

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

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125 HALF HOLLOW RD, DEER PARK, NY 11729

6th SUNDAY of EASTER / Mother's Day

May 14, 2023

The Best Job in the World

This job's a tough one, Lord,
but the perks are beyond compare.
Who else but a mother
knows the joy of satisfying
a human being's every need?

Who else but a mother
sees love come alive a hundred ways,
from jelly-smeared kisses and
diminishing sobs
to crayoned valentines
and soggy, shared suckers?"

Thank you so much for this
priceless privilege,
this role so few get to know.
Inadequate as my training,
inept as I might be,
I know I have tenure for life.

Even so, I ask your assistance
in making sure I deserve it.
For a bad mother is the worst nightmare
a child can ever know,
and a good one
a dream come true
to curly up with for life.

—from *A New Mother's Prayers*,
by Jayne Jaudon Ferrer

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Readings and Songs this Sunday

No. 1076 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Acts 8:5-8,14-17**

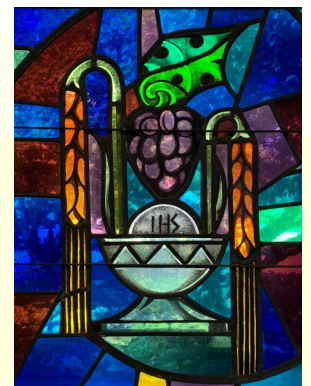
2nd Reading: **1 Peter 3:15-18**

Gospel Reading: **John 14:15-21**

LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

Sing a New Song	#607
Ubi Caritas	#696
Unless a Grain of Wheat	#783
Let There Be Peace on Earth	#829

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)



Let us join together in praying for our children in Faith
Formation who will be receiving the **Holy Eucharist**
for the first time and also those receiving the
Sacrament of Confirmation all in the month of May.

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

Please check the Bulletin and the Parish Website.

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 Center 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 will be ministered by appointment to those confined to home. Contact the Parish Center 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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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



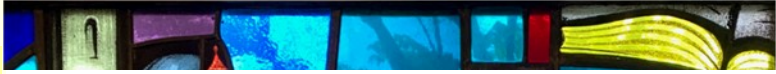
Mrs. Joan Ann Loring, Ext. 122

Parish Secretary / Bulletin Editor

Mrs. Marianne Saffran, Ext. 115

Baptism & Wedding Coordinator

Ms. Allison Taibi Ext. 111,



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday May 15

7:00 AM: For All Mothers Living and Deceased
 8:30 AM: For All Mothers Living and Deceased
 12:15 PM: For All Mothers Living and Deceased

Tuesday May 16

7:00 AM: For All Mothers Living and Deceased
 8:30 AM: For All Mothers Living and Deceased
 12:15 PM: For All Mothers Living and Deceased

Wednesday May 17

7:00 AM: For All Mothers Living and Deceased
 8:30 AM: For All Mothers Living and Deceased
 12:15 PM: For All Mothers Living and Deceased

Thursday May 18

7:00 AM: For All Mothers Living and Deceased
 8:30 AM: For All Mothers Living and Deceased
 12:15 PM: For All Mothers Living and Deceased

Friday May 19

7:00 AM: For All Mothers Living and Deceased
 8:30 AM: For All Mothers Living and Deceased
 12:15 PM: For All Mothers Living and Deceased

Saturday May 20

8:30 AM Purgatorial Society
 5:00 PM Richard, Marcellina and Michael Solomita, Sophie Kaminski, Mary and John Scanlon, Bernadette M. D'Attoma, Dolores Naglieri, Kathleen Schutte, and for Russell Salerno's intentions

Sunday May 21

8:00 AM John Bartalini
 9:30 AM Dennis LaMotte
 11:00 AM Nancy Perez, Rose Kortan, James Aprile, Gloria Berta Herrera, Jeffrey McLaughlin, James Dillon
 12:30 AM Thomas Fitzgerald
 6:00 PM For Our Parishioners

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday, May 20

5:00 PM: Fr. Gius Garcia

Sunday, May 21

8:00 AM: Fr. Christopher Deh
 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

Walter Aspenleiter, Jr.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Julianna Ellie Balcuk, Mikayla Joule Clerveau, Jax Zambelli Davis, Ryan James Lew

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

First Banns

James Siefert — Ss. Cyril and Methodius
 Deana Hajduk — Ss. Cyril and Methodius

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Margaret McCartney, Leonard Caltabiano, Connie Rigert, Stanley Urbanowski, Theresa Schaefer, Stephen Neveroski, Eugene Sheehy, Clemente Oropallo, Kevin Talbot, Jean Fortunato, Joyce Ratushny, Louis Xavier Maldonado, Kristen Mills, Tony Bufalino, Jackie Becker, Carmine Soldano, Diane Ryan, Brendan Gould, Julio Cesar Rivera, Joseph E. Torres, Parette Gisele Torres, Sydney Ann Torres, Eric, Joseph Pepe, Padraic Beach, 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, Dolores Otten, Roseanne Pupillo, Rosa Maria Calvo, Sebastian Viera, Doreen Hulsen, Matthew DiCamillo, Mary Anne Tarquino

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Staff 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, Kyle Chanley US Army



In today's Gospel Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term Advocate to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is Paraclete, a legal term meaning "one who offers defense for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the

gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.

