

1st SUNDAY OF LENT

February 18, 2024

Reprinted for those who missed it last week.

LENTEN LITURGICAL NOTES

+ **Abstinence and Fasting.** All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Ash Wednesday and Good Friday fast and abstinence.

+ Churches and chapels **should not** be decorated with flowers during the season of Lent, with the exception of **Laetare Sunday** (March 10, 2024), Solemnities (Saint Joseph—March 19), and Feasts. Emphasis should be placed on sparsity and absence.

+ Because it falls during Holy Week this year, the **Solemnity of the Annunciation** this year is observed during the Easter Season, on **April 8, 2024.**

+ Beginning with Masses for the **Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 17**, crosses, images, and statues may be covered with violet cloth, per the Passiontide tradition of the Church (red may be used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday). Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images and statues are to be unveiled before the Easter Vigil. This custom of veiling is optional at

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Readings and Songs this Sunday

No. 1017 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Genesis 9:8-15**

2nd Reading: **1 Peter 3:18-22**

Gospel Reading: **Mark 1:12-15**

LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

The Time of Fulfillment

Hosea

#484

Life-Giving Bread, Saving Cup

#926

Forty Days and Forty Nights

#483

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)

**STATIONS
OF THE CROSS**

**Every Friday
during Lent
12:45pm**



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: (Confessionals)

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 - 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. 170

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

Deacon John F. Fitzpatrick, Ext. 124

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

Ms. Carol Tannehill, *Rel Ed Coordinmator*, Ext. 145

Mrs. Janet McEnany, *OFS, Social Ministry*, Ext 105

Mr. Timothy Leitch, *Youth Ministry*, Ext. 154

Deacon Philip A. Mills, Jr. *Business Manager*, Ext. 110

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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 February 19

Presidents' Day

8:30 AM: Only one Mass at 8:30 am

Tuesday February 20

7:00 AM: Vincenza Aiello

8:30 AM: Martha Watkins

12:15 PM: Jose Antonio Jr.

Wednesday February 21

7:00 AM: Jean Marie Campagna

8:30 AM: Angelo (Sonny) Benvenuto

12:15 PM: Thomas Mansuetta

Thursday February 22

7:00 AM: (**Open**: no offered intentions)

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

12:15 PM: Dominick

Friday February 23

7:00 AM: For Rosemarie Bradys intentions

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

12:15 PM: Lynn Hill

Saturday February 24

8:30 AM Purgatorial Society

5:00 PM: Renee and Luciano Pisotti, Bill Gould,
Joseph, Catherine and Peter Barcia,
Bernette Mandracchia

Sunday February 25

8:00 AM Gina Giuliano

9:30 AM For Our Parishioners

11:00 AM Chuen Kam Chan-Shek, Dorothy Casey Kelly

12:30 PM Angelo D'Agostaro

6:00 PM Noreen Hoglelund

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday, February 24

5:00 PM: Fr. Paul Bersamin

Sunday February 25

8:00 AM: Fr. Patrick Grace

9:30 AM: Fr. Gius Garcia

11:00 AM: Fr. Paul Bersamin

12:30 PM: Fr. Christopher Deh

6:00 PM: Fr. Gius Garcia

REST IN PEACE

Velma C. Jones, Margherita Tudisco, Richard Citrano Jr., Helen Wilberg-Kubis, MaryAnn Lorello Margaret Falese, Jeanette Waterman, Lucy Benivegna

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Third Banns

Joseph Esposito — Ss. Cyril and Methodius
Nicole Vizzari — Ss. Cyril and Methodius

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Carter Joseph Govannoli

AVAILABLE MASS INTENTIONS

February 22 - 7:00 am, 8:30 am
February 23 - 8:30 am
February 26 - 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm
February 27 - 7:00 am, 8:30 am
February 28 - 7:00 am, 12:15 pm
February 29 - 7:00 am, 12:15 pm
March 1 - 7:00 am
March 3 - 6:00 pm

