

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

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125 HALF HOLLOW RD, DEER PARK, NY 11729

4th Sunday of ADVENT

December 18, 2022

Today is the 4th Sunday of Advent, when we light the final purple candle, signifying the last week of prayer and penance as we anticipate the birth of our Savior. This final candle is known as the "Angel's Candle," symbolizing peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." This week is also a time to recollect, to reflect on our Advent journey. This is our last chance to set aside the hustle and bustle of the season to refocus on our spiritual preparations for Christmas.

Christmas is upon us! In today's Gospel, we read Luke's account of the Annunciation, the moment that Mary is told she has found favor with God and she will conceive and bear a son. How frightening yet powerful that moment must have been. Mary questions, "How can this be," and in the same breath declares, "may it be

done according to your word." Mary did one simple thing. She listened to God's will – that she was to be the mother of Jesus and she accepted God's will. We can learn a lot from Mary. Her example of faith and obedience to God, the traits which allowed her to receive Gabriel's message that God's Son would be born to her as a human

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Readings and Songs this Sunday

No. 1000 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Isaiah 7:10-14**

2nd Reading: **Romans 1:1-7**

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 1:18-24**

LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel **#395**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence **#619**

I Receive the Living God **#916**

People, Look East **#409**

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)

Upcoming Events

December 17 - ADVENT Confessions - 3:00 - 4:30 pm.

December 19 - ADVENT Confessions - 3:00 - 9:00 pm

December 23 - Christmas decoration - 1:00 pm

December 24 - Masses: 4:00 pm Family Mass, 6:00 pm, 10:00 pm Concelebrated

December 25 - Masses: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm **No 6:00 pm Mass**

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)

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

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Ms. Allison Taibi, Ext. 111

Bookkeeper

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	December 19
7:00 AM:	For Mary Bridget Kravitz's intentions
8:30 AM:	Marilyn Downes
12:15 PM:	Glenn Sheppard
Tuesday	December 20
7:00 AM:	Aproniano Cabubas Jr.
8:30 AM:	Josephine Bonacasa
12:15 PM:	Robert Muldowney
Wednesday	December 21
7:00 AM:	For Mary Salerno's intentions
8:30 AM:	For Father Sang's intentions
12:15 PM:	Mariano Grimaudo
Thursday	December 22
7:00 AM:	For Stephen Salerno's intentions
8:30 AM:	For Dana Russo's intentions
12:15 PM:	For Father Paul Bersamin's intentions
Friday	December 23
7:00 AM:	For Jeffrey Kravitz's intentions
8:30 AM:	Richard A. Barth
12:15 PM:	Theresa Joseph
Saturday	December 24
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
4:00 PM:	For Our Parishioners
6:00 PM:	For Our Parishioners
10:00 PM:	For Our Parishioners
Sunday	December 25
8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners
9:30 AM	For Our Parishioners
11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners
12:30 AM	For Our Parishioners
6:00 PM	There is NO 6:00 PM Mass

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday,	December 24
4:00 PM:	Fr. Gregory Cappuccino (Family Mass)
6:00 PM:	Fr. Christopher Deh
10:00 PM:	Fr. Gius Garcia (Concelebrated)
Sunday	December 25
8:00 AM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin
9:30 AM:	Fr. Christopher Deh
11:00 AM:	Fr. Patrick Grace
12:30 PM:	Fr. Greg Cappuccino
6:00 PM:	There is NO 6:00 PM Mass

REST IN PEACE

Edward Cusano, Diana T. Stanis, Frances A. Santoro

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Second Banns

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

Ronald Doskoez — Ss. Cyril and Methodius
Kelly O'Brien — Ss. Cyril and Methodius

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Ethan Michael Taylor

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, Arlene McMahon Providence Hulsen, Lisa 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, JoAnn Oberlies

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. La-Monica, 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

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person, are two of the most significant. And throughout her life, she not only remains humble and obedient but also loving and trusting.

Through Mary's grace, Jesus is born as one of us, fully human, yet fully divine. This is the mystery for which we prepare at Christmas – the mystery of the Incarnation. May God give us the grace to be people of faith and to respond with obedience.

Reflection:

Three "advents" or "comings" shape our desire. We want to be renewed in the sense that Jesus came to save us from our sin and death. We want to experience his coming to us

now, in our everyday lives, to help us live our lives with meaning and purpose. And we want to prepare for His coming to meet us at the of our lives on this earth.

