

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

WWW.SSCMDP.ORG
125 HALF HOLLOW RD, DEER PARK, NY 11729

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

March 26, 2023

Tradition of the Hunger Cloth

Covering crosses, statues and images or “veiling” with unadorned purple opaque cloths begins on the Saturday before the 5th Sunday of Lent. It is an older custom of the Church that remains an option even to this day. The exact era it began no one is sure, but the origins seem to come from a medieval tradition of the “hunger cloth” which was a huge purple cloth hung in front of the altar to keep the congregation from viewing the altar. Originally Lent was a time that public sinners were “banished” from the church and had to do a public display of penance. Over time the understanding that everyone is a sinner prevailed and sinners were no longer restricted from the liturgy in church, but the hunger cloth gave all attending a “fast of the eyes.” The cloths over time changed to smaller sizes and with more decorations.



The actual covering of images came later, perhaps continuing that theme of “fasting of the eyes.” According to Adolf Adam’s *The Liturgical Year*,

At the end of the thirteenth century Bishop William Durandus of Mende (Southern France) explains this custom by the fact that Christ veiled his divinity during his passion. Durandus saw this

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Readings and Songs this Sunday

No. 1028 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Ezekiel 37:12-14**
2nd Reading: **Romans 8:8-11**
Gospel Reading: **John 11:1-45 or John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45**

LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

The Time of Fulfillment
Unless a Grain of Wheat **#783**
I Am the Bread of Life **#945**
Hosea **#484**
(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent,
12:45pm



And on **GOOD FRIDAY** join us for the **OUTDOOR Stations of the Cross** on **DEER PARK AVENUE** at **12:00 Noon** returning to the Church about **2:30pm** Make this tradition part of your **Triduum** this year.

In the event of inclement weather, we will pray the stations in the Church.

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)

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Ms. Allison Taibi, Ext. 111

Bookkeeper

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	March 27
7:00 AM:	For Russell Salerno's intentions
8:30 AM:	For Mildred Vazquez's intentions
12:15 PM:	Thomas Joseph Cortese
Tuesday	March 28
7:00 AM:	For Mary Bridget Kravitz's intentions
8:30 AM:	Francis Reynolds
12:15 PM:	Sal Massa
Wednesday	March 29
7:00 AM:	(Open: no offered intentions)
8:30 AM:	Therassa Varghese & Joseph Thottakara
12:15 PM:	Sal Massa
Thursday	March 30
7:00 AM:	(Open: no offered intentions)
8:30 AM:	(Open: no offered intentions)
12:15 PM:	(Open: no offered intentions)
Friday	March 31
7:00 AM:	Christopher Papa
8:30 AM:	Anthony and Fannie Messina
12:15 PM:	Frank Mulligan
Saturday	April 1
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM:	Gerard J. Jokubiel, Patricia Bianculli, Clifford Zeblisky
Sunday	April 2
8:00 AM	Giuseppe Giuliano
9:30 AM	June Vasilakis
11:00 AM	William O'Dell, Teresa Allers, Carmine Napolitano, Gloria B. Herrera, Philip Romano, Zoe O'Brien
12:30 PM	For Our Parishioners
6:00 PM	Dorothy E. Mallon

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday,	April 1
5:00 PM:	Fr. Gregory Cappuccino
Sunday	April 2
8:00 AM:	Fr. Gius Garcia
9:30 AM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin
11:00 AM:	Fr. Gregory Cappuccino
12:30 PM:	Fr. Christopher Deh
6:00 PM:	Fr. Patrick Grace

REST IN PEACE

Albert Rivela, Philip J. Romano, Joan G. Maiale,
Mary Margaret Madden, Barbara Miller

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Matteo Paolo Sansone

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

First Banns

Joel Cerezo — Ss. Cyril and Methodius
Grezen Micua — St. Joseph Parish , Sylvania, Ohio

