

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

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2022

Dear parishioners,

I hope that you are enjoying your Summer on our beautiful Island. For the past sixteen years, I have been blessed to be your Business Manager at St Cyril and Methodius. Summer for me means Summer Vacation, I hope that you have taken, or will take some time to go on yours. For us, summer means, maintenance projects.

We will be having the floors in the school stripped and waxed. Fr. Behan Hall floors will be also stripped and waxed. We have built a storage room in the Breezeway, as you go out the doors between the school and gym. We will be building an extra bathroom in our Narthex, next to the existing handicapped bathroom. All our parking lots were patched as well. We will now realign the parking lots.

There are other projects that we are looking at doing within the next few weeks and months, including Refurbishing/ Refinishing the pews in the church and replacing the carpeting underneath the pews.

Our Fiscal Year runs from September 1, 2021, till August 31, 2022. We have approximately one month left. We need to average 17,000.00 each week in our Collections for the entire year to meet our expenses. This does not include Easter and Christmas collections which also go to our revenue raising. We also have four major Fund Raisers to help us keep our books balanced. Our four major fund raisers are: Catholic Ministries Appeal, Bingo, Monsignor Rooney Golf Outing, and our Family Festival Raffles. Our Golf Outing was successful. We made a profit of \$ 19,000.00. Thank you to all our volunteers, participants, and sponsors. We have Bingo on Thursday evenings, and we could always use

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Readings and Songs this Sunday

No. 1154 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Isaiah 66:18-21**

2nd Reading: **Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 13:22-30**

LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

All People That on Earth Do Dwell **#853**

We Walk by Faith **#680**

Behold the Lamb **#939**

Lift High the Cross **#881**

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)

Important Announcements

- ♦ See Page 18 for Useful Social Services phone numbers
- ♦ See Page 6 for Faith Formation Enrollment Procedures
- ♦ See page 7 for important announcement on the suspension of Livestream Services of the 9:30 am Sunday Family Mass during the summer months.
- ♦ See page 18 for Service Opportunities

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 22

7:00 AM: Emma and George Kasubjak
8:30 AM: Antonio Rigunay
12:15 PM: Amparo Navarro

Tuesday August 23

7:00 AM: Sacred Heart of Jesus for a favor granted
8:30 AM: Anthony Polito
12:15 PM: May Palminteri

Wednesday August 24

7:00 AM: Bruce Ryan II
8:30 AM: Fabio and Christian Buttitta
12:15 PM: Rafale Perez

Thursday August 25

7:00 AM: Susan Schoppmann
8:30 AM: Anne Sanfilippo
12:15 PM: Catherine Baumann

Friday August 26

7:00 AM: Bertha Hannigan
8:30 AM: Eileen Klimczuk
12:15 PM: Esther Simon Malunowicz

Saturday August 27

8:30 AM Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM Richard, Marcellina and Michael Solomita,
Catherine Salegna, Primo Fiore, Carl J. Gatti

Sunday August 28

8:00 AM Frank Mulligan
9:30 AM Emma Shokey
11:00 AM Incoronata DiSanto, James Edward Liddell, Harold
and Constance Liddell, Leona Richmond, Anna
Romano
12:30 AM Veneranda Vitale
6:00 PM For Our Parishioners

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday, August 27

5:00 PM: Fr. Gregory Cappuccino

Sunday, August 28

8:00 AM: Fr. Christopher Deh
9:30 AM: Fr. Patrick Grace
11:00 AM: Fr. Gregory Cappuccino
12:30 PM: Fr. Paul Bersamin
6:00 PM: Fr. Patrick Grace

REST IN PEACE

Primo Fiore, Lucille Leipold, Barbara Stoia, Thomas
A. Rivenburgh, Marilyn G. Hildenbrand, Christina A.
Gratia

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Third Banns

Christine O'Brien — Ss. Cyril and Methodius
Joseph Maffaro — St. Aidan, Williston Park, NY

