

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

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31, 2022



Dear parishioners,

The Blessed Mother comes back to life!

Many of you must have seen a certain lady (*one has mistaken her for a teenager*) quietly working on the statue of the Blessed Mother at the children's chapel for hours and hours for many days now. We are truly blessed and grateful for the artistic work of one of our own parishioners – Susan Gatti. She is bringing the statute of the Blessed Mother back to life.

Unfortunately, the statue has been neglected for many years now. The statue was in need of a fresh coat of paint and her two broken fingers replaced. Susan is going beyond what is expected – she is not just plainly re-painting it but is elevating it by giving rich texture to her clothes and is bringing a captivating and realistic look on her face, especially her eyes. She has explored many possibilities to give a more durable fix to the issue of her missing fingers

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Readings and Songs this Sunday

No. 1145 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**

2nd Reading: **Colossians 3:1-5,9-11**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 12:13-21**

LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

Rain Down **#582**

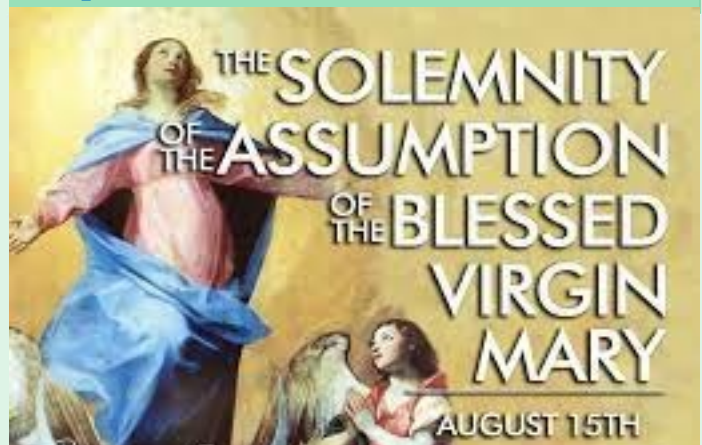
The King of Love My Shepherd Is **#712**

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart **#940**

City of God **#766**

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)

Important Announcements



This year falls on a Monday thus is not a Holy Day of Obligation.
Regular schedule of Masses 7:00 am, 8:30 am and 12:15 pm.

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: (Confessionals)

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

Deacon William Sperl, Ext. 112

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

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

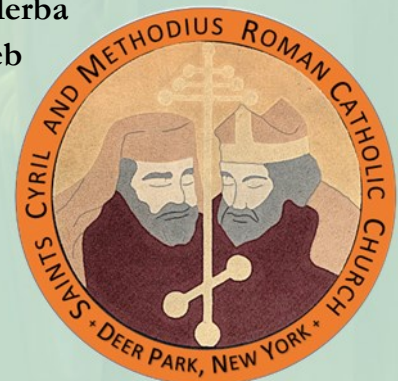
Mr. Timothy Leitch, *Youth Ministry*, Ext. 154

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

PARISH TRUSTEES

Mary Malerba

John Grieb



Mrs. Joan Ann Loring, Ext. 122

Parish Secretary / Bulletin Editor

Mrs. Marianne Saffran, Ext. 115

Baptism & Wedding Coordinator

Ms. Allison Taibi Ext. 111, *Bookkeeper*

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	August 1
7:00 AM:	Lina Morlacci
8:30 AM:	Sophie McMahon
12:15 PM:	Tom Fitzgerald
Tuesday	August 2
7:00 AM:	Bruce Ryan
8:30 AM:	For Mildred Vazquez's intentions
12:15 PM:	Gerald Gleeson
Wednesday	August 3
7:00 AM:	Benny Morlacci
8:30 AM:	Ray and Margaret Fernandez
12:15 PM:	For Father Christopher Deh's intentions
Thursday	August 4
7:00 AM:	Vincent Schifano Sr.
8:30 AM:	Sacred Heart for a favor granted
12:15 PM:	Agnes and Anthony Galietta
Friday	August 5
7:00 AM:	For Chelsea Kravitz's intentions
8:30 AM:	John Hovanec
12:15 PM:	Carin LaMotte Rivera
Saturday	August 6
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM	Angela M. Mistretta, Cesare Litterini, Margaret Peacock
Sunday	August 7
8:00 AM	For Connie and Michael Santoli's intentions
9:30 AM	Patricia Alfano
11:00 AM	Daniel Lacorazza, Esther Ward
12:30 AM	For Jackie Lullis's intentions
6:00 PM	For Our Parishioners