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Margaret McCartney, Theresa Schaefer, Leonard Caltabiano, Connie Rigert, Stanley Urbanowski Stephen Neveroski, Eugene Sheehy, Clemente Oropallo, Kevin Talbot, Jean Fortunato, Joyce Ratushny, 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, 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, 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, Eric, Joseph Pepe, Padraic Beach, Mary McMahon Alex, Emma Villarola, Paulette Giusto, 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, Dennis Lombardi, David Lombardi, Joseph Fay, Hilde Fenton, Vita Rose Cacace, Michael Castellano, Baby Harry, Anthony Luparello, Baby Trent

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.

explanation as implied in this Sunday's gospel the concluding sentence of which read: "But Jesus hid himself and left the temple" (John 8:59). Prior to Vatican II the editors of the [Schott Missal](#) saw the veiling of crosses and so on as intended "to remind us of the Redeemer's humiliation and thus to imprint the image of the crucified Christ more deeply on our hearts."

The Triduum is so near. Last Sunday we celebrated with great joy that we had reached the halfway mark, and this Sunday we have a visual that reminds us that we are only two weeks away from Easter. The covering of sacred images is a beautiful custom that can perhaps lead us to greater contemplation as we walk with Jesus through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Our eyes are not drawn away to other objects and we can turn our focus to the altar and inward to contemplate Christ.

Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.



MARCH 26 to APRIL 1

BREAD AND WINE

- Available

ALTAR CANDLES

- Available

CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE

- Available

CANDLES AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE

- Available

Altar Candles, Candles at Our Lady's Shrine & St. Joseph's Shrine - Offering - \$25 Bread & Wine - \$50.

Stewardship

MARCH 19, 2023

Regular Collection \$15,112.50

Online Giving \$ 1,084.42

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$125,200

\$43,565.50 Pledged

% of Parish Goal

Thank you, and God Bless you, for your faithful weekly Stewardship of our Parish and for your support of the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal!

In today's Gospel, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

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.



HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY, April 2 – (Regular Sunday Mass Schedule)

HOLY MONDAY, April 3

Masses: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 am

Confessions: 2:00 - 4:00 pm; 6:00 - 9:00 pm

HOLY TUESDAY, April 4

Masses: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 am

4:00 pm – **Chrism Mass**, St. Agnes Cathedral

(Please check www.drvc.org for TV coverage and livestream)

HOLY WEDNESDAY, April 5

Masses: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 am

HOLY THURSDAY, April 6

8:30 am – **Morning Prayer** (Livestream)

8:00 pm – **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Vigil/Solemn Adoration until 11:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7

8:30 am – **Morning Prayer** (Livestream)

12:00 noon – **Outside Stations of the Cross**

3:00 pm – **Service** (Livestream)

7:00 pm – **Service**

HOLY SATURDAY, April 8

8:30 am – **Morning Prayer** (Livestream)

8:00 pm – **The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9

8:00 am **Mass**

9:30 am **Mass** (Livestream)

11:00 am **Mass**

12:30 pm **Mass**

NO 6:00 pm Mass

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"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

- Lk 15:10

Reconciliation Monday

*Experience the liberating grace of the
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance).*

Monday, April 3
2-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.

**Confessions will be heard at all parishes in the
Diocese of Rockville Centre, the Diocese of Brooklyn
and the Archdiocese of New York.**

To find a parish near you, visit: drvc.org.



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A PILGRIMAGE WITH THE LORD IN HOLY WEEK

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop John O Barres to the people of God
of the Diocese of Rockville Centre



LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING – SPRING 2023

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This “BASIC” training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training.

Lector Workshop is available for both new and experienced lectors.

DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING

Tuesday, April 25 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm.
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Part A AND Lectors

Saturday, June 3 – St. Paul the Apostle / Brookville – Lower Level; 9 am – noon.
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Part A AND Lectors*

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B
Presented in conjunction with Catholic Health:

Tuesday, May 16 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Saturday, June 3 - St. Paul the Apostle / Brookville – Lower Level; 1:00 – 4:00 pm.*

*We are offering Part A and Part B on the SAME day. Those who attend Part A in the morning are welcome to bring lunch or leave for lunch and return for the 1pm Part B session. Only those pre-registered for part B will be allowed to stay for this second session.

