

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

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125 HALF HOLLOW RD, DEER PARK, NY 11729

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2022

In all of the Masses this weekend, we remember the 2,977 people who were killed during the September 11, 2001 attacks in the World Trade Center and the surrounding area, at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania.

In a very special way, we honor and remember the members of our community who perished.

Steven Coakley

Dennis O'Berg

Vincent D'Amadeo

Michael J. Otten

Raymond M. Downey Sr.

Stanley S. Smagala Jr.

Leroy W. Homer

John Anthony Spataro

Debra Mannetta

John T. Vigiano II

Terence McShane

Joseph V. Vigiano

**We also remember members of the community who were first responders
and have succumbed to 9/11 related illnesses**

Gary Celentani

Edward Lewanduski

Michael Ryan

Richard Otten

John Vigiano Sr.

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Readings and Songs this Sunday

No. 1163 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Exodus 32:7-11,13-14**

2nd Reading: **1 Timothy 1:12-17**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 15:1-32**

LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

Amazing Grace **#645**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace **#828**

Christ, Be Our Light! **#590**

God Bless America

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)

Important Announcements

- ◇ See Page 18 for Useful Social Services phone numbers
- ◇ See page 18 for Service Opportunities
- ◇ See page 5 Update on the YEAST Council of Ministries
- ◇ See Page 6 on a Right to Life Initiative!

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 - 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. Christopher Deh, *Associate Pastor*, Ext. 165

Rev. Patrick Grace, *Associate Pastor*, Ext. 166

Rev. Paul Bersamin, *Associate Pastor*, Ext. 167

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	September 12
7:00 AM:	For Bailey Kravitz's intentions
8:30 AM:	Rita Brown
12:15 PM:	Angela Marie Mistretta
Tuesday	September 13
7:00 AM:	For Mary Bridget Kravitz's intentions
8:30 AM:	For the Hovanec Family intentions
12:15 PM:	Catherine Clements
Wednesday	September 14
7:00 AM:	Tina Marie Marino
8:30 AM:	Marie Fischetti
12:15 PM:	Thomas Joseph Cortese
Thursday	September 15
7:00 AM:	Bruce Ryan II
8:30 AM:	Primo Fiore
12:15 PM:	Richard Fieldman
Friday	September 16
7:00 AM:	Robert Valenti
8:30 AM:	Ronald Hickey
12:15 PM:	Tom Fitzgerald
Saturday	September 17
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM	Marie Fischetti, Catherine Salegna, George Bolson, Bob Tesney
Sunday	September 18
8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners
9:30 AM	Stella Pepe
11:00 AM	Valentino Maietta, Barbara Ann Renz
12:30 AM	Rafael Escalara
6:00 PM	Nicholas DeMonda

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday,	September 17
5:00 PM:	Fr. Gius Garcia
Sunday,	September 18
8:00 AM:	Fr. Patrick Grace
9:30 AM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin
11:00 AM:	Fr. Gregory Cappuccino
12:30 PM:	Fr. Patrick Grace
6:00 PM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin

REST IN PEACE

Vincenza Poggio, Roselie B. Neill, Nicoletta (Nellie) A. Messina, Christopher D. Wiseman, Margaret Richards, Leonard Panicola

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Second Banns

Dennis Dozis — St. Dimitrius, Astoria
Stephanie Buckley — 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, 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, Diana Walsh, Christopher M. Wall, Bob 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, Lisa Hulsen, Providence Hulsen, Thomas Kane, Baby Dominic, Danielle E. Shingler

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.





We remember how you loved us...
SEPTEMBER 11 to SEPTEMBER 17

BREAD AND WINE

- Available

ALTAR CANDLES - Happy 83rd Birthday in Heaven Cesare Litterini. Forever in our Hearts. Your Wife and Family.

CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE

- Birthday Blessings to Eileen Winslow. Love, your Family.

CANDLES AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE

- Available

FLOWERS AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE

- Available

FLOWERS AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE

- Available

ALTAR FLOWERS

- Available

Altar Candles, 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

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

Regular Collection \$16,939.14

Online Giving \$ 1,584.00

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$125,200

\$84,339.00 Pledged

67.36% 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 reminds us that we are never fully lost. He is also calling us back to Him.

