

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

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

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

We are pleased to announce that Faith Formation classes will begin in mid-October. While there have been some administrative changes, the quality program St. Cyril and Methodius has always provided since its foundation will continue. Class will be held in the school. Additionally, for both safety and accessibility, the Faith Formation Office will now be located by the gym. This change will allow for ease of meetings of the Faith Formation staff with both catechists and parents.

As we move forward and organize classes, we ask that families submit their Registration forms at the soonest possible time. We have extended the deadline to September 15th to accommodate those who for unavoidable reasons have not completed them.

We continue to reach out to those who would like to share their Catholic faith to our children and volunteer to become a **CATECHIST**. This is a good opportunity for us to be more involved to shape the future of our Church and our community. Information regarding requirements are listed on page 5. Likewise, this year we are reviving the **FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY**, a group that collaborates with Faith Formation in creating and facilitating fun and memorable faith events and activities for our families and children. If interested to join, please reach out to me at [frgius@sscmdp.org](mailto:frgius@sscmdp.org).

In Opus Ministerii

*Fr. Gius Garcia*

Please see page 4 for an important announcement.

### Readings and Songs this Sunday

#### No. 1155 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Jeremiah 20:7-9**

2nd Reading: **Romans 12:1-2**

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 16:21-27**

#### LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

Lift High the Cross #881

Only This I Want #782

Bread of Life, Cup of Blessing #947

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #616

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)

### Upcoming Events



## 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 — 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. 170  
Rev. Gregory Cappuccino, *Occasional Help, (Retired)*  
Deacon John F. Fitzpatrick, Ext. 124  
Deacon James A. Murano, *Liturgical Music* Ext. 127  
  
Mrs. Janet McEnany, *OFS, 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 September 4 Labor Day

There will only be one (1) Mass

8:30 AM: on Labor Day  
At 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday September 5

7:00 AM: For Bailey Kravitz's intentions

8:30 AM: Ken LaMotte Sr.

12:15 PM: Mary Massa

Wednesday September 6

7:00 AM: For Mary Bridget Kravitz's intentions

8:30 AM: Janet Miller

12:15 PM: Emma and George Kasubjak

Thursday September 7

7:00 AM: Maria Nice and Luigi Bontempo

8:30 AM: (**Open**: no offered intentions)

12:15 PM: Teresa Allers

Friday September 8

7:00 AM: For Lawrence Malerba's intentions

8:30 AM: Betty and Leon McKowiak

12:15 PM: George Bolson and Bob Tesey

Saturday September 9

8:30 AM Purgatorial Society

5:00 PM Felipe Maya, Debbie Cotugno, Vincent Scarfo,  
Patrick Sean Murphy, Ann Marie Franzese, Bobby  
Knice, Mary Jane Bennett

Sunday September 10

8:00 AM Cesare Litterini

9:30 AM Nancy Prussi

11:00 AM Nikki, Jim and Frank Desane, Mary Scanlon, Mary  
Carmel McCormack

12:30 AM Joseph Mosca Jr.

6:00 PM For Our Parishioners

**We still have open Masses for 2023**

## PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday September 9

5:00 PM: Fr. Patrick Grace

Sunday September 10

8:00 AM: Fr. Gregory Cappuccino

9:30 AM: Fr. Christopher Deh

11:00 AM: Fr. Patrick Grace

12:30 PM: Fr. Christopher Deh

6:00 PM: Fr. Gius Garcia

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## REST IN PEACE

Brian W. Dempster, Virginia Phillips, Joseph Vacirca

## NEWLY BAPTIZED

Patrick Nicholas Gordon, Anthony Thomas LaCalamita, Jr.,  
Sophia Lynn Mylott, Natalia Sabrina Villano

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

### Third Banns

Dyllan Pleva — Ss. Cyril and Methodius  
Shannon Spaccaformo — St. Joseph's, Ronkonkoma

### Second Banns

Jesse Mattera —  
Ashley Lombardi — Ss. Cyril and Methodius

### First Banns

Mateusz, Malinowski — Ss. Cyril and Methodius  
Gina Marie Hock — Ss. Cyril and Methodius

Robert Palladino — St. Joseph the Worker, E. Patchogue  
Victoria Morabito — St. Joseph the Worker, E. Patchogue