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday,	August 6
5:00 PM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin
Sunday,	August 7
8:00 AM:	Fr. Christopher Deh
9:30 AM:	Fr. Patrick Grace
11:00 AM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin
12:30 PM:	Fr. Christopher Deh
6:00 PM:	Fr. Patrick Grace

REST IN PEACE

Anita Finocchiaro, Ronald Spinelle, Catherine R. Salegna, Alicia R. Camarrata, Harold J. Withers Jr., Angelina G. Ceru, Champion Vizzari, Carol M. LaPera, Lenora Foerster

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Second Banns

Ryan Ferrara — Ss. Cyril and Methodius
Danielle Monte — Ss. Cyril and Methodius

NEWLY BAPTIZED

We pray for the new members of our family

Kaden Matthew Dio Adame, Jayden Charles Posillico, Leonardo Lucas Peredo

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, Louis Xavier Maldonado, Kristen Mills, Tony Bufalino, Jackie Becker, Susan Marsillo, Carmelo Mal Controne, Joseph Battista, Brianna Barra, Baby Ezra Folcik, Omar Stuart, Carmine Soldano, Diane Ryan, Brendan Gould, John Viviani, Petey Muller, Mark Dixon, Troy Liddell, Rosemarie Maloney, Peter Franzese, Salvatore Piazzolla, Mark Glatzer, Rosemarie Dorsty, Annmarie Costiglio, MP, Mellie, Eileen Conlin, Marie Cipriano Merrifield, 50 Joey, Theresa Scheuer Smith, Sylvia H., Ronald Beauzais, Angelina Duramacco, baby William Shirk, Maria Garcia, Robert Glaser, Keith Thomas, Lydia Reveron, Christopher M. Wall, Bob Walsh, Diana Walsh, Rose Guisti, Madelyn Simonetti, Angela Mento, Susan Semetsis, Anne Sheppard, Kathleen Jacobi, Louis D'Agostino, Ding Caliendo, Julio Cesar Rivera, Joseph E. Torres, Parette Gisele Torres, Sydney Ann Torres, Lucy Piazzola, Renee Hovanec, Eric, Joseph Pepe

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Sgt. Joseph Evola, Karley Hawkins, 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, Major Salvatore W. Garcia, Staff Sgt. Justin Gallo, Sgt. 1st Class William J. Braun. 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

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as well. We will have a special blessing of the statue on August 14 after the 9:30 am Mass, which coincides with the Feast of the Assumption of the BVM on August 15.

More than this, she has agreed to do another project. And she has already begun to work on a mural, a painting that will provide context and biblical meaning to a wall that will acknowledge the generous donors of our parish. Something to watch out for in the future!

You can check out her background and her past works at www.susangatti.com

Fr. Gus Garcia



We remember how you loved us...

JULY 31 TO AUGUST 6

BREAD AND WINE

- Forever in our hearts, Catherine Williams. Love, Lynda and Michael.

ALTAR CANDLES - In memory of Cesare Litterini. Love always, your wife and 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

- Available

ALTAR FLOWERS

- Available

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

Stewardship

JULY 24, 2022

Regular Collection \$14,900.27

Online Giving \$ 1,515.91

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$125,200

\$80,719.00 Pledged

64.47% of Parish Goal

Thank you, and God Bless you, for your faithful weekly Stewardship of our Parish and for your support of the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal!

Jesus tells us to be rich in what matters 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.