**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

This article was published last year in the bulletin on November 7, 2021 as part of the 4 part series describing the current **STATE OF THE PARISH** which also outlined future plans we as parish can look forward to. As we begin implementing it with the start of a new fiscal year, we are reprinting it for your guidance. Please read towards the end for an important update on chosen leaders for each ministry.

Part 4 of the **STATE OF THE PARISH** – **Moving Forward with Ministries**

The parish faces many challenges in responding to the different needs of parishioners. The challenge is on how we can touch people's lives, revive their faith, awaken involvement, and make faith relevant to their concrete lives by their integration to the various aspects of parish life.

There are many models of structure and operation that are currently used out there. I would like to use one that was conceptualized by the late Bishop Francisco Claver, SJ, bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Bontoc-Lagawe in the Philippines. His model is easy to remember, and allows imagination, expansion, adjustment and further development. It uses a biblical image that points to life, being awakened and growth.

He uses a common element used for baking to point to a way of being and operating as a parish faith community – YEAST. As dough requires yeast to leaven and to rise, a parish identifies certain aspects/ministries that are required to enhance for it to grow. The structure borrows from this image as an easy acronym to the ministries that we want the parish to move forward with.

Y – YOUTH E – EDUCATION A – ALTAR S – SOCIAL SERVICES T – TEMPORALITIES

We start from what is in the middle (the letter **A**), the center of the word **YEAST**, referring to the central element in parish life – the **ALTAR**. Worship is at the heart of parish life. We live and breathe as parish because we worship. It unites us and gathers all of who we are, our past and present, and moves everything to its future destination. The ministry of the Altar has many branches: environment, altar servers, lectors, extra-ordinary ministers of the Eucharist, ushers, music, sacristans. We hope to assign an Altar Ministry Leader that coordinates all these branches for us to have a unified and vibrant life of worship.

Y stands for the **YOUTH**, the future of the parish. This ministry is one that is both challenging and necessary to the life of the parish. It is essential, not optional, but an integral part of who we are. It involves not just ministering to them but allowing the youth to have a say in how they are ministered to, take charge and find ways of engagement and involvement.

E is for **EDUCATION**. Religious Education is one that is most important for the children of the parish. We not only teach them concepts and ideas of our religion but more importantly teach them traditions and practices that would instill in them ways of being a Christian as they grow up. Education and learning are a lifetime engagement. This ministry must therefore find ways of developing on-going programs of religious updating for the youth and adults as well.

S is for **SOCIAL SERVICES**. The heart of a parish is revealed in how it serves the poor, the sick, the marginalized in society, and in general how it can reach out beyond the bounds of our walls. This ministry thrives on charity and volunteerism. We aim not just to have a parish pantry where people can give from their excess and the needy get from their want. We hope to have a parish social ministry that is more



robust and thriving – that involves ministries for the poor, the bereaved, the homebound, the homeless, those who suffer from social plagues such as addictions, dependencies and discrimination whether directly or indirectly, and many other social issues and injustices.

T is for **TEMPORALITIES**. This pertains to groups who volunteer their time, talent and even treasure for the upkeep of our parish. They are those who belong to our finance board. But so too they are our gardeners, snow mowers, carpenters and technicians. They are those skilled in computers who help in the livestreaming ministry and communications ministry. They are also counters, servers, special events group, bingo staff and all who help in events and fundraisers.

In the past, what is described above are known in reference to Stewardship. The new structure is what that the parish would adhere to for its lay participation and leadership. The head minister and one (or even two) members from the ministry committee that may be formed from the 5 ministries will now comprise the new Parish Pastoral Council. It will no longer be called Parish Pastoral Council, but it will be more appropriately called **MINISTRIES COUNCIL**, whose members will both advise me on important parish matters and more importantly work to assess, evaluate, address, and implement programs pertaining to their own ministries.

