

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

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125 HALF HOLLOW RD, DEER PARK, NY 11729

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2023

On February 22nd, Ash Wednesday, we shall once again begin our Lenten journey. LENT is precisely that, a journey - one that cannot be taken by anyone else but me, one that requires an effort and intention, one that must teach me to be bold to leave behind certain things, but also be adventurous by taking on and learning or re-learning new things.

We have commonly associated LENT with giving up. We ask, "What am I giving up for Lent?" Is it chocolate? Is it coffee? Is it dessert? Is it time I waste on social media? Is it gossip? Is it being negative and critical? Is it carbs? Is it laziness? Is it being rude? Is it time I spend on video games? Is it time I spend on window online shopping? Is it wine? Is it alcohol? Is it TV time? Etcetera...etcetera...etcetera. Whatever it is that you are contemplating on giving up, I have one advice. Just choose one. Don't do 2 or 3 or 4, thinking your chance of success is at better odds if you have a backup. Most times, this

strategy always fails. The strategy of the devil is to overwhelm you, since you have so many things you are trying to give up, that you end up not giving up anything at all. Just choose one. It is more manageable. But choose one that is not easy. That way it feels more gratifying when you succeed. But the KEY to all this is to dedicate it to God. Allow the grace of God to lead and strengthen you. Don't give it up for your sake. Do it for your love of God. And so, don't look for a reward. Do it because you LOVE the God who you're making the sacrifice for, knowing that He has made much more and greater sacrifices for you, and that His generosity is never matched.

But likewise, as you think about giving up something, you must consider also taking up something. This time is a good opportunity for us to discern what we can do this Lent to prepare for Easter. Instead of just giving up something, consider taking up something, like becoming part of the

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Scripture Readings and Music this Sunday

No. 1110 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 3:16-23**

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 5:38-48**

LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

All Creatures of Our God and King **#611**

The Thirsty Cry for Water, Lord **#815**

Bread of Life from Heaven **#943**

Celtic Alleluia: Sending Forth **#334**

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)

Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday

February 22, 2023

SERVICES with imposition of Ashes

Masses: **7:00 am, 8:30 am & 12:15 pm**

Liturgy of the Word Services: **5:00 pm & 7:00 pm**

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Vigil)

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

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

Saturday: 8:30 am

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Eve of Holy Day: 5:00 pm

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Confessionals)

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

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm
and by appointment by calling the Parish Office

PARISH OFFICE

Tel: (631) 667-4044

Fax: (631) 667-6237

Email: parishoffice@sscmdp.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Saturday & Sunday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday:

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Parish Social Ministry Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Other hours by appointment only.

Email: socialministry@sscmdp.org

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

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

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

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

PASTORAL STAFF: (631) 667-4044

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

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

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

Rev. Paul Bersamin, *Associate Pastor*, Ext. 167

Rev. Francis D. Sang, *In Residence*, Ext. 170 (Retired)

Rev. Gregory Cappuccino, *Occasional Help*, (Retired)