As we move into our final days before Christmas, let us reflect on what it means to experience the coming of Jesus in our everyday lives and how this coming gives our lives meaning and purpose.

O COME, O COME
EMMANUEL
AND RANSOM
CAPTIVE ISRAEL

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

BREAD AND WINE

- In loving memory of our father, Gerard McCarthy. All our love, the entire McCarthy family.

ALTAR CANDLES - In memory of Fred Acquavita, Mary O'Hara, Frances & Ernest Poeggel.

CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE

- Available

CANDLES AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE

- In loving memory of our father, Gerard McCarthy. All our love, the entire McCarthy family.

FLOWERS AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE

- Available

FLOWERS AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE

- Available

ALTAR FLOWERS

- In loving memory of our father, Gerard McCarthy. All our love, the entire McCarthy family.

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

Stewardship

DECEMBER 11, 2022

Regular Collection \$15,285.33

Online Giving \$ 2,125.53

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$125,200

\$93,410.00 Pledged

74.61% 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, we hear the story of how St. Joseph trusted in God's plan for Mary and himself.

OUR STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE: THREE (3) HOURS TO THE LORD

- One hour in prayer each week
- One hour in service to others each week
- One hour's wages financial support of our parish family.

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FAITH

Family Faith Formation and Religious Education

Advent Confessions

These last two weeks, we have been bringing our boys and girls to the Sacrament of Reconciliation in order to get everyone's minds and hearts ready for Jesus; He'll be Born in the Manger, and now in our hearts! Special thanks to Father Gius, Father Grace, Father Paul, and Father Sang for hearing all of our confessions and spending their evenings these last two weeks with our students!



Christmas Pageant, Bambinelli Sunday and Gaudete Breakfast!

Last Sunday's Family Mass was filled with SO MUCH joy! We had so much to celebrate, starting with our boys and girls putting on our Christmas Pageant! It was so wonderful to see the church filled with so many members of our Parish Family who came to see all of their hard work. I am so very proud of all of them!

Thank you to everyone who came to support our children, including those who changed the Mass that they attended for the week to make time to see them. Thank you also to the parents of all of our children who participated. Your support and cooperation throughout this process means the world, and I truly am so very grateful for it, and for the opportunity to work with you and your children!

At this Mass, we also blessed all of the Baby Jesuses that everyone brought from their home Nativity sets to get ready for Christmas. The day concluded with our Gaudete Breakfast for all who attended!



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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

Therefore, thus says the Lord God: See, I am laying a stone in Zion, a stone that has been tested, A precious cornerstone as a sure foundation; he who puts his faith in it shall not be shaken. Isaiah 28:16. 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. **Will resume in the near future.**

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.

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 Fourth Sunday of Advent! In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.

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 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 for additional information. Thank you!

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 **January 9th at 7:30 p.m.** at Our Lady of the Rosary Council on Long Island Ave. If you would like to become a member please 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!

FLAME OF LOVE DEVOTION

On Friday evening, December 9th I joined some of the parishioners in church. At precisely 7pm, the organ music announced the processional entry of Fr. Gius with the voices of the most melodic choir accompanying the opening of the "Lessons and Carols" ceremony. It was a magnificent evening of scriptural lessons, followed by a carol reflecting on that particular lesson's message. It was a meaningful addition to our Advent season, a prelude to the feast of the Birth of Christ. I was disappointed in the low number of parishioners attending. The individual scripture proclamations, the angelic voices of the choir and the solo rendition of the "Ave Maria" by Fr. Gius was a night to remember. You missed a great evening. Anna Mancini.



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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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If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Appeal. To give securely online, please go to: <https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/>

There's still time to make a gift. Please remember that all new pledges must be in by December 31, 2022 and paid in full by January 31, 2023.

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

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To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA> or call us at **516-678-5800ext296**

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

We thank you and look forward to being with you.

Make a Joyful Noise!

FUTURE EVENTS

Friday, March 10th , 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 26th , 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 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!

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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Available for Purchase at the Parish Office.

\$2.00 per Bag

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 15th.**

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

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 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
(not for dishwasher) |
| 3. Tissues | 7. Soap |
| 4. Napkins | 8. Shower Wash |

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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. 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 frchris@sscmdp.org or sscyril.altarservers@yahoo.com
You can also leave a message at the front desk of the rectory at 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