First Banns

Carmine Volante -Our Lady of Lourdes, Massapequa Park
Nicole Paparella — Ss. Cyril and Methodius

NEWLY BAPTIZED

We pray for the new members of our family

Isabella Grace Alonzo, Charlotte Grace Fishel,
Jameson Daniel Croce

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, Ezra Folcik, Omar Stuart, Carmine Soldano, Diane Ryan,
Brendan Gould, John Viviani, Petey Muller, Mark Dixon, Troy
Liddell, Rosemarie Maloney, Peter Franzese, Susan and Paul
Mattei, 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, William Shirk, Maria Garcia,
Robert Glaser, Keith Thomas, Lydia Reveron, Jackie DeCerbo,
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, Padraic Beach, Mary McMahon, Alex, Emma
Villarola, Paulette Giusto, Kristin Piazzola, Ralph Savastano,
Rocco Oliveri, Richard DiMaggio, Arlene McMahon

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

On the Parish Finances

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more volunteers. Thank you to all our Bingo Volunteers who help us on a regular basis. Our Catholic Ministry Appeal is at 66.88 % of our Goal. All money raised beyond 80% of our goal to 100 % goes directly to our Parish. If we attain our goal and all pledges paid, we could make \$ 25,000.00.

Finally, our Family Festival Raffle Tickets are now on sale. There are three \$5,000.00 Raffles, Blue, Green, and Yellow and a TV and BBQ Raffle. Tickets are available at Church after each Mass and at the Rectory Office. We will announce the winners at the end of August.

This year, we would like to do FUN raisers throughout the year. We will have our first one on Saturday, November 2nd - The Murder Mys-

tery Dinner. We also would like to have a Winter Parish Dinner and Dance and perhaps even have the Family Festival return in a more family friendly atmosphere. We will update you about these events in the coming months.

Thank you, for all your generosity in time, talent, and treasure. May God Bless you and your families. May he keep you safe and well.

Please enjoy the rest of your Summer.

Yours in Christ,

DEACON PHIL MILLS
Business Manager

We remember how you loved us...

AUGUST 21 TO AUGUST 27

BREAD AND WINE

- Catherine Salegna, Forever in our hearts. Love, Fannie Paladino and Family.

ALTAR CANDLES - Available

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

- Happy Birthday and 5th Anniversary in Heaven, Joan Feeney. Love, your Family.

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

AUGUST 14, 2022

Regular Collection \$14,871.50

Online Giving \$ 1,331.03

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$125,200

\$83,739.00 Pledged

66.88% 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!

In today's Gospel, Jesus stresses the importance of staying on the narrow path. Sin is never worth it.