Deacon John F. Fitzpatrick, Ext. 124

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

Deacon William Sperl, Ext. 112

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

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

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

Deacon Philip A. Mills, Jr. *Business Manager*, Ext. 110

PARISH TRUSTEES

Mary Malerba

John Grieb



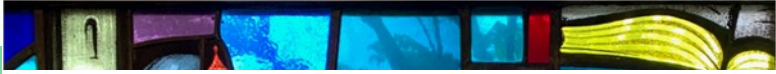
Mrs. Joan Ann Loring, Ext. 122

Parish Secretary / Bulletin Editor

Mrs. Marianne Saffran, Ext. 115

Baptism & Wedding Coordinator

Ms. Allison Taibi Ext. 111, *Bookkeeper*



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	February 20
	Presidents Day
8:30 AM:	Only one Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday	February 21
7:00 AM:	For Mary Malerba's intentions
8:30 AM:	(Open: no offered intentions)
12:15 PM:	Jean Marie Campagna
Wednesday	February 22
	ASH WEDNESDAY
	Masses: 7:00 am, 8:30 am & 12:15 pm
	Liturgy of the Word Services: 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Thursday	February 23
7:00 AM:	For Father Gius's intentions
8:30 AM:	(Open: no offered intentions)
12:15 PM:	Dominick Giusto
Friday	February 24
7:00 AM:	(Open: no offered intentions)
8:30 AM:	(Open: no offered intentions)
12:15 PM:	(Open: no offered intentions)
Saturday	February 25
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM	Renee Luciano Pisotti, Angelo D'Agostaro, Steve Melander and for Marie Salerno's intentions
Sunday	February 26
8:00 AM	Gina Giuliano
9:30 AM	For Our Parishioners
11:00 AM	Marie Tassey, Tony Feleppa
12:30 AM	Thomas Fitzgerald
6:00 PM	Anthony Galante

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday,	February 25
5:00 PM:	Fr. Christopher Deh
Sunday,	February 26
8:00 AM:	Fr. Gius Garcia
9:30 AM:	Fr. Patrick Grace
11:00 AM:	Fr. Christopher Deh
12:30 PM:	Fr. Patrick Grace
6:00 PM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin

REST IN PEACE

Felicia Frances Ludwig, Charles Frank Marchese

NEWLY BAPTIZED

There were no Baptisms this past weekend.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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 DeCerro, Diana Walsh, Christopher M. Wall, Bob Walsh, Rose Guisti, Madelyn Simonetti, Angela Mento, Susan Semetsis, Anne Sheppard, Kathleen Jacobi, Louis D' Agostino, Ding Caliendo, Julio Cesar Rivera, Joseph E. Torres, Parette Gisele Torres, Sydney Ann Torres, Lucy Piazzola, Renee Hovanec, Eric, Joseph Pepe, Padraic Beach, Mary McMahon Alex, Emma Villarola, Paulette Giusto, Kristin Piazzola, Ralph Savastano, Rocco Oliveri, Richard DiMaggio, Arlene McMahon 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, Kristen Tonnesen, Luis Sanchez, Helene Horodnicki, Lauren Lombardi, Maggie McLoughlin, Nicholas Schiralli, Joseph Castellano, Eliana Vasquez, Olivia Marie

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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many ministries here in our parish. There are so many wonderful opportunities for us to use our gifts to serve one another. We can start from serving in liturgies in Church through singing, reading, altar serving, ushering, helping distribute communion not only to people in the congregation but for the homebound. We have seasonal need for artists and able bodied people to help in decorating the Church. We need help from tech savvy people who know Power Point, graphic designers, who are interested to learn how to livestream. We need green thumbs to beautify our surroundings by gardening and planting. We are also in need of volunteers for the youth group, for the Bingo every Thursday, and just be on hand for the many big events that we are or-

ganizing for the year. We need volunteers for the Social Ministry so we can be helpful to the members of the bigger community who are in need. And many more. In the upcoming weeks' bulletin, we will be listing these ministries describing them and contact information for the coordinator for each of these ministries. The great thing about this is that, even if the talent that you have does not belong to any of the categories we will be listing, we can always discuss and begin something with the talent you have. If you reach out to us with what you can do, let us help you create a new one for you. The Church will always benefit from what you can share.

Fr. Gius Garcia

We remember how you loved us...

FEBRUARY 19 to FEBRUARY 25

BREAD AND WINE

- Available

ALTAR CANDLES - Ida D'Agostaro, 3rd Anniversary in Heaven.

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

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

Regular Collection \$16,090.12

Online Giving \$ 1,004.64

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$125,200

\$99,136.00 Pledged

79.18% 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 Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

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



Rev. Msgr. Thaddeus Rooney Memorial Golf Outing & Dinner

Thursday, JUNE 15, 2023 + Timber Point Country Club, Great River

Sponsored by MANGANO FUNERAL HOME, INC.

Honoring:

DCN. JOHN FITZPATRICK

FR. GREG CAPPUCCINO

FR. FRANCIS SANG

\$170.00 per person
for Golf (*Soft Spikes
required*), Lunch,
Green Fees, Beverage
Cart, Dinner & Cock-
tails

\$75.00 Dinner only

PRIZES INCLUDE: Closest to Pin, Closest to Pin Sec-
ond Shot, Longest Drive (60 and over, 70 and over,
80 and over and 60 and under).

