

3rd Sunday of ADVENT

December 15, 2024

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.



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Readings and Songs this Sunday

No. 999 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Zephaniah 3:14-18a**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 4:4-7**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 3:10-18**

LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

Come, O Long-Expected Jesus **#403**

O Come, Divine Messiah! **#401**

Maranatha, Come **#410**

Savior of the Nations, Come **#421**

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)

Reminders

- Please be sure to support our children for presenting to us this year's Christmas Pageant by donating to the Parish Christmas Potluck. See page 7 for details on how.
- We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Monday, December 23 at 1:00pm. No experience necessary. Please contact Tim Leitch at 631-806-4715 if you are interested.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am: Family Mass - LIVESTREAM,
11:00 am, 12:30 pm
4:00 pm (Vietnamese Mass) & 6:00 pm

Weekdays: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm

Saturday: 8:30 am

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Please check the Bulletin and the Parish Website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Confessional)

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: after the 12:15 pm Mass

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

and by appointment by calling the Parish Office

PARISH OFFICE

Tel: (631) 667-4044

Fax: (631) 667-6237

Email: parishoffice@sscmdp.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Saturday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday:

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sunday — closed

Parish Social Ministry Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Other hours by appointment only.

Email: socialministry@sscmdp.org

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

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

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

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

PASTORAL STAFF: (631) 667-4044

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

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

Rev. 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	December 16
7:00 AM:	Russell Salerno
8:30 AM:	William and Nora Emmerich
12:15 PM:	Josephine Barbera
Tuesday	December 17
7:00 AM:	John Macaluso
8:30 AM:	Roseann Pipolo-Suspenski
12:15 PM:	Dorothy E. Mallon
Wednesday	December 18
7:00 AM:	Ismael, Priscilla, Carlos and Eduardo Bautista
8:30 AM:	Raymond Grieb
12:15 PM:	Alice A. Sanseverino
Thursday	December 19
7:00 AM:	Gerard McCarthy
8:30 AM:	William and Nora Emmerich
12:15 PM:	Damian J. Aiello II
Friday	December 20
7:00 AM:	James T. Amend
8:30 AM:	Chuen Kam Chan Shek
12:15 PM:	Jean Marie and Nunzio Campagna
Saturday	December 21
8:30 AM:	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM:	Jokubiel and Giordano Family, Anthony and Frances Santoro, Frank Biscardi, Mary Arena
Sunday	December 22
8:00 AM:	Giuseppe Rafronza
9:30 AM:	Ann Rochfort
11:00 AM:	Mariano Grimaudo, Mary Louise Brush
12:30 PM:	Ed Muldowney
6:00 PM:	Timothy G. Mullins

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday,	December 21
5:00 PM:	Fr. Dante Sabban
Sunday	December 22
8:00 AM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin
9:30 AM:	Fr. Gius Garcia
11:00 AM:	Fr. Gregory Cappuccino
12:30 PM:	Fr. Dante Sabban
6:00 PM:	Fr. Christopher Deh

REST IN PEACE

Thomas Boody, Ruth Montano, Madeline Hannan, Rose T. Cuccaro, Beth Miano, Laurence Pedone Jr.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Second Banns

Kenneth King —

Kristen Baker — SS Cyril and Methodius

Mateusz Malinowski — Our Lady of the Assumption

Shannon Casey — SS Cyril and Methodius

Matthew Reistetter — St. Thomas More, Hauppauge

Lauren DiNapoli — SS Cyril and Methodius

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Enya Sirikit Charumaneeroj, Dominic Joseph Jacobson, Carlo John Booras, Daniel James Fain, Adeline Rose Lugo

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 Kriegsman, Lillian Harrington, Janine Giovelli, Kathy Boggia, John Morgan, Mike Rodriguez, Judith Moroz, Ann Bermudez, Dominick "50", Kathleen Jacobi, Ann Scardino, Rick Bodt, Penny Dowd, Mike (Repel) Muller Jr., Grayson Danielski, Anna Rose Regan, Christa Erario, Janina Wiczynski, Luciana Maujeri, Josephine Marino Perry

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

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Kyle Chanley US Army

Luis Xzavier Maldonaldo Army National Guard

Corporal Louis Muniz US Marines

Isaiah Adams US Air Force Airman

Sgt. William Bozzello 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 if you want a name included.