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

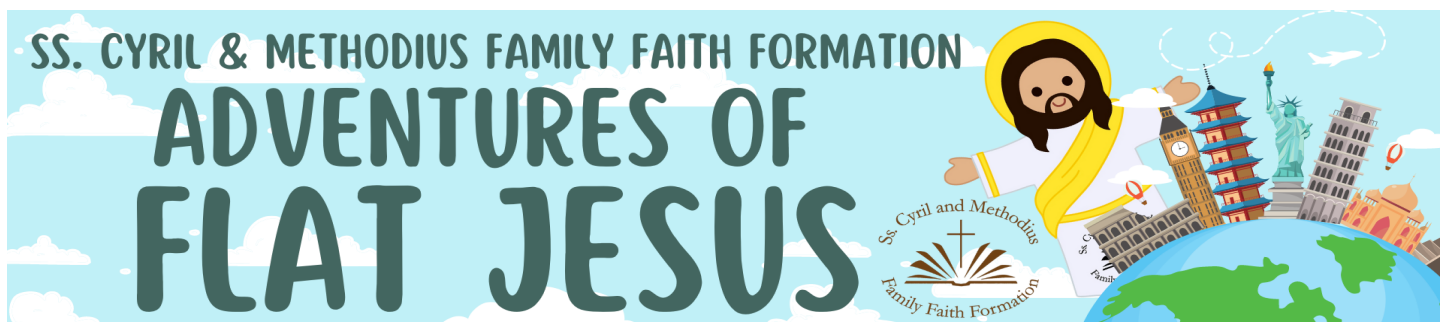
Weekly Greeting from Ms. Laucella

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 is back on the road! After His snack at Goccia D'oro II, Flat Jesus made His way **upstate New York!** Traveling can take a lot out of you, so He and the Smith Family took some time to rest in **Binghamton** as they made their way up for some fun in **Syracuse!** We are so excited to see Flat Jesus having some time to rest, especially in the creation that God His Father made! Have fun Smith Family!

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

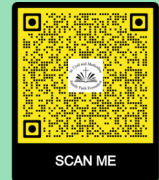
Registration for the 2022-2023 Academic Year is officially **OPEN** as of **Thursday, June 30th!**

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

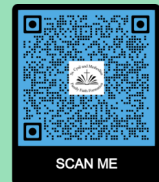
Current, Active Families:

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.

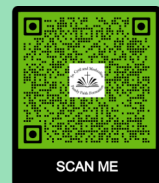


Transfer Students and/or Families:

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"

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has three basic goals: 1) to increase the personal holiness of its members through works of charity; 2) to bring the love of God to persons in our community in need of assistance by performing practical works of charity; and 3) to foster fellowship among like minded Vincentians seeking to increase their personal holiness and serve their community. The Society differs from other charitable associations or agencies whose principal objective is not the spiritual advancement of their members, but the doing of good for someone else. Vincentians come together from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds, age groups and economic levels, and we welcome all who sincerely seek to better themselves and their community.

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.

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.

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

Our next meeting is **September 12th at 7:30 p.m.** Any questions call Inez Schillinger at 631-586-2176.

Victorian Tea Returns Friday, **September 16, 2022** 7:00 p.m., **Donation \$25.00.** No tickets sold at the door. This is a sell out event so get your tickets early. Make checks payable to OLOR Columbiettes. Please bring your own cup and saucer. For further information call Joan Gillespie at 631-806-5314.

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 September 3, 2022.** Any questions call Nancy Lanni at 631-242-5078.

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 your 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

If anyone is interested please 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.

SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS HOLY NAME SOCIETY

6 HOUR DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE - Our next **Defensive Driving Course** is **September 10th**, in the Father Behan Hall. Space is limited. If you would like to sign up for the Defensive Driving Course, please contact Phil Hogan at 631-667-9148.



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA process begins this Fall!

What is the RCIA?

The RCIA is a process by which non-Catholic adults, or Catholic adults who did not receive all the Sacraments of Initiation, learn about the Catholic faith and gradually become full members. Every year adults are welcomed into the Catholic Community through the RCIA.

Do you know someone who has not been baptized and is interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church?

Any adult who has not been baptized and would like to begin the journey in preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist), should call Deacon James at the Parish Center: **631-667-4044 x100**.

This process is also for adults of other Christian faiths who have already been baptized.

Adult Catholics who never received First Eucharist and/or Confirmation:

If you are an adult Catholic who was baptized and for some reason never completed your Sacraments of Initiation, you are invited into this process to help make that happen.

More volunteers are needed to be a part of our RCIA Team!

If you would like to help the candidates along their journey of faith during their time in this process, please contact Deacon James.

*****MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS*****

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Music Ministry is seeking new members!

In a parish this large, there have got to be more people who love to sing and play! Why not share your gift of music with the rest of your parish family by joining one of our Music Ministry groups?

Here are some possibilities for you to consider:

If you prefer more contemporary music:

Join the 6:00 PM Youth Mass CONTEMPORARY CHOIR!

Rehearsals: every Thursday evening in the church from 7:30 to 9:00pm, beginning September 8. The CONTEMPORARY CHOIR sings every Sunday evening at the 6:00pm Mass throughout the year. Contact our Youth Minister, Tim Leitch, if interested.

If you prefer more traditional music:

Join our Traditional ADULT CHOIR!

