

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

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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

The liturgical Christmas season traditionally ends this weekend with the Feast of the Epiphany popularly known to many as the Feast of the Three Kings. The feast used to be celebrated on January 6th, the 12th day after Christmas. It was later moved to the first Sunday after January 1. The day commemorates the visit of the Three Magi from the East (traditionally referred to as Melchor, Gaspar and Balthazar) to the newly born Jesus in Bethlehem. They brought with them gifts of gold (signifying that Jesus is king), myrrh (signifying that he is savior) and frankincense (signifying that he was priest offering a fitting prayer to God).

Epiphany is a worldwide feast of the Catholic Church. One theologian described it as a festival principally solemnized in honor of the discovery of Jesus Christ made manifest to the

Wise Men, who by a particular inspiration from God, came to pay homage and adore him.

There are many customs and traditions around the feast. In Italian folklore, La Befana, an old woman, brings gifts to children on the eve of the Epiphany in much the same way as Santa Claus does on Christmas Eve. In Mexico, people prepare mile long Rosca de Reyes (King's bread) with a baby Jesus figurine hidden in the bread; the one who gets the figurine is obliged to prepare tamales for everyone on the day of Candles on February 2. In Bavaria and Austria, children dress up as kings and hold up a giant star as they go door to door to sing in exchange for money and candies. In France, the day is marked by sharing the round and flat Gelete des Rois or King's cake with children and adults. In Spain, children place their shoes on their front door and

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Readings and Songs this Sunday

No. 1011 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Isaiah 60:1-6**

2nd Reading: **Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6**

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 2:1-12**

LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

We Three Kings **#463**

Away in a Manger **#448**

The First Nowell **#460**

As with Gladness, Men of Old **#465**

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)



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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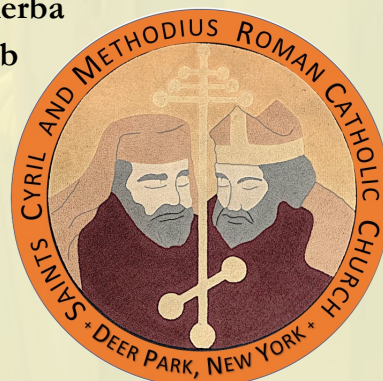
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John Grieb



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Baptism & Wedding Coordinator

Ms. Allison Taibi, Ext. 111

Bookkeeper

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	January 9
7:00 AM:	Mary Sloan-Malerba
8:30 AM:	Barbara Fasano
12:15 PM:	James Sullivan
Tuesday	January 10
7:00 AM:	Robert Malerba
8:30 AM:	Cormac Gerrity
12:15 PM:	Catherine and Arthur Baumann
Wednesday	January 11
7:00 AM:	Lina Morlacci
8:30 AM:	For Jose's intentions
12:15 PM:	For Timothy R. Horodnicki's intentions
Thursday	January 12
7:00 AM:	Sheila Malerba
8:30 AM:	Sacred Heart of Jesus
12:15 PM:	John McMahan Jr.
Friday	January 13
7:00 AM:	Lina and Benny Morlacci
8:30 AM:	Erminia and Vittorio Fenice
12:15 PM:	Salvatore Bruccolen
Saturday	January 14
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM	For Sheila & Robert Talbot's intentions, For Jimmy Talbot's intentions, For Michael Talbot's intentions, For Tara and John Delhunt's intentions , For Ann O'Mara & Family intentions
Sunday	January 15
8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners
9:30 AM	Charles Gulotta
11:00 AM	(Open: no offered intentions)
12:30 AM	Paul Mannino
6:00 PM	Damian J. Aiello II

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday,	January 14
5:00 PM:	Fr. Christopher Deh
Sunday	January 15
8:00 AM:	Fr. Patrick Grace
9:30 AM:	Fr. Christopher Deh
11:00 AM:	Fr. Gregory Cappuccino
12:30 PM:	Fr. Patrick Grace
6:00 PM:	Fr. Gius Garcia

REST IN PEACE

Philip F. Luppy, June Vasilakis, Margaret Messina

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Second Banns

Christopher McCarthy — Ss. Cyril and Methodius
Gabiella Arias — Ss. Cyril and Methodius