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

Kathleen Jacobi, JRV, Phyllis Otto, Leonard Caltabiano, Joyce Ratushny, Vickie Lynch, Kristen Tonnesen, Christopher M. Wall, Julio C. Rivera, Lydia Reveron, Joseph E. Farren, Ralph Viera, Brendan Gould, Virginia Gennusa, Olivia Marie Marc Baboff, Carmine Lagattuta, Cassandra Dawson, Kristy Denes, Baby Marina Grace, Donald Martino, Joseph Pepe, Ann Scardiano, Pat Henry, Lois Biscardi

We ask that you email jloring@sscmdp.org or leave a message at X122 for the name of your sick family member.

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Kyle Chanley US Army

We will only publish 5 names 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 jloring@sscmdp.org if you want a name included.

FROM THE PASTOR

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the discretion of the pastor (praenotanda for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Roman Missal).

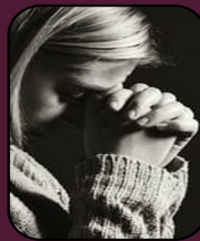
+ If **weddings** take place during the season of Lent, couples are to be informed about the Lenten regulations with regard to flowers, decorations, and music. (GIRM #305, 313; Order of Celebrating Matrimony, #32)

+ The **Alleluia** is not recited or sung during the season of Lent.

+ The **Gloria** is not sung or recited with the exception of the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Patronal Feast of a Church, Dedication Anniversary, and certain ritual Masses.

+ In coordination with the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn, the Dio-

cese of Rockville Centre will participate in the annual **DIOCESAN DAY OF CONFESSION** on *Monday, March 25* (Holy Week). In consideration of those who serve in one priest parishes, and for the sake of a consistent advertising message, the hours that the Sacrament of Penance will be available in every Catholic Church on that day are **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM** and **6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**. priestly coverage for those hours on March 25.



PRAY



FAST



GIVE

Stewardship

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Regular Collection	\$16,259.90
Online Giving	\$ 873.51
Total	\$17,133.41

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$125,200

\$90,189.00 Pledged \$88,986.00 Paid

VANCO
FAITH

Total Collection last week: **\$17,133.41**

We are up **\$133.41** to reach the weekly collection goal of **\$17,000** in order for our parish not to operate on a deficit. Collection figures in the past weeks have also shown a decrease.

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 up **(+ \$133.41)**

Year to date: **(- \$16,221.82)**

We anticipate a deficit this year but we hope we do not come down to that. The only way this can be prevented is if we slowly increase our weekly contribution and arrange for fundraisers in the coming months.

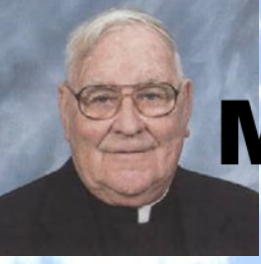
MEMORIALS

Altar Candles and Candles at Our Lady's Shrine and St. Joseph's Shrine Offering \$25;

Bread & Wine \$50 Flowers at Blessed Mother and St. Joseph's Shrine \$50;

Altar Flowers \$50 per Vase \$100 for both.

To memorialize, please contact Joan Loring at X122



Rev. Msgr. Thaddeus Rooney Memorial Golf Outing & Dinner

Thursday, **JUNE 13, 2024** + Timber Point Country Club, Great River

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

Honoring:

FR. JOSEPH BAIDOO

FR. BRIAN BARR

(Former Associate Pastors of the Parish)



PRIZES INCLUDE: Closest to Pin, Closest to Pin
Second Shot, Longest Drive (60 and over, 70 and
over, 80 and over and 60 and under).

