

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

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125 HALF HOLLOW RD, DEER PARK, NY 11729

## 2nd Sunday of ADVENT

December 4, 2022

My dear parishioners,

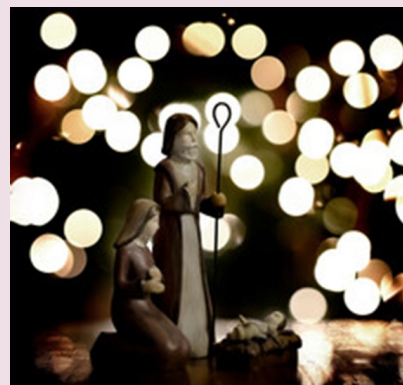
This letter has been mailed to all parishioners in the parish registry.  
It is printed here for those who do not receive their envelopes in the mail.

Christmas in its essence is a celebration of FAMILY. It is not just about the trimmings, the decorations, the lights, the gifts, the banquets, the merrymaking. Christmas is all about family. We would have missed its meaning if we did not focus our attention on family. As Christians, we remember the birth of Jesus, God incarnate, God who became one of us to save us – and He made this possible by being born to Joseph and Mary, and by his birth created for them a Family. Through Jesus' birth - being born into a family - God fulfills his promise and plan of saving humanity.

As we celebrate Christmas this year, let us find every possible way to build or perhaps re-build our family. With every effort of preparation, make it your conscious goal this year to do everything to strengthen the family bond. It may mean, opening the door of your heart to wel-

come a strayed family member. It may entail praying for healing in one's heart so reconciliation can begin. It may require making a little sacrifice to reduce "me time" and prioritize "family time". It certainly means making the extra effort to do something special for every member of one's family.

Part of celebrating Christmas is to remind us of family members who have departed who



SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS CHURCH

1000  
*Lights*

Name on the ornament:

By:

Name and address

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## Readings and Songs this Sunday

### No. 994 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Isaiah 11:1-10**

2nd Reading: **Romans 15:4-9**

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 3:1-12**

### LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

On Jordan's Bank **#418**

Wait for the Lord **#406**

A Voice Cries Out **#416**

The King Shall Come **#414**

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)

## Upcoming Events

**December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception.** Masses: 7:00am, 8:30, 12:15 and 7:00 pm

**December 9 & 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.

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

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

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 William Sperl, Ext. 112

Deacon James A. Murano, *Liturgical Music* Ext. 127

Ms. Amora Laucella, *Religious Education*, Ext. 145

Ms. Janet McEnany, *Social Ministry*, Ext 105

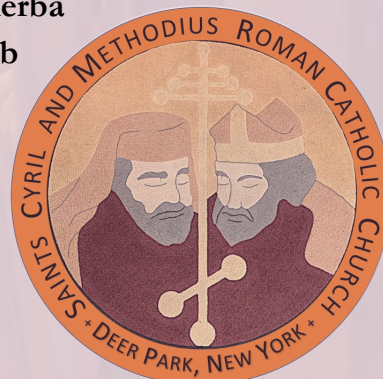
Mr. Timothy Leitch, *Youth Ministry*, Ext. 154

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 5</b>
7:00 AM:	For Lawrence Malerba's intentions
8:30 AM:	Angela Marie Mistretta
12:15 PM:	Joan Olcott
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 6</b>
7:00 AM:	For Robert Malerba's intentions
8:30 AM:	Frank Blier and James Goulding
12:15 PM:	For the Souls in Purgatory
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 7</b>
7:00 AM:	For Laura Malerba's intentions
8:30 AM:	William Danisi
12:15 PM:	For Father Patrick Grace's intentions
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 8 Immaculate Conception</b>
7:00 AM:	Lina Morlacci
8:30 AM:	Dorothy Christiano
12:15 PM:	Primo Fiore
7:00 PM:	For Our Parishioners
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 9</b>
7:00 AM:	Vincent Schifano Sr.
8:30 AM:	Eileen Klimczuk
12:15 PM:	Anne Gaffney
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 10</b>
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM	Richard, Marcellina & Michael Solomita, Dorothy Mallon, Sarah Gruarin, Lawrence Manganello and for Jeffrey Kravitz's intentions
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 11</b>
8:00 AM	For the Gillespie Family's intentions
9:30 AM	For the Laucella Family's intentions
11:00 AM	Roger Thorley, Theresa Galano, John Vigiano Sr., John Vigiano Jr., Joseph Vigiano
12:30 AM	Damian J. Aiello I and Damian J. Aiello II
6:00 PM	For Our Parishioners

## PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>December 10</b>
5:00 PM:	Fr. Patrick Grace
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 11</b>
8:00 AM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin
9:30 AM:	Fr. Gius Garcia
11:00 AM:	Fr. Patrick Grace
12:30 PM:	Fr. David Regan
6:00 PM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin

## REST IN PEACE

Carolann Friscia, Charles Gulotta, Alice T. Russell, Nicholas C. Dragotta, Harriet A. Coll

## 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

...from cover page

are still here with us in spirit. Christmas is a very opportune time to remember them and find some sense in our tears and pain. When we remember them this time, the fact that they are no longer physically with us is often made more apparent and we miss them even more. And yet with hope in our hearts, we profess that we still can actively do something as we bravely allow their memory to live on making sure they are forever engraved in our hearts.