What I described above may make sense as a good concept, but it could only work if people step up and own up to making it work. This parish is not a parish of one, but a parish of co-ministries. And so, its operation and improvement cannot rely on one person but in many. We pray to the Holy Spirit that it may touch many hearts in the parish to give of themselves in service.

I am very happy to announce the new ministry leaders who have agreed to lead the ministry they have been assigned to and work closely with me to plan and work at how we can make the parish a vibrant witness and evangelizer of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They are **Richard Taibi** for Youth, **Carol Tannehill** for Education, **Patricia Cusumano** for Altar, **Jane McMahon** for Social Services, and **Kerry Brennan** for Temporalities.

In the coming weeks I will be meeting with them individually and as a group so we can put into motion their plans and make the ministries in the parish vibrant. Please pray for them and I ask that we give them all the support they need to make this work.

ALERT: The federal government, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) are proposing rule (RIN 0945-AA17), which expands the definition of “sex discrimination” to include “termination of pregnancy” and “gender identity”.

If HHS adopts this, it could be construed to require healthcare professionals and providers to perform abortions and also require a health plan to cover abortions, based on the theory that declining to do so would constitute sex discrimination.

The rule would similarly prohibit health professionals and other health care providers from declining to provide abortions and prohibit health plans from declining to cover gender-transition procedures, again on the theory that a decision not to participate or pay for such procedures constitutes sex discrimination.

I urge you to contact HHS to comment on the proposed rule. Comments must be received by HHS on or before October 3, 2022. Address it to:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Of-

ice for Civil Rights. Attention: 1557 NPRM (RIN 0945 – AA17) Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 509F 200 Independence Avenue SW Washington, DC 20201

You may wish to use the following proposed message:

“The proposal rule (RIN-AA17) is an affront to, and offends, the conscience rights of health care professionals and entities that seek to Do No Harm and to offer practical and life-giving care to the people they serve.

Health care providers and insurers should not be coerced to perform or cover abortions or transgender procedures.

A decision not to provide or cover abortion or transgender procedures is not sex discrimination.

Provisions of the proposed rule that can be construed to require the providing for, or coverage of, such procedures violate rights of conscience and religious freedom as reflected in current federal conscience laws, including the Weldon Amendment.

For these reasons, I oppose the abortion and gender identity provisions of the proposed rule.” *(Please sign your name)*

Family Faith Formation and Religious Education

Fully
booked!

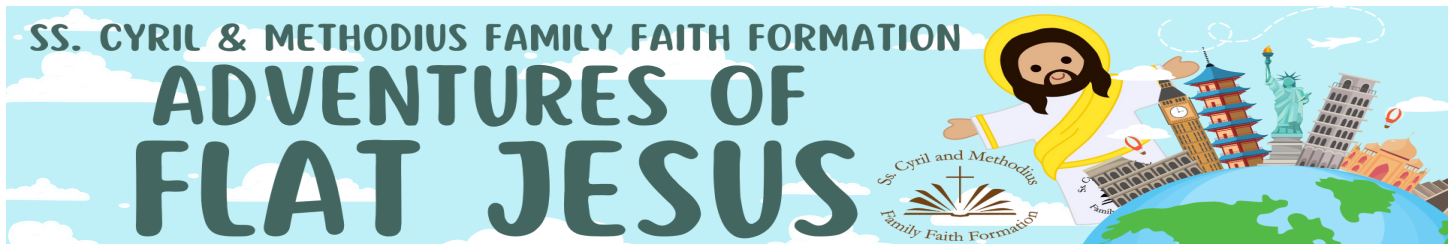
End of Registration Season

After being open since June, **Registration for the 2022-2023 year is CLOSED as of Thursday, September 1st.** Please note that the Office of Family Faith Formation is **CLOSED to the general public during this time**, as we prepare all that we need for all of our students and families who registered with us. Thank you so very much to all of the members of our Parish Family who made our Registration Season such a success. We are so excited to get everything ready for you!

What Happens Next?

This next month will be spent updating all of our families' information, and making new contact chains for the upcoming 2022-2023 year. **The families who registered with us for this upcoming year will receive our September Newsletter later in the month.** Once our Staff updates everyone's information, and we finalize all of the classes for your children, those families that registered will receive a letter in the mail with their children's class assignments, parent meetings, and all information for the upcoming year. Please keep our Office Staff in your prayers as we prepare all of these logistics for all of our Catechists, students, and their families!