SPONSORS NEEDED FOR:

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| Tee/Greens: \$110 | Flag Sponsor: \$150 |
| Driving Range: \$300 | Beverage Cart: \$800 |
| Golf Carts: \$900 | Cocktail Hour: \$900 |
| Dinner: \$900 | Dessert: \$900 |
| Barbeque: \$900 | |

We need prizes for our raffles:

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

FOR MORE INFO,
PLEASE CALL:

- Sal Mangano**
(631) 586-3600,
- Mike Conboy**
(631) 539-8932,
- Rosemarie Brady**
(631) 681-6336,
- Joe & Teri Schiano**
(631) 595-1709,
- Carol Tannehill**
(631) 988-9906,
- Dcn. Phil Mills**
(631) 667-4044 X 110

\$170.00 per golfer
(Soft Spikes required),
Lunch, Green Fees,
Beverage Cart, Dinner
& Cocktails
\$75.00 Dinner only



ALL FLAG ORDERS DUE BY MAY 16 ALL MONEY DUE BY JUNE 6

Please find enclosed a check payable to:

Ss. Cyril & Methodius, c/o Dcn. Phil Mills, 125 Half Hollow Road, Deer Park 11729

In the amount of \$_____ to cover the cost of #_____ golfers.

Names: _____

Item sponsored: _____ Amount \$ _____

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Ash Wednesday is February 14 and is the beginning of the **Season of Lent**. We encourage our children to follow the 3 disciplines of Lent: **PRAYER, FASTING** and **ALMSGIVING**. We have lined up more intense prayer activities for our children throughout the season and are preparing for a Special **Children's Station of the Cross** (details coming soon). And for all Sundays of Lent, we encourage our children to participate in a Lenten practice of **Giving Up** (*fasting*) and **Giving** (*almsgiving*) in a campaign we call:

KIDS helping KIDS

Each week during Lent we are asking our children to bring an item to be donated to Parish Outreach. The kids already do this and yet we want families not just to bring random items but specific items that kids have for meals and snacks and share them with those in the community who have less or none. Each week we ask our children to bring a specific item(s) to make a difference to another child in need in our own neighborhood. We ask parents to take time to explain to them the value of giving up and sacrifice and also of becoming aware of those who are less fortunate and what they can do to help.

(2/18) WEEK 1: Peanut Butter & Jelly

(3/10) WEEK 4: Pancake Mix

(2/25) WEEK 2: Juice box

(3/17) WEEK 5: Your favorite Snack

(3/03) WEEK 3: Syrup

(3/24) WEEK 6: Easter basket treats

Please put your donations in the basket in the sanctuary at the beginning of the 9:30am Family Mass.

OFFICE INFORMATION: Monday - Thursday: 9:30 am-2:30 pm
(631) 667-4044 extensions 145 & 147 faithformation@sscmdp.org

THE WORLD IS TOO SMALL
FOR WHAT I INTEND TO DO

BASED ON THE TRUE STORY
CABRINI

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SOUND OF FREEDOM

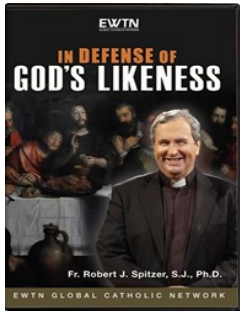
PARISH MOVIE NIGHT
MARCH 8, 2024 at 6:45 PM
Showcase Cinema Lux,
Farmingdale

RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW
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CALL THE FRONT DESK
or email - JLORING@SSCMDP.ORG

COMING INTERNATIONAL MARCH 8

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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.** We will return **March 5, 2024.** Any questions call Lucille at 631-586-2438.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every **Wednesday from 1:00pm to 6:30pm in the Church Crying Room.** 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, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

If you would like to donate clothing, the bins on the north side parking lot of the church are for clothing only. To donate furniture, please call 631-858-0380 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 or clothing, please email us at sscmstvincentdepaul@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 631-667-4044 ext. 175. You will receive a call back from one of our volunteers using a blocked number. Please answer the phone so we are able to assist you if we can.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

We will not meet in January or February. Our next meeting will be **Monday, March 4th in the Church at 7:30 p.m.** for Stations of the Cross as seen through the eyes of Mary. Any questions call Alba Barra at 631-274-5570.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COLUMBIETTES

Our next meeting will be **March 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 Columbiette Membership Drive - If you would like to become a member please contact Donna Daly, Admissions Chairperson at 631-667-0503 or 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 March 2, 2024.** Any questions call Annette Arena at 631-661-9109.

SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our next 6 Hour **Defensive Driving Course** is **February 24th** 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.



CREATIVE MINISTRIES PRESENTS

JOURNEY

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Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes
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Ss Cyril and Methodius Holy Name Society

Presented at *Saints Cyril and Methodius* in Deer Park
on Sunday, March 17 at 2:00PM

for more information, visit www.CMPAC.com or call (631) 218 - 2810

***Good Will Offering**



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

WESTERN VICARIATE

42 Dover Street

Williston Park, New York 11596

Phone: 516.744.6850 Fax: 516.746.6900
westernvicariate@drvc.org

Lent 2024

*...We need our prayer to rise with greater insistence to the Father,
So that He may hear the voice of those who turn to Him
on the confidence of being answered... Pope Francis*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On Sunday, January 21 of this year, Pope Francis inaugurated a Year of Prayer ahead of the 2025 Jubilee Year. The Holy Father is calling on the faithful “to pray more fervently to prepare ourselves to live properly this grace-filled event and to experience the power of hope in God.” This Year of Prayer, the Holy Father explained, is dedicated “to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world.”

In response to the Holy Father’s initiative, together with Bishop Barres, all the Bishops and I would like to encourage you, especially during this 2024 Season of Lent in particular, to focus on prayer. Traditionally, during this time all Christians are called to practice fasting, prayer, repentance, and almsgiving as a way of drawing us closer to God and reflecting on the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection in anticipation of the gift of new life at Easter. All pillars of Lent complement and support each other. Customarily, fasting is a way of disciplining ourselves and expressing our repentance for our sins. By abstaining from certain foods or activities, we show our love for God and our gratitude for His mercy. Fasting also helps us to empathize with those who are less fortunate and to share our resources with them. In fact, prayer binds all these Lenten practices all together, giving them an extra strength and direction. In days to come, as we prepare for the celebration of Easter, let us take this great opportunity to renew ourselves in the life of prayer, making it not just a duty or an obligation but also as a privilege and a joy.

Prayer is a gift from God, connecting us with Him and allowing us to experience His love in our lives. It is a ground for an authentic encounter which God uses to transform us and to make us more like Christ to one another. It is also a power that God grants us to overcome sin and evil and to advance His cause in the world, especially very much needed peace as we reflect these days on the situations in Ukraine, the Holy Land, Syria, Congo, and many other troubled places.

Personal Prayer. A classic description says that prayer is “the raising of our mind and heart to God.” We all might have our own experiences of prayer, and we can define prayer in our own and unique ways. However, most important is the fact that during sacred time of the year each of us should make the best effort to make a time for prayer, short or longer, in our daily lives. There are many ways in which we can engage with it during Lent. Many people might continue to follow a lectionary and other materials that provide Scripture readings and reflections for each day of Lent and be led by it to prayer. It is possible use prayer books, journals, apps, or online resources that offer different forms of prayer, such as meditation, contemplation, praise, worship, adoration, thanksgiving, and supplication. In some

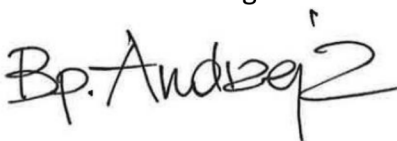
places there are groups of friends, or parishioners, who join prayer meetings, retreats, or online communities that share prayer requests and support each other in prayer. Most people create a prayer space in their home or workplace that helps them to focus on God. We should all look for an opportunity to pray without distractions and practice silence or solitude as a way of listening to God and being attentive to His presence. Whatever method or style of prayer we choose, the important thing is to pray with sincerity of heart, humility, honesty, and openness. During Lent, we should pray especially for the grace of conversion, so we can be inspired to experience the need of repentance and change and be led to encounter Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance. May we all grow in a deep desire to know the Lord more intimately and to love him more fully with the hunger for his grace and a thirst for his Spirit.

