

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
Ss. CYRIL & METHODIUS

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

4th Sunday of ADVENT

December 22, 2024



On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. The Gospel turns our attention from the ministry of John the Baptist to the events that preceded John the Baptist's birth. The story of John the Baptist and his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, are reported only in Luke's Gospel. Luke pairs the birth

of John the Baptist and Jesus, establishing John's early connection to the Messiah.

Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary re-

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Readings and Songs this Sunday

No. 1002 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Micah 5:1-4**
 2nd Reading: **Hebrews 10:5-10**
 Gospel Reading: **Luke 1:39-45**

LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	#395
Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn	#423
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart	#940
People, Look East	#409

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)

CHRISTMAS & 2025 NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, January 1 - MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
 11:00 am - Holy Day of Obligation
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

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 23
7:00 AM:	Mr. & Mrs. Renato Samanga and Family
8:30 AM:	Mom, Bob, Maryann, Maureen and Dad
12:15 PM:	Intentions of the Matos Family
Tuesday	December 24
7:00 AM	Russell Stephen Salerno
8:30 AM:	Erminia and Vittorio Fenice
12:15 PM	Renee Cortese CHRISTMAS VIGIL
4:00 PM	For Our Parishioners
6:00 PM	For Our Parishioners
10:00 PM	For Our Parishioners
Wednesday	December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
9:30 AM:	For Our Parishioners
11:00 AM:	For Our Parishioners
12:30 PM	For Our Parishioners NO 8:00 am and 6:00 PM
Thursday	December 26
7:00 AM:	Kezia and Vincent Gerard DeGracia
8:30 AM:	Mary Louise Brush
12:15 PM:	Fred English
Friday	December 27
7:00 AM:	Connie Macaluso
8:30 AM:	For Morgan Rose Ludmer's intentions
12:15 PM:	Carmelo Cotrone
Saturday	December 28
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM	Richard, Marcellina and Michael Solomita, Ann Marie and Timothy Donovan, Sidney McNeil
Sunday	December 29
8:00 AM	George Castro
9:30 AM	Alicia Morales
11:00 AM	Aida Feliciano, Sally Harding Fitzmaurice, Mary Louise Brush
12:30 PM	For Our Parishioners
6:00 PM	Harold W. Schillinger

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday,	December 28
5:00 PM:	Fr. Gius Garcia
Sunday	December 29
8:00 AM:	Fr. Christopher Deh
9:30 AM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin
11:00 AM:	Fr. Gregory Cappuccino
12:30 PM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin
6:00 PM:	Fr. Christopher Deh

REST IN PEACE

Victoria E. Moccia

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Third 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

Allison Dayana Recarte Rubio, Camila Dayana

Mencia Rubio, Suki Nicholl Gainey, Anthony Thomas

Medina, Regine Michel, Jaxson Ethan Smythe, Julian

Carter Smythe

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, Joseph DeSena

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

spond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel.

In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy.

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan

of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.

Stewardship

DECEMBER 15, 2024

Regular Collection	\$16,946.79
Online Giving	\$ 1,326.06
Total	\$18,272.85

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$125,200

\$77,372.00 Pledged 61.80% of Parish Goal

VANCO
FAITH

PARISH FINANCIAL CONDITION

This week we are up **\$772.85** 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: **(- \$5,685.25)**

Please consider whatever way you can to support upcoming fundraisers:

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

We remember how you loved us...
DECEMBER 22 to DECEMBER 28

BREAD AND WINE - God Bless Us Everyone. The Gould Family

ALTAR FLOWERS - In memory of Mr. Edward Muldowney, our other Dad. Love, Marylou, Debbie, Patti and Eileen.

ALTAR CANDLES - In memory of Mr. Edward Muldowney, our other Dad. Love, Marylou, Debbie, Patti and Eileen.

