

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

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125 HALF HOLLOW RD, DEER PARK, NY 11729

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 16, 2025**

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses,

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**Readings and Songs this Sunday**

**No. 1021 in the Blue Gather Hymnal**

1st Reading: **Genesis 15:5-12,17-18**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 9:28b-36**

**LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:**

The Time of Fulfillment

Transform Us **#878**

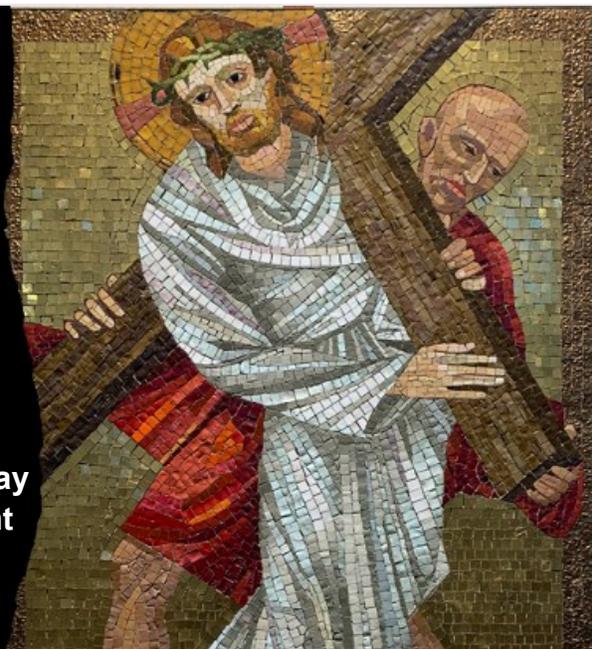
Life-Giving Bread, Saving Cup **#926**

The Glory of These 40 Days **#481**

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)

**STATIONS  
OF THE CROSS**

**Every Friday  
during Lent  
12:45pm**



## 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.

Cell#631-275-7116, Fax#631-392-1070

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 Coordinmator*, Ext. 145

Mrs. Janet McEnany, *OFS, Social Ministry*, Ext 105

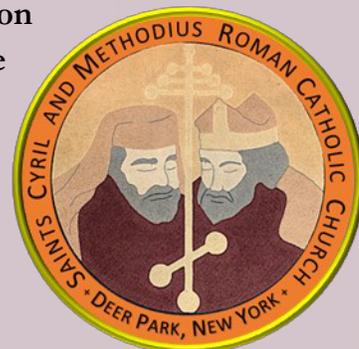
Mr. Timothy Leitch, *Youth Ministry*, Ext. 154

Deacon Philip A. Mills, Jr. *Business Manager*, Ext. 110

## PARISH TRUSTEES

Tom Richardson

Anna L'Abbate



Mrs. Joan Ann Loring, Ext. 122

*Parish Secretary / Bulletin Editor*

Mrs. Marianne Saffran, Ext. 115

*Baptism & Wedding Coordinator*

Mrs. Victoria Pulciani, Ext. 111

*Bookkeeper*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday March 17

8:30 AM: Louis and Louise Compitello  
12:15 PM: Ryan T. Horodnicki

Tuesday March 18

8:30 AM: Frank Giambanco  
12:15 PM: Tom Todaro

Wednesday March 19

8:30 AM: Art Chateaufneuf  
12:15 PM: For Richie Newcombe Jr.'s intentions

Thursday March 20

8:30 AM: David Cartwright  
12:15 PM: John J. Coughlin Sr.

Friday March 21

8:30 AM: Ann Scardino  
12:15 PM: Eileen Phelam

Saturday March 22

8:30 AM Purgatorial Society  
5:00 PM: Richard, Marcellina and Michael Solomita,  
Edward T. Laine

Sunday March 23

8:00 AM Hank J. Theiling  
9:30 AM Irene Deltiano  
11:00 AM Larry Arena, Marie LaDonna, and for Carol  
Schoeneich's intentions  
12:30 PM For Our Parishioners  
6:00 PM Frank Puglia

## PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday, March 22

5:00 PM: Fr. Paul Bersamin

Sunday March 23

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

### REST IN PEACE

Gaetano Todaro, Lenore Roth, Rita Sgroi, Patrick  
Demery, Nam Quoc Long Hoang, Gail Corrado,  
Elizabeth Bruno, Charles G. Staubly

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

#### Second Banns

Joseph Carochi — St. Michael, Canon City, Co.  
Catherine Carleo — Ss. Cyril and Methodius

#### First Banns

Joseph Burlandi — Ss. Cyril and Methodius  
Cristina Merendino — Ss. Cyril and Methodius

### NEWLY BAPTIZED

Cassian Marvel Acevedo, Michael Peter Natale

### AVAILABLE MASS INTENTIONS

April 1-	<b>12:15 pm</b>
April 6-	<b>9:30 am</b>
April 7-	<b>12:15 pm</b>
April 8-	<b>8:30 am &amp; 12:15pm</b>
April 10-	<b>8:30 am</b>
April 11-	<b>8:30 am &amp; 12:15pm</b>

