

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

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

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 13, 2024**

**FROM THE PASTOR**

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many of you are aware that the Diocese of Rockville Centre has been going through a Chapter 11 Bankruptcy process since October 2020. This was the result of the New York State Legislature's passage of the Child Victims Act in 2019, which allowed lawsuits for historical accusations of child sexual abuse, regardless of how many years or decades ago the alleged abuse took place. The number of lawsuits that were brought against the Diocese, our parishes, schools and other ministries made it impossible to equitably compensate victim-survivors of child abuse with meritorious claims through court trials. Trials would have resulted in the first survivors in line with claims receiving compensation and the rest receiving little or nothing.

Bankruptcy offered the possibility of equitable compensation and some measure of healing for survivors, while allowing the Church to continue the saving mission of Jesus Christ by, first and foremost, securing the future of our parishes. The Diocese, as well as every parish and ministry, made a contribution to the settlement in order to accomplish these goals. To resolve all past claims of abuse of minors and to secure the future of the Church's ministries throughout Long Island, it was necessary that every parish participate in the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy process. This is to ensure that no historical claims could place parishes or schools at risk in the future.

Our Parish is to contribute \$49,202 to the settlement of all cases. It is a large amount, but we must be made aware of that fact of the matter, have 4 pending lawsuits connected with the CVA filed against the parish and the old school. As we are already operating on a deficit, we may have to borrow money to pay it. But we will have to find a way to pay it one way or the other. We know that the thought of our Parish contributing to a settlement can cause anger, confusion, and resentment. "Why is our parish paying anything? This was not our fault." Please understand that the cost of bringing current or potential future historical cases against our Parish to trials, especially if judgments were eventually rendered, would be devastating to the work and future of our parish. This is about protecting our Parish now and for the future.

We know that the horrific scandal of child abuse was not caused by us, but we inherited the devastating effects. In 2019, as a result of the law passed by the New York State Legislature, our

**Readings and Songs this Sunday**

**No. 1174 in the Blue Gather Hymnal**

1st Reading: **Wisdom 7:7-11**

2nd Reading: **Hebrews 4:12-13**

Gospel Reading: **Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27**

**LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:**

Lift Up Your Hearts **#624**

Shepherd Me, O God **#35**

Come to the Banquet **#931**

We Are the Light of the World **#592**

**(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)**

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## 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 to Saturday  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Tuesday & Thursday:  
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Sunday - CLOSED

## Parish Social Ministry Office Hours

Monday to Thursday - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Other hours by appointment only.  
Email: socialministry@sscmdp.org

**BAPTISM:** Saturday at 12:30 pm and Sunday at 2:00 pm. Contact the Parish Center to arrange for an interview and to register for the required preparation class.

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

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

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

## PASTORAL STAFF: (631) 667-4044

Rev. Gius Garcia, *Pastor*, Ext. 121  
Rev. Christopher Deh, *Associate Pastor*, Ext. 165  
Rev. 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

## PARISH TRUSTEES

Tom Richardson  
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    | October 14   |
|           | Columbus Day   |
| 8:30 AM:  | Only 1 Mass at 8:30 am   |
| Tuesday   | October 15   |
| 7:00 AM:  | Russell Salerno  |
| 8:30 AM:  | Frank and Fran Giambanco   |
| 12:15 PM: | Antoinette and Jeremiah Sullivan   |
| Wednesday | October 16   |
| 7:00 AM:  | Russell Salerno  |
| 8:30 AM:  | Ruth Coyne   |
| 12:15 PM: | Frank and Frances Ruf  |
| Thursday  | October 17   |
| 7:00 AM:  | <b>(Open: no offered intentions)</b>   |
| 8:30 AM:  | Aderemi Ogundiran  |
| 12:15 PM: | Special intention for the Matos Family   |
| Friday    | October 18   |
| 7:00 AM:  | Pauline Salmon   |
| 8:30 AM:  | Diane Korsiak  |
| 12:15 PM: | Vincenza Grimaudo  |
| Saturday  | October 19   |
| 8:30 AM   | Purgatorial Society  |
| 5:00 PM   | Louis Compitello, Michael Naglieri, Barbara Mangano, Russell Salerno               |
| Sunday    | October 20   |
| 8:00 AM   | Donald and Tracy Cowell  |
| 9:30 AM   | Russell Stephen Salerno  |
| 11:00 AM  | Salifou Ouedraogo, John McKiski, Mary Carol Cahill, Barbara Mangano, Louis Gerbino |
| 12:30 PM  | Ann Rochfort   |
| 6:00 PM   | John Travolino   |

## PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

|           |                        |
|-----------|------------------------|
| Saturday  | October 19             |
| 5:00 PM:  | Fr. Gius Garcia        |
| Sunday    | October 20             |
| 8:00 AM:  | Fr. Gius Garcia        |
| 9:30 AM:  | Fr. Christopher Deh    |
| 11:00 AM: | Fr. Paul Bersamin      |
| 12:30 PM: | Fr. Gregory Cappuccino |
| 6:00 PM:  | Fr. Christopher Deh    |

## REST IN PEACE

Clodoaldo Mastronardi, Flora Regina Castalino, Charles E. Cross Jr., Boi Thi Nguyen

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

First Banns

Evan O'Brien — St. John Nepomucene, Bohemia  
Raella Verity — Ss. Cyril and Methodius

## NEWLY BAPTIZED

Mason James Devitt

## AVAILABLE MASS INTENTIONS

|               |                            |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| October 17 -  | 7:00 am                    |
| October 21 -  | 7:00 am                    |
| October 22 -  | 7:00 am                    |
| October 24 -  | 7:00 am, 8:30 am           |
| October 27 -  | 6:00 pm                    |
| October 28 -  | 7:00 am                    |
| November 4 -  | 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm |
| November 5 -  | 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm |
| November 6 -  | 7:00 am, 12:15 pm          |
| November 7 -  | 7:00 am, 12:15 pm          |
| November 8 -  | 7:00 am, 8:30 am           |
| November 12 - | 7:00 am                    |
| November 13 - | 7:00 am                    |
| November 14 - | 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 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

Leonard Caltabiano, Joyce Ratushny, Kristen Tonnesen, Brendan Gould, Olivia Marie, Baby Marina Grace, Donald Martino, Baby Ryan Crystal LaCalamita, Catherine O'Neill, Marc Baboff, Owen Chapman, Carmine Lagattuta, Bill Luce, Tony Kennedy, Allison Arbeiter, Mark Vonilla, Connie Rigert, Lucille Oppedisano, Nick Tihal, Phil Hogan, David Kriegsmann, Vincent J. Castagna, Lillian Harrington, Janine Giovelli, Kathy Boggia, John Morgan, Mike Rodriguez, Judith Moroz, Ann Bermudez, Dominick "50", Kathleen Jacobi, Ann Scardino, Rick Bodt

## PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Kyle Chanley US Army

Luis Xzavier Maldonaldo Army National Guard  
Corporal Louis Muniz US Marines

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.

parishes became subject to lawsuits based upon claims of abuse from decades ago, long before any of the current priests or staff members arrived here and, in fact, before most of our current parishioners lived within the parish. The law has affected not only the Church, but many public and private institutions across the state. By participating in the bankruptcy process, along with the whole Church throughout Long Island, we have helped to resolve all claims and to secure the future of our Parish. As a result, historical lawsuits can no longer be brought against Saints Cyril & Methodius Parish.

Victim survivors of child abuse deserve our respect, our prayers, and our pastoral support. This has been a terribly painful time for them, for their families, and for the whole Church, but we pray that the settlement will give everyone an opportunity for healing and a new beginning. For over twenty years, the Diocese, our parishes, schools, and ministries, have enacted strict Child Protection Protocols to ensure that the Church is among the safest of places for everyone. Our record throughout these past twenty years has proven that these measures work.

We pray for all survivors of child abuse, that by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the compassion of others, they may find healing and comfort. We pray for our parishes and all ministries that serve God and the common good of all people on Long Island, that Mary, Mother of the Church will intercede for us. Out of this dark chapter in the Church's history, we look to a time of resurrection, to a Church purified and eager to bring the saving message of Jesus Christ to all people.