To memorialize, please contact Joan Loring at X122



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO WORKED HARD TO MAKE THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND THE PARISH CHRISTMAS POTLUCK A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES!!!
 More pictures to be posted in the upcoming Bulletins!!



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.

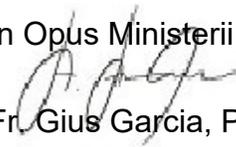
1000 Christmas Lights Campaign

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.



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.** We wish our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus a very Merry Christmas and many blessings in the New Year. We will return for prayer and fellowship on **March 11, 2025.** 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. 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"

Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there. Through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood.

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.

We wish you and your families a very Blessed and Merry Christmas!

SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS 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. We wish you and your families a very Blessed and Merry Christmas.

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.

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.

There are no classes 12/23—1/1

The Faith Formation Staff wishes you a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with peace.

Thank you
FOR TOUCHING OUR LIVES



Christopher LaMonica
My God
David Wawrzynski
Marie D. Croce
Dorothy Congro
The L'Abbate Family
George
Joseph Ninivaggi
Hickam Family
Frank Acierro
Chuen Kam Chan Shek
Antonette Hidalgo

Grace
Bill Gould
Frank & Josephine
Adam Jangel
Delores Kelly
Chris Papa
Cesare Litterini
Robert Rue
Anthony Graziano
George Cipriano
Janet Graziano
Agnes Moffett

Virginia Fanning
Frank & Fran Pipolo
Suzanne Engrassia
Roseann Pipolo Suspenski
Viny Castagna
Richard Charles Staufenberg
John Fanning
Suzanne Engrassia
Fenice/Messina
Louis Gerbino Sr.
Lester Ernest
Joseph & Mary Caraccia

Joseph Ninivaggi
Mario & Donna Longo
Gerard & Joan McCarthy
Erik Brown
Christina McGee
Raymond P.
Diorio Catanzaro & Family
Lester Ernest
Indelicato Family
Salifou Ouedraego
The Harris Family

Angela Macaluso
Edward J. Kaminski
Carmen Moffett
The Richardson Family
Sr. Marion Puszcz
McCormick Family
The Jean-Pierre Family
The Holy Family
Annette Pavone
Joe Werkmeister
Christopher Lanni
Hoschler Family

Dorothy Forstell
Anthony Polito
Theresa Gusmerotti
Marie Fischetti
Raymond Downey
Frank T. Mazzola
Fannie
Dorothy E. Mallon
Thomas Inman
Ronald Rosato
Richard Kirschenheiter
Rosary Altar Society



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2024

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Merry Christmas to you and your families!

Last Christmas, we celebrated the 800th anniversary of that glorious and historic night when St. Francis of Assisi arranged the first Nativity creche scene in a small cave outside the Italian village of Greccio in Italy.

St. Francis was inspired to do this after visiting the historical place of Christ's birth on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land – the humble stable in a Bethlehem cave.

The large creche set in St. Peter's Square last year commemorated this 800th anniversary by having the figure of St. Francis of Assisi expressing adoration, awe and wonder across the Crib from Mary and Joseph.

Last September, we celebrated the 800th Anniversary of St. Francis receiving the gift of the "stigmata" – the mystical wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side. In 2026, we will celebrate the 800th anniversary of St. Francis' death.

There is always a powerful connection between the Manger Crib and the Golgotha Cross of our Savior. St. Francis of Assisi lived this connection so powerfully.

In *Admirabile Signum*, Pope Francis writes: "Indeed, the place where this first nativity scene was enacted expresses and evokes these sentiments...from the time of its Franciscan origins, the nativity scene has invited us to 'feel' and 'touch' the poverty that God's Son took upon himself in the Incarnation. Implicitly, it summons us to follow him along the path of humility, poverty and self-denial that leads from the manger of Bethlehem to the Cross. It asks us to meet him and serve him by showing mercy to those of our brothers and sisters in great need (cf. Matthew 25:31-46)." (3)

As we spiritually draw near to Bethlehem at the end of this year, we pray for those who suffer in the Holy Land and the Middle East, in Ukraine and all war-torn areas of the world.