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FAITH

Family Faith Formation and Religious Education

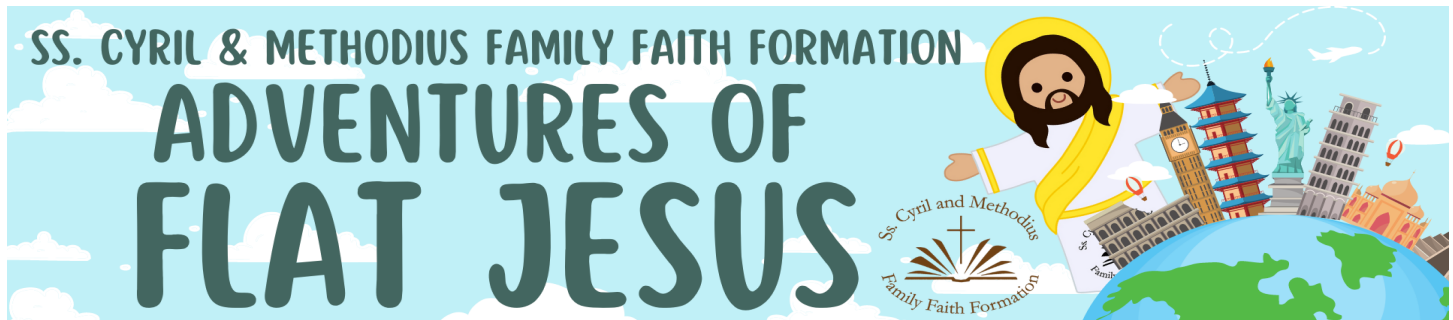
Weekly Greeting from Ms. Laucella

We are currently busy preparing for our 2022-2023 Academic Year! Please be sure to keep our Office in your prayers! Even though our Office is closed to the general public during this time for in-person visitors, we have a lot happening this summer behind the scenes!



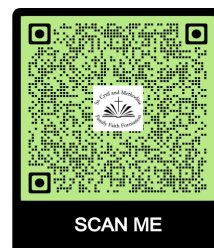
Registration for 2022-2023

Registration for the 2022-2023 Academic Year is officially **OPEN** as of Thursday, June 30th! Registration is **for all new and returning families**, and families do have to register their students year by year so that we can plan accordingly. All of our current families who were enrolled with us for the 2021-2022 year have already received their Registration Forms via email. If you are a family new to our Program, or are looking to transfer into our Program from another Parish, be sure to **check out our Registration Page in this Bulletin**; **All QR codes forms for all current, new, and transfer families are available for you, along with instructions on how to register!**



Flat Jesus went on His first international plane ride with the Arrascue Family! He went to the place that is the home base of our great Catholic Church; **St. Peter's Square, Vatican City in Italy!** Now not only has Flat Jesus visited His parents this summer, but now He has also visited His best friend! I am sure that Saint Peter will be very happy to see Him! Have fun, Arrascue Family; Please be sure to pray for us!

Have you done something fun with Flat Jesus this summer? Make sure to tell us using the QR code to the right so that we can share His summer adventures with everyone!



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

Family Faith Formation & Religious Education Registration

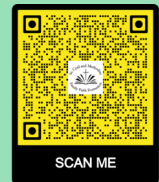
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How to Access Registration Forms & Program Information:

- Find which category your family falls into by reading each description below
- Follow the set of directions that applies for your family to access the corresponding Registration Forms via the below QR codes

Current, Active Families:

These families had their students enrolled with us in Family Faith Formation for the 2021-2022 Academic Year. For these families, please remember that **Registration will only be processed if all 10 Mass Reports from the 2021-2022 Year have been handed in and completed.** These families can access their particular Registration Form via this QR Code.



New, First-Time Students and/or Families:

New families are families with students who have never been enrolled in any Faith Formation Program before. These new families require a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate and other Sacrament Information in order for our Office to process Registration for their child. If you are one of these families and would like to be put on our potential incoming students email chain, please email us. These families can access their particular Registration Form via this QR Code.

