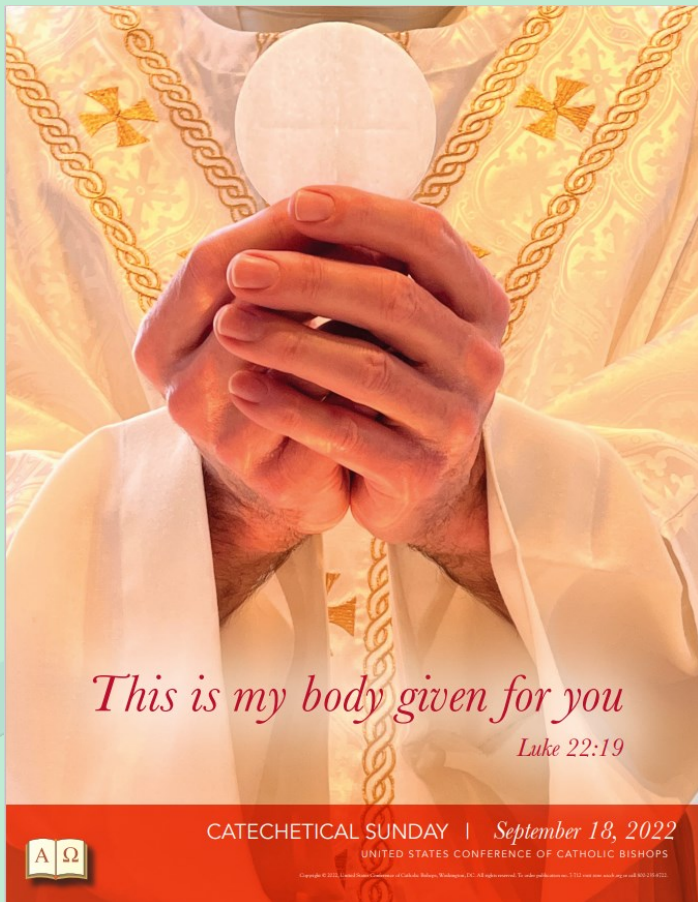


ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF  
**Ss. CYRIL &  
METHODIUS**

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

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 18, 2022**



Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2022, and the theme is: **"This is my body given for you"**

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates from the Greek word eucharistia, meaning thanksgiving. In the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. The whole Christ is truly present -- body, blood, soul, and divinity -- under the appearances of bread and wine, the glorified Christ who rose from the dead. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist.

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**Readings and Songs this Sunday**

**No. 1166 in the Blue Gather Hymnal**

1st Reading: **Amos 8:4-7**

2nd Reading: **1 Timothy 2:1-8**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13)**

**LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:**

Seek Ye First **#658**

The Cry of the Poor **#47**

Take and Eat This Bread **#928**

Let There Be Peace on Earth **#829**

(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 on a Right to Life Initiative!
- ♦ Support for the Family Festival Raffle needed before final draw.
- ♦ Please be aware of fraudulent requests for Gift Cards. No Staff member will request via e-mail or text for you to purchase Gift Cards.

## 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

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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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 19</b>
7:00 AM:	For Russell Salerno's intentions
8:30 AM:	Rita Holz
12:15 PM:	Paula Cresciullo
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 20</b>
7:00 AM:	Lawrence Grella
8:30 AM:	Raymond Pomerence
12:15 PM:	Felix Maya
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 21</b>
7:00 AM:	Cathy Salegna
8:30 AM:	Lucille Leopold
12:15 PM:	John and Catherine Murray
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 22</b>
7:00 AM:	<b>(Open: no offered intentions)</b>
8:30 AM:	Antonio Rigunay
12:15 PM:	Sebastiano Luppino
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 23</b>
7:00 AM:	Jimmy Lynch
8:30 AM:	Constance Rokicka
12:15 PM:	Anna Maria Mannino
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 24</b>
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM	Victor Agatep, Felicissima Armecin, Alfredo, Dolores and Teddy Ouano, Regino and Eulalia Iyoy, Arthur Hakels
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 25</b>
8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners
9:30 AM	Eloina M. Hortas Jr.
11:00 AM	Eduardo Rivera, Mary Jane Muller, Roselie Neill
12:30 AM	Joseph F. Sarno
6:00 PM	Damian J. Aiello II

## PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>September 24</b>
5:00 PM:	Fr. Patrick Grace
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>September 25</b>
8:00 AM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin
9:30 AM:	Fr. Gius Garcia
11:00 AM:	Fr. Patrick Grace
12:30 PM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin
6:00 PM:	Fr. Gius Garcia

## REST IN PEACE

Gavin L. Bueno, Angelina Pecora, Horace J. Altobelli, James Cooney

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Third Banns

Dennis Dozis — St. Dimitrius, Astoria  
Stephanie Buckley — Ss. Cyril and Methodius

## NEWLY BAPTIZED

Caiden Andrew Romero, Parker Graham Hopkins, Azaylia Bella Jean-Louis

## 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 DeCerro, 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, Bob Lockwood

## 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.



## FROM THE PASTOR

...from cover page

By his Real Presence in the Eucharist Christ fulfills his promise to be with us "always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20). As St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, "It is the law of friendship that friends should live together. Christ has not left us without his bodily presence in this our pilgrimage, but he joins us to himself in this sacrament in the reality of his body and blood" (Summa Theologiae, III q. 75, a. 1). With this gift of Christ's presence in our midst, the Church is truly blessed. As Jesus told his disciples, referring to his presence among them, "Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it" (Mt 13:17). In the Eucharist the Church both receives the gift of Jesus Christ and gives grateful thanks to God for such a

blessing. This thanksgiving is the only proper response, for through this gift of himself in the celebration of the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine Christ gives us the gift of eternal life.