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joyce Ratushny, Kristen Tonnesen, Brendan Gould,  
Olivia Marie, Baby Marina Grace, Donald Martino,  
Baby Ryan Crystal LaCalamita, Catherine O'Neill,  
Owen Chapman, Donna Lagattuta, Bill Luce, Connie  
Rigert, Phil Hogan, David Kriegsman, Kathy Boggia,  
John Morgan, Mike Rodriguez, Kathleen Jacobi,  
Rick Bodt, Penny Dowd, Mike (Repel) Muller Jr.,  
Grayson Danielski, Anna Rose Regan, Christa Erario  
Janina Wiczynski, 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,  
Patricia Goldstein, Carol Schoeneich, Billy Davi

### 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

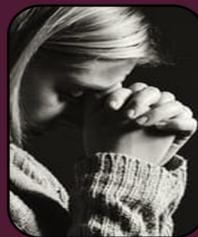
We will only publish 5 names at a time for 2 weeks to highlight  
them. We will publish their names 2x after that they will be taken  
down. This is to make room and accommodate more names that  
we could publish. Email [jloring@sscmdp.org](mailto:jloring@sscmdp.org) if you want a name  
included.

## FROM THE PASTOR

but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus "master" instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.



PRAY



FAST



GIVE

## Stewardship

MARCH 9, 2025

**Regular Collection**     **\$18,185.39**

**Online Giving**             **\$ 995.43**

**Total**                         **\$19,180.82**

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

**Goal \$125,200**

**\$36,107.50 Pledged**     **28.84%** of Parish Goal

This week we are up **\$1,680.82** 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: **(-\$5,143.46)**

Thank you for your generous support to your Church family.

**VANCO**  
FAITH

## 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.

## SAINT PATRICK (March 17)

St. Patrick's Day falls smack dab in the middle of Lent and, for many, is seen as a "day off" from Lent. A quick search for St. Patrick's Day activities reveals mainly opportunities to color shamrocks, leprechauns, rainbows, and pots of gold; very little of spiritual value is offered. As catechists, we can still have fun with our young people on St. Patrick's Day while also teaching something of spiritual value. Here are a few brief ideas, constituting your next Lenten Activity.

St. Patrick, was held as a slave in Ireland for 6 years. Upon gaining his freedom, he entered the Church and then decided to return to Ireland, holding no grudge. St. Patrick's Day, therefore, is a good opportunity to focus on the idea of forgiveness and letting go of grudges. He is responsible for the conversion of countless numbers of people. Lent, of course, is a time of conversion for all of us. St. Patrick's Day is a good opportunity to focus on our own call to conversion.

St. Patrick is known for his famous prayer: the Breastplate of St. Patrick. St. Patrick's Day is a great opportunity to introduce young people to this prayer and to invite them to take it to heart (memorize it). He was a missionary and St. Patrick's Day is a perfect day for inviting our young people to pray for missionaries and to learn about Catholic missionary activity. He is known for using a 3-leaf clover to explain the Trinity...use this day as an opportunity to help young people understand the Mystery of the Trinity: Three Persons in One God – a loving community of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

On St. Patrick's Day, we celebrate all things Irish. One popular symbol of Irish heritage is the Celtic Cross. Invite children to create a paper Celtic Cross. St. Patrick's Day does not have to be a day off from Lent; it can be a wonderful opportunity to teach about our Catholic faith.



## SAINT JOSEPH (March 19)

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being an upright man and wanting to spare her disgrace, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when suddenly the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit."

A few verses in Matthew and Luke tell us all we know about St. Joseph. They provide just enough information to demonstrate why he was the divine choice to become the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. Joseph was genealogically perfect for these roles. A distant descendant of King David, he gave Christ the King his royal lineage. Joseph also came from the right hometown. He was from Bethlehem, the city that Scripture predicted would produce the messiah (see Micah 5:1). And as a carpenter (see Matthew 13:55), Joseph was poor—Christ's condition of preference.

Scripture portrays Joseph as open to God, obedient, upright, and, above all, kind. The saint displayed all of these qualities in his handling of Mary's surprise pregnancy. Imagine the confusion of emotions that must have flooded him when Mary confided that she was going to have a baby by the Holy Spirit! As a devout observer of the law, Joseph knew that he might have to repudiate his betrothal. But his kindness and confidence in Mary prevented his taking such a harsh step, which would have shamed her. It may have even put her in danger of capital punishment (see Deuteronomy 22:20–21). Joseph must have agonized over his decision, praying intently about it. Finally he decided to divorce Mary quietly. But Joseph was open to God, and in a dream a divine messenger told him to take Mary home as his wife. Joseph did exactly as he was told.

Joseph's wise dealing with Mary is a model for us when we face complex moral and personal issues. He subordinated his feelings to do what God required. He was open to whatever God wanted, and when he sensed the divine will, he obeyed.





## **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.** All are welcome to attend our weekly prayer meeting. 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 **April 1, 2025 at 2:30pm** in the Father Behan Hall. 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"**

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something to the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.

