

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

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### 3rd Sunday of ADVENT

December 11, 2022

My dear parishioners,

This weekend, we will be lighting the Christmas tree in the sanctuary of the Church. Once again, you are encouraged to honor and pay tribute to a loved one who has inspired you and brought light to your life through the **1000 Lights Campaign**. From your generous contribution, an elegant ceramic ornament bearing the name of "your light" will adorn the Christmas tree the entire Christmas season. After the season, we will mail the ornament to you as a remembrance.

I will remember . . .  
Your light always  
shines in my heart



1000  
*Lights*



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### Readings and Songs this Sunday

#### No. 997 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Isaiah 35:1-6,10**

2nd Reading: **James 5:7-10**

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 11:2-11**

#### LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

Come, O Long-Expected Jesus **#403**

O Come, Divine Messiah! **#401**

Maranatha, Come **#410**

Savior of the Nations, Come **#421**

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)

### Upcoming Events

**December 16** - ADVENT TRIPTYCH continues - 3 Friday nights of Advent Prayer and Reflection. See page 13 for details.

**December 12** - 5:00 pm Mass in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. To be followed by a re-enactment of the apparition of the Lady to Blessed Juan Diego.

**December 19** - ADVENT Confessions from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**Saturday:** 5:00 pm (Vigil)

**Sunday:** 8:00 am, 9:30 am: Family Mass - LIVESTREAM,  
11:00 am, 12:30 pm  
4:00 pm (Vietnamese Mass) & 6:00 pm

**Weekdays:** 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm

**Saturday:** 8:30 am

### HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Eve of Holy Day: 5:00 pm

Holy Day: 7:00 am, 8:30 am  
12:15 pm & 7:00 pm

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** (Children's Chapel)

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: after the 12:15 pm Mass

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

and by appointment by calling the Parish Office

## PARISH OFFICE

Tel: (631) 667-4044

Fax: (631) 667-6237

Email: parishoffice@sscmdp.org

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Saturday & Sunday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday:

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

## Parish Social Ministry Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Other hours by appointment only.

Email: socialministry@sscmdp.org

**BAPTISM:** Saturday at 12:30 pm and Sunday at 2:00 pm. Contact the Parish Office to arrange for an interview and to register for the required preparation class.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance and prior to wedding reception plans. Call the Parish Center to make an appointment for the initial intake.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:** Holy Communion are ministered by appointment to those confined to home. Contact the Parish Office to schedule a visit by a Eucharistic Minister.

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

### PASTORAL STAFF: (631) 667-4044

Rev. Gius Garcia, *Pastor*, Ext. 121

Rev. 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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 12</b>
7:00 AM:	Sheila Malerba
8:30 AM:	Fr. Charles Srion
12:15 PM:	Maria Perez
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 13</b>
7:00 AM:	Robert Malerba
8:30 AM:	Cathy Salegna
12:15 PM:	Cormac B. Gerrity
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 14</b>
7:00 AM:	Lawrence Downes
8:30 AM:	Father Charles Srion
12:15 PM:	Hermann Navarro
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 15</b>
7:00 AM:	For Robert Salerno's intentions
8:30 AM:	Francesco Fusco
12:15 PM:	Frank Matos
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 16</b>
7:00 AM:	Sacred Heart of Jesus for a favor granted
8:30 AM:	For David and Jodi Goulding's intentions
12:15 PM:	Antonio Rigunay
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 17</b>
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM	Richard, Marcellina and Michael Solomita, Burke and Power Families, George McCabe, Donald
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 18</b>
8:00 AM	Raymond Grieb
9:30 AM	Maria Mancini
11:00 AM	Pasquale Mascaro, Damian J. Aiello II, Lucy Haiste, Rocco Cetta, Rosalie Neill, Frances Vercere, living & deceased members of LAOH Div.2
12:30 AM	Adele Minetta
6:00 PM	For Our Parishioners

## PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>December 17</b>
5:00 PM:	Fr. Gius Garcia
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 18</b>
8:00 AM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin
9:30 AM:	Fr. Gregory Cappuccino
11:00 AM:	Fr. Patrick Grace
12:30 PM:	Fr. Christopher Deh
6:00 PM:	Fr. Patrick Grace