*"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me."* (Jn 6:53-57)

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/evangelization-catechesis/catechetical-sunday-2022>

**We remember how you loved us...**  
**SEPTEMBER 18 to SEPTEMBER 24**

### **BREAD AND WINE**

- Available

**ALTAR CANDLES** - In loving memory of Catherine Salegna. Forever in our hearts. Fanny Paladino and Family.

### **CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE**

- Happy Birthday in Heaven, Anna Maria Mannino. Always in our hearts. 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 11, 2022**

**Regular Collection \$14,944.93**

**Online Giving \$ 2,295.86**

### **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**

**Goal \$125,200**

**\$84,504.00 Pledged**

**67.50% 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 second reading, we are called to pray for all in authority.

### **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



# ANNUAL SSCM PARISH RAFFLE

## The Family Festival Raffle

**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.

**ONLY less than 100 tickets left before drawing winners!**

### **ALERT! ALERT! ALERT! ALERT! 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,  
Office 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

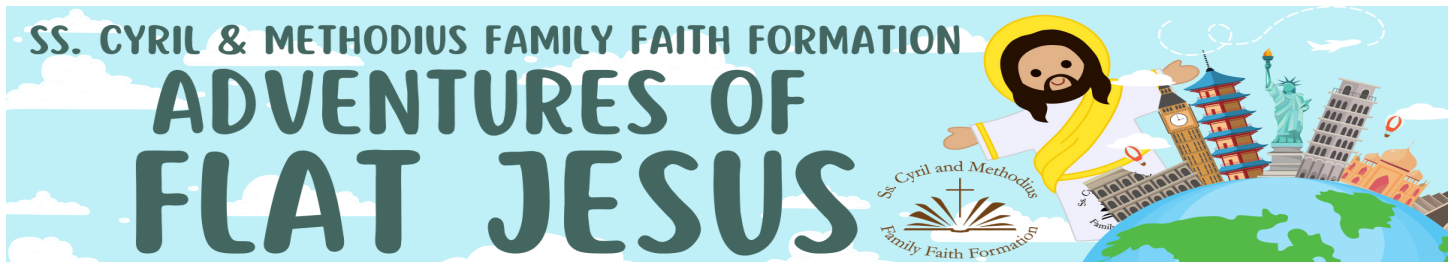
Fully  
booked!

## 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!



Flat Jesus is still enjoying His adventures before we start classes for the year! He is loving sharing in all of the fun that our families are including Him in!

After His time in **Jamaica** with the LaGonterie Family, Flat Jesus came back to **Deer Park** to spend time with the Woolley Family and their **backyard chickens**! Flat Jesus got a chance to meet all of the chickens at the coop, and loved being able to spend some time outside in the sunshine! Thank you Woolley Family for taking such good care of God's creatures!

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 all of 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



## YOUTH GROUP RESTARTS SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>

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

## SEEKING INNER PEACE

Come to Saint Joseph Parish Mission, 39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, October 3rd—6th Morning Mission Mass 8:30am. Evening Mission Hour 6:45pm Come to one session or both “Different Talks”.

## 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

Join the Rosary Altar Society every Wednesday and Friday at 6pm. You may tune in to the communal recitation of the Rosary on ZOOM CONFERENCE as led by the members of the Holy Rosary Society of Saints Cyril and Methodius. Download the **Zoom app** on your phone or login to **zoom.us Meeting ID: 82505467253** and **Password: TV369x** Any questions call Leslie Barra at 631-586-1663.

## 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"**

In these hard economic times, many people are searching for employment and some people have been forced to take on a second job in order to make ends meet. We try to stay informed about local employment opportunities and have recently learned about the following job openings:

The Deer Park Library is holding an in person job fair on September 29, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The local Post Offices have job openings, as do the local Deer Park, North Babylon and Half Hollow Hills School Districts.

Harbor Freight is opening a new store in the Salpino's shopping center and is looking for employees, and GEICO, Suffolk Transportation and Home Depot are hiring.

Information on job opportunities for most businesses is now available online. Seasonal employment opportunities are just around the corner, and many seasonal jobs are currently being advertised on job websites like [indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com) and [ziprecruiter.com](https://www.ziprecruiter.com).