FROM THE PASTOR

...from cover page

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also

echoed in today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

GAUDETE Sunday

Stewardship

DECEMBER 8, 2024

Regular Collection	\$15,523.50
Online Giving	\$ 1,141.18
Total	\$16,664.68

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$125,200

\$77,372.00 Pledged 61.80% of Parish Goal

VANCO
FAITH

PARISH FINANCIAL CONDITION

This week we are down **\$835.32** above our weekly collection goal of **\$17,500** in order for our parish not to operate on a deficit.

We are still running a deficit of:

Year to date: **(- \$6,458.10)**

Please consider whatever way you can to support upcoming fundraisers:

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

PLAYBILL®

Children's CHRISTMAS Pageant



Parent & Confirmation Candidates VOLUNTEERS

CAST

AbbAlgerio, Dylan
Clarke, Lily
DelliPaoli, Joseph
Denis, Breeana
Denis, Victoria
Ella Sarah Julien
Espinal, Jacob
Espinal, Sophia
Gasiewski, Dylan
Konecny, Alexander
Konecny, Matthew
Konecny, Zachary
Laurence, Quyen
Levy, Jake
Levy, Mackenzie

Logan, Santiago
Mandelos, Gabriella
Mangual, Sophia
Mejia-Rivas, Ariana
Miranda, Jason
Miranda, Valentina
Naguit, Angela
Naguit, Hope
Romero, Jace
Romero, Joseph
Rosaly, Raquel
Rosaly, Ruby
Sansone, Mickey
Valdemira, Julianna
Valdemira, Victoria

PARENTS

Algerio, Colleen
Clarke, Liz
Gandolfo, Debbie
Konecny, Alicia
Mandelos, Angela
Naguit, Anne
Rivera, Richard
Rodriguez, Blanca
Santos, Yomaira

Caroleo, Daniel
Corrado, John
Gandolfo, Gianna
Edouard, Isaiah
Martinez, Selina
McNamara, Brandon
Rivera, Kelsey
Rodriguez, Chelsea
Rodriguez, Crystal
Rodriguez, Emily
Rodriguez, Nicholas
Santos, Christian
Williams, Beau

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

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

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



Ss. CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH

125 Half Hollow Rd, Deer Park NY 11729

Christmas 2024

My dear parishioners,

JOY - that is what Christmas makes us feel as we all look forward to celebrating it with our immediate family and with our bigger parish family. We have lined up events and activities to gradually usher the joyful spirit of Christmas, starting with the **Christmas Craft Fair** on Sunday, December 1, then followed by the **Ceremony of Advent Lessons and Carols** on Sunday, December 8 at 4:00pm, then highlighting it with the **Children's Christmas Pageant** at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, December 14 at which time we will also do the ceremonial lighting of the parish Christmas tree in the sanctuary. We always look forward to the special liturgy of the Mass on Christmas eve and day as joyful music accompanies it and as the whole Church glows with Christmas decorations.

Remembering the great gift of the birth of our savior Jesus, we are confident and secure in the fulfillment of God's promise that he is Emmanuel, God is with us, until the end of time. This is a reminder for us to always carry the light of hope in our hearts. This is fitting as we look forward to the new year, the **Jubilee year of 2025** that takes place every 25 years and what Pope Francis has declared as Year of Hope. In a world suffering from war, climate change and the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the theme it carries is "Pilgrims of Hope" as we yearn to restore hope and trust, recover a sense of universal fraternity, and care for the common home.

Christmas is also a time when we are reunited with family just as we celebrate the togetherness of the first family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We pray for healing and reconciliation within our homes and families and also our country.

1000 Christmas Lights Campaign

This Christmas we continue with our tradition of remembering our loved ones who have passed as we profess that their light has not faded but continues to shine. We also honor those who are living who consistently serve as a light of encouragement and inspiration to our lives. The **1000 Christmas Lights Campaign** is our way of making this happen, as their names will be printed on a special personalized Christmas ornament that will adorn the main Christmas tree in the sanctuary of the Church and will stay there from December 15, 2024 (3rd Sunday of Advent) until January 5, 2025 (Feast of the Epiphany). We are making this as a fundraiser to help offset the current parish deficit. This year, my personal Christmas wish and goal is to raise \$50,000 for the parish. Thus, I am campaigning for 1000 ornaments to sell at \$50 each. Please use the accompanying envelope to write the name of the person you wish to honor. You can also use the same envelope which you can find at the doors of the Church.

A joyful Christmas to you and a blessed and joyful New Year ahead of us.



In Opus Ministerii

Fr. Gius Garcia, Pastor

Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church.



