

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

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125 HALF HOLLOW RD, DEER PARK, NY 11729

5th SUNDAY of EASTER

May 7, 2023



This weekend, allow me to feature and congratulate a special member of our parish community. She is Tammy Loring. This weekend she will be given a Testimonial luncheon by the Columbiettes for her leadership and service to the group and to the parish. She will always be known to many as one who proclaims the Word of God with clarity and conviction. She is present at all parish liturgical and social events, and probably the luckiest one of all for she always brings home a winning prize at every raffle.

A few words of tribute from people who truly know her:

"Tammy 'The Tamminator' Loring is the most knowledgeable person about our dear parish that I have ever met. She knew everybody and knew everything that was going on or went on. When we were in the Parish Center she would know I was coming even before I was in view of the camera. She was our leader on Team Ireland in the Winter Olympics. She is a fixture in the parish. She always has a kind word to say to others. She always makes sure to say hello to me whenever she comes to visit."

- Deacon Phil Mills

On behalf of my Sister Columbiettes, I would like to extend our Congratulations to Tammy Loring, Past President of

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Readings and Songs this Sunday

No. 1073 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Acts 6:1-7**

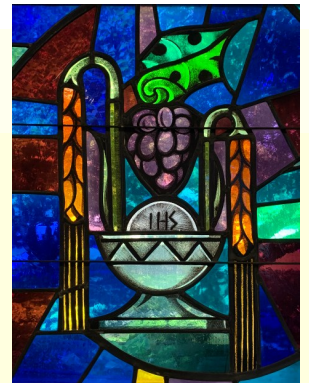
2nd Reading: **1 Peter 2:4-9**

Gospel Reading: **John 14:1-12**

LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus	#949
Center of My Life	#679
Let Us Be Bread	#946
Crown Him with Many Crowns	#574

(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)

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

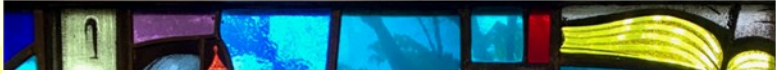
Parish Secretary / Bulletin Editor

Mrs. Marianne Saffran, Ext. 115

Baptism & Wedding Coordinator

Ms. Allison Taibi Ext. 111,

Bookkeeper



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday May 8

7:00 AM: For Lisa Malerba's intentions
8:30 AM: Eleanore Jablonski
12:15 PM: Marion Stevens

Tuesday May 9

7:00 AM: For Matthew Malerba's intentions
8:30 AM: Eugenia and Domingos David
12:15 PM: In Honor of Our Blessed Mother

Wednesday May 10

7:00 AM: For Jeffrey Kravitz's intentions
8:30 AM: Lisa Albano O'Rourke
12:15 PM: John Bartalini

Thursday May 11

7:00 AM: (**Open:** No offered intentions)
8:30 AM: Felix Maya
12:15 PM: Charlie Cox

Friday May 12

7:00 AM: Emil Diana
8:30 AM: Mary and Donald Barra
12:15 PM: Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Saturday May 13

8:30 AM Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM For All Mothers Living and Deceased

Sunday May 14

8:00 AM For All Mothers Living and Deceased
9:30 AM For All Mothers Living and Deceased
11:00 AM For All Mothers Living and Deceased
12:30 AM For All Mothers Living and Deceased
6:00 PM For All Mothers Living and Deceased

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday, May 13

5:00 PM: Fr. Patrick Grace

Sunday, May 14

8:00 AM: Fr. Paul Bersamin
9:30 AM: Fr. Christopher Deh
11:00 AM: Fr. Gius Garcia
12:30 PM: Fr. Patrick Grace
6:00 PM: Fr. Gius Garcia

REST IN PEACE

Peter John Callahan, Laura Incandela, Marie Lombardi

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Michael Joseph Cuozzo, Jr., Jackson Christopher Webb, Jordan Mark Webb, Luca Thomas Medina, Zoe Elizabeth Sales, Valencia Anne Sarifilippo

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Third Banns

Corey Isbitski — St. Catherine of Siena, Pittstown, NJ
Michelle Eichinger — 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

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

...from cover page

Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes. Thank you for serving as President during the Pandemic, making the best during an uncertain time of caution and restrictions.

- Inez Schillinger, President

Words can hardly express our sincere gratitude to Tammy Loring, Past President of Our Lady of the Rosary Council for her exemplary leadership as President. Tammy worked tirelessly throughout her presidency to ensure the needs of the Columbiettes were met, especially during the pandemic. Even though it was a time of great uncertainty Tammy kept us together and brought in twenty-five (25) new members. We were the only Council to receive the One Plus One Award that year and it was the first time we also received an attendance award. (huge trophy)

Even though we were in lock down Tammy and her officers were able to keep us financially afloat. Her leadership helped to keep our organization on track during two years of very tumultuous times.

