

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

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

2nd Sunday of ADVENT

December 10, 2023

Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Mala-

chi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's

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Readings and Songs this Sunday

No. 995 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11**

2nd Reading: **2 Peter 3:8-14**

Gospel Reading: **Mark 1:1-8**

LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

On Jordan's Bank **#418**

Wait for the Lord **#406**

A Voice Cries Out **#416**

The King Shall Come **#414**

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)

Upcoming Events

December 12 - 6:00 pm Procession and Mass in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. After the Mass, there will be a re-enactment of the apparition of the Lady to Blessed Juan Diego. Dinner follows at the Fr Behan Hall featuring "Latin American" cuisine.

December 16 - Children's Christmas Pageant and Parish Christmas Potluck. Let us support our children in their performance by signing up to attend the Potluck or making a donation. See page 5 and 7 for details.

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: (Confessional)

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 Office to arrange for an interview and to register for the required preparation class.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance and prior to wedding reception plans. Call the Parish Center to make an appointment for the initial intake.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Holy Communion are ministered by appointment to those confined to home. Contact the Parish Office to schedule a visit by a Eucharistic Minister.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Saturdays after the 8:30 am Mass (inform priest before Mass or request for it after Mass). In an emergency, call the Parish Office to request a priest. Outside office hours, call (631) 667-4044, Ext. 9.

PASTORAL STAFF: (631) 667-4044

Rev. Gius Garcia, *Pastor*, Ext. 121

Rev. Christopher Deh, *Associate Pastor*, Ext. 165

Rev. Patrick Grace, *Associate Pastor*, Ext. 166

Rev. Paul Bersamin, *Associate Pastor*, Ext. 167

Rev. Gregory Cappuccino, *Occasional Help, (Retired)*

Deacon John F. Fitzpatrick, Ext. 124

Deacon James A. Murano, *Liturgical Music* Ext. 127

Ms. 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

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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	December 11
7:00 AM:	Carlos Bautista
8:30 AM:	Angela Mento
12:15 PM:	Roger Thorley
Tuesday	December 12
7:00 AM:	Ismael and Priscilla Bautista
8:30 AM:	Jack Randazzo
12:15 PM:	Maria Perez
Wednesday	December 13
7:00 AM:	Carlos Bautista
8:30 AM:	Ismael and Priscilla Bautista
12:15 PM:	Cormac B. Gerrity
Thursday	December 14
7:00 AM:	Francesco Fusco
8:30 AM:	Ismael and Priscilla Bautista
12:15 PM:	Tommaso Mancini
Friday	December 15
7:00 AM:	Ismael and Priscilla Bautista
8:30 AM:	Carlos Bautista
12:15 PM:	Hermann Navarro
Saturday	December 16
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM	Ruben Escobar, John Feeney, for the living and deceased members of the Jokubiel and Giordano Families, and for Mary and Michael Nolan's intentions
Sunday	December 17
8:00 AM	Anthony and Virginia Critelli
9:30 AM	Intentions of the Laucella Family
11:00 AM	Francesco Catanzaro, for Jean Delmy's intentions and for Marie Antoine's intentions
12:30 PM	Damian J. Aiello II
6:00 PM	Salvatore Sanfratello

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday,	December 16
5:00 PM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin
Sunday	December 17
8:00 AM:	Fr. Gius Garcia
9:30 AM:	Fr. Christopher Deh
11:00 AM:	Fr. Patrick Grace
12:30 PM:	Fr. Christopher Deh
6:00 PM:	Fr. Patrick Grace

REST IN PEACE

George Giannandrea, Anthony Benevento, Martin Regan, Rosemarie Cornacchia

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

First Banns

Glenn Geis — Ss. Cyril and Methodius

Kerry Keenan — St. Lawrence the Martyr, Sayville

AVAILABLE MASS INTENTIONS

December 21– **7:00 am, 12:15 pm**

December 22 - **8:30 am**

December 26 - **8:30 am**

December 27 - **7:00 am, 8:30 am**

December 28 - **7:00 am**

Please see or call the receptionist during office hours to offer Mass intentions for family members and loved ones, living or deceased.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

We are resetting the Sick List in order to make room for more names. Beginning this coming week, we ask that you email Joan Loring (jloring@sscmdp.org) or leave a message at X122 for the name of your sick family member. We will publish it in next week's bulletin and keep the name for 2 months after which we will remove them in the list to make room for others.