This Christmas, there is an opportunity for you to pray for them and remember them in Church and pay them tribute. Through your offering, a beautiful custom-made ceramic Christmas ball will bear the name of your beloved deceased family member, relative or friend, which

will adorn the sanctuary Christmas tree. Our goal is to adorn the tree with 1000 of these ornaments, symbolic of the light that they continuously give to us, thus the name of the campaign is **1000 LIGHTS**. As the tree is lighted, we profess that the light of our beloved family member is not extinguished but will remain lighted in our hearts. We are asking an offering of **\$100** for each ornament. After the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 9, 2023, which marks the end of the Catholic Christmas season, the Christmas tree is taken down and the ornament will be given to you as a reminder of your offering.

This Christmas may you and your family be strengthened by the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and showered with all the best blessings.

### We remember how you loved us... DECEMBER 4 to DECEMBER 10

#### BREAD AND WINE

- Available

#### ALTAR CANDLES - Available

#### CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE

- Available

#### CANDLES AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE

- Available

#### FLOWERS AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE

- Available

#### FLOWERS AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE

- Available

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

- 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

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

**Regular Collection \$14,672.32**

**Online Giving \$ 1,241.22**

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**

**Goal \$125,200**

**\$88,399.00 Pledged**

**70.61% 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, St. John the Baptist reminds us that to be a follower of God requires action on our part.

### **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

## Thanksgiving Sunday

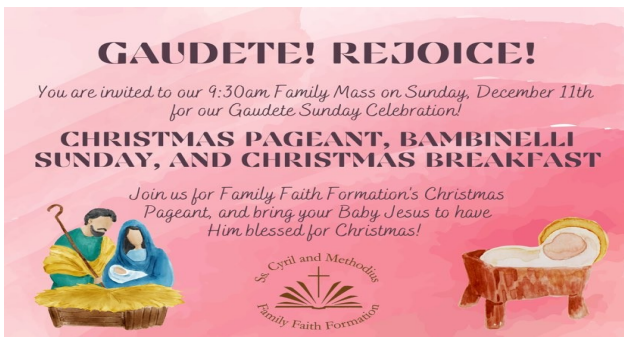
We are so thankful for all of the good that God has blessed us with here in Family faith Formation, and our Thanksgiving Sunday celebration with Mass and breakfast was a great reminder of that! I am so incredibly thankful for our boys and girls, our families, and all of you who so lovingly support all that we do in this Program. In a special way, I am also so grateful for all of our Catechists, who give their time, talent, and love to work with all of our students on a daily basis; Catechists, we love you SO MUCH!

In a special way, I am proud to share with all of you that we have some Catechists who are celebrating milestone years of service in Catechetical Ministry this year, some of who were awarded at our Thanksgiving Sunday Celebration, and some who were presented their awards by Bishop Andrzej in a separate ceremony. These Catechists and their years of service are Mrs. Amelia Dragotta (5), Ms. Suzanne Guerriero Walsh (5), Mrs. Tina Keating (5), Mrs. Mary Mancini (5), Mrs. Jennifer Paduano (5), Mrs. Traceyrose Zappola (5), Mrs. Beth Gardner (10), Mr. Omar Peña (10), Mrs. Christine Thorn (10), and Mr. Jim Fagan (35) and Mrs. Sue Fagan (35). Congratulations to all; We are SO PROUD of all of you!



## Gaudete Sunday

Next **Sunday, December 11th**, we have SO MUCH going on in the world of Family Faith Formation! It is our Gaudete Sunday celebration, which includes our **Christmas Pageant** at the 9:30am Family Mass, **Bambinelli Sunday**, where all are invited to bring their Baby Jesus to Mass to have Him blessed for Christmas, and our **Christmas Breakfast** following Mass in the Father Behan Hall! We hope to see all of you, and that you share in all of our festivities with us!



## Mary's Baby Shower

I am excited to share that our Program will once again be hosting our Advent-long 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, **December 6th 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.

## **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**

But you, remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it. 2Timothy 3:14 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 **December 6, 2022 at 2:30pm** in the Father Behan Hall. Any questions call John Kelly at 631-586-0827.