Tammy always had a little poem to share so I thought I would give you one of my own:

When things don't always go as planned
such as when the Pandemic began
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
Rest if you must - but don't you quit
Life has its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow -
You did succeed and gave the pandemic a blow.

- Joan Loring

We remember how you loved us...

MAY 7 to MAY 13

BREAD AND WINE

- In loving memory of Laura Incandela. Love always, the Incandela Family

ALTAR CANDLES - Happy Birthday in Heaven, Dorothy Hinton. Love, your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE

- In Thanksgiving to St. Jude.

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

APRIL 30, 2023

Regular Collection \$13,253.50

Online Giving \$ 1,646.52

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$125,200

\$64,715.00 Pledged

51.69% 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 Apostles that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

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

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

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FAITH

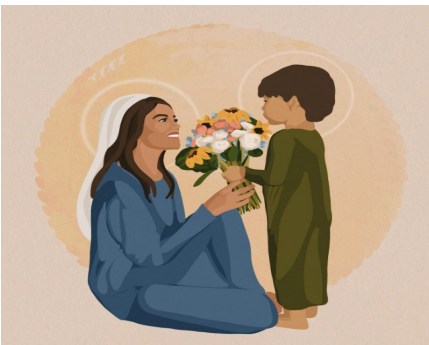
Family Faith Formation and Religious Education

Weekly Greeting from Ms. Laucella

We cannot believe that May is here this week! This month is going to be filled with so much in the world of Family Faith Formation; Sacrament preparation events, rehearsals, First Holy Communions, Confirmations, and so much more! We are so looking forward to celebrating this special time with all of our students and families, and can't wait to share everything 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!

Confirmation Retreats

This week, all of our Confirmation students will be going on their Confirmation Retreats, which will be run by our Youth Ministry team. Over the course of two days, we will be spending this time with all of our Level 8 students in prayer, as well as some fun; We are so excited! Please be sure to keep our soon-to-be Confirmandi in your prayers during these next few weeks!



Mother's Day and May Crowning

Next [Sunday, May 14th](#), is Mother's Day, and we will be holding our May Crowning at our [9:30am Family Mass](#)! We are inviting [all of our boys and girls who just made their First Holy Communion](#) to [wear their outfits to this Mass](#) to help us bring flowers to Mama Mary! Along with honoring our Heavenly Mother, we will also be honoring all of our moms! Be sure to join us for a special blessing for all of those who give us a mother's love on a daily basis!

FORMED Recommendation

FORMED has some really wonderful media content for Eastertide this year! I am very excited to share some Easter recommendations with all of you to enhance your Season! This Season, I am sharing with all of you "[He is Risen!](#)" from the Brother Francis Collection, perfect for the whole family! Use the QR code to the right to take you directly to the video. Just scan with your phone in the camera app to start watching, and enjoy!



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Instagram: [SSCMFamilyFaithFormation](#)
Facebook: [SsCyrilandMethodiusRCC](#)

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)

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CATHOLICISM



Join Father Grace on Tuesday, **May 9th 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.

May is Mary’s month and In her honor we offer the **12:15 pm Mass, Tuesday, May 9, 2023.**
The Flame of Love Prayer Group. Please Join Us.

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

“Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the teaching of the Lord” Psalm 119:1 Meets every **Tuesday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Senior Room.** Any questions call Lucille at 631-586-2438.

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"

In today's Gospel, the Fifth Sunday of Easter, Jesus says "... whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.

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 the 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 **May 8th at 7:30 p.m.** at Our Lady of the Rosary Council on Long Island Ave. This will be our May Crowning and Living Rosary meeting. 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

INSTALLATION OF NEW ALTAR SERVERS

The ministry of altar servers in the Catholic Church is unique; other than the priest and deacons, no one else has the opportunity to participate so closely in the preparation of the Eucharist. Great care is taken to instruct each server on performing all duties and responsibilities with dignity and reverence. Altar service also requires a great deal of dedication and commitment. Important life skills are built through teamwork, communication, reliability, and self-confidence. We are blessed to watch our children grow and mature throughout their years of service.

On April 16, 2023, at the 9:30 am Mass, our parish was blessed to have five new servers pledge their commitment to serve as Altar Servers. They have worked hard in training and practiced alongside experienced servers to prepare for this important call to serve. We greatly appreciate the commitment of these young people and their parents as we witness their love of Jesus in the celebration of the Mass.

Please welcome, pictured with Father Chris Deh, our Altar Serving Moderator, and Deacon William Sperl, from left to right: Liana Leslie, Lance Ceballos, Brent Ceballos, Anthony Pienkowski, and Ryan Soodoo (not pictured).