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Flat Jesus is so loving the warm weather that He didn't want to come home quite yet! After His cruise to Bermuda, He joined the LaGonterie Family on their trip to **Jamaica!** Flat Jesus spent His days on the beach taking in the sunshine, and even took a day to go snorkeling! He is having a great time!

Have you done something fun with Flat Jesus this summer? We want to know all about it! Make sure to tell us what Flat Jesus has done with your family using the QR code to the right so that we can share His summer adventures with everyone!



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faithformation@sscmdp.org
Instagram: SSCMFamilyFaithFormation
Facebook: SsCyrilandMethodiusRCC

YOUTH GROUP RESTARTS SEPTEMBER 18TH

Youth Group for all 8th-12th Graders begins on Sunday, September 18th. We meet Sunday evenings after the 6:00 pm Mass from 7:00- 9:00 in the gym. We provide Social, Spiritual and Service opportunities for our teens. Please, give us a try and bring a friend. If you have questions, feel free to contact Tim Leitch. Text or call 631-806-4715

FINAL CALL FOR BASKETBALL!!

CYO Travel Basketball Late Registration is open to all boys & girls in the 4th-8th Grades as of 9/22. The LAST registration dates are September 12 & 13 from 7-9 PM in the gym. The registration fee: for grade 4 is \$175 and grades 5-8 is \$195. The registration will be complete when payment is made.

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 resume Wednesday, September 14th. 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.** **We will resume September 13th.** 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

Our next meeting will be on **October 4, 2022 at 2:30pm** in the Father Behan Hall. Any questions call John Kelly at 631-586-0827. Join us at our Christmas Party at Captain Bills. For more information call Mary Indelicato at 631-667-2998.

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.

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

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

Membership Drive the weekend of September 24th and 25th in the Breezeway after all the Masses except the 6:00pm Mass. The primary requirements to be a member of this organization is to be a Catholic female in good standing with the Church and to be 18 years of age or older. If you would like more information please contact Inez Schillinger at 631-586-2176.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

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 October 1, 2022.** Any questions call Nancy Lanni at 631-242-5078.

SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our next 6 Hour **Defensive Driving Course** is **October 8th**, in the Father Behan Hall. Coffee and bagel breakfast at 8:30am donated by Mangano Funeral Home. Pizza lunch will be provided. Space is limited. No Walk Ins allowed. If you would like to sign up for the Defensive Driving Course, please contact Phil Hogan at 631-667-9148.

RCIA

The 2022 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.

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



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.

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish Music Ministry

presents

the Inaugural Season of

Make a Joyful Noise!

a yearly Parish Music Series



Michael L. Bower, Concert Organist, is delighted to join the Prayer Community of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Parish of Deer Park to play an Organ Concert on **Friday, September 30th, 7:00 PM!!!**

Mr. Bower has performed Concerts here in the United States and in Europe during his tenure as Associate Director of Music, then, Director of Music at St. Agnes Cathedral, the Mother Church of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, where he directs six wonderful Choirs.

A native of Floyd, Virginia, he began formal piano lessons at age six and was playing for Sunday services in his home parish by age 12. He began teaching himself to play the organ at age 13 and held his first position as church organist at age 15.

Mr. Bower received his Bachelor's Degree Magna Cum Laude in Sacred Music and Organ Performance from Westminster Choir College, Princeton, where he studied organ with the late Dr. Donald G. McDonald, harpsichord with Mark Brombaugh, and conducting with Joseph Flummerfelt. During his undergraduate years, Mr. Bower pursued additional organ study with Marilyn Keiser of Indiana University and Gerre Hancock, St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, New York. He continued organ study with Stephen Cleobury at Kings College, Cambridge, and conducting with John Rutter at Clare College, Cambridge, England.