## REST IN PEACE

Agatha (Marie) Sutter, Donna M. Pititto, Linda Mary Ordonez, Monica Rooney, Anna Keane, Joseph T. Acquaviva

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

First Banns

Edward Hurley — Ss. Cyril and Methodius  
Laura Bellotti — Ss. Cyril and Methodius

## NEWLY BAPTIZED

Cielo Trifina-Leigh Moreno, Ava Madison Fitzpatrick, Eric Nguyen

## 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, Mark Dixon, Troy Liddell, Rosemarie Maloney, Susan and Paul Mattei, Salvatore Piazzolla, Mark Glatzer, Rosemarie Dorsty, 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, ArleneMcMahon Lisa Hulsen, Providence Hulsen, Thomas Kane, Baby Dominic, Danielle E. Shingler, Bob Lockwood, Heather Dunne, Ellen Bland, Tammy Walsh, Mary Theresa Deegan, Edmond Fitzgerald, Inez Schillinger, Jackie McDonald

## 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, Sgt. 1st Class William J. Braun.

## FROM THE PASTOR

We thank Robert and Linda Laucella for setting up the **presepio** at the Children's chapel. In order to preserve it, the metal gates of the chapel are locked. But you are more than welcome to view it anytime during the day and take pictures.

The **presepio**, from the Latin "presepium" - (*manger*) has been the symbol of Christmas for Italian families for dozens of generations, and in the South, perhaps as long as a thousand years. It is a tradition of devotion representing the birth of the baby Jesus. These nativity scenes typically consist of a structure to represent the simple barn where Joseph and Mary were forced to give birth to the Son of God. An ox, donkey, angels and perhaps the three Wise Men are typically represented.

But the presepio is much, much more, show-



ing village scenes from every day life. Its components are mostly handmade from a variety of materials: wood, ceramic, cartapesta (Papier-mâché), terracotta and fabrics. Some scenes include small waterfalls or fountains, houses, buildings, mountains, trees, grottoes, livestock and vendors of all sorts. The details can be absolutely astounding. In the coming years, we hope to be expanding the parish collection to preserve the tradition.

**We remember how you loved us...  
DECEMBER 11 TO DECEMBER 17**

### BREAD AND WINE

- Available

ALTAR CANDLES - Forever in my heart, Anna Thomas. You are always loved and missed. Love, Mom

### 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

- Happy Birthday in Heaven, Johnny Macaluso. Love, Family

### 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

DECEMBER 4, 2022

**Regular Collection \$16,640.92**

**Online Giving \$ 1,472.97**

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**

**Goal \$125,200**

**\$92,735.00 Pledged**

**74.07% of Parish Goal**

Thank you, and God Bless you, for your faithful weekly Stewardship of our Parish and for your support of the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal!

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells St. John the Baptist's disciples of the good works He has done.

### **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

## Advent Family Night

We had such a great turnout for our Advent Family Night to start our Advent Season! Our evening was filled with prayer, fun, and stories that told us all about the coming of Jesus, read by St. John the Baptist, St. Lucy, and St. Melchior! Big thanks to our special guests who spent their night with all of our boys and girls and their families!



## Last Week of Classes Before Christmas

This week is our **LAST WEEK** of classes before we break for Christmas! We will have classes on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week, and then will be CLOSED for Christmas Break as of Thursday evening when classes are over. We are looking forward to seeing all of our boys and girls this week!



## Mary's Baby Shower

This is the **LAST WEEK** of our Advent initiative, **Mary's Baby Shower!** In honor of how our Blessed Mother prepared for her own pregnancy, we invite our Parish Family to bring to our Office some of the following specific items for mothers who, like Mary, said "*Fiat: Yes!*" to the gift of life:

Diapers (sizes 2-6), Pull-Ups (sizes 2T-6),  
Baby Wipes, and Small/Medium diaper bags, totes, or backpacks

Gifts may be dropped off to the Family Faith Formation Office, located in our school building, **until Wednesday, December 14th**. All of Mary's gifts will be donated to mothers in need through our Ss. Cyril and Methodius Respect Life Ministry.



