

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

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

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 10, 2024**

Starting next weekend, 5th Sunday of Lent, crosses, images and statues will be covered with violet cloth per the Passiontide tradition of the Church and remain covered until the end of celebration on Good Friday.

**Tradition of the Hunger Cloth**

Covering crosses, statues and images or “veiling” with unadorned purple opaque cloths begins on the Saturday before the 5th Sunday of Lent. It is an older custom of the Church that remains an option even to this day. The exact era it began no one is sure, but the origins seem to come from a medieval tradition of the “hunger cloth” which was a huge purple cloth hung in front of the altar to keep the congregation from viewing the altar. Originally Lent was a time that public sinners were “banished” from the church and had to do a public display of penance. Over time the understanding that everyone is a sinner prevailed and sinners



were no longer restricted from the liturgy in church, but the hunger cloth gave all attending a “fast of the eyes.” The cloths over time changed to smaller sizes and with more decorations.

The actual covering of images came later, perhaps continuing that theme of “fasting of the eyes.” According to Adolf Adam’s *The Liturgical Year*.

At the end of the thirteenth century Bishop William Durandus of Mende (Southern France) explains

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**Readings and Songs this Sunday**

**No. 1026 in the Blue Gather Hymnal**

1st Reading: **2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23**

2nd Reading: **Ephesians 2:4-10**

Gospel Reading: **John 3:14-21**

**LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:**

The Time of Fulfillment

Amazing Grace **#645**

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart **#940**

The Glory of These 40 Days **#481**

(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 Coordinator*, 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



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*Parish Secretary / Bulletin Editor*

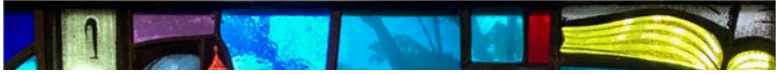
Mrs. Marianne Saffran, Ext. 115

*Baptism & Wedding Coordinator*

Ms. Allison Taibi, Ext. 111

*Bookkeeper*





## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 11</b>
7:00 AM:	Madeline LaRocca
8:30 AM:	Angela Mento
12:15 PM:	Dr. Joe Matos
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 12</b>
7:00 AM:	Emanuel Ruvio
8:30 AM:	Rev. Msgr. Francis X. Gaeta
12:15 PM:	Violet and Lawrence Grella
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 13</b>
7:00 AM:	Gregorio Morlacci
8:30 AM:	Rev. Msgr. Francis X. Gaeta
12:15 PM:	Caesar Barra
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 14</b>
7:00 AM:	( <b>Open</b> : no offered intentions)
8:30 AM:	Rev. Msgr. Francis X. Gaeta
12:15 PM:	John and Cindy Vino
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 15</b>
7:00 AM:	Benny Morlacci
8:30 AM:	Roberta Powers and Jeanne Cherpak
12:15 PM:	Frank Octavio and Jose Maria Matos
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 16</b>
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM:	Alison Fahy, Charles Beauharnais, Edward J. Kaminski, Daniel A. Palumbo
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 17</b>
8:00 AM	Michael Mazella
9:30 AM	Alf O'Donovan
11:00 AM	Louis and Louise Compitello, Dennis F. Lombardi, Anthony Zinna, Joe Werkmeister, Margaret McEr-lane, Charles-Lee Chi
12:30 PM	Thomas Fitzgerald
6:00 PM	Leo Murphy

## PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

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

## REST IN PEACE

Elizabeth Keller, John McKeon, Suzanne Engrassia, Michael Hayes, Joseph Tyson, Angelena Falcone

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Third Banns

Sorel Etienne — Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park  
Briana Berry — Ss. Cyril and Methodius

## NEWLY BAPTIZED

Aria Ann Kidney, Elisa Liborius, Matteo Jack Montemurro

## AVAILABLE MASS INTENTIONS

March 14 -	<b>7:00 am</b>
March 18 -	<b>8:30 am</b>
March 21-	<b>8:30 am</b>
March 22 -	<b>7:00 am</b>
March 25 -	<b>7:00 am, 8:30 am</b>
March 26-	<b>7:00 am, 8:30 am</b>
March 27 -	<b>7:00 am, 8:30 am</b>
April 1 -	<b>7:00 am</b>
April 3 -	<b>7:00 am</b>