PRAY FOR THE SICK

T. J. Hicks, Christian Daniel, Bella Barra, Frank Barra, Margaret McCartney, Theresa Schaefer, Leonard Caltabiano, Joseph Massa, Connie Rigert, Stanley Urbanowski Stephen Neveroski, Eugene Sheehy, Clemente Oropallo, Kevin Talbot, Jean Fortunato, Joyce Ratushny, Barbara Dunne, Louis Xavier Maldonado, Kristen Mills, Tony Bufalino, Jackie Becker, Susan Marsillo, Carmelo Mal Controne, Joseph Battista, Brianna Barra, Ezra Folcik, Omar Stuart, Carmine Soldano, Diane Ryan, Brendan Gould, John Viviani, 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 McMahan Alex, Emma Villarola, Paulette Giusto, Kristin Piazzola, Ralph Savastano, Rocco Oliveri, Richard DiMaggio, Arlene McMahan 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, Paul Kabaservice

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, Staff Sgt. Justin Gallo, Sgt. 1st Class William J. Braun.

FROM THE PASTOR

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fill these with straw or hay for the three kings' horses to eat.

Regardless of how the day is celebrated, the Solemnity of the Epiphany reminds us of the simplicity and humility with which Jesus came into this world. It also shows that God could lead us to Jesus if we would allow Him to.

In one of his homilies on the Feast of the Epiphany, Pope Francis asserted how "our

lives are a continuous search to encounter the light of Jesus." He urges that "we be cunning in our defense against darkness." He points out that "The destiny of every person is symbolized in this journey of the Magi of the East."

In Opus Ministerii,

Fr. Gius Garcia

BEARING GIFTS, WE TRAVEL AFAR

We remember how you loved us...

JANUARY 8 to JANUARY 14

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

JANUARY 1, 2023

Regular Collection \$12,747.50

Online Giving \$ 1,626.26

CHRISTMAS TOTALS AS OF JANUARY 3, 2023

Christmas \$74,567.00

Online Giving \$16,331.01

Christmas Flowers \$ 5,196.69

1000 Lights \$11,507.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Upon seeing the Star of Bethlehem, the magi go to meet Jesus and do Him homage.

**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

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

1927 - 2022



We continue to honor and remember Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in all of the Masses this weekend.



January 9 is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Christ's baptism remarkably shows all three Persons of the Trinity at the same time: the Son being baptized, the Holy Spirit descending, and the Father speaking from the heavens. In this event, the Father and the Holy Spirit confirm the deity of Christ, and Jesus submits to his Father's will.

As we reflect on Christ's baptism, we are reminded of our own baptism. Pope Benedict XVI said on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord: [Baptism] is communion with the One who conquered death and holds in his hand the keys of life. Belonging to this circle, to God's family, means being in communion with Christ, who is life and gives eternal love beyond death.

This day marks the return to Ordinary Time in the Catholic Calendar.

Family Faith Formation and Religious Education

Happy Epiphany!

Today we celebrate another beautiful Feast Day of the Christmas season; The Feast of the Epiphany! Today, we remember the journey of the three Magi, who journeyed to find the Christ Child by following the star in the Christmas sky, and the gifts that they presented Jesus with; Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. These gifts not only prophecy the kind of life that Jesus would lead as a priest, prophet, and king, but also show us that the Son of God humbled Himself in humanity, to live a life of poverty of His own free choice; The King of the Universe, choosing to be a Savior for all people, everywhere.

The Feast of the Epiphany reminds us that new things are coming on the horizon, and that God's Love can be found in the most unexpected places. One of the traditions of Epiphany (which is one of my favorites!) is to chalk the door of your home with the initials of the Three Kings (Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar) with crosses in between the New Year of Our Lord. The three initials also stand for "**Christus mansionem benedicat**", which means, "**May Christ Bless This House**". This prayerful action asks God's blessing on all who we encounter and welcome in our homes, and allows us to start our new year in a sacred and beautiful way. If you have any other questions on how to chalk your door, be sure to ask Ms. Laucella!