SPONSORS NEEDED FOR: Tee/Greens: \$110; Flag
Sponsor: \$150; Driving Range: \$300; Beverage Cart:
\$800; Golf Carts: \$900; Cocktail Hour: \$900; Dinner:
\$900; Dessert: \$900; Barbeque: \$900

We are in need of prizes for our raffles:

Gift Cards

or Store Gift Certificates

in the \$10 - \$25 range.

New bottles of Liquor.

FOR MORE INFO,

PLEASE CALL:

Sal Mangano

(631) 586-3600,

Mike Conboy

(631) 539-8932,

Rosemarie Brady

(631) 681-6336,

Mary Malerba

(631) 291-7020

Russell Salerno

(631) 291-7020,

Joe & Teri Schiano

(631) 595-1709,

Carol Tannehill

(631) 988-9906,

Dcn. Phil Mills

(631) 667-4044 X 110

ALL FLAG ORDERS DUE BY MAY 26

ALL MONEY DUE BY JUNE 6

Please find enclosed a check payable to:

Ss. Cyril & Methodius, c/o Dcn. Phil Mills, 125 Half Hollow Road, Deer Park 11729

In the amount of \$_____ to cover the cost of #_____ golfers.

Names: _____

Item sponsored: _____ Amount \$_____

Family Faith Formation and Religious Education

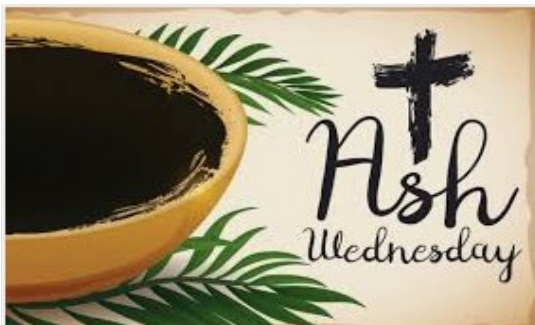
Saints Cyril, Methodius, and Valentine's Day Celebration

Happy Feast Day to our wonderful Parish Family! We were so happy to have had such a great turnout for our Saints Cyril, Methodius, and Valentine Mass last week! We were greeted by all of our boys and girls and their families dressed in a sea of red, pink, and white, and celebrated these incredible Saints with Family Breakfast following Mass. Special thanks to Father Chris and Deacon Bill for making this Mass so special!



CLOSED for Winter Break

This is a reminder for everyone that we are **CLOSED** this week for Winter Break. Classes will resume and the Office will reopen again on Monday, February 27th. We wish all of our families a good week off!



Ash Wednesday

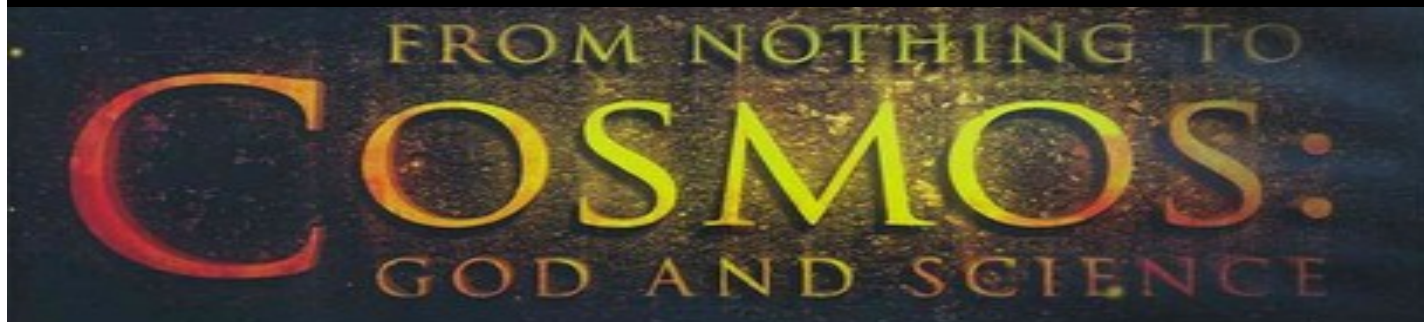
Ash Wednesday this year is **Wednesday, February 22nd**. All are invited to join us for our **Ash Wednesday Family Service at 5:00pm**. Masses will be taking place at 7:00am, 8:30am, and 12:15pm, with an additional Service at 7:00pm. We are looking forward to starting the Season of Lent with all of you in such a beautiful way.