Rehearsals: Most Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30pm in the church, beginning September 13 (rehearsals go a bit longer as we approach the Christmas and Easter seasons). The ADULT CHOIR sings at the 11:00am Mass every Sunday from September to June. For more information, contact Deacon James.

If you are proficient at playing an instrument, such as, trumpet, flute or violin:

Join our new Festival Music Ensemble!

We are hoping to find parishioners to help make our major celebrations extra special by featuring more instruments to play along with the organ, piano and guitar. If you are interested, please leave a message with the receptionist at the rectory office.

No matter which group you choose to join, here is what you can expect to find:

Joy in God's service and membership in a community of caring parishioners who just can't wait to have you ministering alongside them!

Questions? Please leave a message for Deacon James with the receptionist at the rectory office: **631-667-4044 x100.**

We would very much like to restart our **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**, however we can only do so if we have enough interested children to begin rehearsing. If your child would like to join, kindly leave a message for Deacon James at the rectory office.

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 _____

Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____

Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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



Sponsorship opportunities include:
Actors, Tables, Beverages,
Dinner, Dessert, Playbill

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

Masquerade Murder Mystery Dinner Party

When: Saturday November 5, 2022
Father Behan Hall

We are presently looking for volunteers,
sponsors, and donations of basket raffle items.

Contact Jane McMahon (516) 816 - 1930
Or
Kerry Brennan (631) 586 - 6294

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

SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS HOLY NAME SOCIETY 6 HOUR DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE -

Our next **Defensive Driving Course** is Saturday, **September 10th**, in the Father Behan Hall. Space is limited. If you would like to sign up for the Defensive Driving Course, please contact Phil Hogan at 631-667-9148.

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
DOOR OPENS 6:00 PM**



CRYING ROOM

Available for use
by families with babies and toddlers.

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS STORE

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At the Parish Office Reception

CURATED RELIGIOUS ITEMS

Special elegant Rosaries

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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)

_____ (Phone number)

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

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{1 Thessalonians 4:13}

Upcoming Bereavement Support Program

Offered at St. Mary, East Islip

Eight Week Group beginning
Tuesday, September 13, at 7pm

Support Groups are opened to anyone who has suffered a loss at least three months prior to the start of the group. Loss must have occurred prior to June 13, 2021. There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. Groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and limited to 13 people. All Covid CDC guidelines will be properly adhered.

Pre-registration is required.

Please call the number below to reserve your seat. Call 631-581-4266 ext. 125 to register

St Matthews (Dix Hills) Bereaved Parents Support Group

For parents that have lost a child.
Sessions begin in fall
and will be one day per week
for a duration of eight weeks.

For more information and to enroll please call

631-647-5675 or email to

Marriage Struggling?

- Do you feel alone?
- Are you frustrated or angry with each other?
- Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?
- Are you separated or divorced, or thinking about separation or divorce?

Another marriage-saving weekend is coming to the Metro/New York Area:

September, 9-11 2022

The Retrouvaille Program helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. To be connected directly and confidentially to someone who can help, or to register, contact:

1-800-470-2230 or

www.helpourmarriage.org

Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille is a 5013c non-profit, peer ministry. Couples of all faiths, or no faith, are encouraged to attend, and no one is ever turned away for lack of funds.

Retrouvaille
(Retro vi – French for rediscover)
Because No Marriage is Beyond Hope



Church of St. Joseph

Parish Center, 39 North Carl Avenue,
Babylon, NY 11702, 631-669-0068

The “Moving On” Group

An ‘After- Bereavement’ Group
for Widows and Widowers Presents:

“The Geek Squad” From Best Buy

Friday, September 9, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

For further information please call

Linda Sparaco, Facilitator, at 631-225-9530 or
Joyce Gangone, Co – Facilitator, at 631-813-9356

Director of Parish Social Ministry

Well, this week I am going to address the elephant in the room. That is if you are not part of the solution you are part of the problem. I have gotten a great deal of positive feedback from last weeks letter. To be sure I have heard grumblings. Of course, none of them called me or spoke to me face to face, which I encourage every single week in the bulletin. No, instead people speak among themselves behind the proverbial back. This is disingenuous. You may not even know that I was around and heard you. Honestly, you can just come to me and discuss.

