

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

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125 HALF HOLLOW RD, DEER PARK, NY 11729

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2023



July 16 is the last weekend of Fr. Francis Sang in the parish as he prepares to permanently move back to his home country of Vietnam for his retirement. We will remember Fr. Francis for his bold spontaneity, his light hearted spirit, his dedication to his ministry especially to the Vietnamese community of Long Island and the parish of Saints Cyril and Methodius, his humility and generosity but above all his love for God, his priesthood and the people he serves.

We have dedicated a special corner for Fr. Sang in the Rectory inner courtyard where we have enshrined a statue of **Our Lady of La Vang** (title of the Blessed Mother in her apparition in Hai Phu in Central Vietnam). Our prayers go with him as we are assured of his continued prayers for all the parishioners of Saints Cyril and Methodius where he served for many, many years.

Readings and Songs this Sunday

No. 1134 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Isaiah 55:10-11**

2nd Reading: **Romans 8:18-23**

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9**

LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

Rain Down **#582**

Center of My Life **#679**

Draw Near **#935**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You **#614**

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am: Family Mass - LIVESTREAM,
11:00 am, 12:30 pm
4:00 pm (Vietnamese Mass) & 6:00 pm
Weekdays: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm
Saturday: 8:30 am

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

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, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday and Saturday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday:
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Sunday - Closed

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	July 17
7:00 AM:	Lawrence Downes
8:30 AM:	Huguette Colas
12:15 PM:	Andrew Kasubjak
Tuesday	July 18
7:00 AM:	Beatrice Downes
8:30 AM:	(Open: no offered intentions)
12:15 PM:	Jacqueline DeDona
Wednesday	July 19
7:00 AM:	Joseph Malerba
8:30 AM:	Marie Fischetti
12:15 PM:	David Navarro
Thursday	July 20
7:00 AM:	For Mary Malerba's intentions
8:30 AM:	(Open: no offered intentions)
12:15 PM:	Vincenza Aiello
Friday	July 21
7:00 AM:	Mary Saban Malerba
8:30 AM:	Sister Mary Veronica Morrin
12:15 PM:	Cecilia and James Sullivan
Saturday	July 22
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM	Sean Mahoski, James Doyle, Wilfred Corrigan, John Hovanec, Dennis Hovanec, Emma Shokey
Sunday	July 23
8:00 AM	Kevin Donnelly
9:30 AM	For Our Parishioners
11:00 AM	Catherine, Luigi and Filomena Salegna, Chad Cortina, Vincent Chiamonte, and for Marianne Grimaldi and Stephen Caraccia's intentions
12:30 AM	Thomas Fitzgerald
6:00 PM	Ryan T. Horodnicki

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday	July 22
5:00 PM:	Fr. Gius Garcia
Sunday	July 23
8:00 AM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin
9:30 AM:	Fr. Gius Garcia
11:00 AM:	Fr. Patrick Grace
12:30 PM:	Fr. Christopher Deh
6:00 PM:	Fr. Christopher Deh

REST IN PEACE

Josephine Ferrara-McGimpsey, Florence Ortiz-Pino,
Charles C. Costello

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Isabella Josephine Cangemi, Aria Maria Tisi, Mia
Isabelle Tisi, Isabella Sky Blanda

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, Providence Hulsen,
Lisa Hulsen, Thomas Kane, Baby Dominic, Danielle
E. Shingler, Inez Schillinger, Jackie McDonald,
JoAnn Oberlies, Paul Kabaservice, Helene
Horodnicki, Lauren Lombardi, Maggie McLoughlin,
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 Tarquinio, Christopher Wall, Lydia Revero,
Maria Garcia, Rosemarie Dorspy, Kathleen Jacobi,
Rosa Maria Calvo, Bob Lockwood, Angela Mento,
Mary Morgan, Kristen Tonnesen

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

FROM THE PASTOR

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not

self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

JULY 16 to JULY 22

BREAD AND WINE

- For Father Sang in Honor of his 50 years of service to the people of God, as a priest. From your family and friends at Ss. Cyril & Methodius.

