

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

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125 HALF HOLLOW RD, DEER PARK, NY 11729

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2025

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.

Pope Saint John Paul II
Evangelium vitae

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

On June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, and we praise God for

the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect pre-born children. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children":

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dig-

Jan 22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn

Jan 24 - 12:15 pm Solidarity Mass, Holy Hour, Adoration & Prayer for the March for Life Rally in Washington, DC

Scripture Readings and Music this Sunday

No. 1097 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Isaiah 62:1-5**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

Gospel Reading: **John 2:1-11**

LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

Sing a New Song **#607**

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning **#744**

One Bread, One Body **#932**

Rain Down **#582**

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)

**PRAY TO PROTECT
HUMAN LIFE**



JANUARY 16-24

9daysforlife.com

**9 DAYS
FOR LIFE**

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Vigil)

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

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

Saturday: 8:30 am

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Please check the Bulletin and the Parish Website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Confessionals)

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

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

and by appointment by calling the Parish Office

PARISH OFFICE

Tel: (631) 667-4044

Fax: (631) 667-6237

Email: parishoffice@sscmdp.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Saturday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday:

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sunday - closed

Parish Social Ministry Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Other hours by appointment only.

Email: socialministry@sscmdp.org

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

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

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

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

PASTORAL STAFF: (631) 667-4044

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

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

Rev. 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

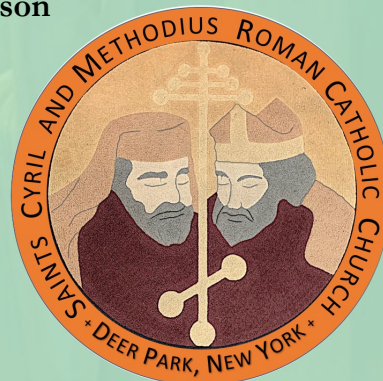
Mr. Timothy Leitch, *Youth Ministry*, Ext. 154

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 January 20

Martin Luther King Jr.

8:30 AM: Only one Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday January 21

7:00 AM: Olympia (Libby) Lippert

8:30 AM: Raymond Sanfilippo

12:15 PM: Kate and Patrick O'Shea

Wednesday January 22

7:00 AM: Daniel Mitchell

8:30 AM: (**Open**: no offered intentions)

12:15 PM: Dr. Kevin Barry Sullivan & James D. Sullivan III

Thursday January 23

7:00 AM: (**Open**: no offered intentions)

8:30 AM: Anne McCormack

12:15 PM: Filomena Rose Ariola

Friday January 24

7:00 AM: (**Open**: no offered intentions)

8:30 AM: (**Open**: no offered intentions)

12:15 PM: Frank Bleier and for Mary Ann Bleier's intentions

Saturday January 25

8:30 AM Purgatorial Society

5:00 PM George Jackson, Isadora Jacobs Lambright

Sunday January 26

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners

9:30 AM Thelma and Jec

11:00 AM For Rick and Renee Hovanec's intentions
Fanny Herrera

12:30 AM Peter and Catherine Barcia

6:00 PM Damian J. Aiello II

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday January 25

5:00 PM: Fr. Gius Garcia

Sunday January 26

8:00 AM: Fr. Gregory Cappuccino

9:30 AM: Fr. Paul Bersamin

11:00 AM: Fr. Gregory Cappuccino

12:30 PM: Fr. Paul Bersamin

6:00 PM: Fr. Paul Bersamin

REST IN PEACE

Anne P. McCormack, Cecilia Alaimo, Christin Younger, Raymond J. Sanfilippo, John J. Coughlin Sr., Amelia Barone, Dolores Grosso, Roja Asaro