### Administration

Ms. Laucella

Director of Family Faith Formation,  
Programming, & Religious Education  
(631) 667-4044 ext. 145

### Office Information

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:30am-2:30pm  
(631) 667-4044 exts. 146 & 147  
faithformation@sscmdp.org  
Instagram: SSCMFamilyFaithFormation

# 2022 Advent, Christmas & 2023 New Year Schedule

## CONFESSIONS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 12:45 pm to 1:15 pm

Saturday, December 17 - 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Monday, December 19 - 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

## MASSES

Saturday, December 24 - CHRISTMAS Vigil

4:00 pm, 6:00 pm

& 10:00 pm (*Concelebrated Mass*)

**There is NO 12:00 Midnight Mass**

Sunday, December 25 - CHRISTMAS Day

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30pm

**There is NO 6:00 Mass**

Sunday, January 1 - MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Vigil - 5:00 pm on Saturday, December 31

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 6:00 pm

Sunday, January 8 - EPIPHANY

Vigil - 5:00 pm on Saturday, January 7

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 6:00 pm

# CATHOLICISM



Join Father Grace on Tuesday, **January 17th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** in the Father Behan Hall. **Episode 8: “A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints,”** Bishop Barron celebrates some of Church’s most extraordinary saints —Edith Stein, Mother Teresa, Therese of Lisieux and Katharine Drexel. **Please note we will resume January 17th.**

## **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 Tuesday and Thursday 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**

In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. 1John 4:9,11 Meets every **Tuesday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Senior Room.** 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 **January 3, 2023 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"**

Happy Third Sunday of Advent! In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched, felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.

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 and leave a message at 631-667-4044 ext. 175.

If you would like to donate clothing, the bins in the north side of the church are for clothing only. To donate furniture, please call 631-858-0380. To donate household goods, please visit the SVDP Thrift Stores at 1705 Jericho Turnpike, Huntington, NY 11743 or 2160 Jericho Turnpike, Garden City Park, NY 11040 or visit [www.svdpli.org](http://www.svdpli.org) for additional information.

## **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

There is no meeting in January and February. We will resume **March 6th**. Any questions call Alba Barra at 631-274-5570.

## **OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COLUMBIETTES**

Our next meeting is **December 12th at 7:00 p.m.** at Our Lady of the Rosary Council on Long Island Ave. **This is our Christmas meeting.** Please bring a dessert and wear your ugly sweaters. Also don't forget to bring your Adopt a Family gifts wrapped. Any questions call Inez Schillinger, President at 631-586-2176.

## **OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Please call Grand Knight Dan Thompson at 646-529-4850 if interested in becoming a member.

## **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 January 7th, 2023.** Any questions call Nancy Lanni at 631-242-5078.

## **CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY**

The first phase of pew cleaning has been completed.. We thank the 5 volunteers who devoted many hours to removing the top layer of grime from the pews.

While we wait to continue this process. Just remember this is our church, let's keep the Church clean!

## **CHRISTMAS COOKIES FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

Teens of the parish would like to put together some simple gifts and cookies for the homebound members of our congregation. If you bring the Eucharist to one of our homebound or have a homebound person in your home who would benefit from this project, please contact Tim Leitch at 631-806-4715. We need to hear from you by December 7th. Gifts will be distributed after the Masses on December 17 & 18.







# QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DONATIONS (QCD)

*Direct transfers from IRAs to Charities  
– a tax benefit for you*

**This unique opportunity allows taxpayers to make charitable contributions through a direct IRA transfer.**

**If you would like to make a gift using your Ira and if:**

1. You are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift
2. Your IRA is a traditional (some Roth IRA's may qualify)
3. You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions

## **TAX SAVING ADVANTAGES:**

1. QCDs are not included in your adjusted gross income.
2. QCDs deliver a tax benefit while “regular” charitable donations might not since the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act almost doubled the standard deductions amounts.
3. QCDs taken from your traditional IRA counts as a distribution for the required minimum distribution (RMD) rules. Therefore, you can donate all or part of your RMD that you would otherwise be forced to receive and pay taxes on.