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, Leonard Caltabiano, Joyce Ratushny, Kristen Tonnesen, Ralph Viera, Brendan Gould, Virginia Gennusa, Olivia Marie Marc Baboff, Carmine Lagattuta, Cassandra Dawson, Kristy Denes, Baby Marina Grace, Donald Martino, Ann Scardino, Pat Henry, Lois Biscardi, Baby Ryan Thomas Racioppo, Crystal LaCalamita, AnnMarie Bufalino, Maureen Booth, Loretta Gleeson, Ken Mannale, Providence Henry

We ask that you email [jloring@sscmdp.org](mailto:jloring@sscmdp.org) or leave a message

## 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](mailto:jloring@sscmdp.org) if you want a name included.



## FROM THE PASTOR

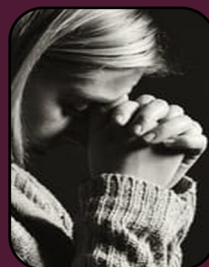
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this custom by the fact that Christ veiled his divinity during his passion. Durandus saw this explanation as implied in this Sunday's gospel the concluding sentence of which read: "But Jesus hid himself and left the temple" (John 8:59). Prior to Vatican II the editors of the [Schott Missal](#) saw the veiling of crosses and so on as intended "to remind us of the Redeemer's humiliation and thus to imprint the image of the crucified Christ more deeply on our hearts."

The Triduum is so near. Last Sunday we celebrated with great joy that we had reached the halfway mark, and this Sunday we have a visual that reminds us that we are only two weeks away from Easter. The covering of sacred images is a beautiful custom that can perhaps lead us to greater contemplation as we walk with Je-

sus through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Our eyes are not drawn away to other objects and we can turn our focus to the altar and inward to contemplate Christ.

Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.



**PRAY**



**FAST**



**GIVE**

### Stewardship

MARCH 3, 2024

<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$16,847.86</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$ 1,060.07</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,907.93</b>

#### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024

**Goal \$125,200**

**\$16,718.50 Pledged 13.35% of Parish Goal**

**VANCO**  
FAITH

This week we are up **\$907.93** above our weekly collection goal of **\$17,000** in order for our parish not to operate on a deficit. However, collection figures in the past weeks have 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

This week we are up **+ \$907.93**

We are still running a deficit of:

Year to date: **(- \$17,633.88)**

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 support fundraisers in the coming months.

Please consider whatever way you can to support upcoming fundraisers:

**Msgr. Ted Rooney GOLF OUTING in June**  
**Family Festival in August**

**We remember how you loved us...**

**MARCH 10 to MARCH 16**

**BREAD AND WINE** - Remembering our 50th Wedding Anniversary on March 16th. Always in my heart Rich. Love, Pat Vaughn.

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:

Tee/Greens: \$110  
Driving Range: \$300  
Golf Carts: \$900  
Dinner: \$900  
Barbeque: \$900

Flag Sponsor: \$150  
Beverage Cart: \$800  
Cocktail Hour: \$900  
Dessert: \$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

12:00 PM Lunch and Registration

2:00 PM Shotgun Start

6:30 PM Cocktail Hour at SSCM

7:30 PM Dinner, coffee, tea and dessert

**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.

(3/10) WEEK 4: Pancake Mix

(3/17) WEEK 5: Your favorite Snack

(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.

## EASTER EGG HUNT



**EASTER SUNDAY**

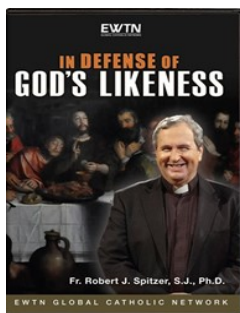
**March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**After the 9:30 AM  
Family Mass**

**at the GAZEBO**

**Mini Bagells will be served**





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.** Any questions call Lucille at 631-586-2438.

### **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.

### **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.

**"COME TO ME, ALL  
WHO LABOR AND  
ARE HEAVY LADEN,  
AND I WILL GIVE  
YOU REST." MT 11:28**

**Adoration of Holy  
Sacrament every  
Wednesday 1pm- 6:30 pm**

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity. Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think.