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Margaret McCartney, Leonard Caltabiano, 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, JoAnn Oberlies, Paul  
Kabaservice, Lauren Lombardi, Maggie McLoughlin, Joseph  
Castellano, Eliana Vasquez, Olivia Marie, Dennis Lombardi,  
David Lombardi, Joseph Fay, Hilde Fenton, Vita Rose  
Cacace, Baby Harry, Anthony Luparello, Dolores Otten,  
Roseanne Pupillo, Sebastian Viera, Doreen Hulsen, Matthew  
DiCamillo, Mary Anne Tarquinio, Christopher Wall, Lydia  
Revero, Maria Garcia, Rosemarie Dorspy, Kathleen Jacobi,  
Rosa Maria Calvo, Angela Mento, Mary Morgan, Kristen  
Tonnesen, Vincent Ferraro, Richard DiMaggio, Joe Battista,  
Lauren Cruess, JoAnn Sciacca, David Kriegsman, Angelina  
Duramacco

## 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, 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

Deacon William Sperl has been accused of sexual abuse of a minor. Law enforcement is overseeing this matter. Pending the results of an investigation and any subsequent canonical process, Deacon Sperl is not permitted to exercise any ministry or present himself as a deacon. At this time, the accusation does not involve anyone related to Deacon Sperl's ministry at Saints Cyril and Methodius Church in Deer Park. Please pray for all those involved.

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People of the Diocese of Rockville Centre is committed to assisting those who have been victims of abuse by clergy, religious, lay employees and volunteers. To report an incident of abuse, regardless of when it occurred, please contact local law enforcement and the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People Hotline: [516-594-9063](tel:516-594-9063). Your call will be returned by a licensed mental health counselor.

### SEPTEMBER 3 to SEPTEMBER 9

#### BREAD AND WINE

- In loving memory of Teresa Allers. Love, Mom and Dad.

ALTAR CANDLES - In loving memory of Richard Vaughn, 11th Anniversary in Heaven. Love, your wife, Pat.

#### CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE

- Rosemarie Macaluso, 24th Anniversary in Heaven. Love, Macaluso Family.

#### CANDLES AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE

- Frank Trucchio, 8th Anniversary in Heaven. Love, Macaluso & Grand Children

#### FLOWERS AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE

- 3rd Anniversary in Heaven, Dorothy. All my love, your husband.

#### FLOWERS AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE

- Available

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

- In loving memory of Richard Vaughn, 11th Anniversary in Heaven. Love, your wife, Pat.

## Stewardship

### AUGUST 27, 2023

Regular Collection \$13,143.71

Online Giving \$ 1,181.48

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$125,200

\$82,288.00 Pledged

65.73% 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 teaches us that there is nothing more important than God and His salvation.

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

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

**VANCO**  
FAITH

# Family Faith Formation and Religious Education

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURE 2023-2024

**REGISTRATION FOR FORMATION YEAR 2023-2024 CONTINUES!** All of our current families have been emailed their Registration Forms! If you have a child **between the school grades one through eight** and would like your family to be part of our Program for the upcoming Fall, you may now pick up a hard copy of the REGISTRATION FORM from the parish rectory office during office hours. When completed, you may mail them at 125 Half Hollow Rd, Deer Park, NY or drop them off at the Rectory Office. We look forward to journeying together with you as we assist our children appreciate and grow in their Catholic faith. We welcome you all to the **SSCM Parish Faith Formation Family!**

**Be sure to fill up the Registration Form that applies to your family:**

1. **Current/Active Families:** enrolled with us last academic year
2. **New First-Time Students and/or Families:** Families whose children have never enrolled their children in Faith Formation in our parish or in any other parish
3. **Transfer Students and/or Families:** families transferring from another parish; or previously enrolled with us but not enrolled last academic year.

**Share your Catholic Faith.**

**Help form the future of our Church and our community.**

**JOIN US AND BECOME A CATECHIST OF SSCM.**

**Requirements:**

1. Regularly attends Church and practices the Catholic Faith
2. Virtus Training
3. Background check
4. Attends quarterly meetings and twice a year training

**Class is only 1 hour a week and runs from October to April.**

**We have extended the deadline for the Registration to Friday, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>.**  
For questions and inquiries, please email us at [faithformation@sscmdp.org](mailto:faithformation@sscmdp.org)

The SSCM Parish Faith Formation is **NO LONGER** connected in any way with the ff. Social Media sites and pages:

**Instagram:** SSCMFamilyFaithFormation  
**Facebook:** SsCyrilandMethodiusRCC  
**linktr.ee:** SSCMFamilyFaithFormation

We will be informing you of the new and updated sites and pages very soon!