Administration

Ms. Laucella
Director of Family Faith Formation,
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(631) 667-4044 ext. 145
amlauella@sscmdp.org

Office Information

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



Join Father Grace on Tuesday, **February 21st from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** in the Father Behan Hall. **Episode 3: The Multiverse vs. Supernatural Design and Evidence of a Soul from Near Death Experience.** This course responds to the pressing secular myths that threaten our faith and, indeed, our society. This series, featuring **Fr. Robert J. Spitzer S.J. Ph.D.**, is a full treatment of topics concerned with the evidence for God from contemporary science.

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

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength." Deuteronomy 6:4 Meets every **Tuesday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Senior Room.** Any questions call Lucille at 631-586-2438. **We will not meet in February. We will resume March 7th.**

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 **March 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"

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us by saying: "You must be perfected as your heavenly Father is perfect". A way to do this is by planning what we can do this Lent.

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 February. We will resume **March 6th at 7:30pm in the Church** for the Stations of the Cross as seen through the eyes of Mary. Any questions call Alba Barra at 631-274-5570.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COLUMBIETTES

Our next meeting is **March 13th at 7:30 p.m.** at Our Lady of the Rosary Council on Long Island Ave. This is our Baby Shower meeting. Any questions call Inez Schillinger, President at 631-586-2176. Our **Lenten Mass is Sunday, March 12th at 11:00 a.m.** at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church. Any questions call Tammy at 631-242-1151.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Recruitment Weekend for new members is **March 18 and 19th** after all Masses in the Breezeway. For more information contact Donna Daly at 631-667-0503 or Inez Schillinger, President at 631-586-2176.

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

SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our next 6 Hour **Defensive Driving Course** is **February 25th** 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.

STARTING IN MARCH

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the **2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Senior Room.** For more information call Diana at 845-428-2272.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS SUPPORT GROUP

Meets every **3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Senior Room.** For more information call Diana at 845-428-2272.





DIocese of Rockville Centre
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In our Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent, Saint Matthew tells us that before Jesus began His public ministry, He was “led by the Spirit into the desert” (*Mt. 4:1*), where He prayed, fasted, and gave Himself over to a life of Gospel poverty. Lent is the sacred time in which, following the example of Jesus, we are led by the same Holy Spirit into the solitude of the desert to deepen our relationship with the Father and purify our hearts to become like the Son. The Spirit that draws each of us into this period of preparation does so through the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These three pillars of Lenten observance call us away from the selfishness of sin and lead us to a deeply personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

Recognizing that many have never experienced this personal relationship with Jesus, the Holy Spirit has led our local Church to embark on a period of Eucharistic Revival—a movement aimed at leading many to encounter Jesus by restoring understanding and devotion to the great mystery of the Eucharist. Following the Spirit’s desire to rekindle Eucharistic amazement in our hearts, let us reflect on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as practices deeply rooted in devotion to the Body and Blood of Jesus.

The Mass is the greatest prayer of the Church, the “source and summit of the Christian life” (*CCC 1324*). Lenten prayer focused on the Eucharist calls us to rediscover the Catholic practice of praying the Mass by offering our intentions, work, hardships, and family life as “spiritual sacrifices” united to the priest’s offering of the Lord’s Body (*Lumen Gentium, 34*). In this way the great prayer of the Church becomes the great prayer of our lives: the summit to which all our daily sacrifices are directed and the source from which graces flow into everyday life.

