba
8:30 AM:	For Father Grace's intentions
12:15 PM:	For Robert Attalah's intentions
5:00 PM:	( <b>Open</b> : no offered intentions)
Wednesday	December 8
7:00 AM:	For Jasmine Henschke's intentions
8:30 AM:	Dorothy Christiano
12:15 PM:	Mary Massa
7:00 PM:	For Connie and Michael Santoli's intentions
Thursday	December 9
7:00 AM:	Sheila Malerba
8:30 AM:	For Chuen Kam Chan-Shek's intentions
12:15 PM:	For Cathy Salegna's intentions
Friday	December 10
7:00 AM:	For Sandra Sumanga's intentions
8:30 AM:	For Jeffrey Kravitz's intentions
12:15 PM:	Loreto Recine
Saturday	December 11
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM	Doris M. Verdone, Roger Thorley, Theresa Galano, Jeanette Rivela, Donna Dixon Family &
	Friends, Bridget DiBenedetto
Sunday	December 12
8:00 AM	Angelina Castellano
9:30 AM	For the Intentions of the Laucella Family
11:00 AM	Andrew Cherpak Jr., Officer Peter Figoski, Patricia Manion, Art Samuells and for Chuen Kam Chan-
	Shek's intentions
12:30 AM	Maria Perez
6:00 PM	For Our Parishioners
PRESIDERS	FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES
Saturday,	December 11
5:00 PM:	Fr. Greg Cappuccino
Sunday	December 12
8:00 AM:	Fr. Gius Garcia
9:30 AM:	Fr. Greg Cappuccino
11:00 AM:	Fr. Patrick Grace
12:30 PM:	Bishop Barres
6:00 PM:	Fr. Christopher Deh



**REST IN PEACE** 

Josephine Geraldine Burns, Steven Blaskey, Lillian Esposito, Connie Figueroa, Philip Robert Scherer, Maire Brigid DiBenedetto

#### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

Third Banns Aaron Reuschle - Ss. Cyril and Methodius Amanda Macaluso—Ss. Cyril and Methodius

John Booras— St. Joseph, Ronkonkoma Alissa Pallotta—Ss. Cyril and Methodius

#### **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

T. J. Hicks, Christian Daniel, Bella Barra, Frank Barra, Margaret McCartney, Theresa Schaefer, Leonard Caltabiano, Joseph Massa, Joan Olcott, 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, Jennifer Capone, Kathleen Jacobi, Rosemarie Maloney, Pat Alfano, Peter Franzese, Joann Awe, Salvatore Piazzolla, Mark Glatzer, Rosemarie Dorsty, Annmarie Costiglio, MP

#### 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

#### FROM THE PASTOR

If you noticed (or probably not), there is a new addition to the metal doors on the northern side entrances and the main entrances. I say "probably not" because they fit and blend so well that one might think they were always there as part of the original design of the doors. We thank the masterful creation of Russel Salerno who made these amazing designs from 3D printouts. Yes, they are 3D prints! In a span of several months and many long hours of labor-intensive work of refining the digital design, printing, sanding, priming, and matching the color of the actual grill, these emblems that now adorn our entrance doors are perfection. The 2 emblems are unique trademarks of this Church, found nowhere else, as they make up the metal grill that is the backdrop of the

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sanctuary. They are symbols of our parish patrons, the two brothers Cyril and Methodius - one is a missionary and the other a bishop. As one enters the main doors, the emblems serve as a perfect prelude to what is to be seen in the heart of the Church, the main sanctuary. Once again, thank you Russel Salerno!

In Opus Ministerii

Fr Gins Garcia

O COME, O COME **Emmanuel** AND RANSOM CAPTIVE ISRAEL

#### MEMORIALS – December 5 to December 11

BREAD AND WINE - Available

ALTAR CANDLES - Available

CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE - Available

CANDLES AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE - Available

FLOWERS AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE - Not Available during Advent

FLOWERS AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE - Not Available during Advent

ALTAR FLOWERS - Not Available during Advent

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.



NOVEMBER 28, 2021Regular Collection\$14,784.06Online Giving\$ 948.89CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$124,100 \$103,476.00 Pledged 83.38% 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, we are introduced to St. John the Baptist, who is preaching to the people the importance of repentance.

#### 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.



## Weekly Greeting from Ms. Laucella

Happy Advent everyone! Advent is my favorite Liturgical Season of the year; This time of preparation and anticipation of the Birth of Our Lord is a time that is so sacred and special. This period of waiting is one that allows us to remember what we are waiting for; The greatest Gift of Love that the world has ever received.

We are in the full Advent Spirit here in the world of Family Faith Formation! So many festivities have taken place, and so many events are coming up; We are so excited to share all of it with you this week, and over the next few weeks to come!

## First Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Last Sunday, on the first day of the First Week of Advent, all of our students who signed up to be in our Christmas Pageant had their first rehearsal! All of our boys and girls are so very excited to tell you all the Story of the Birth of Jesus! The Christmas Pageant will be taking place on <u>Sunday, December 19th at our 9:30am Family Mass</u>; Be sure to mark your calendars!