## **USHERS**

Ushers are needed at all Masses. If you would like to help out at the Mass you attend then please call Paul Coppola at 631-587-9649 for more information.



## **SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - "We Help People"**

Happy Second Sunday of Advent! In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord". That is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

We would like to thank everyone who attended and helped with our annual Craft Fair last Sunday. It was a big success and will enable us to assist more of our neighbors in need as we are called to do.

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.

Please only put clothing in the bins. To donate furniture, please call 631-858-0380.

## **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

There is no meeting in December. Instead please join us at our **Christmas Party on December 4th**. Any questions call Alba Barra at 631-274-5570.

**A Special Invitation**— Please join the members of the Rosary Altar Society on **Thursday, December 8th in the Church from 1pm—2pm** For a special service honoring Mary on her feast of the Immaculate Conception.

## **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 December 3rd, 2022.** 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.



Join Fr. Gius Garcia on a Pilgrimage to  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe & Mexico City**



**JANUARY 26-31, 2023**

Solemnity of the

# Immaculate Conception

Thursday, **December 8, 2022**

**Masses: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 12:15 PM, & 7:00 PM**

(No 5:00 PM Vigil Mass on December 7)





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**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

An open book with musical notes floating above it. The background is a textured purple. The text 'Lessons & Carols' is written in large white letters over the image.

# Lessons & Carols

**Friday, DECEMBER 9, 2022 AT 7:00 PM in the Church**

A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer.

Please mark your calendar and be sure to join us, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord!



# 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.

## 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.

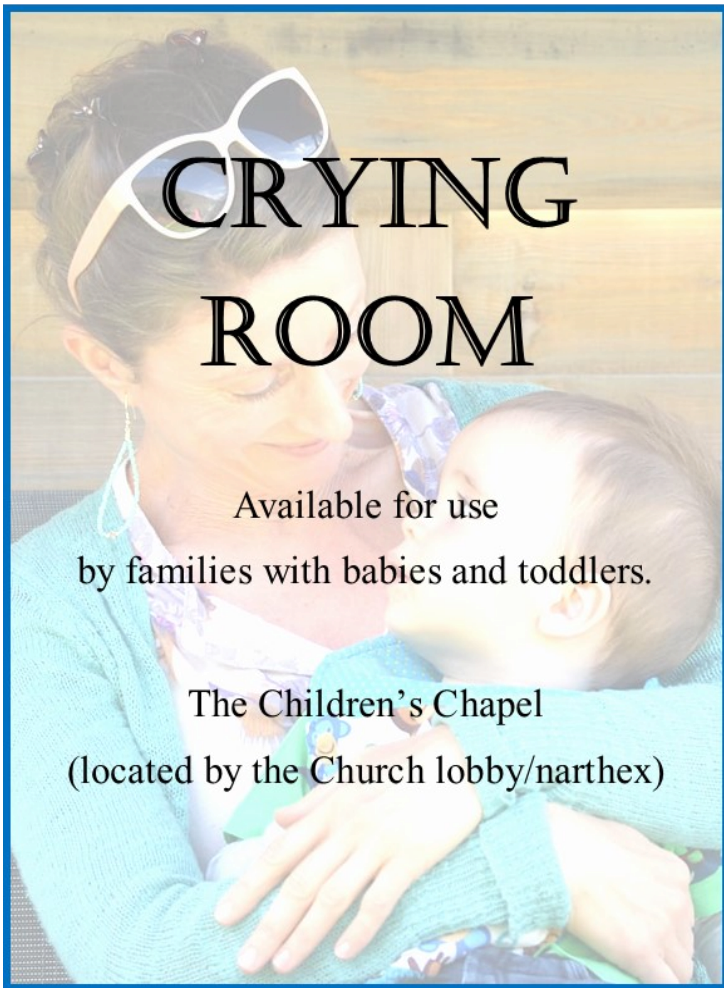
Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

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!*



# CRYING ROOM

Available for use  
by families with babies and toddlers.

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

# PARISH RELIGIOUS STORE

## NOW 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.

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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**



**An easy way when giving gifts to your family and friends, while SUPPORTING your parish!**

# BINGO

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

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

Strong and Eco-Friendly

Available for Purchase at the Parish Office.

\$2.00 per Bag



# Parish Social Ministry

I am hoping everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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

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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

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|-----------------|---|
| 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                                |

## ROYAL ALBERT NATIVITY SETS

**JUST IN  
TIME  
FOR THE  
HOLIDAYS!**

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AT THE  
PARISH  
STORE**



Beautifully detailed &  
hand-painted 11-piece  
fine china nativity set by  
**Royal Albert**  
(a Royal Doulton Brand)

Reduced price

**\$50**

**Best gift for young families**

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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

## OPPRTUNITIES 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 would like to thank the Parish for supporting our Wreath Sale