With prayers and gratitude to you and your family for your faithfulness, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Gius

## **COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

### **1. What has happened to the Church on Long Island?**

The New York State Legislature passed the Child Victim's Act in 2019 which allowed historical lawsuits to be filed for child sexual abuse, regardless of how many years ago the alleged abuse occurred. The number of lawsuits filed against our Diocese, our parishes, and schools was too many to resolve one at a time in court. Trials could have devastated our parishes and resulted in many abuse survivors receiving little or no compensation because of a "first come, first served" system. The legal costs alone involved in taking these cases to trial over years would have been a significant burden on each parish. Chapter 11 (Bankruptcy) allowed the Diocese and parishes to settle all the lawsuits equitably while continuing the work of the Church.

### **2. Why does my parish have to declare Chapter 11 Bankruptcy?**

For any individual or organization to resolve past liabilities (historical matters for which it could be sued), it is necessary to obtain a "release / discharge" in bankruptcy. Therefore, the only way that parishes could protect themselves in the future from lawsuits involving matters from the past, was to obtain the discharge afforded through bankruptcy. All parishes are completing the same process. Thankfully, our parishes are able to participate in a significantly abbreviated Chapter 11 process.

### **3. Does Chapter 11 Bankruptcy mean that my parish is in jeopardy or closing?**

No. There are no parishes closing in the Diocese of Rockville Centre as a result of this Chapter 11 process. Parish bankruptcies were agreed upon between the parties to the case and will be completed within 48 hours, closer to the end of 2024. This process is not expected to affect parish work or ministries.

### **4. Did Catholic Ministries Appeal donations get used to settle lawsuits?**

No. Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) donations support the ministries of the whole Church on Long Island, and their use is considered restricted, meaning, they could **not** be used to settle lawsuits. CMA donations support our parishes, our schools, our outreach programs for the poor, the training of future priests, and care for our retired clergy. That is why the work of the CMA is more important than ever. The Ministries Appeal is here to help support our parishes and schools, especially now that we are emerging from this difficult time in our Church's history.

### **5. Did donations to my parish get used to settle lawsuits?**

The fact is all the resources that the Church has are the result of the support of the faithful over generations. Even returns on investments and parish rental incomes would not have been possible if people had not donated the resources to build parishes and make investments. So, in one sense: Yes.

The settlement came from many different sources: insurance, savings and reserves, investments, the sale of Diocesan Chancery (Office) building, etc. Parishes made their contributions so that any present or future historical lawsuits against the parishes could be resolved once and for all. The settlement contribution from the Diocese and parishes is fixed and agreed upon. So, donations made to parishes now, serve the mission of the parish.

Feelings of anger over the abuse scandal and its ongoing effects are justified and understandable. We may not have caused this scandal, but we have all suffered its effects. That is what sin does to the human family, causing suffering for all. But as Saint Paul wrote, "*Where sin abounds, grace abounds more.*" (Romans 5:20)

The settlement will bring an end to this painful time for our Diocese. It will bring some measure of compensation to abuse survivors whom we pray will find healing and reconciliation. It has brought an end to lawsuits that could have devastated our parishes. It will secure protections for our parishes from future historical lawsuits.

In the end, the Church is Jesus Christ. He is our only true treasure. But the physical buildings in which we worship God, learn about our Faith, and serve the poor, require donations to build and maintain. With bankruptcy behind us, we will pray and work together for a time of resurrection for the Church on Long Island, continuing the saving mission of Jesus Christ.

# Stewardship

OCTOBER 6, 2024

Regular Collection    \$17,119.55  
Online Giving         \$ 1,685.61  
Total                     \$18,805.16

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024

Goal \$125,200

\$70,962.00 Pledged    56.68% of Parish Goal

**VANCO**  
FAITH

### PARISH FINANCIAL CONDITION

This week we are up         \$1,305.16

We are still running a deficit of:

Year to date:                 (- \$5,766.66)

Please consider whatever way you can to support upcoming fundraisers:



### REMEMBERING LOVED ONES WHO HAVE PASSED IN CHURCH in WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

Offering flowers and lighting candles are very unique and special ways we can remember the birthday and death anniversary of departed family members and friends while making our worship space pleasant and inviting. The shrines of St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother and the tabernacle are designated spaces offered for us to do this. Your gift remains in those designated spaces for a whole week. Bread and wine used for the Mass can also be donated. If interested, contact the Front Desk for availability & more information.

