

## 2nd Sunday of ADVENT

December 8, 2024

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the



baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

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### Readings and Songs this Sunday

#### No. 996 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Baruch 5:1-9**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 1:4-6,8-11**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 3:1-6**

#### LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

On Jordan's Bank **#418**

Wait for the Lord **#406**

A Voice Cries Out **#416**

Awake! Awake, & Greet the New Morn **#423**

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)

### Upcoming Events

**December 12** - 12:15 pm Procession and Mass in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. After the Mass, there will be a re-enactment of the apparition of the Lady to Blessed Juan Diego. Lunch follows at the Fr Behan Hall.

**December 14** - Children's Christmas Pageant and Parish Christmas Potluck. Let us support our children in their performance by signing up to attend the Potluck or making a donation. See page 6 and 8 for details.

## 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



## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday December 9

7:00 AM: Ismael, Priscilla, Carlos and Eduardo Bautista  
8:30 AM: Vincent Schifano Sr.  
12:15 PM: Anne Cooney

Tuesday December 10

7:00 AM: Douglas Leary  
8:30 AM: **(Open: no offered intentions)**  
12:15 PM: Deceased members of Antonio and Matos Families

Wednesday December 11

7:00 AM: Philip and Kaye DeGarcia and Family  
8:30 AM: Angela Mento  
12:15 PM: Roger Thorley

Thursday December 12

7:00 AM: Katherine and Willie Rodriguez and family  
8:30 AM: **(Open: no offered intentions)**  
12:15 PM: Maria Perez

Friday December 13

7:00 AM: Katherine and Kaylee Rodriguez  
8:30 AM: **(Open: no offered intentions)**  
12:15 PM: Cormac B. Gerrity

Saturday December 14

8:30 AM Purgatorial Society  
5:00 PM Rose Lucas, John Vigiano, John Vigiano Jr., Joseph Nigiano

Sunday December 15

8:00 AM Anthony Signorelli  
9:30 AM Arthur Pichardo  
11:00 AM Francesco Catanzaro, JoAnn Brudi, Lillian Diorio, Theresa Albano, Michelle Tardiff Dilapi  
12:30 PM Mary Louise Brush  
6:00 PM Joseph, Amelia, Frank and Anthony Polito

## PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday, December 14

5:00 PM: Fr. Gius Garcia

Sunday December 15

8:00 AM: Fr. Paul Bersamin  
9:30 AM: Fr. Christopher Deh  
11:00 AM: Fr. Dante Sabban  
12:30 PM: Fr. Gregory Cappuccino  
6:00 PM: Fr. Dante Sabban

## REST IN PEACE

Marianne Geraci, Grace R. Taylor, Susan Marie Delzatto, Yen Thi Pham, Deacon Dominique Silien, Deacon Stephen Hayes

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Third Banns

Anthony Grillo — SS Cyril and Methodius  
Melissa Franco — St. William the Abbot, Massapequa

First 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

Riley Rose Abatelli, Juliana Rose Cohen, Gabriella Marie Specht

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

## FROM THE PASTOR

...from cover page

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situ-

ated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

### Stewardship

DECEMBER 1, 2024

<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$18,541.31</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$ 1,598.66</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,139.97</b>

#### 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 **\$1,041.31** 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: **(- \$5,622.78)**

Please consider whatever way you can to support upcoming fundraisers:

#### DECEMBER 8 to 14

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

#### ALTAR FLOWERS -

To our dear Mother, Grandmother and Aunt, Flora Marymont, Rest in Peace. In our prayers and memory always. Your loving Family.



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

If you were given a saint's name at Baptism, that saint is your patron saint. Countries also have patron saints. Who is the patron saint of the United States?

If you answered, "Mary, the mother of Jesus," you are correct. In 1846, the bishops of the United States asked Mary to watch over our country and its people in a special way. They also chose one particular title and feast of Mary—her Immaculate Conception.

The title of the Immaculate Conception recognizes Mary's privilege of coming into the world free from sin. Through the power of Jesus' Death and Resurrection, every human being can be freed from sin at Baptism. Through that same power, Mary was always free from sin, even from that very first moment of life.

On December 8, the Church celebrates this special privilege given to Mary. At the liturgy we thank God for all his blessings he has given to the people of our country. And we can thank Mary for watching over and protecting our people.

*Collect prayer from the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception:*

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son,  
grant, we pray,  
that as you preserved her from very stain by virtue of the Death of your Son,  
which you foresaw so through her intercession,  
we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence.  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.



Because it falls on a Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9.

As the feast our National Patroness, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is always a Holy Day of Obligation, even if it falls on a Monday or Saturday. The obligation to attend Mass for the Immaculate Conception is also transferred to Monday, December 9 (as was communicated to the USCCB earlier this year).

All Masses on Sunday, December 8 are to be celebrated for the Second Sunday of Advent. No anticipated Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception may be celebrated this year. Please be sure to be generous in offering opportunities for the faithful to fulfill their obligation on Monday, the feast day itself.