### OFFICE INFORMATION

Monday - Thursday: 9:30 am-2:30 pm

**MORE ACCESSIBLE OFFICES to open SOON located by the Gym.**

(631) 667-4044 extensions 146 & 147

[faithformation@sscmdp.org](mailto:faithformation@sscmdp.org)

# 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE: CHARBROIL BBQ GRILL, 3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZE: BISTRO SET and 4<sup>th</sup> PRIZE: \$100 VISA GIFT CARD.** Raffle tickets are **\$5 each** or **Book of 5 for \$20**.

**All winners will be picked on Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 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**

Will gather in the Church every **Friday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Our Mother is begging for our help! Won't you say yes? Any questions call Anna Mancini at 631-586-5214.

**Please note that Friday, September 8, 2023** is Our Blessed Mother's Birthday. Join us in this celebration in Church from **1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** and take home a momentum.

## **RECITATION OF THE ROSARY**

**We will resume Tuesday, September 12th.** 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**

Meets every **Tuesday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Senior Room.** 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.

## **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.

## **SENIOR CLUB**

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.

## **BLACK CATHOLICS MINISTRY**

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

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

Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." The challenge is to let go so God can lead us.

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](mailto:sscmstvincentdepaul@gmail.com) or call and leave a message at 631-667-4044 ext. 175.

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](http://www.svdpli.org) for additional information.

## **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

Due to poor attendance at our Saturday morning meetings we will return to our Monday night meetings. Our next meeting will be **Monday, October 2nd in the Father Behan Hall at 7:30 p.m.** Any questions call Alba Barra at 631-274-5570.

**Rosary Rally** -Please join us as we pray for peace in the world as Our Lady requested on **Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 12 noon** in the north parking lot by Our Lady of Lourdes Garden. Please bring a chair. Any questions call Alba Barra at 631-274-5570.

## **OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COLUMBIETTES**

Our next meeting will be **September 11th at 7:30 p.m.** at Our Lady of the Rosary #4428 Council. 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 October 7, 2023.** Any questions call Annette Arena at 631-661-9109.

## **SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Our next 6 Hour **Defensive Driving Course** is **September 16th** in the Senior Room. 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**

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.





SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS serving the community of Deer Park, NY is looking for a full-time, enthusiastic, self-motivating parish **DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS** to direct the parish's children's catechesis program.

### **Position Summary**

The Director of Faith Formation is responsible for developing, implementing and directing parish's children's catechesis program that engage and empower members of the parish to deepen their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. The Director supports, accompanies, equips and leads in all areas of catechesis and works in close collaboration with the parish pastor, other parish staff and parish committees.

### **Responsibilities**

- Develop, implement and direct a comprehensive evangelization and catechetical program for children and parents of students in the faith formation program of the parish.
- Develop creative approaches for faith formation and evangelization for children, youth, and their families.
- Responsible for coordinating the sacraments (Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation) for the children in the faith formation program.
- Teach children in the faith formation programs and advise parents of the children in all areas relating to the faith formation program.
- Manage the recruitment, training, and assessment of volunteers, Catechists and other staff members involved in the implementation of the programs.
- Participate in parish staff meetings and other relevant meetings.
- Prepare and manage budgets for catechetical programs.
- Implements and oversees Thoughtful and Safe: Life Lessons program for children.
- Complete additional duties as assigned by the pastor.

### **Requirements:**

- The candidate must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. This relationship is made manifest through regular participation in the sacraments, reading of Scripture, and personal prayer.
- The candidate will be a faith filled Catholic in good standing with the Church, with a deep knowledge of the Catholic faith, capable of articulating the Gospel in a compelling manner through words and witness.
- The candidate must have a bachelor's degree, preferably in theology, pastoral studies, religious instruction or other related field.
- Have a minimum of two (2) years experience working in the field of evangelization, faith formation and/or leadership at the parish level.
- Must have knowledge in the processes of evangelization and lifelong catechesis with excellent interpersonal communication skills and excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- The candidate is to have a gift for being a dynamic speaker who can teach the faith in an understandable way to both adults and children.
- While the candidate will have administrative assistance, the candidate is to have strong skills in organization and strong computer skills with proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams and Zoom.
- The candidate must be able to frequently lift/move 20 pounds.

### **Additional Information**

This position is salary based. Approximately 40 hours a week.

The candidate is to have availability to work certain nights and weekends throughout the year.