We pray too for the persecuted Church around the world and we pray for religious liberty in our country and in all countries.

St. Francis of Assisi understood the problems of the world and more than 800 years later, after he created the first creche, he is still close to the Church and to the world.

Many of you have seen the bronze statue of Atlas directly across from St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

It was created by the sculptor Lee Lawrie and installed in 1937. The sculpture portrays the mythical ancient Greek Titan Atlas holding the burden of the heavens on his shoulder.

St. Francis of Assisi is no myth, but at times he has been compared with Atlas in how, through the centuries, he carried the burdens of the Church on his shoulders with his radical and pure Gospel witness.

In fact, Pope Innocent III, after meeting St. Francis, had a dream that St. Francis was holding up St. John Lateran Basilica, the visible sign and symbol of the universal Church, amidst the storms and earthquakes of history and crisis.

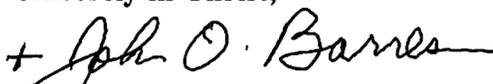
Configured to Christ crucified and having lived daily with the stigmatic wounds of Christ, St. Francis helps to animate and inspire the mission of mercy of the Catholic Church through the centuries.

St. Francis of Assisi intercedes for each of us at every moment to help rebuild the Biblical and Eucharistic evangelizing mission of the Church that Jesus Himself founded on Long Island and beyond.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!

May the Light and Love of the Christ Child animate and guide our global Catholic Missionary Spirit this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

**Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre**



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 rchris@sscmdp.org or sscyril.altarservers@yahoo.com.

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

Meets every Sunday After the 6:00 pm Mass

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events Nov. & Dec. 2024

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**



Respect Life

**The Respect Life Ministry would like to wish you and your family a
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Our Walking with Moms Ministry has grown tremendously in this past year! This would not have been possible without the very generous contributions from all of you! We have had the pleasure of meeting many beautiful families ~ all of whom chose life at a time in their lives when doing otherwise may have seemed like the easier option. Many of these hard-working families have come to truly appreciate our ongoing support at a time when just getting by is proving difficult for many.
Thank you for continuing your support ~ so that we may continue doing what we do!

Always needed are consumable items like:

**Diapers (larger sizes 5/6/7) ~ Fragrance Free Wipes ~ Baby Food/Cereals/Snacks
~ Enfamil Gentle Ease and Enspire Formulas ~ Baby Shampoo/Lotion/Wash**

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 631-667-4044 Ext 120 and leave a message if any questions)

Please Visit our Pro-Life Material rack in the back foyer of the church

(The DP Ave Exit foyer)

**Here you will find many valuable resources for all of life's stages—
from Conception to End of Life and everything in between!**

**Call the above # if you have any questions and
we will refer you to the proper resources!**

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!**

Parish Social Ministry

Merry Christmas! On behalf of the Parish of Social Ministries, we extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who supported our efforts this year. Your kindness and generosity, whether through contributions or helping hands, have made a tremendous impact on our family needs and Gift giving in our Outreach efforts.

Because of your support, we were able to bring Hope and Joy to hundreds of families during this blessed season. Thank you for being a shining example of Christ's love in action.

May this Christmas bring you and your loved ones Peace, Joy, and countless Blessings.

Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Janet

FOOD

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

PANTRY NEEDS:

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.

Christmas Decorating



If you would like to help us decorate the church for Christmas, we will be meeting in the church on December 23rd at 1:00 pm.

No experience necessary! Call or text Tim Leitch at 631-806-4715 if you have questions or would like to volunteer

Ss Cyril & Methodius Rosary Altar Society Christmas Party Luncheon.

Thank you everyone who volunteered & helped to make this event special. Happy to celebrate precious moments & happy memories with our members.