The thing about reading something is that you have no way of knowing what the tone is of the item being read. Many assumptions can be made that may not be reality. I did receive a disturbing email accusing me of being angry because "my ideas" did not bring forth enough volunteers. One, I am not angry, two they were not my ideas, but ideas brought to me. Telling me that you have gone to Mass every week of your life means what exactly? This is what we are called to do. Veiled references to monetary support of the parish, taken as "I pay your salary" mentality is hurtful. Saying you make weekly donations to the food pantry that is something else we are called to do, take care of the poor.

Absolutely no concrete suggestions were made as to how to build community. Neither did this person volunteer. I am saying please talk to me. Don't send angry emails if there is something you disagree with. I am not going to respond to emails of this kind because it can never be resolved through that kind of dialog. This is not "constructive" criticism it is just criticism. The point that I am "preaching to the choir" means you missed the entire point. Whatever you read in the bulletin either by me, the pastor or anyone else is meant to be taken from the bulletin and brought out to the greater community to let them know we are here and would love to have them join us. Spreading the "Good News"

Cliques was the only thing from the letter that was addressed face to face. Some people have come to me face to face about the clique comment. That I appreciate. None of these people objected to anything else written although of course the opportunity was there. We had a chance to talk about it. My point is that cliques do exist. They are by and large not even intentional. Many people don't realize that they are being viewed as cliques and therefore people don't feel welcomed. Usually this comes about because the "cliques" have been relying on a small group to get things done. When someone new comes in we must make a concerted effort to welcome them. Listen I am not saying it is easy all I am saying is try to be more aware. It isn't that people are being turned away with an attitude of we don't need or want you, we do not do that. Instead, if they don't feel very welcomed and a "we are so glad you could join us" doesn't happen they may feel unsure if they should be there. All of this is being said so that all of us should be aware of how our different ministries are being viewed by others. Getting the job done is important. So, to those who would like to become a part of something go volunteer. I promise they really do want you to be a part of their community within a community.

To all the people who do so much for the Parish I do thank you and I have said many times that Ss Cyril and Methodius is a very generous parish. There are many many volunteers here who do things that you may not even realize are being done. Everyone has busy lives, I know that. However, when we want to we always make time for the things we want to do. Sometimes we must look at things we may feel uncomfortable doing, or really don't want to do as making a sacrifice for our Lord. When we put things in context of serving the Lord things become easier to do and hearts become lighter.

Please take this letter in the spirit it was written with great love for our Lord and for the people here. Again, I say I am approachable, and my door is always open to one and all.

God bless you,

Janet

PANTRY NEEDS:

FOOD

1. Tea bags (50 or 100) no specialty tea bags
2. Coffee (1 lb cans)
3. Canned vegetables (except green beans)
4. Tuna fish
5. Beef stew
6. Pasta sauce
7. Progresso soup (the ones you add water to are not nutritious enough to be a meal)
8. Campbells chunky soup
9. Chili with beans
10. Chili without beans
11. Kidney beans
12. Black Beans

NON FOOD ITEMS

1. Toilet Paper
2. Paper Towels
3. Size 5 and 6 diapers

Gift cards are always welcome.

The most beneficial gift cards are from Aldi and Lidl as well as the Dollar Tree and gas cards. It is getting increasingly difficult to keep up with the need. New families are signing up every week. How they manage on the little financial support they have is a mystery to me.

Thank you as always for your generosity in taking care of the poor! May God bless you all abundantly for your love of the poor.

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)

The Retreat (Domestic Violence Hotline):

631-329-2200

Conexion Linea de Crisis (Mon-Fri: 5-10 PM)

631-751-7423

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.

brought to you by JM²...

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