ALTAR CANDLES - Available

CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE

- Available

CANDLES AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE

- Available

FLOWERS AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE

- Happy Birthday in Heaven to our Dear Mom, Anna Aversa. Your loving children—Tina, Doug, Nicholas, Ben and Sharon.

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

JULY 9, 2023

Regular Collection \$15,924.30

Online Giving \$ 1,282.29

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$125,200

\$80,278.00 Pledged

64.12% 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 Second Reading, St. Paul reminds us that our sufferings in this life are not compared to the glory of the next 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.

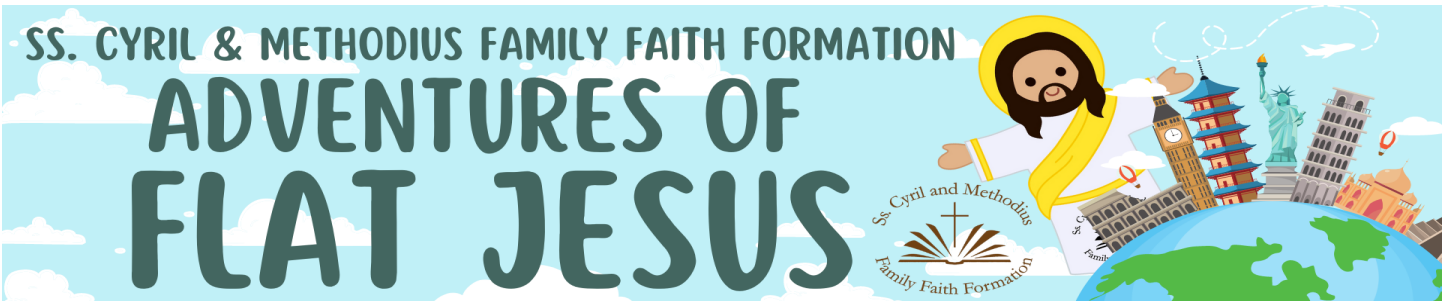
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FAITH

Family Faith Formation and Religious Education

Weekly Greeting from Ms. Laucella

In our second reading today, Paul writes to the Romans, *“Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God.”* We ask for everyone’s prayers during these summer months, as there is much going on behind the scenes in the world of Family Faith Formation.

As always, our Parish Family can always keep up with us here in our Parish Bulletin and on our Instagram Page to see all that we have going on this summer, and our currently active families will still be receiving our monthly Family Newsletters to their email inboxes. During these summer months, all are reminded that if anyone ever have questions for us, we are still available during **limited hours of operation via phone call or email**. Also, with the school building being used by Camps ‘R’ Us this summer, as in previous years, the Office of Family Faith Formation will be **CLOSED** to the general public over the summer.



Flat Jesus is Back!

I am excited to share that our beloved Staff Member is back this summer; **Flat Jesus!** We know that everyone has summer plans, and it is our prayer that God protects our families wherever they go! Whether our families are on a road trip, at the beach, the pool, or having any other family adventures, we will be sharing all of Flat Jesus Adventures here and on our Instagram all summer long! Be sure to keep up with us here to see all of the places where Flat Jesus goes!

Farewell to Father Sang

We invite all of our boys and girls and their families to join us for Mass on **Sunday, July 16th at 3:30pm** as we celebrate Father Sang’s **50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood and his 85th Birthday**, before he **returns back to Vietnam permanently**. Although Father Sang has been officially retired for the last few years, he has been a constant presence at daily Masses, the 4:00pm Vietnamese Sunday Masses, and at every single session of Reconciliations, Confirmation Interviews, and so many events for our Family Faith Formation boys and girls. Father Sang so loves your boys and girls, and has done so for many years...even from when this Family Faith Director had her First Reconciliation with him over twenty years ago. It would mean the world to him if our students and families would be present to say goodbye to him. Father Sang is a true staple of our Parish Family, and we will miss him so very much!