Communal Prayer. Time spent in prayer is never only personal. We all know that every individual action of one person has an impact on the whole community. Together in prayer, as we walk a synodal way, we grow in a deep sense of awareness that every act of love or time of common worship can profoundly strengthen and sanctify the whole Christian community and the whole human family. We are all connected in a special way as members of the Body of Christ, and we share the same mission and vision by celebrating of the Eucharist. This is the most profound and ultimate way of prayer. At each Mass we engage personally with the Paschal Mystery of the Lord and make it our own to be led by him, through the sacrifice of the cross to the glory of his Resurrection and our life in Him. The mystery of the Cross and the mystery of love Jesus shares with us can be understood in a deeper sense through prayer. Renewing our commitment to attend the Mass every Sunday would be the best step to renew ourselves in the life of prayer.

Prayers for the World. Both the celebration of the Eucharist and our personal daily prayer nourishes our faith, strengthens our hope, and increases our charity towards others. During Lent and beyond we are called to share our gifts and resources with the world around us, especially with those who are in need. We are to take care of the poor, the oppressed and the marginalized, and are to join them in their struggle for justice and dignity in the best way we can. Every good deed is always inspired and properly executed with the assistance of our continuing prayers, making us God's instruments of peace, justice, and mercy, which is so much needed in the world today.

Dear Friends, prayer is basically a conversation with God who is waiting for us. It doesn't have to be made up of loads of words as it is all about the conversion of heart. It's not just "saying prayers", it is more about living by them, letting our heart declare our love for God and others. Let this Lent be for all of us a sacred time of our spiritual renewal in prayer so we can all become who we are supposed to be in relationship with God and with each other. Our life prayer is a statement about who we are. The future of the world depends on our prayers and begins in us. Even though our prayers do not give any extra reverence to God, they certainly make us more revered before Him so we walk "humbly with the Lord."

Have a blessed and grace filled Lent,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bp. Andrzej Zglejszewski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski
Episcopal Vicar

**COMING BACK SOON
AUGUST 15-18, 2024
BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**



**Celebrate Black Catholics in America and
the contribution of Black Saints
in the Catholic Church**

February

BLACK
HISTORY MONTH

SPECIAL SUNDAY MASS

February 25, 2024 at 12:30 PM

Presided by Fr. Christopher Deh

The Diocese of Rockville Centre
GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES
Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of marriage in 2024 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre
Celebrant: Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski

Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue
Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle

Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Register on line at drvc-faith.org

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at 516-678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at lrobustelli@drvc.org

Meets every Sunday After the 6:00 pm Mass

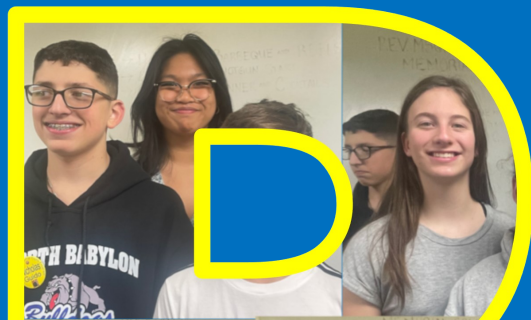
We will meet on February 4, 18, 25.

No meeting February 11th.

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

FAITH + FRIENDSHIP + FUN + SERVICE

**PARISH YOUTH
MINISTRY**



Contact: Tim Leitch
631-6674044
timpleitch@aol.com

Respect Life

Please Visit our *Respect-Life* Material rack in the back foyer of the church.