To receive a more detailed job description and/or to apply, please email a cover letter, resume, and list of references, in confidence, to:

Fr Gius F Garcia - [frgius@sscmdp.org](mailto:frgius@sscmdp.org)

# Respect Life

As another school year is beginning, I'd like to share with you an organization that has been doing incredible pro-life work across America!

The organization is: **The Students for Life of America** Check out their website: **[STUDENTSFORLIFE.ORG](http://STUDENTSFORLIFE.ORG)**

Every year this organization works tirelessly traveling to college campuses, offering peaceful conversations, and mobilizing young student leaders in the effort to save the lives of the unborn. They have been changing lives one heart at a time, and having a lasting impact. They are an impressive organization worthy of support and in need of prayers for safety in their work!

## [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)

## \*\*\*MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS\*\*\*

**Ss. Cyril & Methodius Music Ministry is seeking new members!**

**If you prefer more contemporary music:**

**Join the 6:00 PM Youth Mass CONTEMPORARY CHOIR!**

Rehearsals: every Thursday evening in the church from 7:30 to 9:00pm, beginning September 7. The CONTEMPORARY CHOIR sings every Sunday evening at the 6:00pm Mass throughout the year. Contact our Youth Minister, Tim Leitch, if interested.

**If you prefer more traditional music:**

**Join our Traditional ADULT CHOIR!**

Rehearsals: Most Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30pm in the church, beginning September 12. (rehearsals go a bit longer as we approach the Christmas and Easter seasons). The ADULT CHOIR sings at the 11:00am Mass every Sunday from September to June. For more information, contact Deacon James.

Questions? Please leave a message for Deacon James with the receptionist at the rectory office: **631-667-4044 x100.**

## The OCIA process will begin in September!

**What is the OCIA?** *(formerly known as the RCIA)*

OCIA stands for "ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS" and is a process by which non-Catholic adults, or Catholic adults who did not receive all the Sacraments of Initiation, learn about the Catholic faith and gradually become full members. Every year adults are welcomed into the Catholic Community through the OCIA.

**Do you know someone who has not been baptized and is interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church?**

Any adult who has not been baptized and would like to begin the journey in preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist), should leave a message for Deacon James at the Parish Center: **631-667-4044 x100.** \*This process is also for adults of other Christian faiths who have already been baptized.

**Adult Catholics who never received First Eucharist and/or Confirmation:**

If you are an adult Catholic who was baptized and for some reason never completed your Sacraments of Initiation, you are invited into this process to help make that happen.

Please don't hesitate to Contact Deacon James with your questions and concerns!

Check out this webpage from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops for detailed info on the process:

<https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/who-we-teach/christian-initiation-of-adults>

# Parish Social Ministry

I Hope everyone had a good week. Ours over here at Social Ministry I can say was mixed. First the good news. We received the grant from Long Island Cares for the new upright freezer. The bad news is one of the upright freezers we have is unrepairable. So, we still don't get to replace the chest freezer. I will be working on getting another upright freezer as the chest freezers are old and inefficient and rusting.

We have gotten a few school supplies. My thought now is that I can give a list of what seems to be common asks among the school lists that we have gotten. Any help you can give with school supplies is very appreciated by the parents and in some cases the grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.

## These are for EACH Child 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> grade

- 6 Composition books (both black and colored covers)
- Box of 24 Crayola crayons (asked for specific brand by some teachers, I don't know why)
- Tissues
- Paper towels
- Post its
- 6 Heavy duty folders
- Ear phones (for use with the chromebooks)
- Ear buds can be used for older grades but not for K thru 2
- 48 presharpended Ticonderoga pencils
- 1 package dry erase markers
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 pkg of glue sticks
- Small pencil sharpener
- 1 pkg of baby wipes
- 1 box of gallon ziplock bags

## Kindergarten Each child

- 12 presharpended Ticonderoga pencils
- 2 boxes of 24 crayons (cannot be larger than 24 per box)
- 1 pair fiskar scissors
- Full size backpack (no wheels)
- Tissues
- Unscented baby wipes
- 2 packages of 4 thin expo dry erase black markers

I have students that go to Deer Park High School also students from middle school and I have not gotten any lists for them yet. I think you can go online and get generic lists for both the High School and the middle schools. We do have students from North Babylon but none in High School.

Thank you for being so generous week in and week out. I know everyone is feeling the pinch now, so your generosity is so appreciated. Honestly I don't know how we would take care of these families if it weren't for how generous you are. God Bless you all.