Administration

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Office Information

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:30am-2:30pm
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faithformation@sscmdp.org
Instagram: SSCMFamilyFaithFormation
Facebook: SsCyrilandMethodiusRCC

Family Faith Formation & Religious Education Registration

Registration for the 2023-2024 Academic Year is officially **OPEN** as of **Thursday, June 8th!**

How to Access Registration Forms & Program Information:

Find which category your family falls into by reading each description below

Follow the set of directions that applies for your family to access the corresponding Registration Forms via the below QR codes

Print out and mail in your Registration Form to us by **Thursday, August 31st**

Current, Active Families:

These families had their students enrolled with us in Family Faith Formation for the 2022-2023 Academic Year. For these families, please remember that **Registration will only be processed if all 10 Mass Reports from the 2022-2023 Year have been handed in and completed.** These families can access their particular Registration Form via this QR Code.



New, First-Time Students and/or Families:

New families are families with **grades 1 through 8 students** who have never been enrolled in any Faith Formation Program before. These new families require a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate and other Sacrament Information in order for our Office to process Registration for their child. If you are one of these families and would like to be put on our potential incoming students email chain, please email us. These families can access their particular Registration Form via this QR Code.



Transfer Students and/or Families:

Transfer families are families with **grades 1 through 8 students** that were not enrolled in our 2022-2023 Program, but have been enrolled in another Parish's Faith Formation Program before. These families can be: Families transferring from a Parish they received Faith Formation during 2022-2023 Families who have been enrolled with us in the past, but were not enrolled with us for the 2022-2023 Year To be placed in the appropriate, corresponding program, these families require a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate, and a transfer letter from your previous Faith Formation Program with what Levels the child completed, and the Sacraments that they received. If you are one of these families and would like to be put on our potential incoming students email chain, please email us. These families can access their particular Registration Form via this QR Code.



Program Fees for the Academic Year are as follows:

Book Fees:

\$35 per one child

\$60 for two children

\$85 for three children or more

Registration Fees:

June: \$125 per family

July: \$150 per family

August: \$175 per family



Our Family Faith Formation Program is one of the largest in our Diocese, and we are happy to serve all of our hundreds of families. We all have to work together to ensure that our Office can have all materials prepared for our families in time for the start of our year. For this reason, **Registration Form links will time out on Thursday, August 31st.** Be sure to mail in your Registration Forms before this date if you would like to enroll with us for this 2023-2024 Academic Year.

THE FAMILY FESTIVAL RAFFLE

1. 3 (THREE) - \$5000 Raffles

in **WHITE, BLUE & YELLOW**. Tickets are \$50 each.

(printing sponsored by Boyd-Caratozzolo Funeral Home)

There are only 200 tickets sold per color. Odds in winning - 1 in 200



ANNUAL SSCM PARISH



2. A 65 INCH SMART TV. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20

3. GRAND PRIZE: APPLE IPAD. 2nd PRIZE: CHARBROIL BBQ GRILL, 3rd PRIZE: BISTRO SET and 4th PRIZE: \$100 VISA GIFT CARD. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or Book of 5 for \$20.

All winners will be picked on Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 6th, 2023.

Tickets are available at the Rectory

CATHOLICISM



Word on Fire with Father Grace will resume in September.

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

Please note, we will not gather for the months of July and August except for August 4th and then resume on September 1st. 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

"And this is my prayer; that your love may increase evermore and more in every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ." Philippians 1:9-11 We will not meet during July and August. We will resume on September 12th. 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.**

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.

There will be a Mass for all Ushers on Sunday, July 29th, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

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.

BLACK CATHOLICS MINISTRY

If anyone is interested please contact Donna Dixon at 631-664-5692.

SENIOR CLUB

Have a great summer. Our next meeting will be on **September 5th, 2023 at 2:30pm** in the Father Behan Hall. Any questions call Mary Indelicato at 631-667-2998.

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

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that "some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold". May our seeds fall on rich soil and together we produce fruit a hundred fold by putting our gifts in the poor box to help feed the hungry in our community.

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.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance in addressing rent, utilities or other crucial bill arrears, or needs assistance with furniture, clothing or dental needs, please email us at sscmstvincentdepaul@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 631-667-4044 ext.175

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

There are no meetings in July or August. We will resume in September. Any questions call Alba Barra at 631-274-5570.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COLUMBIETTES

Our **Communion Mass and Luncheon is Sunday July 23rd**. 11:00 a.m. Mass at Ss. Cyril and Methodius followed by lunch at Mama Sbarros in Deer Park. Cost \$40 per person Family Style, limited to 50 people. Our next meeting will be September 11th. Enjoy your summer. 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.

