

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

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125 HALF HOLLOW RD, DEER PARK, NY 11729

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

**March 2, 2025**

Today's reading begins by saying that, in comparison to others, often we behave as women who sift the wheat: we turn and toss them, shake them well, we throw them in the air, exposing them to the wind as long as we cannot bring out all defects, all the waste, all the flaws they have. We act as the potters: we subject them to the test of fire, keep them months and years in the furnace of our strict controls. And only those which are immuned from any defect remain or resist.

If we judge ourselves with the same rigor, we would discover not only the boundaries of others but also our many shortcomings (v. 4).

There are situations where one cannot exempt oneself from expressing judgment and making objective assessments: one cannot give to all the same confidence. It is a must to get a correct idea of the authentic values of the persons to whom one must entrust tasks of great responsibility. So, too, a girl who trusted blindly the first young man she meets would be

naive. But what criteria to follow to make informed judgments?

Sirach gives wise advice: we should not be influenced by the first impression. To know what people have in their hearts we must let them talk because "a man is tested by his conversation... a man's feeling can be detected in what he says" (vv. 5-6). In conclusion, the rule to follow is: "Praise no one before he has spoken, since this is the acid test" (v. 7).

In the second reading, for the fourth consecutive Sunday a passage of the first letter to the Corinthians chapter 15 is proposed to us: Today it is the final one and the theme is always the same: the resurrection.

Paul sums up what he has said: entering the new life people simply do not recover the body they have in this world, but they receive a new one, covered with incorruptibility and immortality (v. 54). So—he says—the word of the Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up by victory. Death, where is your victory? Death,

**Scripture Readings and Music this Sunday**

**No. 1115 in the Blue Gather Hymnal**

1st Reading: **Sirach 27:4-7**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 15: 54-58**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 6:39-45**

**LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:**

All Creatures of Our God and King **#611**

Lord of All Hopefulness **#663**

Where Two or Three Are Gathered **#907**

Celtic Alleluia: Sending Forth

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)

**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**

**MARCH 5**



**8:30 am & 12:15 pm**

Masses

**5:00 pm & 7:00 pm**

Liturgy of the Word



## 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:** 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  
Cell 631-275-7116 Fax 631-392-1070

**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

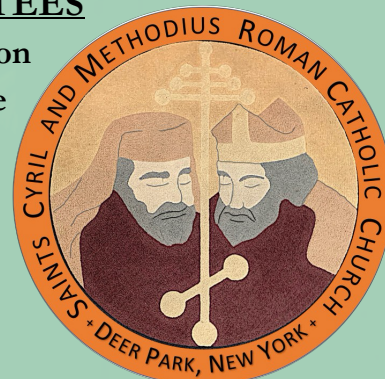
Rev. Gius Garcia, *Pastor*, Ext. 121  
Rev. Christopher Deh, *Associate Pastor*, Ext. 165  
Rev. Paul Bersamin, *Associate Pastor*, Ext. 170  
Rev. Gregory Cappuccino, *Occasional Help, (Retired)*

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  
Anna L'Abbate



Mrs. Joan Ann Loring, Ext. 122  
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Mrs. Marianne Saffran, Ext. 115  
*Baptism & Wedding Coordinator*  
Ms. Allison Taibi Ext. 111  
*Bookkeeper*





**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 3</b>
8:30 AM:	Magalie Innocent
12:15 PM	Bart Campagna
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 4</b>
8:30 AM:	Suzanne Engrassia
12:15 PM:	Santo Macaluso Jr.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 5</b>
<b>SERVICES with imposition of Ashes</b>	
Masses: <b>8:30 am &amp; 12:15 pm</b>	
Liturgy of the Word Services: <b>5:00 pm &amp; 7:00 pm</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 6</b>
8:30 AM:	Ismael R. Cacnio Sr.
12:15 PM:	Theresa Young
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 7</b>
8:30 AM:	( <b>Open</b> : no offered intentions)
12:15 PM:	Lois Biscardi
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 8</b>
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM	Rebecca Guerin, Rose Mogavero, Mary DeRose
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 9</b>
8:00 AM	( <b>Open</b> : no offered intentions)
9:30 AM	Daisy Heredia
11:00 AM	( <b>Open</b> : no offered intentions)
12:30 PM	For Our Parishioners
6:00 PM	Damian J. Aiello II