Here you will find many valuable resources for all of life's stages -from Conception to End of Life and everything in between! Call if you have any questions and we will refer you to the proper resource.

The Gianna Center

The Gianna Center for Women's Health & Fertility, is an outreach of Catholic Health, offers nationally recognized reproductive medicine, restorative medicine, and treatment for women's health disorders. We are uniquely qualified to treat the health needs of women of all ages and at all stages of life. **Nassau:** 516-705-1148, **Suffolk:** 631-376-3232, **Manhattan:** 212-481-1219

WALKING WITH MOM'S MINISTRY

If you or someone you know, is expecting or has young children and is in need of baby items like; diapers/formula/clothing/toiletries, mentoring support, or other resources, please call the Respect Life Ministry @ 631-667-4044 Ext 120 and leave a voice message, and you will receive a call back!

Please join in the Rosary for Life Every Friday at 3:00pm
Go to the WWW.DRVCLIFE.ORG website for the zoom link.



Friday, April 12, 2024 Doors Open 6:30pm
Ss. Cyril and Methodius Fr. Behan Hall

No Experience Necessary!
All you need to do is roll dice and socialize!
Bring Your Friends!

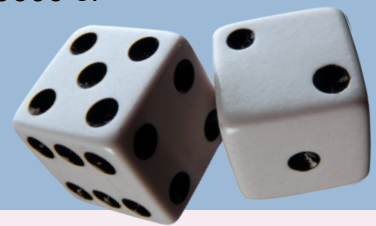
Coffee, Tea & Refreshments
Prizes and Lots of Laughs Included

Tickets Must Be Purchased In Advance
\$20 per person NO Refunds

For Tickets Contact Bobi Lukenovich 631-576-6899 or Donna Ryall 516-885-0606 or
Geri Cavanaugh 973-479-4234

Drop Off At KofC Att: Bunco or Rectory Att: Columbiettes (Bunco)

Hosted by Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes
Location: Ss. Cyril & Methodius -Fr. Behan Hall
Proceeds will be donated to one of our charities.



SAVE THE DATE

On April 14, 2024 there will be a special liturgy at the 12:30 p.m. Mass to honor the sacrament of marriage. This celebration will be extraordinary, since we will honor couples who are celebrating anniversaries of 1 year, multiples of 5 years, or more than 50 years, during 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact: Marianne at ext.115 or Joan at ext.122

All married couples wishing to attend this liturgy should email the information to msaffran@sscmdp.org or jloring@sscmdp.org by April 8, 2024.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul
 Invites you to the
Who "Dunn" it Wedding
at the Speakeasy



Join the fun and help solve the mystery during this live interactive performance.



1920's attire encouraged

Saturday April 6, 2024

6 - 10 pm

Fr. Behan Hall



55 Cyril and Methodius Church 125 Half Hollow Road, Deer Park

Ticket cost: \$65 per person

Early bird special through March 1st: \$60 per person

Admission includes beer, wine, soda, dinner, dessert, and show.

(21 and over)

No ticket sales at the door. Space will be limited.

Name of attendees: _____ Tel No. _____

No of tkts: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Checks payable to SVDP Drop off at Rectory: Attention SVDP or mail to above address
 Contact Jane McMahon (516) 816-1930 or Kerry Brennan (631) 586-6294

A FAITH & FUN JOURNEY TO
ROME - ASSISI - SICILY

12 Days With Fr. Gius Garcia & Fr. Rene Lopez

OCTOBER 13 - 24, 2024

Italy



For more information email frgius@sscmdp.org or lesliebaby02@aol.com

Parish Social Ministry

The benefiting month for Ss. Cyril and Methodius Food Pantry starts today! Throughout February 2024 your organization will receive \$1 for every specially marked \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet purchased at: 421 Commack Road, Deer Park NY

Once again, we must mention that it is not appropriate to put refrigerated items in the food bins.

We have many carts for our walkers. We appreciate everyone who donated them.