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

We are re-setting the List of Service Men and women whom we pray for. We will only publish 5 at a time for 2 weeks to highlight them. We will publish their names 2x after that they will be taken down. This is to make room and accommodate more names that we could publish. Email Joan Loring if you want a name included.



FROM THE PASTOR

...from cover page

Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.

Stewardship

DECEMBER 3, 2023

Regular Collection	\$15,514.16
Online Giving	\$ 933.13
Total	\$16,447.29

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$125,200

\$87,843.00 Pledged 70.16% of Parish Goal

VANCO
FAITH

Total Collection last week: **\$16,447.29**

We are short of **\$552.71** to reach the weekly collection goal of **\$17,000** in order for our parish not to operate on a deficit.

We are aware of the increased cost of living that we all experience in Long Island. In fact we in the parish feel this even more as we try to maintain a very big property.

We appeal to your generosity if you are able to increase with **\$2, \$5 or \$10** dollars more your usual weekly donation. This would help us much. Thank you for your generous support to your Church family.

PARISH FINANCIAL CONDITION

The weekly goal is \$17,000 for the parish to stay afloat. This would have taken into account a limited number of Parish Fundraisers for the year. If it continues to be lower than the goal, we may need to add more Fund Raiser events in the future or cut down on current services.

This week we are down **(- \$552.71).**

Year to date: **(- \$9,311.52)**

1000 Lights Campaign - to date: \$6,182.00

Goal: 100,000 **(- \$93,818.00)**

We remember how you loved us...

DECEMBER 10 to DECEMBER 16

BREAD AND WINE - For Tommaso Mancini on his 10th Anniversary in Heaven. Love, wife Anna, children John and Luisa, grandchildren Bethany, Jordan and Chase

ALTAR CANDLES - Blessings on Russ and Mary's New Adventure. Love, Kerry and Steve

CANDLES AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE - Johnny Macaluso, Happy Birthday in Heaven. Love, Macaluso Family.

- 4 - To memorialize, please contact Joan Loring at X122

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CELEBRATE ADVENT

Take a piece of 'straw' and write your good deed on it. Bring it to Church with you any time and next weekend at the 9:30 am Family Mass and place it in the manger in the Sanctuary. Your straw and good deed cushions and makes more comfortable the bed of Jesus.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The pageant will be shown at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, December 16. Final dress rehearsals will be held on December 11 at 7:30 pm and December 16 at 10:30 am in the Church. Email us for questions: faithformation@sscmdp.org.



PARISH CHRISTMAS POTLUCK.

Help us congratulate our children at the pageant with a Parish Christmas Potluck Feast following the 5:00 pm Mass on December 16 at the Fr. Behan Hall. To make it easy for everyone, we are asking you to bring **Pizza, Hero** and **Desserts**. Email us at faithformation@sscmdp.org to let us know how many are coming and what you intend to bring with you.

See Page 7 for Google doc sign-up forms and option to send contribution through Venmo.



FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Calling Faith Formation Parents who would like to help us connect what our children learn in the classroom to the Sunday Mass, and host for them Church events and activities. If interested, call the Faith Formation Office and leave your name and phone number or email us at faithformation@sscmdp.org.

OFFICE INFORMATION

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

MORE ACCESSIBLE OFFICES are now open located by the Gym.

(631) 667-4044 extensions 145 & 147

faithformation@sscmdp.org

This letter is re-published in the bulletin for the sake of those who do not receive envelopes and mailings from the Parish to their home.



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH

125 Half Hollow Rd, Deer Park NY 11729

Christmas 2023

My dear parishioners,

The heart of Christmas is family. We would have missed its meaning if we do not see the Holy Family of Jesus, Joseph and Mary and likewise be led to value our own families. Through Jesus' birth – as He is born into a family – God the Father fulfills his promise and plan of saving humanity. Therefore, the proper gift we all need to ask every Christmas is that Jesus may be born in our hearts and truly become part of our own family.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us find every possible way to build up family and strengthen the family bond. It may mean opening the door of your heart to welcome a family member gone astray. It may entail praying for healing in one's heart so reconciliation can begin. It may require making a little sacrifice to reduce "me time" and prioritize "family time". It certainly means making the extra effort to do something special for every member of one's family.