20 + C + M + B + 23



Mary's Baby Shower

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Advent initiative, Mary's Baby Shower! So many members of our Parish Family donated countless items for young parents, all of which went to Ss. Cyril and Methodius Respect Life Ministry! From diapers to pull-ups, and from baby wipes to diaper totes, we are so thankful that so many of you kept Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus in your hearts and minds this Advent!



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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

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. Matthew 2:10-11 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. **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 **February 7, 2023 at 2:30pm** in the Father Behan Hall. Any questions call John Kelly at 631-586-0827. Registration for 2023 is now open.

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"

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

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!

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

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 February 4th, 2023.** Any questions call Nancy Lanni at 631-242-5078.

CHURCH 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!

THE REACH OUT COMMITTEE

They have started contacting our parishioners to update our records and see what is needed. Right now we have only 6 volunteers calling 7,000 families so please be patient.

If you would like to be part of this ministry just call the parish office.

SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our next 6 Hour **Defensive Driving Course** is **January 21st**, in the Father Behan Hall. Coffee and bagel breakfast at 8:30am donated by Mangano Funeral Home. Pizza lunch provided by Shannon Macleod Elder Law Attorney. Space is limited. No Walk Ins allowed. If you would like to sign up for the Defensive Driving Course, please contact Phil Hogan at 631-667-9148.





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.

This information is not intended and should not be construed as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney, tax advisor or investment professional.

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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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Completing your 2022 pledge ensures that our Parish will benefit by receiving our full rebate.

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**

Parish _____

Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____

Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

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.



1000 *Lights*

Below are the names of those who were honored

La Bella & Sanfilippo

Jim Calcagno

Mrs. Esther Betty and Dannielle Warner

Eric Carey

John A. McMahon

Charles Marcheschi

Vincente Conde/Carmen Matos/
Sra. Trance Hidalgo

William Smith

Dorothy Beckford

Jacqueline Barrera

Brian O'Dell

Rose & Anthony Caporaso

Thomas Joseph Cortese

Mr. & Mrs. Buthmann

Family & Friends of Zanchelli
Family

Kevin Cantwell

Marie & Michael Quatela

Tiberio and Cecilia

Garry, Scott & Christopher
Fitzgerald

The Family of the Kraft's &
Martino's Family

Perez Family

Campanello & Scammacca
Family

Stanislaw & Man Piasecka

Joseph Aliberti & Annmarie
Walsh

Violet & Adam Podraza and
Angel ☺

Raymond Downey

Jeffrey McLaughlin

James Waterman

Thomas J. Flynn Sr.

Edward F. Lewanduski

Marie Fischetti

Natalie Laine

Berenice "Kewpie" Wisniewski

Charles & Jeanette Connolly

Francesco Catanzaro, Lillian
Diorio & Joseph Diorio

Julius Gentile

Bossio & Maniaci Family

Edward Myzwiniski Jr.

Ralph & Eleanor DeVito

Lena & Fiore Sganga

Carmen Moffea

Buddy Gillespie

Thomas R. Thielemann

Clara & Philip L'Abbate

Russell Salerno

Joseph Werkmeister

Grace

Deceased Member McMahon

Gerard & Joan McCarthy

L. Bisiani

Hickam's Gone to Soon

Georgina Rosa

Salvador Calvo

Louise A. Mattone

Michael Biancardi

Richard Barth

Thomas Franscinella, Joseph
C. Santoro & Joseph J. Santoro

Annmarie Walsh & Joseph
Aliberti

Michael "Mickey" Wisniewski

Alfio & Maria Barbagallo

Arturo Espinoza

Joseph & Anthony Palmieri

Martino, Sabato, Kraft & Pandone
Families

Robert Zontini

Dorothy Forstell

Mom & Dad

Millie & Dom Benedetto

Sophie Kaminski

Chet Foley

Raymond Downey

Catherine Morgan

Anne M. Donoghue

Teresa D. Amaya
(In Loving Memory & Honor)

Michele Hutchinson & Valentine
Tarasenko

Sacred Heart of Jesus

William J. Gould

Vincent Parisi, Jr.