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Second Banns

Eric Saporito — St. Patrick, Smithtown

Diana Cotrone — Ss. Cyril and Methodius

AVAILABLE MASS INTENTIONS

January 22 - 8:30 am

January 24 - 8:30 am

January 28 - 8:30 am, 12:15 pm

January 29 - 8:30 am, 12:15 pm

January 30 - 8:30 am, 12:15 pm

January 31 - 8:30 am

February 3 - 8:30 am

February 4 - 8:30 am, 12:15 pm

February 5 - 12:15 pm

February 6 - 12:15 pm

February 7 - 8:30 am, 12:15 pm

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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, Connie Rigert, Phil Hogan, David Kriegsman, Kathy Boggia, John Morgan, Mike Rodriguez, 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, Lisa Hulsen, Ramone Antonio Delgado, Mark Bonito

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 Maldonado 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.

nity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The liturgical celebrations for this day may be the “Mass For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life” (no. 48/1 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with white vestments, or the Mass “For the Preservation of Peace and Justice” (no. 30 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with violet vestments.

- Abstain from meat
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Fast
- Pray a decade of the Rosary
- Give up TV and movies for the day
- Offer A Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament
- Sacrifice some of your free time to do a small act of service for someone else

How to Participate

Not sure how to observe this day of prayer and penance? Pick from the ideas below or offer some other prayer or sacrifice that you feel called to do.

Go to Mass



Stewardship

JANUARY 12, 2025

Regular Collection	\$16,501.50
Online Giving	\$ <u>746.60</u>
Total	\$17,248.10

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$125,200

\$81,447.00 Pledged 65.05% of Parish Goal

This week we are short **\$251.90** to reach the 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: **(-\$884.83)**

Thank you for your generous support to your Church family.

We will be taking up a

Voluntary Special Collection to assist those affected by the California Wild Fires.

Please make the check out to Ss Cyril and Methodius and put in the memo for the California Wild Fires



MEMORIALS

Altar Candles and Candles at Our Lady’s Shrine and St. Joseph’s Shrine Offering \$25;

Bread & Wine \$50 Flowers at Blessed Mother and St. Joseph’s Shrine \$50;

Altar Flowers \$50 per Vase \$100 for both.

JANUARY 19 to 25

ALTAR CANDLES -

Dorothy, Happy Heavenly Birthday. We love and miss you very much. Your Husband and Loved Ones.

BLESSED MOTHER SHRINE FLOWERS -

Rest in Peace, Raymond Sanfilippo. From Camille, Tom and Sue Dambra.



Rev. Msgr. Thaddeus Rooney Memorial Golf Outing & Dinner

Thursday, JUNE 12, 2025 + Timber Point Country Club, Great River

Honoring:

TOM RICHARDSON, Retired FDNY Chief,
PHIL MANIACI, PGK, DD and **KERRY BRENNAN**

\$190.00 per person for Golf (*Soft Spikes required*), Lunch, Green Fees, Beverage Cart, Dinner & Cocktails
\$75.00 Dinner only

PRIZES INCLUDE: Closest to Pin, Closest to Pin Second Shot, Longest Drive (60 and over, 70 and over, 80 and over and 60 and under).

SPONSORS NEEDED FOR: Tee/Greens: \$110; Flag Sponsor: \$150; Driving Range: \$300; Beverage Cart: \$1000; Golf Carts: \$1000; Cocktail Hour: \$1000; Dinner: \$1000; Dessert: \$1000; Barbeque: \$1000

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CALL:
Sal Mangano
(631) 586-3600,
Mike Conboy
(631) 539-8932,
Tom Richardson
(631) 831-6234
Rosemarie Brady
(631) 681-6336,
Joe & Teri Schiano
(631) 595-1709,
Carol Tannehill
(631) 988-9906,
Dcn. Phil Mills
(631) 667-4044 X 110

We are in need of prizes for our raffles:
Gift Cards
or Store Gift Certificates
in the \$10 - \$25 range.
New bottles of Liquor.

ALL FLAG ORDERS DUE BY MAY 19

ALL MONEY DUE BY JUNE 6



Please find enclosed a check payable to:

Ss. Cyril & Methodius, c/o Dcn. Phil Mills, 125 Half Hollow Road, Deer Park 11729

In the amount of \$_____ to cover the cost of #_____ golfers, #_____ dinners

Names: _____

Item sponsored: _____ Amount \$ _____



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH

125 Half Hollow Rd, Deer Park NY 11729

Dear Parishioners.