*Janet*

## PANTRY NEEDS:

### FOOD

1. Spaghetti Sauce (24 oz. jars please)
2. Soup (Progresso or Campbells Chunky type please as long as it is not the type to add water to, brand does not matter, Chicken Noodle is most popular)
3. Oatmeal
4. Cold Cereal
5. White Rice

6. Tuna Fish
7. Crackers (ritz type, brand does not matter)
8. Cookies
9. Canned fruit
10. Jello type gelatin (not sugar free)

### NON FOOD ITEMS

1. Paper Towels
2. Tissues
3. Razors (men & women)
4. Toilet Paper
5. Bar Soap
6. Deodorant (men & women)
7. Shaving Cream
8. Shower Wash

**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

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|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|
| 1. Ketchup                         | 3. Jelly      | 5. Coffee | 7. Oil   | 9. Dishwashing Liquid |
| 2. White Vinegar (not gallon size) | 4. Mayonnaise | 6. Flour  | 8. Sugar |                       |

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



Each year Americans celebrate Labor Day as a national holiday to honor working people. For Catholics, it is also an opportunity to recall the traditional teaching of the Church on dignity of work and the rights of workers. As Pope Francis pointed out, "Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person. . It gives one the ability to maintain oneself, one's family, to contribute to the growth of one's own Nation."



This Labor Day, the economic facts are stark, and the human costs are real, especially for the poor, who may be unemployed or underemployed, the struggle to support their families is a daily battle. Please consider supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal which supports the programs and services that assist families and individuals struggling in our communities.

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!

## Rosary Altar Society Luncheon

**Friday, October 13, 2023**

Plated lunch includes appetizer, salad, entrée, dessert, soda, coffee & tea

**Lunch 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



**Waterview Room, 122 Ocean Ave., Bay Shore, NY**

**Cost \$40 (Money due by September 30, 2023)**

**MAKE CHECKS OUT TO ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Please drop off checks in the Rosary Altar Society mailbox at the Rectory**

For more info contact: Alba Barra at 631-274-5570 or Leslie Barra at 631-586-1663

# WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR

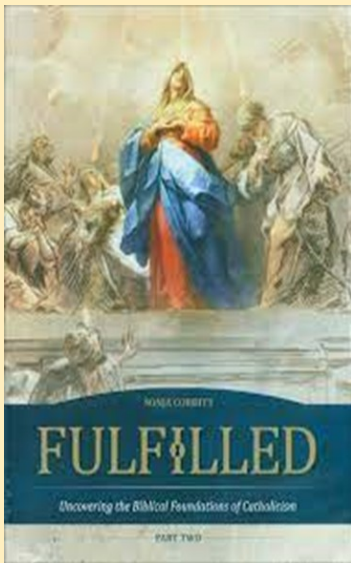
Our *Reach Out* committee of 5 has been slowly contacting our parishioners to update our records and see what needs they have. We can use more help in making these calls. See below on how to volunteer.

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!



**Fulfilled** is a book and a two-part study exploring the biblical roots of the Catholic Faith. It uncovers God's consistent design for our worship of him and his relationship with us. Learn where the blueprint for the Catholic Faith was laid out in the Old Testament and how Jesus fulfilled it in the New Testament.

### Part One Sessions:

- Session 1: Introduction
- Session 2: A Home for God
- Session 3: Keeping Time with God
- Session 4: A Kingdom of Priests
- Session 5: Sacrificial Love
- Session 6: Perfected by His Presence
- Session 7: Immersed in His Grace

Learn how the Old Testament tabernacle can be used as a blueprint for the Catholic faith and how Jesus fulfilled it in the New Testament. Part two focuses on elements of the outer sanctuary of the tabernacle and how they connect to the Magisterium, the Eucharist, Incense, Mary and more.

**Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, beginning September 27, 2023 in Father Behan Hall**  
For more information and to register please call Mary at 631.291.7020

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## FOR SALE

SSCM 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
t-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!



- Amazon, Kohl's , Texas Roadhouse - **\$100**
- Panera, Stop & Shop, Kohl's., Texas Roadhouse - **\$50**
- 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**

## REUSABLE BAG SALE



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Proceeds go to  
**MENTAL HEALTH PARISH PROGRAMS**

# BINGO

**EVERY THURSDAY - Fr Behan Hall  
DOOR OPENS 6:00 PM**