Winslow & Hayes Family

Rebecca & Jim Guerin

Raymond L. Pomerence

In Memory of Christopher Papa

Janet Graziano

Chester, Snickers & Foley Families

Mr. & Mrs. John Hovanec

Marge and Bob Rue

Vicki Frankenberg

David Wawrzynski

Tami J. Spindler

Richard Charles Staufenberg

Past Family

James Balletti

Jennifer Flynn

Walter Kabacinski

Marie Muenkel

Stella Cangro

Ann Harrigan

Harold W. Schillinger

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Muenkel

Christopher Lanni

Philomena

Addolorata Napolitano

Richard Kirschenheiter

Joseph Campell

Howard Bland Sr.

Julianne Finnegan

Dora Tortora & Margaret Vespa

Gloria & Andrade Saavedra

Cesare Litterini

Dorothy E. Mallon

Ronald Rosato

Kuhn/Connelly Family

Armando Spoto

Jean Mario Marcelin

Jean L. Balan

Lillian Mercurio

Maria Rutigiano Cotrone
In Our Hearts Forever!

Saveria Chiovaro

Agnes & Edward

Jack Puszcz

Roger Konecny

John McAllister

Lormelie Jerome Pernerat,
Georges Pernerat

Lormelie Jerome Pernerat,
Geroges Pernerat Fils, Pierre
Robert Pernerat and Family
Members

Harold & Marlene Gabe

Constance & Carl Gallub

John D. Fanning

Virginia Fanning

Joseph T. Reilly (Dad)

Mary B. Reilly (Mom)

James Reynolds

Dolores Reynolds

Cristin Bambino

Margaret Walsh & Patriolo Walsh

Sr. Mary Raymond	Lucy Dolce	Theresa & Bob Ridder	Remedios Dolauta
William & Frances Quinn	Louise Martinez	Nick Keller	Dennis Arena
Ralph & Mary Hart	Leona Richmond, Ernestine Charley, Marvin Norfleet	Frank Fusco	Mary "Lulu" Collins
Aunt Marie	Ron Carey	Thomas Inman	Roger Thorley
Ken LaMotte Sr.	Gabriella Pagan	John J. Hartz	Congro Family
George	Anne Matuck	Maribel Aquino & Jane Wigtow	Armando Rio
Salvato Family	Kevin Cantwell	The Roth Family	Mauro & Leticia Retoria
Francis Hannan	The Spy Family	Mary O'Connell	Lovascio Family
Freddie	Barbara Renz		
Richard A. Closs	Natalie Laine		
The Philips & Mullins Families	Rudy, James & Edward Kelly		
Mary Puorro	Mobililia Family		
Carmen Rodriguez	Frances T. Piccininni		
Mercedes Delcon	Ryan T. Horodnicki		
Gray's & Moodie's			



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

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

The Annual March for Life in Washington D.C.

Theme this year is "NEXT STEPS- MARCHING IN A POST ROE AMERICA"

Please Join us HERE at SSCM as we celebrate in solidarity with those attending the march.

Friday January 20, 2023, 12:15 mass followed by Adoration and Prayers for Life

National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn

When: January 23rd, 2023

Please consider saying a rosary on this day for this initiative.

Abortion Loss Resource: Project Rachel

Project Rachel is a network of specially trained, compassionate caregivers, who are prepared to assist those who suffer from abortion loss. (Healing For Men and Women no matter how long ago your loss)

projectrachel@drvc.org 516-766-2538

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.