Michael earned his Master's Degree with Honors in Organ Performance from Manhattan School of Music, where he studied organ with John Walker, Baroque continuo with Kenneth Cooper, and conducting with Amy Keiser. At graduation, Bower received the John Cerovallo award for his outstanding performance of the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. Bower has performed organ recitals on the East Coast, the Mid-West, Germany, Austria, Italy, France, and England.

Michael was the Dean of the Nassau County Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, Chair of the International Conference of Roman Catholic Cathedral Musicians, and past member of the Diocesan Liturgy Commission of Rockville Centre.

DON'T MISS THIS VERY SPECIAL MUSICAL EVENT



***Masquerade Murder Mystery
Dinner Party***

Join the fun and help solve the mystery during this live interactive performance.

Masquerade attire optional

When: Saturday November 5, 2022
6 – 10 pm
Where: Father Behan Hall

Ticket cost - \$60 per person

Early bird special through September 30 - \$55 per person

Includes beer, wine, soda, dinner, show and dessert.

No ticket sales at the door.

SPACE WILL BE LIMITED.

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

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

Please find enclosed \$_____ for _____ tickets.

Names: _____

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Send to: SVdP of SSCM - 125 Half Hollow Road, Deer Park, NY 11729
Attention Jane McMahon

20 Catholic Ministries Appeal
22 DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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- Pope Francis*

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FAITH

HOPE

& LOVE

"The one who is gracious to the poor lends to the Lord, and the Lord will repay him for his good deed."
Proverbs 19:17

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

Parish _____ Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____ Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA> or call us at **516-678-5800 ext. 296.**

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



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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.

BINGO

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



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Available for use
by families with babies and toddlers.

The Children's Chapel
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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**
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Saint: _____

In memory of: _____ (optional)

Requested by: _____

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Director of Parish Social Ministry

Hello everyone. I hope everyone had a great Labor Day weekend.

I thought I would bring you up to date on things happening over here at Parish Social Ministry. We have had more people call to volunteer. I am so very happy to have them. More will be coming on board as soon as we get some of the different programs rolling.

I thought you would also like to know that through your generosity and our grants at Long Island Cares we have provided 4572 services and meals to our clients to date this year. Everyone give yourselves a standing ovation!

I know times are difficult right now for everyone, however, we have done so well with what we have been able to provide. It's quite remarkable. We have one of the best programs on Long Island and we will be even better as we get more services up and running.

I hope everyone has a great week and again thank you for all you do for the Glory of our Lord.

God bless you! As always you are welcome to come and see what we are doing over here. I promise I am very approachable and open to all you wish to share with me.

Janet

PANTRY NEEDS:

FOOD

1. Tuna fish
2. Jelly
3. Peanut butter
4. All canned vegetables
5. All canned beans
6. Pasta sauce (24 oz jars)
7. Pasta
8. Dry beans (except pinto we still have a whole case)
9. Canned fruit
10. Cookies
11. Crackers
12. Granola Bars
13. Spam
14. Manwich (sloppy joes)
15. Cereal

NON FOOD ITEMS

1. Tissues
2. Shower gel
3. Laundry Detergent
4. Dishwashing liquid

Gift cards are always welcome.

Gift cards from anywhere are of course most welcome. I say Aldi and Lidl mostly because the dollar goes much further there. Even Dollar Tree has many things we can purchase. That is not to say we don't want gift cards to the other stores as well. We also want to support our local grocery stores as well.

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.

Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes

SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN BINGO

Proceeds to benefit SSCM Social Ministry

Saturday, October 15 from 6:00 pm –9:00 pm — Ss. Cyril and Methodius Father Behan Hall

Adults \$15 Children \$5 or a family of 4 for \$35 Costumes optional

Come and enjoy pizza and bingo games

There will also be a spooktacular raffle

For information contact Sue Hogan at 631-667-9148 or Annemarie D'Attoma at 631-586-8551

Make checks payable to OLOR Columbiettes

All money due by October 10, 2022

Drop off checks in the Columbiette mailbox at the Rectory

**Last chance to get tickets will be on Saturday October 8th in the Breezeway
after the 5pm Mass Only**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

OF ADULTS _____ # OF CHILDREN _____ FAMILY OF 4 _____ TOTAL _____ CK# _____