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 8</b>
5:00 PM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 9</b>
8:00 AM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin
9:30 AM:	Fr. Gregory Cappuccino
11:00 AM:	Fr. Daniel Rivera
12:30 PM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin
6:00 PM:	Fr. Gregory Cappuccino

**REST IN PEACE**  
Angelina Scardino

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**  
Third Banns  
Timothy Glynn — Ss. Cyril and Methodius  
Ann Cordani — Ss. Cyril and Methodius

**NEWLY BAPTIZED**  
Ainhoa Abad, Alynna Abad, John Anthony Castro,  
Jayda Jean Florestin, Jayden Jean Florestin, Alani  
Marleny Rodriguez, Amy Sujej Rodriguez

**AVAILABLE MASS INTENTIONS**

March 11 -	<b>8:30 am</b>
March 12 -	<b>12:15 pm</b>
March 13 -	<b>8:30 pm</b>
March 14-	<b>8:30 am, 12:15 pm</b>
March 18-	<b>12:15 pm</b>

Please see or call the receptionist during office hours to offer Mass intentions for family members and loved ones, living or deceased.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**  
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 Kriegsmann, 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, Jerrilyn Bressari, Kyle Chanley, Bernard Arnella, Lois McLoughlin, Michael Tarquinio, Carol Avitable Miller, Carl Zajac, Madeline Palladino

**PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN**  
Luis Xzavier Maldonado Army National Guard  
Corporal Louis Muniz US Marines  
Isaiah Adams US Air Force Airman  
Sgt. William Bozzello US Marines  
Corporal Joseph Kirsch, US Marines  
Lance Corporal Allen Kirsch, 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.



where is your sting?" (vv. 54-55). The status of the "resurrected" is not comparable to that of one who lives in this world. Death, with all its allies—pain, disease, hunger, violence, hatred—will never have any more power over people, because Christ's victory will be total and definitive (vv. 56-57).

After this statement, we would expect Paul to recommend to the Corinthian Christians not to set eyes on this world, but to look to heaven where the real life awaits them. Instead nothing! He urges them not to contemplate the wonders that await them but to work, to engage in this world, in the certainty that all the good that they build, all the love they spread will not be lost. "Be steadfast—he says—be firm, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that with him, your labor is not without fruit" (v. 58).

The third and final section of Luke's Sermon on the Plain begins: And he told them a parable. There are actually four parables, three of which we read

today. They are all about how to be a good disciple.

The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds they will know that this is because you have a good heart.

The final parable, which we do not read today, is about building on the solid foundation of rock and not on sand. This is the only way to face the difficulties a disciple will encounter and survive.

## Stewardship

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$15,333.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,027.80</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,360.80</b>

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

**Goal \$125,200**

**\$24,081.25 Pledged 19.23% of Parish Goal**

This week we are short **\$1,139.20** 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: **(-\$8,179.56)**

Thank you for your generous support to your Church family.



## 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.

## MARCH 2 to 8

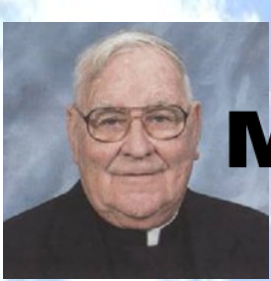
### Bread & Wine -

In loving memory of Rev. Msgr. Frank Gaeta

### Altar Candles -

In loving memory of Rev. Msgr. Frank Gaeta





# Rev. Msgr. Thaddeus Rooney Memorial Golf Outing & Dinner

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

**SPONSORED BY**  
**MANGANO FUNERAL HOME**  
**BOYD –CARATOZZOLO**  
**FUNERAL HOME**

**Honoring:**

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

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

12:00 PM LUNCH AND REGISTRATION  
2:00 PM SHOTGUN START  
6:30 PM COCKTAIL HOUR AT SSCM  
7:30 PM DINNER, COFFEE, TEA AND DESSERT