As you know, there is a bigger family we belong to: our parish family of Ss. Cyril and Methodius. This year has been extra challenging with all the recent problems and difficulties that affected us all as a parish. On top of this, part of the difficulty we face now is our finances. Our weekend collection is down and with the rising cost of things, it is taking a toll on us. We are partially resolving this by tightening our belts, looking to find ways to reduce expenses and cut costs while continuing to offer the services and ministries we have been used to. But we need your help. And so, I write to appeal to your generosity.

This Christmas, there is an opportunity to alleviate our situation while honoring loved ones and friends whom we hold dearly in our hearts. Through your offering of **\$100**, a unique custom-made ceramic Christmas ball will bear the name of your beloved deceased family member, relative or friend, which will adorn the sanctuary Christmas tree. Our goal is to come up with **1000** of these ornaments to represent the bright light that they continuously give to us, thus the name of the campaign is **1000 LIGHTS**. As the tree is put up on December 17, 2023, on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, we profess that their light remains and will not extinguished. After the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 8, 2024, which marks the end of the Catholic Christmas season, the Christmas tree is taken down and the ornament will be given back to you as a reminder of your offering.

This Christmas may you and your family be strengthened by the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and showered with God's generous blessings.



In Opus Ministerii

Fr. Gius Garcia, Pastor

Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church.



1000 LIGHTS CAMPAIGN

A unique and special Christmas ceramic ornament bearing the name of your loved one (*deceased or living*) you wish to honor on one side and the logo of the Parish of Ss Cyril and Methodius on the other side will adorn the Christmas tree in the sanctuary for the duration of the Christmas season.

Scan the code to register for the

CHRISTMAS Potluck

 **SCAN ME**



Scan code to Venmo contribution for the

CHRISTMAS Potluck



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MSGR. ROONEY MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Honoring: Fr Joseph Baidoo & Fr Brian Barr
(former associates of the parish)

Lunch at 12:00pm, Golf at 2:00 pm

TIMBER POINT GOLF COURSE

Cocktails and Dinner at the Fr Behan Hall, Ss Cyril and Methodius at 6:30 pm



2023 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS & 2024 NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 12:45 pm to 1:15 pm

Monday, December 18 - 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

MASSES

Sunday, December 24 - 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am & 12:30 pm

Sunday, December 24 - **CHRISTMAS** Vigil

4:00 pm (*Family Mass*), 6:00 pm
& 10:00 pm (*Concelebrated Mass*)

There is NO 12:00 Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25 - **CHRISTMAS** Day

9:30 am, 11:00 am & 12:30 pm

NOTE: NO 8:00 am & 6:00 pm Mass

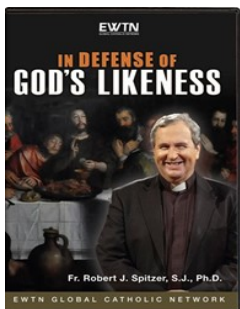
Monday, January 1 - **MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

11:00 am - Not a Holy Day of Obligation
Only one Mass

Sunday, January 7 - **EPIPHANY**

Vigil - 5:00 pm on *Saturday*, January 6

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm & 6:00 pm



Many try to fight against the culture of darkness, but Fr. Robert Spitzer's solid strategy for creating a culture of life succeeds. In Defense of God's Likeness details a hierarchy of rights, the four levels of happiness, the proper resolution of rights conflicts, proof-positive evidence of the human soul, and much more.

Join Father Grace on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the Father Behan Hall

BLACK CATHOLICS MINISTRY

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

ALTAR SERVERS

We are looking for boys and girls in 3rd 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.

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

Meets every **Tuesday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Senior Room.** Tuesday, December 12th will be the last meeting for this year. We will return February 20, 2024. Any questions call Lucille at 631-586-2438. We would like to wish everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every **Wednesday from 1:00pm to 6:30pm in the Church Crying Room.** We will begin this Wednesday, December 13th. Any questions call Carol Matos at 1-813-323-8602.

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.