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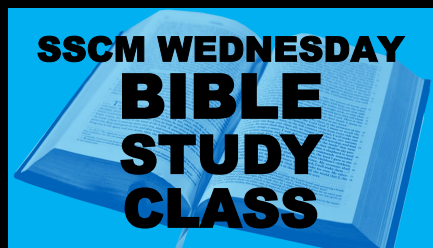
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Presented to you by:



Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church

125 Half Hollow Rd.

Deer Park, NY 11729

May 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Tickets - \$100 (Sponsor – front rows)

\$30 (General Admission), \$15 (Transept seating)

For more info: Email - pbersamin@sscmdp.org or Call 631-6674044.



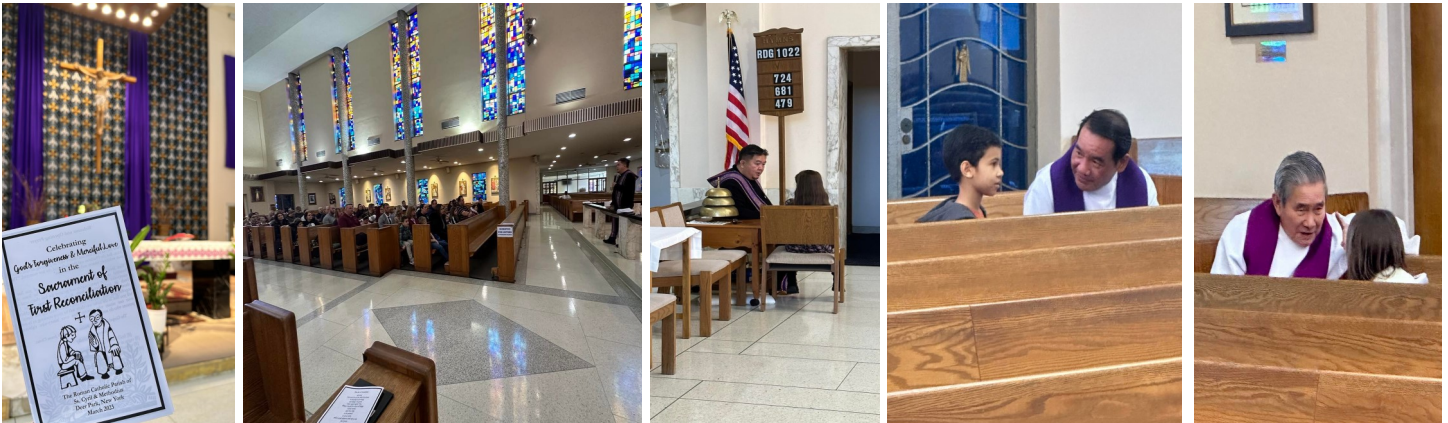
Proceeds go to the refurbishing of the Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church pews.

Family Faith Formation and Religious Education

First Reconciliations

Over these last two weeks, our boys and girls made the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time! Our morning started together in prayer, telling the Gospel story of the Lost Sheep, and ended with all of our children taking time with Jesus after their First Confession. To see our children not only experience this special day, but to see so many members of their families who love them come and support them was so incredibly beautiful; Thank you to our special guests for joining us, and for spending this sacred time with your children!

We also were joined by all of our Parish Priests! Special thanks to Father Gius, Father Grace, Father Chris, Father Sang, and Father Paul who spent their mornings with our boys and girls!



St. Patrick & St. Joseph Day Family Mass and Celebration

Last Sunday's Family Mass was certainly a special one, as we celebrated the Feast Days of St. Patrick and St. Joseph! Our Family Mass was followed by our St. Patrick and St. Joseph Day Breakfast for all who attended Mass! Breakfast was filled with a sea of our families wearing green (for St. Patrick!) and gold (for St. Joseph!), and, of course, our famous annual green bagels! Special thanks to one of our Catechists, Mrs. Beth Gardner, who also baked five different types of muffins for everyone; A true labor of love! Thank you to everyone who celebrated this special Sunday with all of us; We are truly lucky and blessed to have such a special Parish Family!