We remember how you loved us...

MAY 14 to MAY 20

BREAD AND WINE

- Available

ALTAR CANDLES - In loving memory of John Sciulli. Requested by Liz and Rich Keller.

CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE

- Available

CANDLES AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE

- Available

FLOWERS AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE

- In Thanksgiving for a Prayer Answered.

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

MAY 14, 2023

Regular Collection \$17,491.50

Online Giving \$ 1,347.39

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$125,200

\$68,675.00 Pledged

54.85% 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 tells his disciples that He will send the Holy Spirit to remain with them and guide them.

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

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

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Family Faith Formation and Religious Education

Weekly Greeting from Ms. Laucella

We have been having a great start to our May here in Family Faith Formation! Between Sacrament preparation events, rehearsals, First Holy Communions, Confirmation events, and so much more, we have been extremely busy! We are so looking forward to celebrating this special time with all of our students and families, and can't wait to share them with all of you as each event approaches! Be sure to keep up with us here for pictures and all things Sacraments, and please keep our students, families, and Office Staff in your prayers!

Happy Mother's Day!

In this month of celebrating Mary, this weekend we celebrate Mother's Day! Our Program and Parish is full of so many incredible women who sacrifice so much for the children in their lives. The love that you all give on a daily basis is so evident, and is so noticed, respected, and appreciated.

From welcoming all of you at the doors when you bring your children for class, to spending time with you at our Family Programming events, I get to witness just a small part of your days in how you get your children to everywhere that they need to be. All of you are truly superheroes. To all of our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, older sisters, and godmothers of our Parish Family, and to all of those who have shown us a mother's love; Thank you for all that you do, and for showing our little ones how Mary loves her Son in the way that you love and care for your children. Happy Mother's Day!



FORMED Recommendations

In honor of Mother's Day and for May being the month of Mary, I have two new FORMED Recommendations for you this week! For a full-length movie night with your family, I am sharing with all of you "**Mary of Nazareth**". For those families who would like to honor Mary through prayer, I am sharing "**The Rosary: A Special Way to Pray**" from the Brother Francis Collection! Use the QR codes below to take you directly to each video series; Just scan with your phone in the camera app to start watching, and enjoy!



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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)

the Philippine Madrigal Singers

Mark Anthony A. Carpio, choirmaster

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Twice European Grand Prix for Choral Singing

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or call 631-6674044.

Proceeds go to the refurbishing of the SSCM Church pews.

CATHOLICISM



Join Father Grace on Tuesday, **May 16th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** in the Father Behan Hall.

Episode 4: EUCHARIST: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence Take a deeper look at the “source and summit” of our Faith, the Eucharist. Bishop Barron brings to light the Blessed Sacrament’s reality as a sacred meal, the sacrifice necessary for communion with God, and as the Real Presence of 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.** Any questions call Anna Mancini at 631-586-5214.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Join the Rosary Altar Society every Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm. You may tune in to the communal recitation of the Rosary on ZOOM CONFERENCE as led by the members of the Holy Rosary Society of Saints Cyril and Methodius. Download the **Zoom app** on your phone or login to **zoom.us Meeting ID: 82505467253** and **Password: TV369x** Any questions call Leslie Barra at 631-586-1663.

THE LOVE OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

“But you, remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it.” 2Timothy 3:14 Meets every **Tuesday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Senior Room.** Any questions call Lucille at 631-586-2438.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every **Friday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm in the Chapel.** The first hour we pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy. The last two hours we spend in silent prayer. **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 **June 6th, 2023 at 2:30pm** in the Father Behan Hall. Come join our picnic in June. Any questions call Mary Indelicato at 631-667-2998.

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.

GREETERS

Greeters are needed at all Masses. If you would like to greet at the Mass you attend then please call Cathie Taibi at 917-597-1559.

Please be one with us as one parish as we honor **Deacon John Fitzpatrick** as this year marks the **25th anniversary** of his ordination to the Diaconate with a special celebration of the Holy Eucharist on **Sunday, May 28** at the **12:30 PM**. Light Refreshments hosted by the Rosary Altar Society follows at the Fr Behan Hall after the Mass.