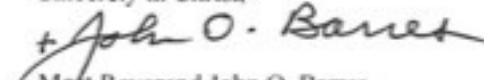
Prayerfully receiving the Eucharist not only requires bodily fasting from food but also spiritual fasting from worldly attachments that keep us from communion with God. At prayer in the desert, Christ rejects the temptations of Satan by reciting a scripture verse from Deuteronomy 8:3, “One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” The Lord recognizes that bodily fasting becomes a prayer only when it moves us to cling to God’s Word. This Lent may we take time to prepare for the Sunday Eucharist not only by fasting, but also by meditating on the weekly scriptures.

In the second century, Saint Justin Martyr wrote one of the earliest accounts of the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist. He recounts that after the breaking of the bread, the early Christians would be moved to give alms and “take care of all who are in need” (*First Apology, 67*). The Church has always recognized an inseparable bond between the sacrifice of the Mass and the sacrifice of almsgiving. Saint John Chrysostom even understood almsgiving as a Eucharistic action. He described the poor person as an “altar” where one could encounter the Body of Christ and offer everywhere a daily sacrifice (*Homily 20 on Second Corinthians*). As we remember the sacrifice of Christ at each Sunday Eucharist, may we always remember the poor.

Christ entered the desert for 40 days to prepare for the mission ahead of Him. Following the Lord’s example, we enter the Lenten desert of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving with the goal of becoming Eucharistic missionaries. The Holy Spirit is leading each of us to a personal encounter with the Lord and calling us to pray and fast for the conversion of many hearts during this grace-filled moment of Eucharistic Revival.

Let us follow the Spirit’s guidance with open hearts ready to receive the Lord; and may the heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time.

Sincerely in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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.

Date to be determined – 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

Respect Life Cause for Action:

Please go to the NYSCATHOLIC.ORG website and click on the "TAKE ACTION LINK". While there you can sign up for the Catholic Action Network, to receive notifications by Email of important issues being debated and brought to your elected officials.

Current Important legislative matter:

Proponents of doctor assisted suicide are making a full court press to legalize this deadly practice in NY State, and lawmakers need to hear from their constituents if we hope to avoid yet another assault on human life here. Assisted suicide is dangerous for patients, caregivers, and vulnerable populations such as the elderly and people with disabilities. Suicide is NOT medical care. Please tell your State Senate and assembly representatives that you oppose this dangerous and deadly practice. This is Time sensitive!

Please Contact our State legislators now! Easy links for doing so are right on the above mentioned website. Alternately, a handwritten letter to our representatives would be even better:

Assemblyman Keith Brown

LOB 719
Albany NY 12248 or
District Office
6080 Jericho Tpk
Suite 310
Commack, NY 11725

Senator Monica Martinez

LOB Rm 806
Albany NY 12247 or
District Office
250 Veterans Highway
Hauppauge State Office Bldg Rm 3B-41-42
Hauppauge, NY 11788

HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you experience regret, guilt, or grief after abortion, be assured that God's healing love and mercy are always available to the repentant heart.

your story is confidential

Contact:
516-766-2538 or 1-888-456-HOPE (4673) se habla español
projectrachel@drv.org
www.drvcilife.org/projectrachel
Diocese of Rockville Centre, Project Rachel Office

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!

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

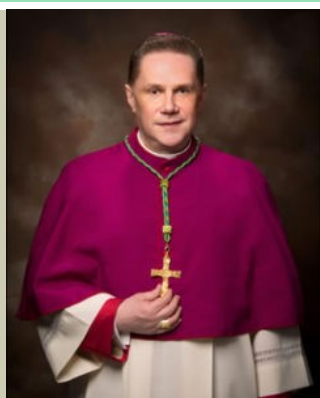
The next training sessions are starting soon. Attendance of 3 sessions is required.

01/31/23	Tuesday	6:30 PM
02/04/23	Saturday	2:00 PM
02/06/23	Monday	5:30 PM
02/11/23	Saturday	2:00 PM
02/15/23	Wednesday	6:30 PM
02/18/23	Saturday	2:00 PM

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

Open to all boys and girls from 4th grade and up

Email - sscyril.altarservers@yahoo.com. Or leave a message at the parish front desk for the Altar Serving Committee at 631-667-4044.