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 August 5, 2023**. Any questions call Annette Arena at 631-661-9109.

SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our next Defensive Driving Course will be in September. For more information please contact Phil Hogan at 631-667-9148.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

For more information call Diana at 845-428-2272.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS SUPPORT GROUP

Meets every **3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Room**. For more information call Diana at 845-428-2272.



Respect Life

The Truth About Abortion & Women's Health

Abortion does not save women's lives.

Abortion is the **direct and intentional** killing of a child in the womb.

Abortion is never medically necessary. It does not treat or solve any pregnancy-related complication.

Outlawing abortion will not affect treatment for miscarriage.

Treatment for miscarriage and abortion is not the same thing.

There is a complete moral and legal difference between losing a child through miscarriage and intentionally taking the life of a child.

In the tragic case of miscarriage, surgery may be necessary—and is an ethical treatment—to remove the remains of an unborn child who has *already died*.

While the same surgery is done to perform an abortion, abortions impose this procedure on a **living child** with the **intention** of ending his or her life.

Women can get the lifesaving treatments they need—without abortion.

In rare cases, and in the absence of better alternatives, life-threatening maternal health conditions may require interventions that **indirectly** and **unintentionally** lead to the death of an unborn child. **Abortion restrictions will not prevent women from receiving these treatments.**

When the lives of mother and child are in immediate danger, the goal is to fight to save both patients. **Effective treatments exist that seek to save the life of the mother and never to intentionally harm her unborn child.**

When a woman's life is at risk in pregnancy, preterm delivery may be used as a lifesaving medical intervention to preserve the life of both mother and child.¹

Ectopic pregnancies

result when an embryo implants outside the uterus—often in the fallopian tube. Sadly, such embryos cannot survive and this condition can pose serious risks to the mother. While ectopic pregnancies sometimes resolve naturally, interventions are often necessary.

When done ethically, treatment for an ectopic pregnancy is not abortion. Ethical interventions include the removal of the damaged fallopian tube containing the embryo or, if embryo death has already occurred, medication can be used to resolve the ectopic pregnancy.

Bottom line: Abortion restrictions never prevent women from receiving life-saving treatment.²

If you or someone you know is struggling after involvement in an abortion, the Church offers confidential, compassionate help through Project Rachel Ministry. Visit www.hopeafterabortion.org for more information.

[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.drvcflife.org \(EASY LINK ON TOP OF PAGE\)](http://www.drvcflife.org)

LITURGY CORNER

What is Liturgy?

Liturgy is something that the whole Body of Christ celebrates together. Jesus, the one true High Priest, together with His Body, the Church in heaven and here on earth (all of us!).

While the Holy Mass is what we usually think of when we hear the word "liturgy," any public communal prayer event of the Church is liturgical. This includes the various rites the Church celebrates outside of the Holy Mass, including the Liturgy of the Hours, Baptisms and Wedding ceremonies, to name a few.

We all "do" liturgy together, with one another and with Jesus Christ present in and among us, as one body.

The crowning jewel of Catholic liturgy is the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, where Jesus becomes present to us in the Sacred Host. Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. What a glorious gift indeed!

Parish Social Ministry

I hope everyone is having a great summer so far. Although it doesn't really feel too much like summer to me and hard to believe it is already the middle of July.

I found this in my papers recently and thought I would share it with you in case you know someone who is struggling. Sometimes it helps to put things in perspective.

And God Said....

I said, "God, I hurt." And God said, "I know".

I said, "God, I cry a lot." And God said, "That's why I gave you tears."

I said, "God, I am so depressed." And God said, "That's why I gave you sunshine."

I said, "God, life is so hard." And God said, "That's why I gave you loved ones."

I said, "God, my loved one died." And God said, "So did mine."

I said, "God it is such a loss." And God said, "I saw mine nailed to a cross."

I said, "God, but your loved one lives." And God said, "So does yours."

I said, "Where are they now?" And God said, "Mine is on my right, and yours is in the light."

I said, "God it hurts." And God said, "I know."

(posted on the Wall at the Oklahoma City Bombing Site by K.C. and Mike Kuzmic)

If you know someone who is struggling please let them know they can call me, and I can give them resources to help.