Many have asked why Fr. Christopher Deh is noticeably absent. Fr. Chris left for Ghana middle of November last year to renew his religious worker VISA. Until now, he is having difficulty returning to the United States because of some technical issues in the US embassy in Accra. He continues to update me and the diocese but as of this writing everything is left hanging. We are not sure when he is able to get his Visa processed and return to work. Please pray for him that he can return to us sooner than later.

Because of this, we are short of priestly coverage in the parish. I'm sure you are aware that our parish is one of the biggest in Long Island. We are probably the only parish that offers 3 daily weekday Masses and 8 Masses in the weekend. On top of this, we also get quite a bit of Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms. With this set-up, the parish requires at least 3 full time clergy. Right now, there are only 2 full time priests, Fr. Paul and myself, and Fr Greg who occasionally helps out in Masses.

There is a recent development. As a background, in January of last year, I had applied to the diocese to go on an intensive immersive Spanish language learning program. I feel that learning Spanish will help me respond to a pressing ministerial need in our parish, especially with the dual language program of Our Lady of Guadalupe School and would eventually help me serve a growing number of parishes with this ministry in Long Island. Occupied with resolving its bankruptcy case, the diocese has delayed the approval of my application. But finally last week I received the good news that the bishop has approved it. He is sending me to Mexico City to study at the Seminario Hispano de Santa Maria de Guadalupe for their immersive language course. The program is 8 weeks. I am arranging it so that I can return to the parish in the last week of March in time for Holy Week preparations.

On this note, I am making a difficult but necessary decision. Beginning January 27, I am temporarily suspending the 7:00 am weekday Mass (Monday to Friday). I have noticed that it is the least attended of all the 3 daily Masses. I am unable to say when we will restore it, but I will review it again when I return from my studies. It will depend largely on when Fr Chris returns. As of now, we are working on transferring the Mass intentions to either the 8:30 am or 12:15 pm Masses. We will be communicating with those who have offered intentions for these Masses.

I have arranged for priestly coverage and making sure that Fr. Paul is not working 7 days a week but is able to get his weekly days off. Fr. Dante Sabban, whom we recently hosted has finally received a permanent position in St. Thomas Parish in Hempstead. But he promised to help from time to time. Fr. Daniel Rivera, pastor of St. John of God Parish in Central Islip has generously offered to help. And I have 2 other priest friends, Fr. Andy Egargo and Fr. Noel Sixon, whom you may have met already, who will be on stand by. And of course Fr. Greg has committed to help.

Let us pray for one another that things may get resolved, that we may continue to respond actively to God's call for mission, and for our parish that we may truly mature in faith, hope and charity.

In Opus Ministerii


Fr. Gius Garcia



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.

INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC 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. Our Blessed Mother has always been our advocate. **Please join us** in thanking her as we celebrate her feast “Flame of Love (2/2/25) on **Friday, January 31, 2025** in Church from 1pm—2 pm. We will have a surprise at end of the service.

THE LOVE OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meets every **Tuesday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Senior Room.** 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 February 1, 2025.** Any questions call Annette Arena at 631-661-9109.

SENIOR CLUB

Our next meeting will be on **February 4, 2025 at 2:30pm** in the Father Behan Hall. Please join us for lunch at the Irish Coffee Pub on March 11th. Any questions call Debbie Vickovich at 631-520-4455.

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 the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.

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.

CONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

We do not meet in January or February. Our next meeting will be **March 3, 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 **February 10, 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.

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, fiance, boyfriend, girlfriend this group is for you. Let us help you with your grief with our loving and compassionate volunteers. 8-week program for Widows starting January 8th, Wednesday 7:00 pm -9:00 pm in the Senior Room. Chat and Connect 8-week program starting Thursday, January 9th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Senior Room. For more information call Widowednotalone.com Contact Kathryn Monaco Douglas at [631- 647-5675](tel:631-647-5675). For loss of a child support group please contact Amanda directly [-917-751-1514](tel:917-751-1514)



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.