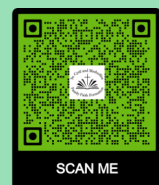


Transfer Students and/or Families:

Transfer families are families that were not enrolled in our 2021-2022 Program, but have been enrolled in another Parish's Faith Formation Program before. These families can be:

- Families transferring from a Parish they received Faith Formation during 2021-2022
- Families who have been enrolled with us in the past, but were not enrolled with us for the 2021-2022 Year

To be placed in the appropriate, corresponding program, these families require a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate, and a transfer letter from your previous Faith Formation Program with what Levels the child completed, and the Sacraments that they received. If you are one of these families and would like to be put on our potential incoming students email chain, please email us. These families can access their particular Registration Form via this QR Code.



Registration Disclaimer:

We are very fortunate to have a thriving Family Faith Formation Program. The Catholic School and our Program have to work around each other's schedules to share the building and its classrooms. Certain Levels or days may fill up quicker, depending on the space available to us. For this reason, **those who mail back their Registration Forms to us sooner will be given first priority for the availability of having an in-person session.** Please know that we will do our best to work with everyone as best as we can, based on what we have available.



Our Family Faith Formation Program is one of the largest in our Diocese, and we are happy to serve all of our hundreds of families. We all have to work together to ensure that our Office can have all materials prepared for our families in time for the start of our year. For this reason, **Registration Form links will time out on Thursday, September 1st.** Be sure to mail in your Registration Forms before this date if you would like to enroll with us for this 2022-2023 Academic Year.

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

Mental Health - The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline launched nationwide on July 16, 2022. Similar to calling 911 for medical emergencies, people in emotional distress or suicidal crisis can dial the three-digit number 988. Anyone experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis can call 988. Counselors are trained in handling various mental health issues, including addiction and self-harm. You can also call the Lifeline on behalf of someone else, as counselors can offer guidance on helping a friend or a loved one navigate a mental health emergency. Trained counselors will listen, provide support, connect you to community resources or dispatch emergency services if needed. Live phone services are available in English and Spanish. Translation services are available to support over 250 other languages. Text and chat (988lifeline.org/chat) are available in English. Help is one call away, so spread the word about 988.

Housing - One of the primary issues facing Long Island residents is the lack of affordable housing and we receive numerous requests for assistance from people who are trying to find an affordable place to live. Unfortunately, we just do not have the resources to locate housing options. If, however, an individual or family can locate affordable housing, we may be able to help them with fees associated with moving in.

Our next meeting will be held on August 3, 2022 at 7:30 pm in the Senior Room. All are welcome to attend and see what it is that we do. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance in addressing rent, 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.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

There are no meetings in July, August or September. We will resume **October 3rd at 7:30 p.m.** in the Fr. Behan Hall. Any questions call Alba Barra at 631-274-5570.

Our **Communion Mass and Luncheon** is **Sunday, October 2, 2022**, 11am Mass at Ss. Cyril and Methodius 1:00pm Lunch at Goccia D'oro II Italian Restaurant in Lindenhurst. **Cost \$40 due by September 24th.** Make checks payable to the Rosary Altar Society and drop off in the Rectory.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COLUMBIETTES

There are no meetings in July and August. Any questions call Inez Schillinger at 631-586-2176.

Rita's Ices Community Fundraiser Event -Grab your family & friends and join OLOR Columbiettes at **Rita's Ices**, 2158 Deer Park Ave., Deer Park, **Thursday, August 18th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm** **10% of sales** will benefit Columbiette Charities.

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. **The next First Saturday of the month is August 6, 2022.** Any questions call Nancy Lanni at 631-242-5078.

Bible Study Class Continues.... All are welcome!

The Bible Timeline The Story of Salvation with Jeff Cavins



The Bible Timeline® Study Program takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows you **how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven through Scripture.** You will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our Faith. **Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, beginning September 14th, 2022 in the Father Behan Hall.** For more information and **to register** please call Mary at 631.291.7020

Our LIVESTREAM MINISTRY would like to thank all who support and appreciate the services offered to the people of our parish and beyond. The ministry will take a two month break (July and August) during which time the live online broadcast of the 9:30 am Sunday Mass will be suspended. While members of the ministry fix their summer schedules, we will work on recording (but not livestream) any one of the Sunday Masses so that people who are restricted and homebound may still have access to the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration of our parish. We will resume livestreaming the 9:30 am Mass in September.