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](mailto: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 **Oct. 10th 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





***"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***

### **It's Back to School and Your Support is Needed!**

We all have been touched by the rising inflation rate – close to 8% on Long Island and the highest in 40 years. The spike in gas and food prices combined with the high cost of housing has caused a big financial burden on our Long Island Community. To add to the woes of many families are the soaring prices of back-to-school essentials. Currently, it's estimated that it will cost Long Island families over \$1,017 and \$1,668 per elementary-school student and high-school student, respectively.



Last year families had some relief from stimulus checks and the advanced child tax credit. Now, new clients are turning to Catholic Charities and their local parish outreach for assistance.

***The Facts about Long Island's Hungry According to Newsday, food-insecure Long Islanders as of June 2022: 250,000 residents, 67,000 of whom are children. Hungry children are put at an academic and social disadvantage.***

**How You Can Help!!!** Your support of the Catholic Ministries is crucial at this time. All donations regardless of size will make a difference in the lives of others and supports programs that provide pastoral care to those in need.

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.**



## \*\*\*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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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**

## *Make a Joyful Noise!* FUTURE EVENTS

**Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** , 7:00PM – **A CEREMONY OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS**, featuring the combined choirs, cantors and musicians of our parish and those of several neighboring parishes. This will be the perfect way to properly prepare for the coming of our Lord at Christmas!

**Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** , 7:00PM – **LENTEN TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS**, featuring Taize chants accompanied by piano, flute, violin and guitar in a prayerful atmosphere, uniquely lit by candlelight. This will be a striking meditation on the meaning of the cross of Christ and promises to be an essential Lenten experience.

**Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** , 7:00pm – **PARISH SPRING CONCERT**, featuring sacred and secular works performed by our own musicians, choirs, cantors and our pastor, priests and deacons! This concert will be a time to celebrate our parish and the gifts our Lord has showered on us all. This year's tentative theme: "**Encounter, Listen and Discern**".

If you would like to help defray the costs of these special events, as well as, regular Music Ministry expenses, please consider becoming a **Liturgical Music Patron**. If you have been blessed and are able to help, please leave a message for Deacon James with the receptionist at the rectory - 631 667 4044 x100.



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

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

### *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.

Please find enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ tickets.

Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
Send to: SVdP of SSCM - 125 Half Hollow Road, Deer Park, NY 11729  
Attention Jane McMahon



# 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 are winning are 1 in 200.

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



All winners will be picked as soon as all the \$5,000 Raffle Tickets are sold. We have 75 Raffle Tickets Left.

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**



# 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)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Phone number)

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

# 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 hope everyone had a good week. I certainly did. I had the chance to have dinner with 4 nuns that are Daughter's of Wisdom and it was lovely. They are keeping Parish Social Ministry and everyone in the Parish in their prayers.

First, before I get into my letter I would like us to move on from the rumors that have been going around. If anyone felt slighted it was certainly not my intention and my letters are never written in that vein. I was reminded that I am an outsider here, a concept I had not considered as I do not view myself that way. Please come and meet me my door is always open

I am looking forward to opening our little thrift store in the near future. We are nearly ready to open "Saint Cyril's Boutique". Quite a number of things have already been donated not the least of which are two beautiful wedding gowns. I will let everyone know when we are in need of more things to display and sell. If anyone would like to volunteer for the thrift store please give me a call. I have had a few interested parishioners already and I am looking forward to meeting even more of you.

Our pantry is quite a bit depleted as more families join every week. This is a difficult time for everyone I really understand that. So many people are so very generous, and we are grateful every week when we see those bins on Monday mornings. Thank you thank you thank you! You have no idea how much the clients appreciate all that is given to them.

Until next time have a Blessed week and be safe.

God Bless you,

*Janet*

## PANTRY NEEDS:

### FOOD

1. Tuna fish
2. Jelly
3. Peanut butter
4. Canned food
5. Oatmeal
6. Cereal
7. Pasta sauce (24 oz jars)
8. Pasta
9. Crackers
10. Jello
11. Pudding

## NON FOOD ITEMS

1. Tissues
2. Napkins
3. Toilet Paper
4. Paper Towels

**We have a number of clients who have had to give up their cars because they can no longer afford them. We can use grocery carts for the walkers. As always anything you can do to help is greatly appreciated.**

**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.

## Respect Life

October 2nd is Respect Life Sunday. Please put it in your Calendar.

We pray at every mass to Respect & Protect life from conception to natural death.

How do we as Catholics nurture and respect life? Do we support women as we encourage them to choose life and carry to term a pregnancy?

Do we help newborns-toddlers-tweens-teens-young adults-Not so young adults-Seniors- & those who are dying in their times of need?

Respecting Life at all stages is such an important Mission not only here at SSCM, but throughout our diocese and the Catholic Church as a whole.

How Can we "WALK" WITH THOSE IN NEED?

Our SSCM Parish Social Ministry, by way of all your generous donations does so much assisting those in need, and that itself is Respecting Life!

*Margie Reilly*

## 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](mailto:frchris@sscmdp.org). Some training is involved

- **Cleaning Ministry** - Meets Friday at 1:45 after Confessions. To volunteer, contact [jloring@sscmdp.org](mailto: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# \_\_\_\_\_