COFFEE with JESUS Lenten Series via Zoom

Join Bishop Andrzej at 10am on Friday mornings during Lent:

February 24, March 10 and March 24

To register please call Suzanne 516-744-6850
or email westernvicariate@drvc.org

Parish Social Ministry


PANTRY NEEDS:

FOOD

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Ritz type crackers | 11. Juice |
| 2. Vegetable Oil | 12. Coffee |
| 3. Vinegar | 13. Soup |
| 4. Sugar | 14. Pasta |
| 5. Flour | 15. Pasta Sauce Jar |
| 6. Jello | 16. Ketchup |
| 7. Pudding | 17. Mustard |
| 8. Mayonnaise | 18. Salad Dressing |
| 9. Cereal | 19. Cookies |
| 10. Oatmeal | 20. Rice |

NON FOOD ITEMS

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



Fun for all ages

Grab your **Very Important Partner** (Significant other, child, friend, grandchild, sibling)
and join us for a

SQUARE DANCE AND COUNTRY LINE DANCE PARTY

Singles welcome!

Music instruction by Jim Emory

Saturday March 4, 2023 1:00 – 4:30 pm

Light refreshments will be served

\$10 per person before 2/25

\$20 per person at the door

Contact: Jane McMahon (516) 816 - 1930 or Carol Tannehill (631) 988 - 9906

Name _____ Phone number _____

VIP _____ Amount enclosed _____

Make checks payable to SSCM and drop off at the rectory marked ATTN: Parish Social Events

Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes **Lenten Mass and Luncheon**

Sunday, March 12, 2023, 11 am Mass at Ss Cyril and Methodius

Followed by lunch at the Knights of Columbus Council #4428

DONATION \$15.00 and bring a dessert RSVP by March 4th No tickets sold at door

Make checks payable to OLOR Columbiettes

Please drop off checks in the Columbiette mailbox at the Rectory Attn: Tammy

Any questions or to purchase tickets contact Joan or Tammy Loring at 631-242-1151.

Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes

BUNCO NIGHT

Friday, March 24, 2023 Ss. Cyril and Methodius Fr. Behan Hall Doors Open 6:30pm

No Experience Necessary! All you need to do is roll dice and socialize! Bring Your Friends!

Coffee, Tea & Refreshments, Prizes and Lots of Laughs Included

Tickets Must Be Purchased In Advance **\$15 per person**

For Tickets Contact Bobi Lukenovich 631-576-6899

or Donna Ryall 516-885-0606 or Geri Cavanaugh

Drop Off At KofC Att: Bunco or Rectory Att: Columbiettes (Bunco)

Proceeds will be donated to one of our charities.



HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Alcoholics Anonymous 24-Hour Hotline:

631-669-1124

Al-Anon Suffolk County:

631-669-2827

American Red Cross:

LI: 516-747-3500

Pregnancy Support Hot Line:

631-476-LOVE (5683)

Brighter Tomorrow (Domestic Violence):

631-395-1800

Catholic Charities (Food Stamp Info):

631-789-9546

Child Advocacy Center (CAC) (Child Abuse):

631-439-0480

Fidelis Insurance (Family Health Plus):

1-888-343-3547

Gamblers Anonymous Hotline:

1-855-222-5542

Good Shepherd Hospice:

631-376-3758

Hope House Ministries:

631-473-6030

L.I. Women's Coalition (Domestic Violence):

631-666-8833

Narcotics Anonymous:

631-689-6262

National Suicide Prevention Hotline:

1-800-SUICIDE

Response Crisis Center:

631-751-7500 (Suicide Hotline)

The Retreat (Domestic Violence Hotline):

631-329-2200

Conexion Linea de Crisis (Mon-Fri: 5-10 PM)

631-751-7423

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

- In need of **Adult Altar Servers** for the 8:00 am Mass. Leave a message at the front desk for Fr Chris Deh or email him at frchris@sscmdp.org. 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.

Deer Park Fire Department and
St. Cyril & Methodius Parish present:

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND SAFETY WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 29th

9:00 am—11:00 am

St. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church



Topics:

- Fire Safety at Home
- Pool Safety
- Storm Preparedness
- Car Seat Safety & Inspection

For more information:

631-667-4430

www.deerparkfd.org