We wish to encourage anyone who is interested in learning and volunteering his/her time for this wonderful ministry, please email Russel at rssalerno@gmail.com for your contact info.



ALTAR SERVERS

We are looking for boys and girls in 4th grade or above to become part of our Altar Server Ministry. For more information call Father Christopher Deh at 631-667-4044 ext. 165.

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 our needs to her son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

FLAME OF LOVE DEVOTION

Will gather in the Church 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

We will be taking a break for July and August. **We will resume September 12th.** 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.

THE LOVE OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meets every **Tuesday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Senior Room.** There will be no meetings in July or August. **We will resume September 13th.** Have a safe and blessed summer. Any questions call Lucille at 631-586-2438.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every **Friday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm in the Chapel.** The first hour we pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy. The last two hours we spend in silent prayer.

BLACK CATHOLICS MINISTRY

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, September 28th from 1:00p.m. to 3:00pm in the Chapel.** For more information contact Donna Dixon at 631-664-5692.

SENIOR CLUB

There is no meeting in August. Our next meeting will be on **September 6, 2022 at 2:30pm** in the Father Behan Hall. Any questions call John Kelly at 631-586-0827.

USHERS

Ushers are needed at all Masses. If you would like to help out at the Mass you attend then please call Paul Coppola at 631-587-9649 for more information.



The YEAST ministries
along with the
SSCM conference of SVdP
are excited to announce a

***Masquerade Murder Mystery
Dinner Party***

Saturday November 5, 2022

Father Behan Hall

*Save the date and
stay tuned for details*

20 Catholic Ministries Appeal
22 DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit."
— Pope Francis

One Family in Mission – Building a Community of

FAITH

HOPE

& LOVE

"Only by loving, serving others, can people come to know God."

Pope Francis

Your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps our Parish Outreach and Catholic Charities Programs serve people in our community by providing food, clothing, shelter, counseling and care. And most importantly, it lets those we serve know that God loves them and is with them during the difficult times in their lives.

Make checks payable to: **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Parish _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Pledge: \$ _____

Down payment: \$ _____

To donate, you can also visit drvc.org/CMA or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296 Thank You.

Tickets go on sale beginning this weekend June 26-27, 2022.

ANNUAL SSCM PARISH RAFFLE

1. The Family Festival Raffle

offers 3 - **\$5000 Raffles**

in **Blue, Yellow** and **Green**. Tickets are \$50 each.

There are only 200 tickets sold per color.

So your odds of winning are 1 in 200.

2. We also have a **55 INCH SMART TV RAFFLE**. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20



3. Our **FINAL RAFFLE** is for Charbroil BBQ, 2 Gravity Chairs, Outdoor Propane Heater, Fire Pit, and \$100 Visa Gift Card. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

All winners will be picked on Monday, August 29th, 2022.

BINGO

Please consider becoming a VOLUNTEER



CRYING ROOM

Available for use
by families with babies and toddlers.

The Children's Chapel
(located by the Church lobby/narthex)

PARISH RELIGIOUS STORE

SOON TO OPEN

At the Parish Office Reception

CURATED RELIGIOUS ITEMS

Special elegant Rosaries

Bibles

Parish logo Fleece jackets


Candles

Prayer Books

And many more!!!

THIS MY IS CHURCH

I WILL
PICK UP
I WILL
CLEAN UP



REMEMBERING LOVED ONES WHO HAVE PASSED IN CHURCH in WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

Offering flowers and lighting candles are very unique and special ways we can remember the birthday and death anniversary of departed family members and friends while making our worship space pleasant and inviting. The shrines of St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother and the tabernacle are designated spaces offered for us to do this. Your gift remains in those designated spaces for a whole week. Bread and wine used for the Mass can also be donated. If interested, contact the Front Desk for availability & more information.



GIFT CARDS for sale at the parish office during office hours. The list is what we currently have in stock. If there is something else that you would like, please call 631-667-4044 ext. 110.

As requested, we now have Olympic Diner Gift Cards!