Is there a family or someone you know who may need assistance in addressing rent, utilities or other crucial bill arrears, or needs assistance with furniture or clothing, please have them email us at [sscmstvincentdepaul@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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

## **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

Our next meeting will be **Monday, April 1st in the Fr. Behan Hall at 7:30 p.m.** This is our Baby Shower meeting. 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 April 6, 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 **April 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**

Our next meeting will be on **April 2, 2024 at 2:30pm** in the Father Behan Hall. Come join us for an informative and fun filled meeting. Any questions call Mary Indelicato at 631-667-2998.

## **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.

## **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

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





CREATIVE MINISTRIES PRESENTS

# JOURNEY

CROSS & CRUCIFIXION



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Ss. Cyril and Methodius Rosary Altar Society  
Constantino Brumidi Lodge Sons & Daughters of Italy in America

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

for more information, visit [www.CMPAC.com](http://www.CMPAC.com) or call (631) 218 - 2810

**\*Good Will Offering**



# HOLY WEEK

MARCH 24 — 31, 2024

**PALM SUNDAY, March 24** – (Regular Sunday Mass Schedule)

**HOLY MONDAY, March 25**

**Masses:** 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 am

**Confessions:** 2:00 - 4:00 pm; 6:00 - 9:00 pm

**HOLY TUESDAY, March 26**

**Masses:** 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 am

4:00 pm – **Chrism Mass**, St. Agnes Cathedral

(Please check [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) for TV coverage and livestream)

**HOLY WEDNESDAY, March 27**

**Masses:** 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 am

**HOLY THURSDAY, March 28**

8:30 am – **Morning Prayer** (Livestream)

8:00 pm – **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Vigil/Solemn Adoration** until 11:00 pm

**GOOD FRIDAY, March 29**

8:30 am – **Morning Prayer** (Livestream)

12:00 noon – **Outside Stations of the Cross**

3:00 pm – **Service** (Livestream)

7:00 pm – **Service**

**HOLY SATURDAY, March 30**

8:30 am – **Morning Prayer** (Livestream)

8:00 pm – **The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

**EASTER SUNDAY, March 31**

8:00 am **Mass**

9:30 am **Mass** (Livestream)