### **Advent Wreath Making!**

This week, some of our Level 2 and Level 3 classes had class with Ms. Laucella. Our boys and girls learned all about the Advent Wreath, what each candle means, and how each week brings us closer and closer to the Birth of Jesus. They all made their own Advent Wreaths that they were able to take home with them, and class ended with a field trip to the Church to see our Parish's Advent Wreath!





# **Bambinelli Sunday!**

Next week is the Third Week of Advent, the Week of Joy! Traditionally, this week of Advent is when the Church celebrates Bambinelli Sunday, or the Blessing of the Baby Jesus figure of Nativity Sets. On <u>Sunday, December 12th</u>, all of our families and parishioners are invited to bring their Baby Jesus from their Nativity Set to our <u>9:30am Family Mass</u> for a special blessing, as we celebrate Gaudete Sunday and <u>REJOICE</u>!

### 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

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, 12:30pm 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 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"

Last Sunday's Christmas Holiday Craft Fair was a success thanks to the combined effort of many individuals. We would like to thank the following individuals and businesses who made generous donations to support the Fair: Costco, Sam's Club, BJ's, Greenfield Shoprite, Stop & Shop, McKee Foods, Modern Bakery, Rob Kaywood, Dorothy and Mike Rodriguez, Signarama, Uncle Giuseppe's, Gregory's Coffee, Stack's Auto Service & Tires, Pizzaiola, Mamma Sbarro, Salpino, Gamestop, Right Coast Tacqueria, Pet Smart, Deer Park Ravioli, Stables Garden Center, Get Your Groove On DJ Productions and First Class Bagels. We would also like to thank the volunteers who donated their time and considerable talents: Dorothy and Mike Rodriguez, Cathie Taibi, Claire Werner, Julissa Gonzalez, Steve Turturro, Joe Patrick, Eileen Stacy, Brendan McMahon, Richard Taibi, Tommy Vierling, Phyllis Otto and Ed Muldowney, along with the students from Religious Education who volunteered their time. To everyone else who was involved, and who we may have inadvertently failed to name, we also extend our gratitude. Finally, a word of thanks to those who contributed to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in last week's collection at Mass. The funds raised from the Fair and from the collection will be used to assist our neighbors right here in Deer Park and North Babylon.

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 fell 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.** The Rosary Altar Society will meet on **Monday, December 6th at 7:30pm** in the Father Behan Hall. 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 <u>your</u> 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 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 - 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 **December 7, 2021 at 2:30pm** in the Father Behan Hall. Please let Mary Indelicato (631-667-2998) know if you will be attending the Pizza Party.

#### 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.

#### **Emily's Awesome Toys Drive Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus**

Emily brings toys to children in need year round. This Long Island teen has spent the last 10 years collecting toys for children in hospitals after she spend the night in the hospital on Christmas herself. Emily Meyers has been able to create Holiday Magic for kids across Long Island with Emily's Awesome Toys. You may drop off your toys on **Saturday**, **December 11, 2021 at Our Lady of the Rosary #4428 Council** located at 759 Long Island Ave., Deer Park, NY between the hours of **9am to 12 noon.** Thank you for your support.





Presented through Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish Social Ministry

FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Beautifully detailed & hand-painted 11-piece fine china nativity set by Royal Albert (a Royal Doutton Brand)



To reserve your set, call 631-667-4044, ext 105 <u>OR</u> 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 Baptist!"

# 2021 (20) 2022 Basketball Intramurals Registration open to all 1st-12th grade boys & girls

Ss. Cyril & Methodius

**Catholic Youth Organization** 

December 6th, 7th, 8th 6-7:30 p.m. in St. Cyril's gymnasium. Registration fees are due at the time of registration. 1st-6th grades \$75 7th-12th grades \$90

Intramural registration forms may be completed online at http://www.leaguelineup.com/stcyrilbasketball

prior to coming to register. Fees must be paid in person on the nights of registration.

If you have questions, please email us at stcyrilcyo@yahoo.com or call Mike at 917-705-5355

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

# PORTAL of SAIN<sup>></sup>S

**ORDER FORM** 

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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.



### 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! It was wonderful to see so many people at the Christmas Fair. I was able to meet a number of people new to me. Unfortunately we did not sell very many Nativity sets. These are truly beautiful sets. I heard comments from more than one person, "we don't bother with that any more" I wonder then what is Christmas to them?

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.

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. Flour
- 5. Sugar
- 6. Salt
- 7. Pepper
- 8. Jelly
- 9. Ritz type crackers
- 10. Granola bars
- 11. Cookies
- 12. BBQ sauce
- 13. Small ketchup
- 14. 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 C	ARD 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.** 

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministri	es Appeal		
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# **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS PATRONESS OF THE UNBORN Come celebrate as we share Mary's Concern for the Poor and Powerless On:

Sunday, December 12 at 12:30pm PROCESSION AND MASS AT THE PARISH OF STS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS 125 Half Hollow Road, Deer Park N.Y., 11729

Following the Mass Re-Enactment Apparitions of OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, Will be the OLOG Celebration Luncheon at Father Behan Hall- (church auditorium) Featuring "Latin America" Cuisine 200 people Limit Donation: \$15 Adult \$5 stud. \$ Raffle Table 3tkt x \$5.00 7tkts x \$10.00 Proceeds to Ss Cyril and Methodius Church and Our Lady of Guadalupe Schools For more information contact Carmen Gomez # (631) 243-6146