1000 LIGHTS CAMPAIGN

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

Scan the code to register for the

CHRISTMAS Potluck



Google 
FORMS

Scan code to Venmo contribution for the

CHRISTMAS Potluck



venmo

BINGO

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

2024 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS & 2025 NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS

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

Monday, December 23 - 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

MASSES

Tuesday, December 24 - **CHRISTMAS** Vigil

4:00 pm (*Family Mass*), 6:00 pm

& 10:00 pm (*Concelebrated Mass*)

There is NO 12:00 Midnight Mass

Wednesday, December 25 - **CHRISTMAS** Day

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

There is NO 8:00 am & 6:00 pm Mass

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

11:00 am - Only one Mass

Sunday, January 5 - **EPIPHANY**

Vigil - 5:00 pm on *Saturday*, January 4

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



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 or call the Parish front desk and provide us with your name and phone number.

BLACK CATHOLICS MINISTRY

If interested in joining together in fellowship and prayer, 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 January 4th, 2025.** Any questions call Annette Arena at 631-661-9109.

SENIOR CLUB

Our next meeting will be on **January 7, 2025 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 John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise. . ." Christmas is a time of love and gift giving. Please share your abundance with those in need.

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 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.

Please consider joining St. Vincent de Paul to assist our neighbors in need.

SS CYRIL AND METHIDIUS ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

We do not meet in January, February or March. Our next meeting will be **April 7, 2025** in the Senior Room. Any questions call Rose Guerin at 631-806-6578.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COLUMBIETTES

Our next meeting will be **January 13, 2025**. 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.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Wednesday from

**1:00pm to 6:30pm
in the Crying Room.**

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



Post Office Box 9023
Rockville Centre, New York 11571-9023

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING WILLIAM SPERL

In June of 2024, William Sperl voluntarily petitioned the Holy Father for a dispensation from the obligations of Holy Orders and requested that he be permanently returned to the lay state. Pope Francis granted the dispensation, and it became effective on November 19, 2024.

As such, Mr. Sperl no longer serves as a permanent deacon and is not permitted to present himself as a deacon or exercise any form of ministry in any venue, Church related or not.



phone: 516.678.5800 x304

e-mail: clergy personnel@drvc.org

**Meets every Sunday After the 6:00 pm Mass
Upcoming Youth Ministry Events Nov. & Dec.2024**

- Dec.15th- Regular meeting 7-9
- Dec. 22nd- Christmas Movie night 7-9
- Dec. 29th– No Meeting

*** These meetings will dismiss from the breezeway**

FAITH + FRIENDSHIP + FUN + SERVICE

**PARISH YOUTH
MINISTRY**

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



Ss. Cyril & Methodius Faith Formation Office
faithformation@sscmdp.org
631-667-4044

Our second and eighth grade classes begin the week of January 6, 2025. Catechists are desperately needed for both grades. For additional information, please call the office and ask for Carol or Mary.

Great Night for our annual Deer Park Fire Department Parade!!!

We had a great night marching in the DPFDF annual tree lighting parade representing Our Lady of the Rosary Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes
Thank you to everyone that came out to support, cheer and be merry with us!!!



Respect Life

Wishing you all a Beautiful & Blessed Christmas Season!

For those that have been asking:
The Contributions we could use at this time:

Boy & Girl Winter clothing
Sizes 5 & 7 Diapers
Size XL/Overnight Pull ups
ENFAMIL Enspire /Optimum (Blue can) &
Gentle Ease (purple can) Formula
Baby Food: Oatmeal/Rice Cereals & Gerber baby Snacks

A Big THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!

We Do accept; Clean/GENTLY used Winter clothing!
Newborn - 5T & Child's Sizes 6 through 12/14

Items can be dropped off at Parish Social Ministry
Monday – Thursday during the hours of 10:00 am – 2:30 pm.
(Or call the # below and leave a message and we will pick it up!)

Call and leave a message with any questions or if you or someone
you know needs assistance.

631-667-4044 EXT. 120

FIAT HOTLINE PREGNANCY/HEALTH & RESOURCE SUPPORT

631-476-LOVE ~ (631-476-5683)

DIOCESAN ESTABLISHED CATHOLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Cyril & Methodius Parish Music Ministry *presents* THE 3rd SEASON OF



Make a Joyful Noise

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

Tentative calendar of events:

Friday, March 14th 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!**



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

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

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

Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Father Behan Hall

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

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

Parish Social Ministry

Please have all gifts wrapped with the original tag on the outside returned to the rectory, Church (please give to the ushers) or Parish Social Ministry **no later than December 19th**. Gifts will be distributed on the 21st from 10 am to 11:30 am in Father Behan Hall, so we really need the gifts back by the 19th.