Administration

Ms. Laucella

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

Office Information

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

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(631) 586-3600,
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(631) 291-7020,
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Dcn. Phil Mills
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ALL FLAG ORDERS DUE BY MAY 26

ALL MONEY DUE BY JUNE 6

Please find enclosed a check payable to:

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

Names: _____

Item sponsored: _____ Amount \$ _____

CATHOLICISM



Join Father Grace on Tuesday, **March 28th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** in the Father Behan Hall. **Episode 2: CONVERSION: Following the Call of Christ** Using six stories from the Bible, Bishop Barron demonstrates how ordinary, sinful people are met by Jesus and called to a better life through him. Conversion is not so much a one-time event, but a life-long process of focusing our attention and energy toward an ever-deepening relationship with Christ.

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.** For the Lenten Season, we will join the community in praying the Stations of the Cross. We will gather again on Friday, April 14, 2023. However some members still wish to offer The Flame of Love devotion **AFTER** the Stations - Praise God - and you are most welcome. 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

"For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory and then he will repay everyone according to his conduct." Matthew 16:27 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 **April 4, 2023 at 2:30pm** in the Father Behan Hall. Any questions call John Kelly at 631-586-0827.

USHERS

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

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - “We Help People”

The Gospel today challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness. Thank you for your mercy and kindness in donating to the needy of our parish.

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

SVDPLI presents 2023 Communion Closet Distribution of Communion Dresses Event

Thursday, **March 30th** 2pm—7pm Saturday, **April 1st** 9am—5pm

Register for an appointment at <https://svdpli.org/communion-closet/> or call 516-822-3132

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

We will meet **Saturday, April 1st at 9:00am in the Father Behan Hall**. Any questions call Alba Barra at 631-274-5570.

Please note time change. We will meet on Saturday, April 1st at 9:00 am in the Father Behan Hall. After we say the rosary in Church we will proceed downstairs to the Father Behan Hall for our meeting. This is our Baby Shower Meeting. This year all proceeds will be going to Ss. Cyril and Methodius Respect Life Ministry.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COLUMBIETTES

Our next meeting is **April 10th at 7:30 p.m.** at Our Lady of the Rosary Council on Long Island Ave. 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 April 1st, 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 **May 20th** 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.

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.



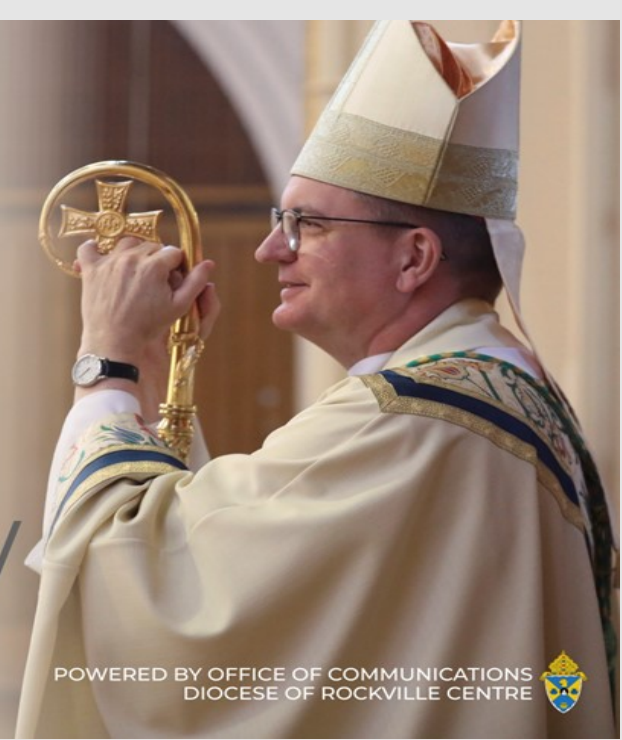
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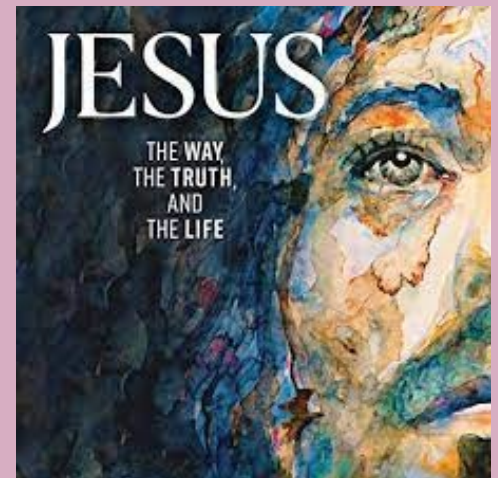