**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

**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**

FOR MORE INFO,  
**PLEASE CALL:**  
**Sal Mangano**  
(631) 586-3600,  
**Mike Conboy**  
(631) 539-8932,  
**Tom Richardson**  
(631) 831-6234  
**Brian Dillon**  
(631) 335-8896  
**Rosemarie Brady**  
(631) 681-6336,  
**Joe & Teri Schiano**  
(631) 595-1709,  
**Carol Tannehill**  
(631) 988-9906,  
**Dcn. Phil Mills**  
(631) 667-4044 X 110



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: \_\_\_\_\_ - 5 - Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## LIVE STREAM

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

## 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.

## 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 April 5, 2025.** Any questions call Annette Arena at 631-661-9109.

## SENIOR CLUB

Our next meeting will be on **March 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, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples: "Can a blind man act as a guide to a blind man? Why look at the speck in your brother's eye when you miss the plank in your own? A good tree does not produce decayed fruit." It is true that donations come to the Society because a good person produces goodness from the good in their heart.

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.

**SAVE THE DATE:** March 16, 2025 - The Society of St. Vincent de Paul **Meet and Greet** after the 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am and 12:30 pm Sunday masses.

## **CONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY ROSARY - SSCM ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

Our next meeting will be **March 3, 2025 at 7:30 pm** in the Senior Room. Any questions call Rose Guerin at 631-806-6578.

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

Our next meeting will be **March 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.

## **FIRST RESPONDER/HEALTH CARE WORKER MINISTRY**

Any active/retired first responders or health care workers are invited to attend our newly established ministry. The meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 11th** in the Senior Room at 7pm. The mission of this ministry will be to assist the parish as well as to foster collaboration among organizations in the Deer Park and North Babylon communities. For more information please call Tom Richardson at [631-831-6234](tel:631-831-6234) or via email at [richartj1959@gmail.com](mailto:richartj1959@gmail.com).



## **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Ash Wednesday, March 5th from**

**1:30pm to 4:30pm  
in the Crying Room.**

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

# Parish Social Ministry



United States  
Conference of  
Catholic Bishops

Department of  
Migration and  
Refugee Services

Office of  
Policy and Advocacy

[uscgb.org/migrationpolicy](https://uscgb.org/migrationpolicy)

JANUARY 26, 2025

## The U.S. Refugee Admissions Program and the Catholic Church

### What is the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program?

The U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) was established when Congress passed the bipartisan Refugee Act of 1980. Prior to this, refugees were resettled in the United States on a largely informal and ad hoc basis,<sup>1</sup> and the reception of refugees by American communities was almost entirely coordinated by faith-based groups, including the Catholic Church.

USRAP is the formal process by which people are legally resettled in the United States as refugees. Resettlement through USRAP is distinct from the U.S. asylum process. Any person resettled through USRAP is first screened, vetted, and approved by the U.S. government while outside of the United States. They also receive medical evaluations, a cultural orientation, and other services that maximize their ability to integrate successfully into, and contribute productively to, American communities.

### Who is resettled through USRAP?

Only two groups are resettled through USRAP. The first consists of those who qualify for refugee status under U.S. law,<sup>2</sup> which requires a person to be outside of the United States and: (1) of special humanitarian concern to the United States; (2) have been persecuted, or have a well-founded fear persecution, due to race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group; (3) not “firmly resettled” in another country; and (4) legally admissible to the United States. The second group resettled through USRAP consists of Iraqi and Afghan nationals approved for a special immigrant visa because they assisted the U.S. missions in Iraq or Afghanistan.<sup>3</sup>

### What is the Catholic Church’s role in USRAP and why?

Given its historical role assisting immigrants and refugees in the United States, the Catholic Church began partnering with the federal government on USRAP when it was created. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops serves as one of ten national resettlement agencies. Through this public-private partnership, resettlement agencies work with local, community-based organizations to receive those approved for resettlement through USRAP, helping them to begin their new lives in the United States.