- \$100** - Amazon, Kohl's , Texas Roadhouse - **\$100**
- \$50** - Panera, Stop & Shop, Kohl's., Texas Roadhouse - **\$50**
- \$25** - Apple Bees, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond - **\$25**
- \$25** - CVS, Dick's Sporting Goods - **\$25**
- \$25** - Home Depot, Kohl's, Lowes, Macy's, Michael's, Olympic Diner - **\$25**
- \$25** - Panera, Pet Smart, Red Lobster, Regal Movie, Rite Aid, Shutterfly - **\$25**
- \$25** - Speedway, Staples, Stop & Shop, Tanger Outlets - **\$25**
- \$25** - Target, Texas Roadhouse, Walgreens - **\$25**
- \$10** - Dunkin Donuts, Panera, Regal Movie, Starbucks - **\$10**



An easy way when giving gifts to your family and friends, while SUPPORTING your parish!

PORTAL of SAINTS

ORDER FORM

Date: ____/____/____

Saint: _____

In memory of: _____ (optional)

Requested by: _____

Contact info: _____ (Email)

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS



Reusable Grocery Bags

**Make Excellent Gifts
Strong and Eco-Friendly**

**Available for Purchase
at the Rectory.
\$2.00 per Bag**

Director of Parish Social Ministry

I know you have seen the same message for the past two weeks. I can assure you it hasn't been because I am not here. I am here working away trying to figure out what makes this parish tick. I hear that there is no sense of parish community. I hear you. I wonder then, how is parish community to be re-established here? Obviously not through a potluck for the parish or coffee after the masses and not providing Thanksgiving for those with no one to spend the holiday with. I say this because I had exactly three people volunteer. Two for the potluck and one for coffee after the masses.

So now you must tell me what do you want? Is the status quo good enough? I hope not. You cannot just sit in the pew and leave it to "other" people to implement community. We are Catholic are we not? Shouldn't we be doing something to bring back our community of believers? This is every Catholics responsibility. I am tired of hearing all the negativity aren't you?

When you were baptized as a child someone else made the choice for you to become Roman Catholic. When you made your First Communion you were very young. When you made your Confirmation you said yes to the Baptismal promise made for you as a child. Being a Catholic is being Catholic every minute of every day. It is not being a Catholic for Sunday Mass. This does not mean you are perfect and fail at doing this every minute. It means we should be striving to be the best Catholic we can be. Notice I did not say the best person we can be. If you are being the best Catholic you can be that is obvious isn't it? People should notice that you are "different". Different meaning following Christ in all he has asked us to do. Will we do it perfectly? No because we are imperfect human beings. It does not mean we are not constantly trying to be that person.

So now I am asking again what do you want to do to bring about community here in Ss. Cyril and Methodius parish? You yourself, not anyone else. Just you. It is you, individually that I am speaking to, not the person sitting beside you. I know that there are cliques here. They exist everywhere. However, we cannot allow the few people that may make us feel unwelcome to dictate to us how we want to participate.

On the flip side we are also letting the same people do everything and then complaining. Is this fair, or right? No of course it isn't. I am also not saying that all these people are the ones forming the cliques. Nothing is ever that cut and dry. I am just saying get up and get involved. If you want to see change you have to be change.

Ok, off my soapbox now. Have a wonderful week. I hope you know by now that I am very approachable. I am here in the Parish Ministry center waiting for you to come and meet me and visit with me.

God Bless you,

Janet

Food Pantry is dangerously low on food. Our need is great at this time. I understand that there are food shortages and that prices have gone up. If everyone just bought two or three items on the list that would help tremendously. I am not asking you to go out of your way. If you could just pick up a few items when you are doing your own shopping that would be great. You also do not have to wait to bring it to Mass with you. We are here Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 3 pm. If you see my red SUV in the parking lot I am here. You are most welcome to drop it off if that is more convenient.