The faithful are obliged to attend one Mass on the Second Sunday of Advent (any time on December 8, or the previous evening) and one Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (any time on December 9 or the previous evening). These obligations are to be fulfilled by attending two separate Masses.

# FAITH FORMATION



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**

## CELEBRATE ADVENT

Take a piece of 'straw' and write your good deed on it. Bring it to Church with you any time and next weekend at the 9:30 am Family Mass place it in the manger in the Sanctuary. Your straw and good deed cushions and makes more comfortable the bed of Jesus.



## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The pageant will be shown at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, December 14. Final rehearsals will be held on December 9 & 11 both at 7:30 pm and December 14 at 10:30 am in the Church. Email us for questions: [faithformation@sscmdp.org](mailto:faithformation@sscmdp.org).

## PARISH CHRISTMAS POTLUCK.

Help us congratulate our children at the pageant with a Parish Christmas Potluck Feast following the 5:00 pm Mass on December 14 at the Fr. Behan Hall. To make it easy for everyone, we are asking you to bring **Pizza, Hero** and **Desserts**. Email us at [faithformation@sscmdp.org](mailto:faithformation@sscmdp.org) to let us know how many are coming and what you intend to bring with you.

See Page 8 for Google doc sign-up forms and option to send contribution through Venmo.





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 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4, 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"**

Thank you to everyone who made donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul last week and to those who attended our annual craft fair. The money raised is used to assist our neighbors in need.

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to 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](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.

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

## **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.

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

Our next meeting will be **December 9th**. 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](mailto:clergy-personnel@drvc.org)

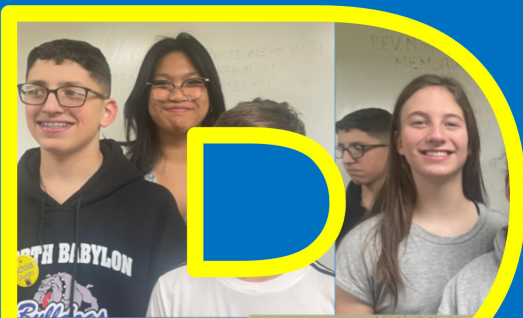
**Meets every Sunday After the 6:00 pm Mass  
Upcoming Youth Ministry Events Nov. & Dec.2024**

- Dec.8th.- Craft night and baking 7-9
- Dec.9th- Cookie bake in the auditorium 6-9 \*
- Dec. 10th– High School Sacrament Class 7-8:30
- Dec.15th- Regular meeting 7-9
- Dec. 22nd- Christmas Movie night 7-9
- Dec. 29th– No Meeting

\* These meetings will dismiss from the breezeway

**PARISH YOUTH  
MINISTRY**

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





# Our Lady of Guadalupe

+ PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS +

+ PATRONESS OF THE UNBORN +

## **PROCESSION - MASS RE-ENACTMENT OF APPARITIONS of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Thursday, **December 12**  
at **12:15 pm**

To be followed by

## **CELEBRATION LUNCH at Fr. Behan Hall**

Raffle:

\$5.00 for 3 tickets

\$10.00 for 7 tickets

Proceeds go to :

St Cyril and Methodious Church  
and Our Lady of Guadalupe School

**For more information:**

**Carmen Gomez - Tel no. (631) 243-6146**





# 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**



**Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish Music Ministry** *presents*

*Make a Joyful Noise*

**Parish Music Series 3rd Season**

**Sunday, December 8th 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!





**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](mailto:frchris@sscmdp.org)  
or [sscyril.altarservers@yahoo.com](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup>**. Gifts will be distributed on the 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 am to 11:30 am in Father Behan Hall, so we really need the gifts back by the 19<sup>th</sup>.

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.**

## CHRISTMAS COOKIES FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Teens of the parish would like to put together some simple gifts, notes and cookies for the homebound members of our parish. If you bring the Eucharist to one of our homebound or have a homebound person in your home who would benefit from this gift, please contact Tim Leitch at 631-806-4715. We need to hear from you by December 7th. Gifts will be distributed after the Masses on December 14th and 15th in the breezeway.



## 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**

## 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.**



Ss. Cyril and Methodius  
Roman Catholic Church

**Tuesday December 10, 2024  
3:00pm-7:30pm**

Gymnasium

125 Half Hollow Road, Deer Park, NY 11729



### Prepare to donate

- Eat well and hydrate
- Bring a photo ID
- Feel good and symptom free
- Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
- Meet minimum weight requirements

Please Scan this QR Code  
to schedule your Donation

For full eligibility requirements  
and COVID-19 information, visit  
[nybc.org/eligibility](https://nybc.org/eligibility).



*“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 of 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	\$ _____



Last Sunday was another successful SSCM Society of St. Vincent de Paul annual Craft Fair. We were very fortunate to have a surprise guest who happened to be at St. Cyril and Methodius to say Mass. Bishop John Barres stopped downstairs to visit us and the craft fair, and of course our own Fr. Gius. Thank you Bishop Barres, Fr. Gius and everyone who came out to support us! The money raised is used to help our neighbors in need in our community. Happy Advent everyone!