Also please do not drop off items behind the fence when we are not here to receive them. Please call before you bring boxes and boxes of items. We appreciate the donations, but it would be appreciated if you would call, and we can accept the items when someone is here to receive them. As always if you call, we do try to accommodate people's schedules. Also, we have received frozen and refrigerated items in the carts that must be thrown out.

At this time, we are very low on toilet paper. As we have mentioned before the snap benefits do not cover any type of paper products or other basic needs of living. We still need a cart from a grocery store if anyone has a contact at a store or if you are a regular shopper at a store and know the manager perhaps you could ask if they can donate one of their carts to us.

Is anyone free to pick up donations from Stanley's Bakery in East Islip on Friday evenings at 5:30 pm and drop off the next morning on Saturday at 9:30 am?

Please do not put anything but food in the bins. We cannot use clothing or anything other than food.

We welcome your visit to see what we are doing here at Parish Social Ministry.

As always God bless you for all the donations that keep Social Ministry running.

Janet

PANTRY NEEDS:

FOOD

1. White Rice
(We have plenty of Brown Rice)
2. Ritz Type Crackers
3. Pasta or Spaghetti
4. Cookies
5. Mac and Cheese

6. Canned Tuna Fish
7. Canned Chicken
8. Spam
9. Shelf stable juice (Lidl has the best price on Apple Juice)
10. Sloppy Joe Mix
(Manwich type in a can)

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 | |

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.

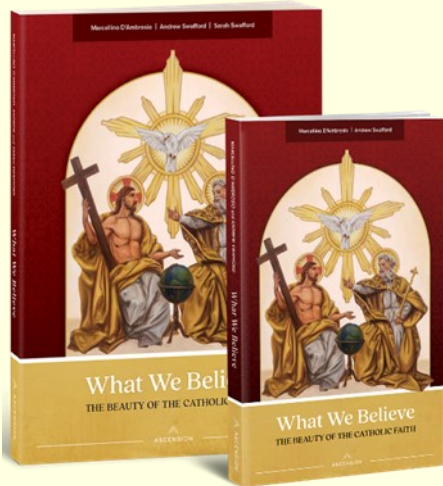
Please call Kerry Brennan at 631 586 6294 to help

Discover the Amazing Riches of the Catholic Faith

What is the Catholic Church all about? What does it mean to be Catholic? What do Catholics actually believe?

The Catholic Church is extraordinary. Founded by Christ himself, the Catholic Church is where we encounter God in his Word, his sacraments, and his saints. The Church faithfully proclaims the fullness of faith, leaving no truth out. It proclaims the fullness of life, leaving no person out. It calls all to repent and to believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the source of all life and salvation.

Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church.



Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, beginning April 3, 2024 in Father Behan Hall

For more information and **to register** please call Marianne Grimaldi at 631-463-7886

***deadline to register for workbook & textbook is March 6, 2024, \$25.**

Registrants thereafter, welcome to participate and watch the videos at class.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY LENTEN MASS & LUNCHEON

Columbiettes, Knights of Columbus & Corporation

SUNDAY MARCH 3 2024 11:00 AM MASS

Ss Cyril and Methodius

with Luncheon following at OLOR KofC,

759 Long Island Ave., Deer Park, NY

Cost \$15.00 pp Please bring a dessert for the dessert Table

Please RSVP by February 25th.

Text or call Roxanne Marano at 631-459-9761 or email RoxanneKofC@gmail.com

Make checks payable to OLOR Columbiettes #4428

Checks can be dropped off at Rectory in an envelope addressed to OLOR Columbiettes

NO tickets sold at door—NO REFUNDS

FOR SALE

SSCM 50th 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



**Strong and
Eco-Friendly**

BRING YOUR OWN BAG

Available for purchase at the Parish Office. \$2.00 per Bag

Proceeds go to

MENTAL HEALTH PARISH PROGRAMS

BINGO

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