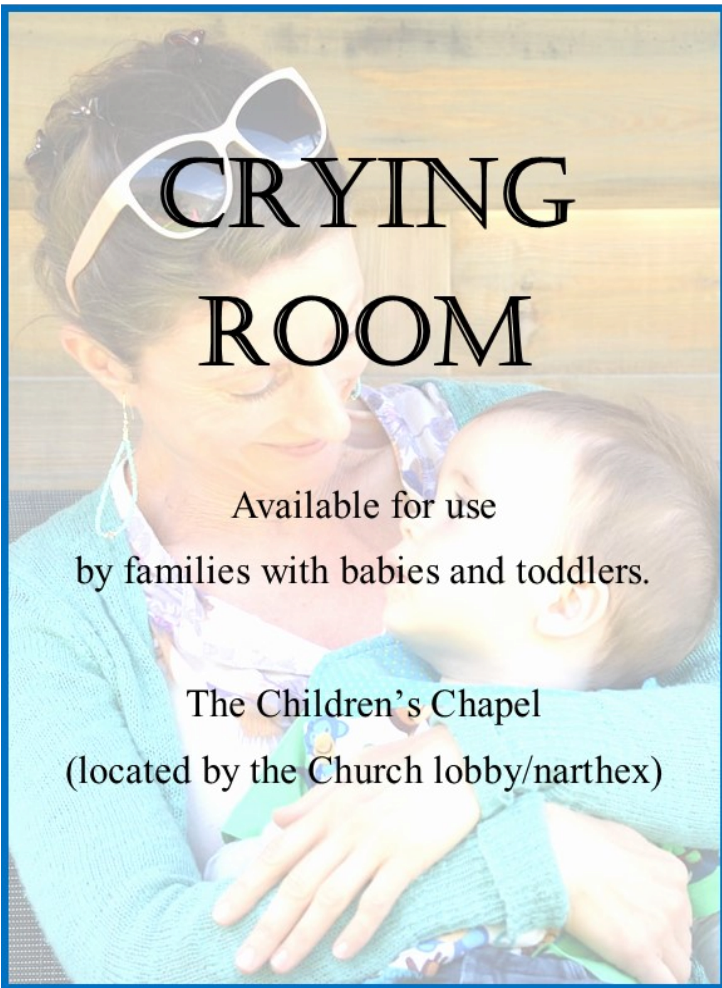
Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.* Amen.

Maternal Support Services:

If you need Items like diapers or wipes for your newborn, toddler, or expectant baby, please call the Respect Life Ministry @ **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!



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**

CHURCH DECORATING FOR ORDINARY TIME

We will be decorating the church for Ordinary Time on Monday, January 9th. We'll meet in the church at 1:00 pm.

No experience is necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact
Tim Leitch 631-806-4715.

Thank you!

Parish Social Ministry

Happy New Year!

Thank you to everyone who remembered the less fortunate in prayer as well as temporally. I have received many thank you's from the families. There were many tears shed on both sides as the gifts were distributed to the families. The wonderful Christmas that you provided for so many would rival any Christmas our own families received. I am absolutely awed by the love and care in this parish.

God Bless All of You and thank you for everything. Happy New Year. May yours be happy and healthy.

God Bless Everyone and their families at this most wonderful time of year.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

This year we are honoring 3 members of our Family who have served our Church for 25 years, 50 years and 50 plus years: **Deacon John Fitzpatrick, Fr. Greg Cappuccino and Fr. Francis Sang.** Please join us on Thursday, June 15th for Golf and BBQ at beautiful Timber Point Golf Club in Great River beginning at 12, followed by Cocktails and appetizers at 6:30 and Dinner at 7:30 at The Fr. Behan Hall at Ss Cyril and Methodius. Dinner includes full buffet, 2 full bars, dessert, coffee and tea. There will be a Silent Auction, 50/50 raffles and Chinese Auction. Guaranteed enjoyable day and evening honoring these 3 gentleman.



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.

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

- + **Alcoholics Anonymous 24-Hour Hot-line:** 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

CATHOLIC MEN'S 2023 CONFERENCE

Saturday, January 28, 2023

8:15 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Monsignor Kane Hall
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church
175 Wolf Hill Road, Melville, NY 11747

The Men of St. Elizabeth invite you to a day of inspiration centered on what it means to be a man of the faith. Join fellow brothers to hear engaging speakers, celebrate brotherhood and further your journey to becoming a better husband, father, son and MAN OF GOD.

Presentations will include:

- The Cross and Suffering
- The Eucharist – Source & Summit of our Faith
- The Deceiver – Our Enemy
- Spiritual Resources For Men

Our spiritual day will include Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and a concluding Mass for the men of the program that will fulfill your Sunday obligation.

Continental breakfast and Lunch will provided

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GOD IS CALLING
YOU YOU TO BE**

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