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

Happy Mother's Day! In the Gospel today, the Sixth Sunday of Easter, Jesus says to us: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments . . . Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

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

We will meet **Saturday, June 3rd at 9:00am in the Church**. After the 8:30 a.m. Mass we will say the rosary in Church and proceed downstairs to the Fr. Behan Hall for our meeting. Any questions call Alba Barra at 631-274-5570.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COLUMBIETTES

Our next meeting is **June 12th at 7:30 p.m.** at Our Lady of the Rosary Council on Long Island Ave. At this meeting we will install our Board of Officers for 2023-2024. 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 June 3rd, 2023.** Any questions call Nancy Lanni at 631-242-5078.

SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS HOLY NAME SOCIETY

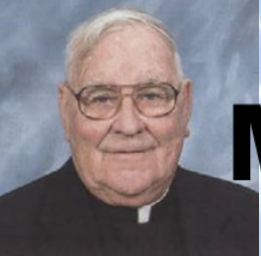
Our next 6 Hour **Defensive Driving Course** is **May 20th** in the Father Behan Hall. Coffee and bagel breakfast at 8:30am donated by Mangano Funeral Home. Pizza lunch provided by Shannon Macleod Elder Law Attorney. Space is limited. No Walk Ins allowed. If you would like to sign up for the Defensive 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.



Rev. Msgr. Thaddeus Rooney Memorial Golf Outing & Dinner

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

Sponsored by **MANGANO FUNERAL HOME, INC.**

12:00 PM Lunch and Registration
2:00 PM Shotgun Start
6:30 PM Cocktail Hour at SSCM
7:30 PM Dinner, coffee, tea and dessert

\$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

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such as Gift Cards or Store
Gift Certificates in the \$10 - \$25 range.
New bottles of Liquor.**

ALL FLAG ORDERS DUE BY MAY 26

ALL MONEY DUE BY JUNE 6

FOR MORE INFO,
PLEASE CALL:

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(631) 586-3600,
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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 \$ _____

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

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.

2023
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*One Family - Journeying together in
Communion, Participation and Mission*



Happy Mother's Day! As we join together to celebrate the wonderful Moms in our lives, let's also take time to remember and pray for all the thousands of Moms who worry about how they are going to put food on the table for their children this week.

Please consider supporting the work of the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** so that we can continue to care for God's children and their families through our Parish Outreach programs and Catholic Charities.



Our hope is that each family will make a gift. We cannot ask everyone to consider the same size gift, but after prayer and reflection, each family is invited to make a gift in response to God's generosity in their lives.

No gift is too small and all gifts make a difference in the lives of others!

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!

WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR

Our *Reach Out* committee of 5 has been slowly contacting our parishioners to update our records and see what needs they have. We can use more help in making these calls. See below on how to volunteer.

We have had requests for receiving the bulletin at home and also a friendly visit to those who can't get out. Won't you be a *neighbor* and drop off a bulletin to someone in your *neighborhood* on the way home from church.

Can you spare a bit of time to stop in and visit a *neighbor*, it would be so welcome.

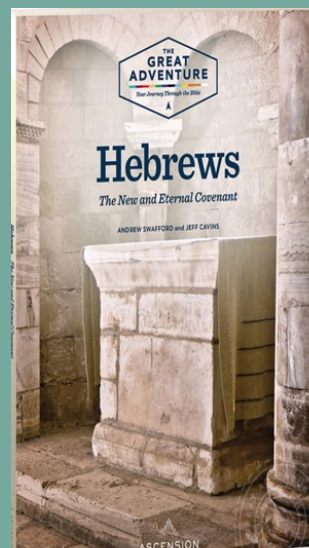
Please call Kerry Brennan at 631 586 6294 to help

Bible Study Class Continues.... All are welcome!

Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant is a 4-week study program that takes Catholics on a guided tour of what is considered the "Holy of Holies" of biblical theology.

Presented by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, this study program draws out the meaning of the book of Hebrews **in a simple way** so Catholics can see, appreciate, and **take hold of the riches God has given** them in the New Covenant.

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, beginning May 17th – June 7, 2023 in Father Behan Hall For more information and **to register** please call Mary at 631.291.7020



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CELL PHONES IN CHURCH

We all have them and it seems like we can't imagine a time without them!

Although cell phones are an integral part of our lives in 2023, nothing can be more disruptive than your cell phone going off during Mass.

Those of us on the ministerial staff, who attend multiple Masses each week, can tell you that at least one cell phone goes off at EVERY single Mass!

We all know that our cantors always remind us to silence our phones before Mass begins. Unfortunately, this has not been very effective.