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

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord". We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call 631-667-4044 ext. 175 and leave a message or email sscmstvincentdepaul@gmail.com the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

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 or visit please visit www.svdpli.org for additional information.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

We will not meet in January or February. Our next meeting will be **Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Father Behan Hall. Any questions call Alba Barra at 631-274-5570.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COLUMBIETTES

Our next meeting will be **December 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 January 6, 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 **January 13th** in the Fr. 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.

SENIOR CLUB

No meetings in January and February. Any questions call Mary Indelicato at 631-667-2998.

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.





“Advent, then, is a time for overturning our perspectives ... for letting ourselves be surprised by the greatness of God’s mercy,”

-Pope Francis

Pause and Reflect this Advent Season

During the Advent Season we are called to slow down during the frenetic season of shopping, visiting friends and family, baking, wrapping gifts and perhaps even studying for finals.

Are you still struggling to get a unique present for someone special? Consider a gift for all seasons – a donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. It’s a special gift that touches the lives of over 600,000 people by supporting programs that allow us to build of community of faith, hope and love in our diocese and beyond.

How does the **Catholic Ministries Appeal Care for God’s People**? It supports programs that help to feed people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs, providing food and nutrition to more than 15,000 people.



Have you tried Text-to-Give to make a donation!
It’s fast and secure.

Go to the following link to find your parish’s keyword: bit.ly/3VFrMCE

TEXT your parish’s Keyword To:

(516) 271-3338

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!



We are looking for boys and girls in 3rd grade or above to become part of our Altar Server Ministry.

The Altar Server's Ministry is a unique one in the Catholic Church. Other than the priests and deacons, no one else has the opportunity to participate so closely in the preparation of the Eucharist. Participation as an Altar Server is special. Essential life skills are built through teamwork, communication, reliability, and self-confidence. Altar Service also provides a unique way to earn valuable community service hours while growing in faith.

**If you want to learn more about becoming an Altar Server,
please attend our information session on**

Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Father Behan Hall

For more information, contact Father Christopher Deh at frchris@sscmdp.org
or sscyril.altarservers@yahoo.com.

You can also leave a message at the front desk of the rectory at 631-667-4044.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

+ PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS +

+ PATRONESS OF THE UNBORN +

PROCESSION - MASS RE-ENACTMENT OF APPARITIONS of Our Lady of Guadalupe

To be followed by

CELEBRATION DINNER at Fr. Behan Hall

Featuring

“Latin American Cuisine”

Tuesday, **December 12**
at **6:00 pm**

200 people limit

Donation \$10 per Family

Raffle:

\$5.00 for 3 tickets

\$10.00 for 7 tickets

Proceeds go to :

St Cyril and Methodious Church
and Our Lady of Guadalupe School

For more information:

Carmen Gomez - Tel no. (631) 243-6146



Respect Life

WALKING WITH MOM'S MINISTRY"

If you or someone you know, is in need of baby items like; diapers/formula/clothing/toiletries or perhaps mentoring support for your newborn, toddler or expectant baby.

Please call the Respect Life Ministry @ 631-667-4044 Ext 120 and leave a voice message. We are here for you and will get back to you and help in any way that we can!

If you would like to volunteer in this Ministry please contact me via the above phone number!

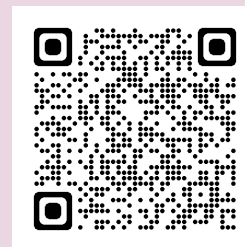
[Join us on the Diocesan Rosary for Life by ZOOM](#)
[Fridays at 3:00 pm www.drvcilife.org \(EASY LINK ON TOP OF PAGE\)](#)

The Gianna Center of Long Island

The Gianna Center of Long Island helps women get the care they need close to home & treats the health needs of women of all ages and at all stages of life.

The Gianna Center for Women's Health & Fertility, an outreach of Catholic Health, offers nationally-recognized reproductive medicine, restorative medicine and treatment for women's health disorders. We use successfully-proven natural approaches to help women and couples who are struggling with infertility.