The Catholic Church’s accompaniment of refugees dates back to the earliest days of Christianity, long preceding the creation of USRAP. In 1948, when the reception of refugees was almost entirely undertaken by faith-based groups, 105 out of 119 Catholic dioceses in the United States at the time had a resettlement director appointed by the local bishop. Today, Catholic ministries across the world provide pastoral and temporal care to vulnerable families, regardless of creed or nationality, in response to Christ’s mandate in Matthew’s Gospel to care for the “least of these” (Mt. 25:31-46).

<sup>1</sup> See U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, *Refugee Timeline*, <https://www.uscis.gov/about-us/our-history/stories-from-the-archives/refugee-timeline> (last updated Jan. 24, 2025).

<sup>2</sup> See 8 U.S.C. 1157.

<sup>3</sup> See ANDORRA BRUNO, CONG. RSCH. SERV., R43725, IRAQI AND AFGHAN SPECIAL IMMIGRANT VISA PROGRAMS, <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R43725> (last updated Jan. 15, 2025).

## FOOD

1. White Rice (not instant)
2. Dry Beans
3. Pasta Sauce
4. Canned Chicken
5. Oatmeal
6. Canned Carrots
7. Canned Peas
8. Canned Peas and Carrots
9. Shelf Stable Milk
10. Shelf Stable Apple Juice

## PANTRY NEEDS:

### SPECIAL ITEMS

1. Dish Detergent
2. Women’s deodorant
3. Shave Cream
4. Men’s Deodorant
5. Paper Towels
6. Oil
7. Salt

### GIFT CARDS TO

1. Lidl (primarily)
2. Stop & Shop (especially is very good to us at the Pantry.)
3. ShopRite
4. Walmart
5. Target

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





## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY INSTALLED ALTAR SERVERS**

Back Row:

Ryan Brown, Scarlet Barnes, (Fr Paul Bersamin), Amy Rodriguez, Sophie Pienkowski, (Shelby Cordero - Senior Altar Server)

Front Row:

Heaven Cumberbach, Miah Ortiz, Salvatore Pulciani, William Kuck, Jacob Kwasnik, Myleene Funes

Special thanks to Patricia Cusamano and George Cordero for your service and ministerial dedication in training and leading our Altar Servers.



# LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING– SPRING 2025

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter from their pastor. Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. This “BASIC” training is required for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One must attend Part A training prior to Part B training. A Lector Workshop is available for both new and experienced lectors.

## Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

### •Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:

**Saturday, March 29\*** - Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 9 am – 12:00  
**Thursday, April 3** – St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall/RVC – Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7pm–10pm  
**Tuesday, April 8** – St. Elizabeth /Melville – Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm

You may register for EITHER Lector OR Extraordinary Minister training at each session.

Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time.

End time is an estimate, session may end prior to 10 pm, please be prepared.

### • Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B – presented in conjunction with Catholic Health

**Sat., March 29\*** – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 1 – 4 pm  
**Tuesday, April 29** - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm  
**Thursday, May 8** – St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall / RVC – Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm – 10 pm

End time is an estimate, session may end prior to what is stated here, please be prepared.

\*On **March 29**, we are offering Part A and Part B on the SAME day. Those who attend Part A in the morning are welcome to bring lunch or leave for lunch and return for the 1 pm Part B session. Please indicate if you are doing BOTH on your registration letter from your pastor.

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend.

**To register** please contact Joan Loring at 631-667-4044 ext 122 or [jloring@sscmdp.org](mailto:jloring@sscmdp.org)





## Support New Moms in Need This Lent!

Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes and Knights in partnership with the Respect Life - Moms Ministry invite you to participate in our



### Baby Bottle Tag Giving Event

As we prepare for Lent, let's extend our compassion to local families. The Respect Life - Moms Ministry at SS Cyril and Methodius has grown significantly, now supporting over 40 families with essential items for newborns, toddlers, and tweens.