Once again We want to say thank you to all the Parishioners who donate week in and week out.

I am still looking for volunteers Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 3 pm. I am also looking for Spanish speaking volunteers for the same hours.

If you see any grocery carts for walkers (like they use in the city) at a garage sale or on Craig's list and have the opportunity to get it at a reasonable price we can really use them. We have people who either cannot drive or cannot afford a car and insurance.

Have a wonderful week and God Bless you

Janet

PANTRY NEEDS:

FOOD

1. Pasta
2. Pasta sauce (24 oz. jars) (Please no cans)
3. Progresso or Campbells Chunky soups
(We do not ask for the ones you add water to as they are not nutritious enough to use as a meal)

4. Ritz type crackers
5. Cereal
6. Mac and cheese
7. Chili with beans
8. Chili without beans
9. Sloppy Joe mix
(Manwich type)

NON FOOD ITEMS

1. Paper Towels
2. Tissues
3. Mens razors

If you shop in dollar tree the flour, sugar and oil are the perfect size. We have an abundance of canned vegetables.

We are in need of the following for our once a month and once every other month items

1. Ketchup
2. White Vinegar (not gallon size)
3. Jelly
4. Mayonnaise

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



All gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal make a difference in the lives of those who are served by the Appeal.

Every Gift Counts!

A gift of \$50 may help pay the gas for a Meals-On-Wheels van to deliver food for a day.

A gift of \$75 from an emergency fund may help pay the electric bill for a family in need.

A gift of \$100 may help a new mom in Catholic Charities Regina Maternity Community Case Management Program.

A gift of \$250 may help subsidize a home for an adult who is developmentally disabled.

A gift of \$1,000 may help support a Seminarian's education.

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!

BLOOD DRIVE

DONATIONS SAVE LIVES

Sons of Italy
Constantino Brumidi Lodge
2075 Deer Park Avenue
Main Hall
Monday August 07, 2023
10:00am – 3:30pm



Please Scan the QR CODE
to schedule your Donation
Appointment

Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed
if space permits. Please remember to eat, drink and bring your
donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

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.

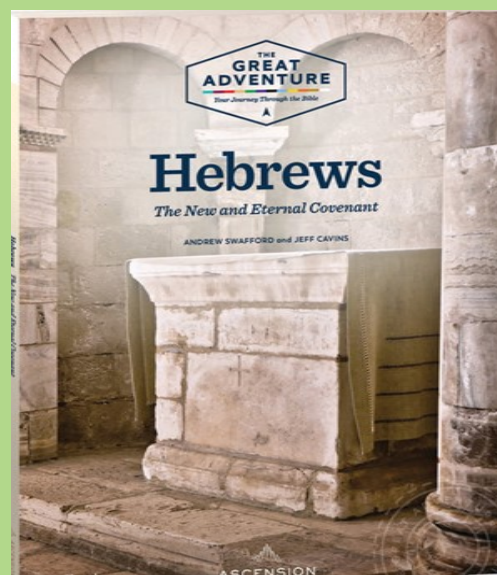
We have had requests for receiving the bulletin at home and also a friendly visit to those who can't get out. Won't you be a *neighbor* and drop off a bulletin to someone in your *neighborhood* on the way home from church.

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 will resume in September

Please watch for further details about
upcoming new exciting programs




Augustine Institute-Lighthouse Catholic Media presents
pamphlets, books and cd's available at the kiosk in the breezeway or rectory.

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



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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
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- Amazon, Kohl's , Texas Roadhouse - **\$100**
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- Apple Bees, Barnes & Noble - **\$25**
- CVS, Dick's Sporting Goods - **\$25**
- Home Depot, Kohl's, Lowes,
Macy's, Michael's, Olympic Diner - **\$25**
- Panera, Pet Smart, Red Lobster,
Regal Movie, Rite Aid, Shutterfly - **\$25**
- Speedway, Staples, Stop & Shop, Tanger Outlets - **\$25**
- Target, Texas Roadhouse, Walgreens - **\$25**
- Dunkin Donuts, Panera, Regal Movie, Starbucks - **\$10**

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BINGO

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