### MEMORIALS

OCT 13 to OCT 19

### ALTAR FLOWERS -

Forever in our Hearts

Salifou Ouedraogo  
Love, your Wife  
and Children

### MEMORIALS

Altar Candles, Candles at Our  
Lady's Shrine & St. Joseph's  
Shrine - \$25

Bread & Wine - \$50

Flowers at Blessed Mother's  
Shrine & St. Joseph's Shrine -  
\$50

Altar Flowers - \$50 per vase  
or \$100 for both

## FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation schedule information was emailed home earlier this week. If you have not received it, please contact the office.

Additionally, Ss. Cyril's is committed to providing a faith formation for all students, please contact the office if you have any concerns about your child's needs.

Email: [faithformation@sscmdp.org](mailto:faithformation@sscmdp.org) or [ctannehill@sscmdp.org](mailto:ctannehill@sscmdp.org) or 631-667-4044 X147.

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**SSCM Faith Formation**



## **LIVE STREAM**

We continue to look for more volunteers “8th graders and above”. Highschool and College students may consider volunteering to gain experience and to complete Service hours. You will be taught how to do it. If you are interested, please contact Peter Mercado at [peter\\_mercado@yahoo.com](mailto:peter_mercado@yahoo.com) or call the Parish front desk and provide us with your name and phone number.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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 November 2nd, 2024.** Any questions call Annette Arena at 631-661-9109.

## **SENIOR CLUB**

Our next meeting will be on **November 5th, 2024 at 2:30pm** in the Father Behan Hall. Our Senior Christmas Party is December 9th at Captain Bills. Any questions call Debbie Vickovich at 631-520-4455.

## **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

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

## **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 tells his disciples, "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then, come follow me." Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? If so, please call us at 631-667-4044 ext. 175 or email us at [sscmstvincentdepaul@gmail.com](mailto:sscmstvincentdepaul@gmail.com). We would greatly appreciate and welcome new members.

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 <http://www.svdpli.org> for additional information.

## **SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

Our next meeting will be **November 4th in the Senior Room**. Any questions call Rose Guerin at 631-806-6578.

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

Membership is typically open to practicing Catholic men over the age of 18. Members must be firm believers in the Catholic Church's teachings and put them into practice in their daily lives. Programs include instruction in faith, normal business affairs and good fellowship.

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

Our next meeting will be **October 14th**. If you would like to become a member please call Geri Cavanaugh, President at 973-479-4234.

## **OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

We meet on the 1st Thursday of the month. Please call Grand Knight Brian Breckles at 631-667-8542 if interested in becoming a member.

We will be opening the **2025 Mass Book** for all who would like to offer Mass intentions for friends and loved ones, living or deceased, for specific dates and times of Masses for the whole year on Saturday, **October 19<sup>th</sup>** from **9:00 am to 11:00 am** in the **Rectory**.



## **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Every Wednesday from**

**1:00pm to 6:30pm  
in the Church .**

Any questions call Carol Matos  
at 1-813-323-8602.





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

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

**If you prefer more contemporary music: Join the 6:00 PM Youth Mass CONTEMPORARY CHOIR!**

Rehearsals: every Thursday evening in the church from 7:30 to 9:00pm, beginning September 5th. The CONTEMPORARY CHOIR sings every Sunday evening at the 6:00pm Mass throughout the year. Contact our Youth Minister, Tim Leitch, if interested.

**If you prefer more traditional music: Join our Traditional ADULT CHOIR!**

Rehearsals: Most Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30pm in the church, beginning September 10th. (rehearsals go a bit longer as we approach the Christmas and Easter seasons). The ADULT CHOIR sings at the 11:00am Mass every Sunday from September to June. For more information, contact Deacon James.

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

## SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY

*presents*

### THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SEASON OF

*Make a Joyful Noise!*

### Parish Music Series

Join your fellow parishioners and friends from around the diocese for these exceptional musical events throughout the year!

#### **Tentative calendar of events:**

Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm – **Organ Concert by Deacon James**, Director of Music Ministries at Ss. Cyril & Methodius and Associate Musician at St. Agnes Cathedral. Journey through centuries of organ repertoire as Deacon James performs pieces from the 1600s into the present. There may even be a Halloween surprise!

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 4:00PM – **A Ceremony of Advent Lessons and Carols**, featuring our choir members, cantors and guest musicians. This is the perfect way to properly prepare for the coming of our Lord at Christmas!

Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM – **Lenten Taize Prayer Around the Cross**, featuring Taize chants accompanied by piano and violin in a prayerful atmosphere, uniquely lit by candlelight. This is a striking meditation on the meaning of the cross of Christ and is an essential Lenten experience.

May/June 2025 **Parish Music Series Spring Event TBD!**

# BLOOD DRIVE

DONATIONS SAVE LIVES

**CRITICAL NEED**

**K of C # 4428 Our Lady of the Rosary**

**759 Long Island Avenue Deer Park NY- Main Hall**

**Tuesday October 15, 2024**

**3:00pm – 7:30pm**



Please Scan the QR CODE to schedule your donation.

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



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# BINGO

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

# O C I A

## The OCIA process will begin in September!

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

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

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

### Adult Catholics who never received First Eucharist and/or Confirmation

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

Please don't hesitate to Contact Deacon James with your questions and concerns! Check out this webpage from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops for detailed info on the process:

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

**SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL IN ASSOCIATION WITH SS CYRIL & METHODIOUS CHURCH PRESENTS**

**VENDORS WANTED FEE \$70**

Save the date  
**Christmas CRAFT FAIR**

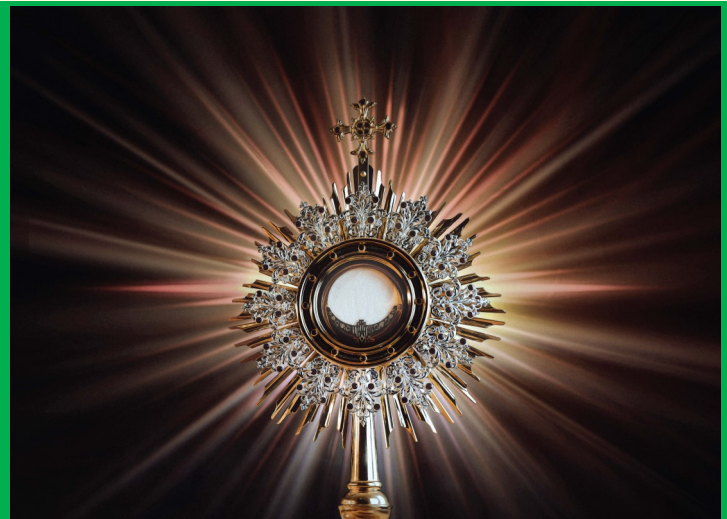
**8:30AM to 4:00PM**

- INDOOR
- RAFFLES
- 8' X 4' SPACE
- 50/50'S
- 830AM-4PM
- PHOTOS WITH
- FOOD
- SANTA
- OVER 100 VENDORS LAST YEAR

**SUN 1 DEC**

SS CYRIL & METHODIOUS CHURCH  
125 HALF HOLLOW RD, DEER PARK, NY

**CALL MIKE AT 917-705-5355 FOR INFO**



**I CAME SO THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE**

**LIFE**

*Respect Life*



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# EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

St. Patrick's Cathedral | New York, NY | Oct. 15, 2024

Join us at St. Patrick's Cathedral for a powerful spiritual experience!  
This is a **free** event **open to all**. Seating is first come, first served. Register Today!

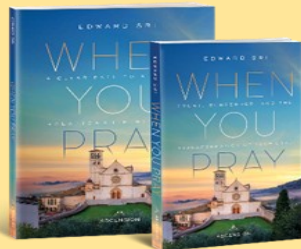
- 2:00 pm: Veneration of Blessed Carlo Acutis Relic
- 3:00 pm: Holy Hour, Confession, Rosary
- 4:00 pm: Holy Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral
- 4:45-5:45 pm: Eucharistic Procession Through Manhattan
- 5:50 pm: Benediction
- 6:15 pm: Event Concludes
- 6:15-8:30 pm: Veneration of Blessed Carlo Acutis Relic

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Want to bring a group? Email us at [events@napa-institute.org](mailto:events@napa-institute.org)

**CHARTERED BUS \$30 PP** leaving St Johns 1140 Locust Ave Bohemia at NOON - returning about 9-10pm. Brown bag lunch on bus, dinner on your own at eateries across the street from the cathedral. **35 seats available!** If you cannot walk the distance to Times Square, remain in the church praying for us all and receive Timothy Cardinal Dolan's blessing when we return. **Call to reserve as soon as possible 631-589-0540 or 516-761-3242.** Leave a \$30 check written to St. Johns in a sealed envelope with your name & cell phone written on its front at St. John's Parish Office.