#### How You Can Help:

- \* Pick a Tag: Starting the weekend of March 1st & 2nd, select a baby bottle tag located in the breezeway and the Deer Park Ave Foyer of the church. Each tag lists a needed item.
- \* Donate Items: Return your chosen item or other items in the provided baby bins at the same locations on the weekend of March 15th & 16th.
- \* Alternatively, donations can be dropped off at the Parish Social Ministry office Tuesday or Thursday 11am -2pm.

**Your generosity will make a real difference in the lives of these families.  
Thank you for your support!**

Questions? Margie ( Respect Life - Moms Ministry ) : 631-392-8441 or Geri (Columbiettes) 973-479-4234

**Meets every Sunday After the 6:00 pm Mass**

#### Upcoming Youth Group Meetings

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

We're making Easter Baskets Sunday, April 6th

Regular meeting April 13th

NO MEETING April 20th Easter Sunday

We meet in the breezeway at 7:00 pm. Our meeting takes place in the parish center which is near the playground

\* These meetings will dismiss at 9pm from the parish center.

**FAITH + FRIENDSHIP + FUN + SERVICE**

## PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY

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# Respect Life

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~ Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes and Knights~

~ Parish wide Baby Bottle Tag Event~

As we begin to prepare for Lent, please join us in the Columbiette Baby Bottle Tag event for our Moms Ministry here at SS Cyril and Methodius!

Our Ministry has more than doubled in size from last year, and we have now served over 40 families in need with the most basic necessities for their newborns, toddlers and tweens.

This year instead of collecting coins in little boxes or bottles, we are asking that you pick a **Baby Bottle TAG** (with a specific needed item) that you will find located in both the breezeway and the Deer Park Ave Foyer of the church.

These tags will be available **starting the weekend of March 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

**Please then return the items you are donating to the same locations in the Boxes and Bins provided the weekends of March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Alternately items may be dropped off at the Social Ministry Building: Tuesday or Thursday from 11am to 2 pm.**

Perhaps this is an opportunity during lent to fast from some "luxury" in our daily lives and allot those monies to an item for a family in need? Or maybe your child or Grandchild can put aside part of their allowance for a few weeks and buy a small, tag item for a baby? How great would it be to make this a family project?

**Our Wish list tags come in varying denominations we only ask that you give as your means allow.**

**Finally - we ask also for your prayers that the basic needs of all our families be met, and for God's Grace and Blessings over All of us!**

**~ We thank you for your generosity and all of your ongoing support! ~**

**As always – If you or someone you know is in need of assistance for your babies or toddlers please call 631-667-4044 Ext 120 and leave a message.**

**Cyril & Methodius Parish Music Ministry *presents* THE 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM – **Lenten Taize Prayer Around the Cross**, featuring Taize chants accompanied by piano and violin in a prayerful atmosphere, uniquely lit by candlelight. This is a striking meditation on the meaning of the cross of Christ and is an essential Lenten experience.

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



**COMING SOON  
AUGUST 14-17, 2025  
BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**



**OLG CHOCOLATE  
FUNDRAISER**

**PARISHIONERS ARE  
WELCOME TO PURCHASE  
CHOCOLATE DIRECTLY  
FROM THE OFFICE DURING  
SCHOOL HOURS**

**SALE ENDS 4/30**

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

### Our Mission

"A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need."

### Who We Are

We are more than a charity—we are a community, united by our faith and commitment to serve our neighbors in need



**Come & See What We're About!**

Join us on Sunday, March 16th in the Senior Room after the 8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11AM, and 12:30PM Masses. Enjoy a bagel, coffee, and conversation as we share what we do and how you can get involved.

God has blessed each of us with unique gifts—why not use yours to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors in need?

For more information, feel free to reach out to us at 631-667-4044 x175. We look forward to meeting you and sharing our mission!

## LENT DECORATING HELP NEEDED

If you would like to help us decorate the church for Lent, we will begin the project on Tuesday, March 4th at 1:00 pm in the church. No experience is needed. If you have any questions, please call or text Tim Leitch 631-806-4715.





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# EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

# BEHOLD 2025

PENTECOST  
SUNDAY

LOCATION  
ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL  
SOUTH HUNTINGTON, NY

JUNE 8



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# BINGO

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