The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution." In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form.

**VERY IMPORTANT!! Your gift must go directly from your IRA to the Charity. If you receive the money first then you'll be taxed on it like any other distribution.**

Bill has a \$125,000 in a traditional IRA and would like to contribute \$5,000 to his parish. Upon hearing of the **Charitable IRA Rollover** opportunity, he directs the custodian of his IRA to transfer this amount not later than December 31, 2022 directly to the Parish as the family's 2022 gift. He gets to exclude the IRA distribution given to charity from income.

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### 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, in the Father Behan Hall.** For more information and **to register** please call Mary at 631.291.7020



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-Pope Francis

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

# ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE AS A DEACON?

By virtue of Baptism, we are called to holiness—the lay faithful as well as bishops, priests, and deacons. But have you felt called to serve in a much deeper and committed way? If you are a man between the ages of 30 and 59, who feels that you are being called to ordained ministry as a deacon in the Church, you are invited to come for an Evening of Prayer and Discernment with other men of faith to discuss and explore that very question. There is no cost to the evening—just your time and openness.

**COME TO ANY ONE OF THESE MEETINGS - PREPARED to LISTEN, to PRAY, to REFLECT, to DISCERN where God is calling you!**

- EVENINGS** are being offered conveniently at **THREE LOCATIONS.**
- 7:00PM, Tuesday, January 10 - St. Joseph Ronkonkoma, 45 Church Street
  - 7:00PM, Wednesday, January 11 - Maria Regina Seaford, 3945 Jerusalem Avenue
  - 7:00PM, Thursday, January 19 - St. Aidan Williston Park, 505 Willis Avenue

with an **EARLY WEEKEND OPTION** to be held at  
 1:00PM, Sunday, January 15 -St. John the Evangelist Center Moriches, 25 Ocean Avenue

RSVP by Friday, January 6th, to 631-423-0483 Ext. 179 or by email to [diaconateformation@drvc.org](mailto:diaconateformation@drvc.org)

**We thank you and look forward to being with you.**

# **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

*PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS*

*PATRONESS OF THE UNBORN*

*Come celebrate as we share Mary's  
Concern for the Poor and Powerless*

*On:*

***Monday, December 12 at 5:00pm***

*PROCESSION AND MASS AT*

***THE PARISH OF***

***STS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS***

*125 Half Hollow Road, Deer Park N.Y., 11729*

*Following the Mass Re-Enactment Apparitions of*

***OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE,***

*Will be the OLOG*

***Celebration Dinner at***

*Father Behan Hall- (church auditorium)*

*Featuring "Latin America" Cuisine*

*200 people Limit*

***Donation: \$10 Adult, children free***

***❖ Raffle Table 3tkts x \$5.00 - 7tkts x \$10.00***

***Proceeds to Ss Cyril and Methodius Church  
and Our Lady of Guadalupe Schools***

***For more information contact Carmen Gomez # (631) 243-6146***

# FRIDAYS OF ADVENT

December 2, 9 and 16 at 7:00 pm in the Church



Please join us for an **ADVENT TRIPTYCH**  
three nights of ADVENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

**December 2** – Advent Evening of Recollection for Children and Families, Christmas story telling.

**December 9** – Lessons & Carols

**December 16** – Advent Holy Hour & Vespers. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer and Benediction, with music lead by our choir

*Amid the chaos and noise that this season may bring...*

**COME JOIN US**

For some moments of prayer and quiet

**DECEMBER 16—7:00 PM**

Advent Holy Hour & Vespers.  
Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer and Benediction, with music lead by our choir



# Make a Joyful Noise!

## FUTURE EVENTS

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.

## Respect Life

Please Visit our Pro-Life Material rack in the back foyer of the church, closest to Deer Park Ave. Here you will find many valuable resources for all of life's stages.

From dating and marriage to family planning, infertility, reproductive technology, and handling an adverse prenatal diagnosis. There are brochures that give us a better understanding of poverty and abortion, as well as Conscience protection for healthcare workers. We also have topics on Advanced Medical directives and Wills for Living, very informative for ourselves or loved ones who may be going through the final stages of life. You will also find brochures that inform much on the topics of healing from abortion, religious freedom, suicide, voting, and the death penalty. If any questions please call the RL Ministry number below.