## CULTIVATE A RICH AND LASTING PRAYER LIFE

You know prayer is important, but you still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time to pray, or you're unsure what to do when you do pray. Inspired by the real example of the saints, we will learn how to pray with the same consistency, trust, peace, and passion that led to deep transformation in their souls. *When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God* will help you begin your journey of prayer, rejuvenate your prayer life, and strengthen your relationship with God so that you can give God your entire heart.

**Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, beginning September 18, 2024 in the Father Behan Hall.**  
For more information and to register\*, please call Marianne Grimaldi at 631-463-7886



## Friday, November 15, 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 Drop Off At KofC Att: Bunco after 5 pm  
or Rectory Att: Columbiettes (Bunco) from 9 am —3 pm

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



# Respect Life

## Respect Life~ Walking with Moms Ministry

Would like to Extend our Sincerest

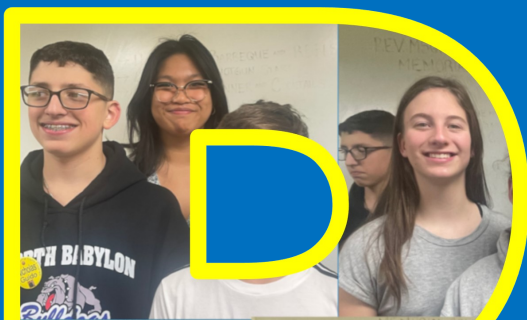
**THANK YOU to ALL OUR very Generous Parishioners**

**Who have supported our Ministry this past week!**

**Our Collection drive on Respect Life Sunday was a big success, and we are so truly grateful for all of the beautiful items that came in for the families in need!**

**The Monetary donations are a blessing for us to be able to purchase specific diapers/wipes and formula as we run out and need!**

**THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU**



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**

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# Parish Social Ministry

Here is the latest news from Parish Social Ministry.

We have said before we are more than a Food pantry.

We have a program here called learning life skills for young adults with various levels of need to learn to navigate life that may not always be easy for them. On Monday's they come to Parish Social Ministry where they use the kitchen to prepare meals, learn how to prep the meals, navigate recipes, learn how to shop for the ingredients and clean the kitchen. They then eat the meal they just prepared.

After that endeavor some of them are also involved in RPM classes. I will ask Kristen the facilitator for the program to give me an official description, so I don't misspeak.

The tags for the Christmas gifts will be ready soon. I am doing my best to give everyone more time to shop for the families.

May God Bless you all!

*Janet*

## PANTRY NEEDS:

### FOOD

1. Sugar Free Cookies
2. Canned Tuna Fish
3. Coffee
4. Instant Coffee
5. Decaf Instant Coffee
6. Chunky Style Soups  
(Not condensed that need water added)
7. Tea Bags
8. Sugar
9. Flour
10. Cold Cereal
11. Canned Fruit

### NON FOOD ITEMS

1. Toothpaste
2. Tooth Brushes
3. Body Wash
4. Women's deodorant
5. Shave cream
6. Men's deodorant
7. Shampoo
8. Dish Detergent
9. Toilet Paper

**It is important to donate what we have on the list as this is what we need**

Thank You [Rose Guerin](#) and  
SSCM Rosary Altar Society

Truly Grateful and blessed for attending a beautiful Mass and sharing a delicious luncheon at [Brunello Italian Kitchen](#) with the wonderful members of St Cyril & Methodius Rosary Altar Society. Father Chris & Father Dante both attended, and we all said Grace together. Our Guest speaker Bob Walsh told us many inspiring stories about his faith and experiences with the power of prayer with the Holy Rosary. Thankful for the beautiful gifts donated by members that were raffled off to help make this fundraiser successful as well as our 50/50 Queen Phyllis Otto so that we can use funds raised to help our Church & community Thank you everyone who attended, helped, contributed & supported this special luncheon filled with great faith and love for SSCM Rosary Altar Society.