BIBLE STUDY CLASS CONTINUES... All are welcome!

Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life

is a 5-week study program presented by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri. Filmed on-location in the Holy Land and anchored in the life of Christ as presented in the Gospels, this study explores the entirety of Jesus' life—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, what he did for our salvation, and what all of this means for us as Catholics today.

**Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, beginning March 1st – 29th, 2023 in
Father Behan Hall** For more information and **to register** please call
Mary at 631-291-7020



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FUTURE EVENTS

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 6674044 x100.



Easter Baskets for Kids in Need



Teens of the parish will gather after the 6 pm Mass on March 26th to make Easter Baskets for children in need. Last year we were able to make over seventy baskets thanks to the generosity of the teens and parishioners who participated. If you'd like to help out this year, please place donations of baskets, candy or Easter Grass in the special containers near the exits by March 26th. If you have any questions, please call/text Tim Leitch at 631-806-4715.

Respect Life

SSCM Maternal Support Service/Walking with Mom's Ministry

I am happy to share that because of our parishes generosity we have been able to help a few Mom's in need already! Two have needed diapers and wipes, (I've discovered diapers are very very expensive items to buy these days!) while another was in dire need of proper sized clothing for her 3 little children! Our program is growing and that is only possible with your support! Thank you!!!!

**If you are pregnant and/or are in need of assistance, for yourself, your newborn or toddler:
Call the Respect Life Ministry @ 631-667-4044 Ext 120 and leave a message.
Know that you are not alone, and we are here for you.**

Other Diocesan Resources:

The Gianna Center for Women's Health and Fertility (CHSLI.ORG)
(NYC, Rockville Center, and Babylon)

Services include Fertility care, Natural Family Planning, Advanced Reproductive Medicine, Hormonal and Menopausal general care, Post Partem etc.

DRVC Pregnancy Support Services 631-476-LOVE (5683) (24 HOUR HOTLINE)

Healing After Abortion (www.drvcclife/projectrachel)

(does not matter how long ago the abortion took place)

Emily's Gift (Bereavement program for pregnancy loss) 631-314-4562

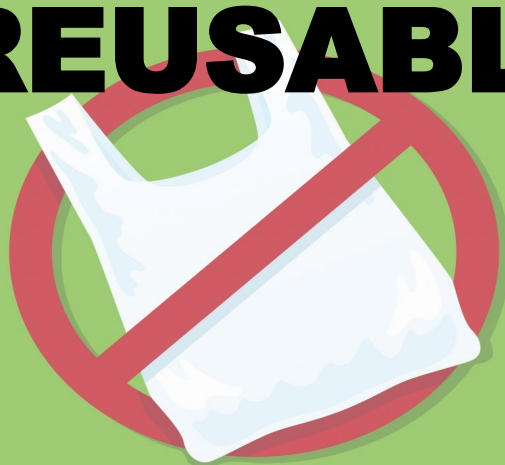
Gabriel's Courage (Support for those receiving Adverse prenatal diagnosis) 631-465-6300

Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics – DRVCLIFE.org

(You are invited to Join us on the link on this website for the

Friday 3pm Zoom Rosary Calls every week!)