Margie Reilly

### A PRAYER FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.\* Amen.

If you or someone you know is in need of support (items like diapers/wipes, or formula) for your newborn, toddler or expectant baby, please call the Respect Life Ministry at **631-667-4044 Ext 120** and leave a voice message. We are here for you and will get back to you and help in any way that we can!

\*\* Please join in the Diocesan Rosary for Life

GO TO: [WWW.DRVCLIFE.ORG](http://WWW.DRVCLIFE.ORG) website for the zoom link **WHEN:** Every Friday at 3:00pm  
*This is a beautiful way to put your faith into action by way of saying the Rosary with others!*

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**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**



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# BINGO

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

## **SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS Reusable Grocery Bags**

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# Parish Social Ministry

As you have heard at Mass the giving tree tags are on the trees. We ask that you return the gifts unwrapped with the original tags attached. **Please drop off the gifts to the parish Social Ministry center by December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

We are aware that some children have asked for an expensive item. This is unavoidable as they do not want to be different and wish to have what their friends have when they get together to play. As the volunteers and I were talking about this we thought perhaps several friends or family members or neighbors could join resources to provide these gifts. This is just a thought. We do not ever promise the parent that any of the gifts will be provided as we have no way of knowing if this is true. However, if last year is any indication the children as well as families without children will get the gifts they requested. You will also notice numerous families asked for gift cards for grocery stores, laundromats, pharmacies, and gas cards. It is sad for us to realize that they will not have a true gift to open under their tree but these are items that are needed. As always the parishioners at St. Cyril and Methodius are extremely giving and generous.

God Bless you all and have a wonderful week.

*Janet*

## PANTRY NEEDS:

### FOOD

- |                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Ritz type crackers | 9. Ketchup         |
| 2. Vegetable Oil      | 10. Mustard        |
| 3. Vinegar            | 11. Salad Dressing |
| 4. Sugar              | 12. Cookies        |
| 5. Flour              | 13. Muffin Mix     |
| 6. Jello              | 14. Brownie Mix    |
| 7. Pudding            | 15. Cake Mix       |
| 8. Mayonnaise         | 16. Icing          |

### NON FOOD ITEMS

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. Toilet Paper | 5. Laundry detergent                          |
| 2. Paper Towels | 6. Dishwashing Liquid<br>(not for dishwasher) |
| 3. Tissues      | 7. Soap                                       |
| 4. Napkins      | 8. Shower Wash                                |

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631-6674044 ext.105

## 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

**Pregnancy Support Hot Line:**

631-476-LOVE (5683)

**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** - The first phase of pew cleaning has been completed. While we wait to continue this process, just remember this is our church, let's keep the Church clean!

- 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.



## We are looking for boys and girls in 4th grade or above to become part of our Altar Server Ministry.

The Altar Server's Ministry is a unique one in the Catholic Church. Other than the priests and deacons, no one else has the opportunity to participate so closely in the preparation of the Eucharist. Participation as an Altar Server is special. Essential life skills are built through teamwork, communication, reliability, and self-confidence. Altar Service also provides a unique way to earn valuable community service hours while growing in faith.

**If you are interested in learning more about becoming an Altar Server, please attend our information session on **January 9, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the church auditorium.****

For more information, contact Father Christopher Deh at 631-667-4044 Ext.165 or leave a message at the rectory 631-667-4044.

*Dear Altar Servers, you are, in fact, already apostles of Jesus! When you take part in the Liturgy by carrying out your altar service, you offer a witness to all. Your absorption, the devotion that wells up from your heart and is expressed in gestures, in song, in the responses: if you do it correctly and not absent-mindedly, then in a certain way your witness is one that moves people. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the bond of friendship with Jesus. You are very close to Jesus in the Eucharist, and this is the most important sign of his friendship for each one of us. Do not forget it.*

*-excerpt from Pope Benedict XVI, Address to Altar Servers, August 2, 2006*