The Gianna Center of Long Island
661 Deer Park Ave
Babylon NY 11702
631-376-3232
www.chsli.org/gianna-center



CHRISTMAS COOKIES FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Teens of the parish would like to put together some simple gifts, notes and cookies for the homebound members of our parish. If you bring the Eucharist to one of our homebound or have a homebound person in your home who would benefit from this gift, please contact Tim Leitch at 631-806-4715. We need to hear from you by December 10th. Gifts will be distributed after the Masses on December 16 & 17.

Polish (Oplatki) Christmas Wafers

are available for sale in the Rectory. \$5.00

Parish Social Ministry

We are getting ready for Christmas and as we have been saying there are many families this year in need. Most of the families have asked for gift cards to places like Marshall's, Walmart Kohl's, Target and grocery stores. There are a few actual gifts. Next year we are looking at starting this much earlier. Perhaps we will consider having Angel tags instead. Maybe we can begin to put the tags out in late September or early October giving parishioner's more time to shop.

Christmas gifts need to be returned no later than December 15th as the gifts will be distributed on December 16th. Unfortunately, last year some of the gifts came in after Christmas so some families did not receive those gifts on time.

In October we welcomed 9 new families consisting of 11 adults and 5 children. In November we welcomed 11 new families consisting of 1 senior, 19 adults and 13 children. Next week we will include the number of people we served food and basic needs of living. Once again thank you for your generosity week after week. Without you the volunteers and I would never be able to help all those who are in need. If you want to volunteer and do not have Virtus training it is a requirement by the Diocese to have that certification.

We still need foldable grocery carts for our people who walk. Many people have had to give up driving because they cannot afford car payments and/or insurance. Many walk miles not just blocks to get here and back home. It is a burden to carry the bags. If they must carry them it means that they must take less food.

We have a difficult time keeping up with basic needs of living items such as toilet paper, paper towels napkins, feminine products, dishwashing detergent, none of which can be purchased with SNAP (food stamps) Also many do not realize SNAP benefits are a national program which means a family of 4 in rural Mississippi is receiving the same amount of SNAP benefits as a family of 4 on Long Island.

Have a blessed week and God bless you.

Janet and all the volunteers.

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. Pasta or Spaghetti
4. Cookies

5. Sodium free canned lentils
6. Sodium free canned lentils
7. Sodium free lentil soup
8. Diabetic & Gluten free products (not pasta we have some right now)
9. Shelf stable juice (Lidl has the best price on Apple Juice)

NON FOOD ITEMS

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

**The pantry is in dire need of everything on the list.
This coming week is when the families get their every other month items.**

If you shop in dollar tree the flour, sugar and oil are the perfect size.

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

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| 1. Ketchup | 4. Jelly | 7. Coffee | 10. Dishwashing Liquid |
| 2. White Vinegar (not gallon size) | 5. Mayonnaise | 8. Flour | 11. Sugar |
| 3. Oil | 6. Salt | 9. Tea | |



Meets every Sunday After the 6:00 pm Mass

Meeting point at the Breezeway before proceeding to the Parish Youth Center at the second floor of the SSCM Pastoral Center.

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CONGRATULATE AND CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN IN THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Saturday, DECEMBER 16, 2023

after the Christmas Pageant at the 5:00 PM Mass at the Fr. Behan Hall

PIZZA HERO DESSERTS

Email us at faithformation@sscmdp.org
to let us know how many of you are coming what you are bringing

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 Coming in January! 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 2 Sessions

Session 1: Introduction
and Review of Part One

Session 2: The Light of Truth

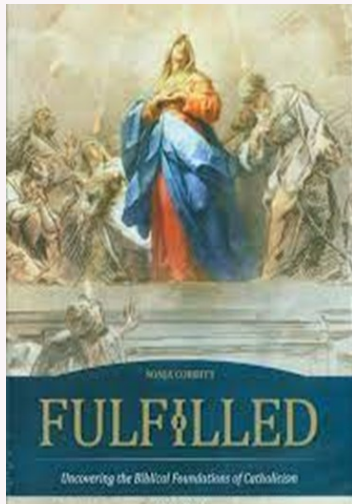
Session 3: The Bread of Life

Session 4: Holy Smoke

Session 5: Holy of Holies

Session 6: The Throne of God

Session 7: At Home in the Tabernacle



Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, beginning January 17, 2024 in Father Behan Hall
For more information and **to register** please call Marianne Grimaldi at 631-463-7886

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