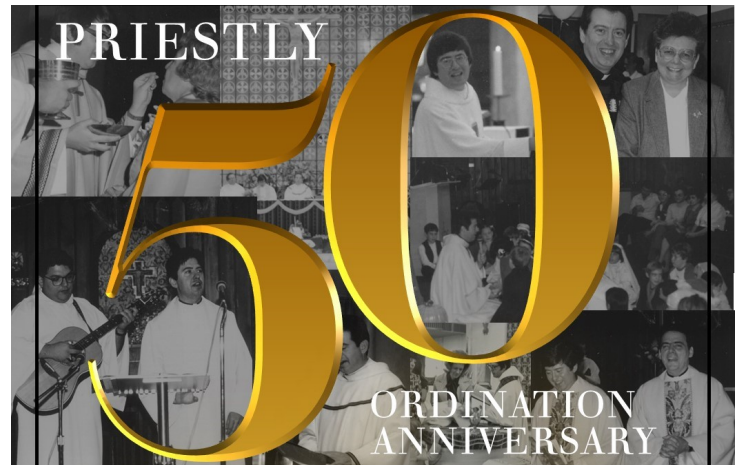
And so, we have come to the conclusion that perhaps some of us do not actually know how to silence or turn off our cell phones. They can be very complicated devices!

In light of this, we respectfully ask that all Mass attendees, who do not know how to silence or turn off their cell phones, **KINDLY LEAVE THEM IN YOUR CAR.** This way, you will never have to worry about it going off, if you do not know how to silence it.

Your fellow parishioners, priests, deacons and other ministers will greatly appreciate your attention to this important matter. Thanks and God bless you!

FR GREG'S 50th ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Fr. Greg Cappuccino is celebrating his **50th Ordination Anniversary** on Saturday, **June 3** at the **5:00 pm Mass** to be followed by a reception. It is a complete circle as this parish was his first ever assignment as a priest. You are all invited to attend the Mass and greet him. There is, however, a limit and a buffet dinner fee of \$40 (w/ wine & drink) for the formal reception. If you want to attend, you may make your payment at the Parish front desk and you will be given a ticket. Deadline is May 20, 2023.



Respect Life

We would like to wish a
Happy Mothers Day
to all Mothers and Expecting Mothers
From the Respect Life Ministry

Maternal Support Service:

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

[Join us on the Diocesan Rosary for Life by ZOOM](#)
[Fridays at 3:00 pm www.drvcilife.org](#)

(Taken from the USCCB Novena to St. Gianna (Patron Saint of Mothers and the Unborn)

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.

Parish Social Ministry

I hope everyone has been enjoying the nice weather the last few days. I was fortunate enough to go to Cormaria last Wednesday and Thursday for the annual Catholic Charities Retreat for Parish Social Ministry Directors and Coordinators. It is always a very uplifting experience.

I am in the process of applying for the HPNAP grant. This grant is important as we are able to receive about 10000 pounds of food for the pantry at no cost. This grant also allows us to ask for capital equipment. There are no guarantees that we will receive the grant. I am pretty certain we will receive the grant for the food. As far as the capital equipment, I am hoping we will be able to get at least one freezer that is a stand up freezer rather than the chest freezers we have now. I am going to ask for 2 however, there are many many agencies vying for the same grant money. Most of our volunteers are older and it is difficult to reach down into the chest freezers. Not to mention that they are very old and inefficient. I will keep you posted on how we are doing with the process.

We are signing up many new families every week so your generosity with keeping us in food and basic needs of living items is as always very welcome.

We are very much in need of Bilingual Volunteers. If you, or someone you know is bilingual and can volunteer some hours to the Parish Social Ministry program please call me. I will do whatever I can to work around your schedule. 631-667-4044 ext 105.

Thank you in advance for considering helping us.

Have a great week and God Bless you all.

Janet

PANTRY NEEDS:

FOOD

1. Pasta Sauce Jar
2. Boxed Pasta
3. Ramen Noodles
4. Vegetable Oil
5. Shelf Stable Juice
6. Salad Dressing
7. Sugar
8. Flour

NON FOOD ITEMS

1. Laundry detergent
2. Bar Soap
3. Shower Wash
4. Toilet Paper
5. Paper Towels
6. Dishwashing Liquid
(not for dishwasher)
7. Toothbrushes (badly needed)

We have a lot of shampoo and conditioner
(literally cases of it)

REUSABLE BAG SALE



SAY **NO** TO PLASTIC BAGS



Strong and
Eco-Friendly

BRING YOUR OWN BAG

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

SSCM 50th Anniversary tee shirts available for purchase at the Parish Office. \$5

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!

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



- \$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**



BINGO

Please consider becoming a VOLUNTEER
DOOR OPENS 6:00 PM