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, May 6 – Christ the King / Commack – Pastoral Center Gym; 9 am – noon.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Part A *

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, May 6 – Christ the King / Commack – Pastoral Center Gym; 1:00 - 4:00 pm. *

Saturday, June 3 - St. Paul the Apostle / Brookville – Lower Level; 1:00 – 4:00 pm.*

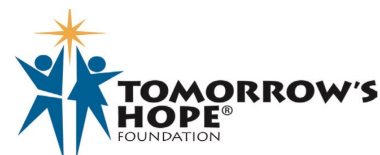
*We are offering Part A and Part B on the SAME day. Those who attend Part A in the morning are welcome to bring lunch or leave for lunch and return for the 1pm Part B session. Only those pre-registered for part B will



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Saturday, May 6th | Sunday, May 7th**



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City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone number: Home _____ Cell: _____

Signature: _____

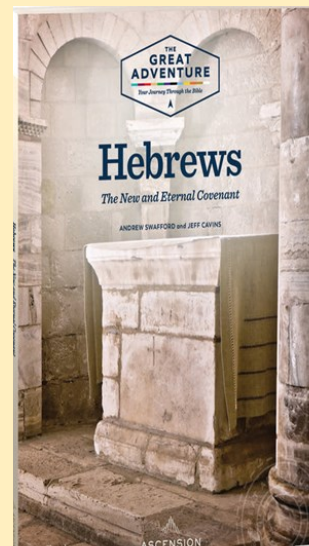
To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/> or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296. Thank You!

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.

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

Thank you All who have donated to the Walking with Mom's Ministry!

We are truly helping Mom's in need!

DONATION NEED:

We currently have a Mom who could use a Boy's Christening outfit size 12 or 12-18 months.

If you have one you would like to donate, please contact me at the Respect Life extension #120 or simply leave it at the Parish center labeled for the Respect Life Ministry. Thank you!

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](http://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

JOB DESCRIPTION: Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry

We need to build local communities of faith where our social teaching is central, not fringe; where social ministry is integral, not optional; where it is the work of every believer, not just the mission of a few committed people and committees.

—Communities of Salt and Light, U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1993

Vision of Ministry: Rooted in the servant ministry of Jesus, the Director/Coordinator of *Parish Social Ministry* values and supports the inherent dignity and interdependence of all people. This position is an opportunity to assess and minister to the diverse needs of the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters in our communities. The Director/Coordinator's primary responsibility is to build parish leadership and participation in the community by engaging people in various aspects of *Parish Social Ministry* through direct service, convening and advocacy using the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

This position is much more a ministry than it is a job. The *Parish Social Ministry* Coordinator must be a person of faith, have a deep appreciation for the dignity of the human person, a compassion for those who are most vulnerable in our society, and a willingness to advocate with them to change both their circumstances and the structures or situations that cause them.

The *Parish Social Ministry* Director/Coordinator is an integral member of the parish staff with the responsibility of infusing the tenets of Catholic Social Teaching into all aspects of parish planning and life.

Responsibilities and Tasks: To assess the needs of the parish community, create services and supports to address those particular needs and to engage the whole parish in implementing those services and supports. The work of PSM is not meant to be done by a select few. The coordinator should create many options for parish community members to participate in service as they're able.

To collaborate with the Pastor, under his supervision, and with members of the parish staff, integrating Parish Social Ministry with the overall mission of the parish.

To promote the presence and vision of *Parish Social Ministry* to the parish and the community at large.

To engage the parish community in understanding and acting on Catholic Social Teaching.

To work with appropriate ministers in the parish to provide opportunities to integrate *Parish Social Ministry* in the spiritual, liturgical and educational life of the parish.

To identify, invite, train and support teams of leaders and volunteer ministers to respond to the needs of the community and to participate in actions for justice.

To act as a responsible steward of contributions and expenditures related to *Parish Social Ministry*.

To participate in ongoing formation and education by participating in PSM Coordinator meetings, as well as trainings and convenings offered by Catholic Charities and other agencies.

To develop a cooperative partnership with Catholic Charities, other parishes, faith communities, schools, as well as community and civic organizations.

To collect data of persons served and services provided to report to the Pastor and parish.

I hope this gives everyone a bit of insight as to what Parish Social Ministry is all about. If you have questions or suggestions my door is always open. I look forward to meeting more of the parishioners. I really am over here waiting to meet you. If you have a function or meeting you would like me to attend please just ask. If I am able I will be there.

God Bless you,

Janet

PANTRY NEEDS:

FOOD

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Vegetable Oil | 5. Mustard |
| 2. Shelf Stable Juice | 6. Salad Dressing |
| 3. Pasta Sauce Jar | 7. Sugar |
| 4. Ketchup | 8. Flour |

NON FOOD ITEMS

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

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- \$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**
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