11:00 am **Mass**

12:30 pm **Mass**

**NO 6:00 pm Mass**



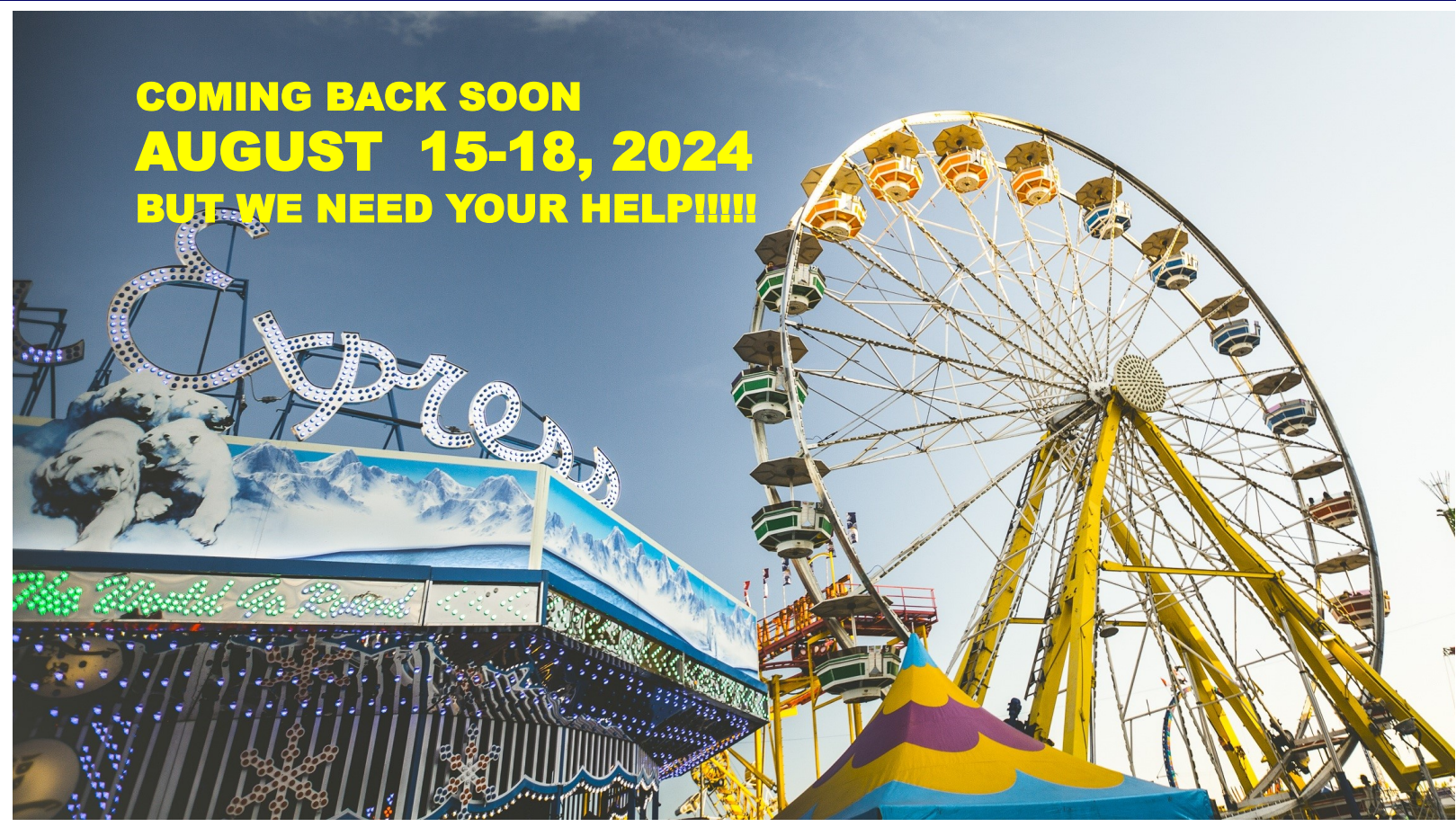
# Reconciliation Monday 2024

Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

Experience the liberating grace of the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance).  
Confessions will be available in every  
Catholic Church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre  
from 2 - 4 pm & 6 - 9 pm.

To find a parish near you, visit: [www.drvc.org/maps](http://www.drvc.org/maps)

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



# LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING

## SPRING 2024

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training in Spanish and English for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter from their pastor.

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Part A - This training is required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One must attend Part A training prior to Part B training. A Lector Workshop is available for both new and experienced lectors.

### Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

#### Training in SPANISH:

- **Lector Workshop:** Sat., April 20 – Our Lady of Loretto / Hempstead – Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 – 1:00 pm
- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**  
Sat., April 27 - Our Lady of Loretto/ Hempstead – Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 – 1:00 pm

#### Training in ENGLISH:

- **Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A:**  
**Tuesday, April 16** - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm  
**Sat., April 27** – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 9 am – 12:00  
**Tuesday, May 21** – St. Christopher/Baldwin – McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm  
You may register for EITHER Lector OR Extraordinary Minister training at each session.  
Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Part B** – presented in conjunction with Catholic Health  
**Sat., April 27\*** – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 1 – 4 pm  
**Tuesday, May 14** - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm  
**Tuesday, June 4** - St. Christopher/Baldwin – McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm

\*On **April 27**, we are offering Part A and Part B on the SAME day. Those who attend Part A in the morning are welcome to bring lunch or leave for lunch and return for the 1 pm Part B session. Please indicate if you are doing BOTH on your registration letter from your pastor. This will be in English only.

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions relating to the Spanish training, call Ingrid Oliva at 516-678-5800, ext. 560. For questions regarding the English training, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.