Please do not put your name and or address in with the gift card or the gift. The families on both sides need to be anonymous.

Unfortunately, last year and the year before, some gifts were not returned before the distribution and were left in the sacristy on Christmas Eve and Christmas day so those families did not receive their gifts. We did our best to get them something, but they were not the gifts that were requested.

We also know the parishioners really like to purchase the actual gifts and wrap them. However, we do not feel that we should restrict them as to what they can ask for. Many of them prefer gift cards so they can purchase the food they prefer and/or gifts they like. They were also told that we cannot guarantee that they will be given any gifts or even what they have asked for in their requests.

We are still accepting hams for Christmas dinner if anyone has a coupon for a free one they are not going to use. We do not need any turkeys at this time.

A big thank you to the Knights of Columbus who not only supplied turkeys and fixings but their time as well. Every year they come and fill the grocery bags with all the fixings they bought and then come to help distribute. They also contribute monetarily with gift cards that allow us to replenish the pantry when we do not have enough donations.

Thank you to the Columbiettes for their donation of not only money but also time.

Also, Long Island Cares and Island Harvest for all the food they contributed as well.

Everyone made so many people happy with a great thanksgiving feast that would not have happened without them.

We would also like to thank the parishioners for not donating for Thanksgiving. We know that sounds funny but because the Knights and the other organizations did Thanksgiving we would not have the room to store anything else. We appreciate that the money you saved is now being given to us in the collection bins for things that we need daily. This is such a wonderful help!

The Ss. Cyril & Methodius community is so very generous. We do anticipate being able to provide a wonderful Christmas to our families again this year!

May God Bless each one of you abundantly.

Janet

PANTRY NEEDS:

FOOD

1. Mac & Cheese
2. Oatmeal
3. Coffee
4. Vegetable Oil
5. Mayonnaise
6. Mustard
7. Ketchup
8. Salt

9. Salt
10. Sugar
11. Flour
12. White Vinegar
13. Pasta sauce
14. Syrup
15. Dry Beans
16. Canned Chicken
17. Ritz "TYPE" Cracker

NON FOOD ITEMS

1. Body Wash
2. Women's deodorant
3. Shave Cream
4. Men's Deodorant
5. Dish Detergent
6. Toilet Paper
7. Paper Towels

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

Thank you

To all those who supported our Blood Drive on December 10th.

41 pints of blood was collected which will help 120 patients.

GIFT CARDS

We have a limited amount of the following Gift Cards available.



Please contact Deacon Phil
at 631-667-4044 ext.110 if you are interested.
**An easy way when giving gifts to your family and friends,
while SUPPORTING your parish!**

Texas Roadhouse - **\$100 & \$50**

Barnes & Noble - **\$25**

Dick's Sporting Goods - **\$25**

Home Depot, Macy's, - **\$25**

Red Lobster, Speedway - **\$25**

Staples, Walgreens, Shutterfly - **\$25**

Starbucks, Barnes & Noble - **\$10**

Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled



CULTIVATE A RICH AND LASTING PRAYER LIFE

The Gospel of Luke takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in Jesus' ascension into heaven. On the road to Emmaus, a story unique to the Gospel of Luke, Jesus gave us the greatest Bible study of all time, laying out his fulfillment of the Old Testament. In Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled, you will witness key moments in salvation history including the Annunciation, the Nativity, his public ministry, and Jesus' suffering, death, and glorious Resurrection. There are parables found only in Luke, including the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, and the rich man and Lazarus which will show you the mercy and compassion that Jesus has for each one of his children.

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, beginning January 22, 2025, in the Father Behan Hall.

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

*deadline to register for workbook is January 13th, \$25. Registrants thereafter, welcome to participate and watch the videos at class.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Winter registrations for support groups have begun here at St Cyril's. If you or someone you know who is young (under 65) and has had a recent loss of spouse, fiancé, boyfriend, girlfriend this group is for you.

Let us help you with your grief with our loving and compassionate volunteers.
8-week program (18 yrs in existence) Wednesday evenings 7:00 pm -9:00 pm

For more info call Widowednotalone.com

Contact Kathryn Monaco Douglas at [631- 647-5675](tel:631-647-5675).

For loss of child support group please contact Amanda directly [-917-751-1514](tel:917-751-1514)



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

Pause and Reflect this Advent Season

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

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



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

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT TO THE 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal! Every Gift Makes a Difference in the Lives of Others.

Parish: _____
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 EMAIL: _____

Pledge	\$ _____
Down Payment	\$ _____
Balance	\$ _____