PANTRY NEEDS:

FOOD

1. Macaroni and Cheese
2. All canned vegetables
3. Canned beans (especially black & kidney)
4. Tuna fish
5. Spam
6. Manwich
7. Beef stew
8. White rice (1 or 2 lb pkgs.)
9. Pasta sauce (28 oz jars)
10. Coffee (1 lb cans)
11. Progresso soup (the ones you add water to are not nutritious enough to be a meal)
12. Campbell's chunky soup

NON FOOD ITEMS

1. Toothbrushes
2. Toothpaste
3. Deodorant (men and women)
4. Shampoo
5. Conditioner
6. Body wash
7. Shaving cream
8. Soap
9. Laundry detergent
10. Dishwashing liquid (the cheapest place for the above items is Walmart)

Gift cards are always welcome. It is getting increasingly difficult to keep up with the need. I am signing up new families every week. How they have been managing on the little financial support they have is a mystery to me.

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Alcoholics Anonymous 24-Hour Hotline:

631-669-1124

Al-Anon Suffolk County: 631-669-2827

American Red Cross: LI:516-747-3500

Birthright (Pregnancy Support):

631-821-9727 or 1-800-550-4900

Brighter Tomorrow (Domestic Violence):

631-395-1800

Catholic Charities (Food Stamp Info):631-789-9546

Child Advocacy Center (CAC) (Child Abuse):

631-439-0480

Fidelis Insurance (Family Health Plus):

1-888-343-3547

Gamblers Anonymous Hotline: 1-855-222-5542

Good Shepherd Hospice:631-376-3758

Hope House Ministries:631-473-6030

L.I. Women's Coalition (Domestic Violence):

631-666-8833

Narcotics Anonymous:631-689-6262

National Suicide Prevention Hotline:

1-800-SUICIDE

Response Crisis Center:

631-751-7500 (Suicide Hotline)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

- In need of **Adult Altar Servers** for the 8:00 am Mass. Leave a message at the front desk for Fr Chris Deh or email him at frchris@sscmdp.org. Some training is involved

- **Cleaning Ministry** - Meets Friday at 1:45 after Confessions. To volunteer, contact jloring@sscmdp.org.

- In need of **Livestream Technician** for the 9:30 am Sunday Family Mass. Training will be offered. A good inclusion to your resume if you are studying communications. College kids welcome.

- **Reach OUT Ministry.** Volunteers are needed as "call center agents" to give about two hours per week to come to the parish office and call the numbers in the Parish Registry (about 6,000 members) over a period of time to check how people are and see how we can serve them better - if they are receiving their envelopes, if they have pressing needs that our Social Ministry can assist with, if they want to receive bulletins in the mail, and inquire about other concerns.

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One of the main areas of focus that SSCM Social Services would like to concentrate on is Mental Health. The mental health crisis in our community becomes increasingly obvious each day. It affects each of us in some way...whether it be ourselves or a loved one. We want to share some valuable resources that are available. We recently had the pleasure to meet with Councilman Martinez to discuss our concerns and explore options available through the Town of Babylon. While complete information can be found on the town website, here is a brief synopsis of some of the programs. Locations and contact information are available in the Parish Social Ministry Office. Town of Babylon has nine Youth Centers. Youth Bureau coordinates agencies that provide various services.

1. **Mental Health Counseling Services**
2. **Project Safe** – crisis intervention in runaway cases
3. **Summer activities**
4. **Parenting Skills**
5. **Social Skills**
6. **The Bridge Program** – introduces social skills groups for children on the autism spectrum, in addition to parent and sibling support groups
7. **Youth Court volunteer opportunities** Beacon Family Wellness Center – provides a wide range of services to family members impacted by their loved one's disease of addiction as well as those suffering from substance abuse disorder. Wyandanch Community Resource Center (WCRC) provides a vast array of resources and referrals.
8. **Crisis Management and Prevention**
9. **Family development**
10. **Small Business development**
11. **Youth development**
12. **Alternative Education**
13. **Workforce development**
14. **Housing WRCR** hosts many agencies on site throughout the week, including
15. **Suffolk County Department of Labor:** Tuesday – Friday (10 am – 2 pm)
16. **Department of Social Security:** Wednesday

Stay tuned for more.....

Janet McEnany & Jane McMahon