# 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.

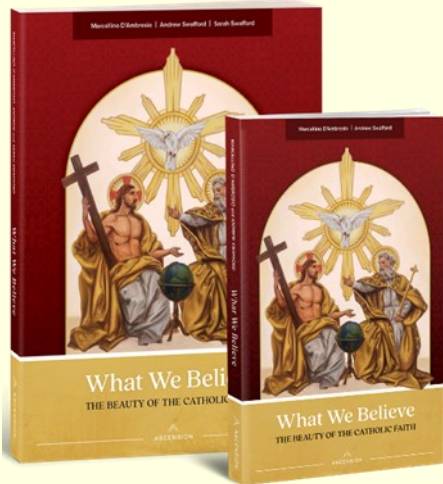
Please call Kerry Brennan at 631 586 6294 to help

## 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.


# TAIZE PRAYER

## MARCH 15

## 7:00 pm



# Respect Life



“Each of us is the result  
of a thought of God.  
Each of us is willed,  
each of us is loved,  
each of us is necessary.”

-Pope Benedict XVI

March, Developmental  
Disabilities Awareness Month



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

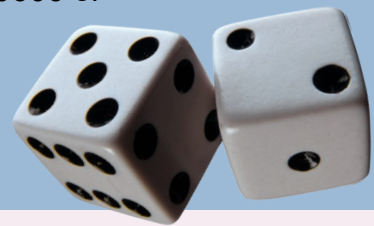
No Experience Necessary!  
All you need to do is roll dice and socialize!  
Bring Your Friends!

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.



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## SAVE THE DATE

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**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](mailto:msaffran@sscmdp.org) or [jloring@sscmdp.org](mailto:jloring@sscmdp.org) by April 8, 2024.



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](http://drvc-faith.org)**

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

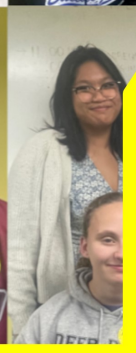
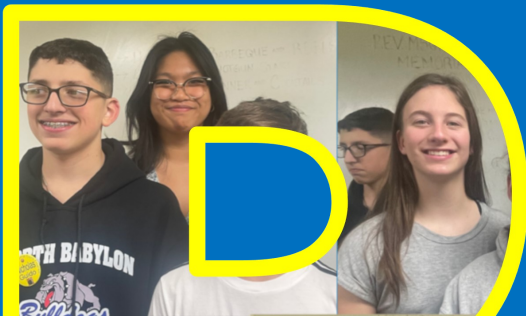
Meets every Sunday After the 6:00 pm Mass

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

**FAITH + FRIENDSHIP + FUN + SERVICE**

**PARISH YOUTH  
MINISTRY**

Contact: Tim Leitch  
631-6674044  
[timleitch@aol.com](mailto:timleitch@aol.com)





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**



St 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: \_\_\_\_\_

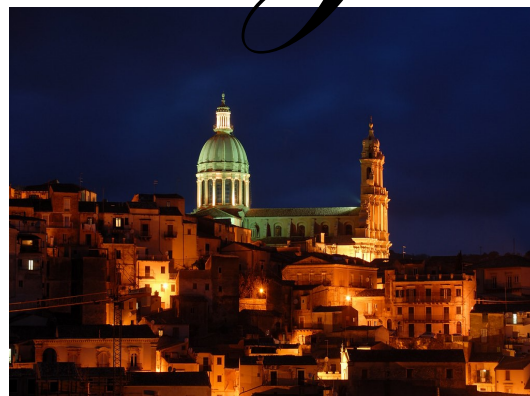
**Checks payable to SVDP Drop off at Rectory: Attention SVDP or mail to above address**  
**Contact Jane McMahon (516) 816-1930 or Kerry Brennan (631) 586-6294**

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](mailto:frgius@sscmdp.org) or [lesliebaby02@aol.com](mailto:lesliebaby02@aol.com)



# Parish Social Ministry

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*

## FOOD

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

## PANTRY NEEDS:

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    |                        |



## Easter Baskets for Kids in Need



Teens of the parish will gather after the 6 pm Mass on March 17th to make Easter Baskets for children in need. Last year we were able to make over seventy baskets thanks to the generosity of the teens and parishioners who participated. If you'd like to help out this year, please place donations of baskets, toys, candy or Easter Grass in the special containers near the exits by March 17th. If you have any questions, please call/text Tim Leitch at 631-806-4715.

## 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



**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**