REUSABLE BAG SALE



SAY **NO** TO PLASTIC BAGS



Strong and
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BRING YOUR OWN BAG

Available for purchase at the Parish Office. \$2.00 per Bag
Proceeds go to **MENTAL HEALTH PARISH PROGRAMS**

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**



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

2023

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*One Family - Journeying together in
Communion, Participation and Mission*



"With Him we are never alone, even at difficult moments, even when our life's journey comes up against problems and obstacles that seem insurmountable, and there are so many of them!" -Pope Francis

Please make check payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Name: _____ Parish: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone number: Home _____ Cell: _____

Signature: _____

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

Parish Social Ministry

Thank you as always for your very generous donations to the food pantry and also to Parish Social Ministry (which the pantry is a part of).

As many of you are aware from your own trips to the grocery store prices are higher, items are limited and things are getting difficult.

Please do not put clothing items in the food bins. We are not collecting anything for a thrift store currently. There are bins by the church to donate to Saint Vincent De Paul. Please put any donations that are not food in those bins, please do not use the food pantry bins. This makes more work for the volunteers and the maintenance staff when these donations have to be sorted through. We appreciate your cooperation.

I will be calling people who called to volunteer while I was recuperating from my broken arm. I assure you I am very anxious to meet with you. I will be in touch with you very soon. You are also very welcome to call me and set up a time to meet with me before I call you.

I also have 4 Christening outfits and 2 brand new Communion dresses. Please call me at 631-667-4044 ext. 106.

God Bless you all for your generosity and your prayers for the poor.

Janet

PANTRY NEEDS:

FOOD

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

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 |

You can buy flour and sugar at the Dollar Tree for a reasonable price and the size is suitable for most of our families.

Deer Park Fire Department
& Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish *present:*



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS *and* SAFETY WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 29th

9:00 am—11:00 am

SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Topics:

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

For more information:

631-6674430

www.deerparkfd.org

LITURGY CORNER

WHY HAS THE CANTOR BEGUN TO SING AN ANTIPHON BEFORE THE COMMUNION HYMN?

The antiphons in the Roman Missal and Graduale Romanum are the texts given to us by the Church for each particular liturgy, so there really are no other texts more ideal to sing than the antiphons! Yes, we should still sing a hymn that will unite our hearts to Christ and one another, but if we add the antiphons, we have the opportunity to pray these special scripture verses from the Missal. When the cantor chants the antiphons, we can begin to see the rhythm of the liturgical year in a new way. We can start to identify certain texts with certain liturgies, which enriches our liturgies, as well as, our personal devotion to sacred scripture.

Watch out for more small but useful information on our Liturgical Celebrations.

Divine Mercy Sunday April 16th

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following the 12:30pm Mass

2:00pm to 3:45pm Divine Mercy Meditations

Recitation—Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Divine Mercy Meditations

Divine Mercy Novena

Please join us beginning on Monday, April 10th through

Friday, April 14th for the Divine Mercy Novena

(Friday, April 7th, Saturday, April 8th and Sunday,

April 9th recite the Novena at home)

We will gather after the 12:15pm Mass in the Church for the

recitation of the rosary followed by the novena.

To prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, perform the works of mercy and venerate the image of Divine Mercy. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.



EASTER DECORATING

If you would like to help us decorate the church for Easter, we will begin the project on Saturday, April 8th at 10:00 am in the church. If you have any questions, please call or text Tim Leitch at 631-806-4715. No experience is needed.



Join Rev. J. Gregory Cappuccino on a 12-day pilgrimage to

PORTUGAL AND SPAIN

September 29–October 10, 2023

Highlights include Fatima, Coimbra, Porto, Braga, Lisbon, and Seville!



Enrollment deadline is April 30, 2023

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