**TODAY IS THE DAY - PLEASE STOP BY THE SENIOR ROOM (WE WILL DIRECT YOU TO IT) TO TALK TO SOME VOLUNTEERS OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL AND LEARN ABOUT WHAT WE DO TO ASSIST OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED. FEEL FREE TO HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE AND BAGEL ON US.**

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

We will meet in the **Church on April 7, 2025 at 7:30 pm** for Stations of the Cross followed by personnel reflection. **NO MEETING** Any questions call Rose Guerin at 631-806-6578.

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

Our next meeting will be **April 14, 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, May 13th at 7pm in the Senior Room**. 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**

**Every Wednesday from**

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

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

**Ash Wednesday** is **February 14** and is the beginning of the **Season of Lent**. We encourage our children to follow the 3 disciplines of Lent: **PRAYER, FASTING** and **ALMSGIVING**. We have lined up more intense prayer activities for our children throughout the season and are preparing for a Special **Children's Station of the Cross** (details coming soon). And for all Sundays of Lent, we encourage our children to participate in a Lenten practice of **Giving Up** (*fasting*) and **Giving** (*almsgiving*) in a campaign we call:

# KIDS helping KIDS

Each week during Lent we are asking our children to bring an item to be donated to Parish Outreach. The kids already do this and yet we want families not just to bring random items but specific items that kids have for meals and snacks and share them with those in the community who have less or none. Each week we ask our children to bring a specific item(s) to make a difference to another child in need in our own neighborhood. We ask parents to take time to explain to them the value of giving up and sacrifice and also of becoming aware of those who are less fortunate and what they can do to help.

(2/18) WEEK 1: Peanut Butter & Jelly

(3/10) WEEK 4: Pancake Mix

(2/25) WEEK 2: Juice box

(3/17) WEEK 5: Your favorite Snack

(3/03) WEEK 3: Syrup

(3/24) WEEK 6: Easter basket treats

Please put your donations in the basket in the sanctuary at the beginning of the 9:30am Family Mass.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

# Return to Me.

## 40 DAYS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Starting on March 7th, visit **40 different parishes** across Long Island for the **40 days of Lent**.



To learn more, visit:  
[drvc.org/return25](http://drvc.org/return25)



CREATIVE MINISTRIES PRESENTS

# JOURNEY

CROSS & CRUCIFIXION



**A live dramatic presentation of the Stations of The Cross.**  
Join us as we experience the trial of Jesus,  
his *Journey* through the streets of Jerusalem,  
carrying the burden of the *Cross*,  
and the final moments of the *Crucifixion*.

**Presented at SAINT CYRIL & METHODIUS in DEER PARK  
on Saturday, March 22nd at 7:30pm**

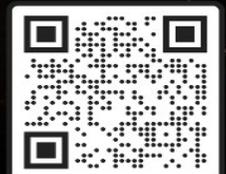
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# Parish Social Ministry

Thank you as always to everyone who keeps Parish Social Ministry in their prayers and with monetary support. We wish you a Happy Saint Patrick's Day and Saint Joseph's Day.

During this very special time of Lent, I have something to share with you that you might want to consider. I hope you will find it useful and enlightening.

*Janet*

Reflection (Coordinators' Deanery Meeting – March 6, 2025)  
by Sister Lisa Bergeron, o.s.u.

In my better moments, I hold onto the notion that all creation glows with the Light of God's Love, an after-effect of the Creator's tender touch upon us. I draw some comfort from the insight in Leonard Cohen's song, "Anthem," where he notes:

The birds they sang at the break of day  
start again I heard them say.  
Don't dwell on what has passed away  
or what is yet to be.

Ring the bells that still can ring  
forget your perfect offering  
there is a crack in everything  
that's how the light gets in.

Our world too often teaches us – and those we serve – that we are not good enough because we are limited, imperfect, flawed, in a word: cracked. Yet Isaiah's words (and those of Leonard Cohen) free us to remember that without the cracks, we have no inner light. It is our cracks – our imperfect limitations – that allow the Light of God's Love to get in. Isaiah is inviting us to be open to the messiness of our selves and our world – not to perform public works of penance, not to pretend we are perfect, nor to polish ourselves into something outwardly shiny but inwardly without substance – but to allow our hearts to break open so that the light (the Lord, the One who is always Love) can truly enter, and dwell within us, then pour out again from within us to touch and transform our needy world.

We are called to be grounded in the truth of our being – that we are beloved children of God, blessed and cherished and loved beyond measure. Because of God's merciful, tender, unconditional love, we are enough, just as we are – with all our flaws and frailties -- as long as we are open (dare I say, emptied) to allow space for God to grace us with what we most deeply need.

So, by all means, let us "forget our perfect offering." Let what we offer to our God this Lent be as human and imperfect (and rich and blessed) as we are, who are always God's beloved, and ever redeemed by God's endless grace.

## 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.**

# Respect Life

~ Respect Life ~

~ Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes and Knights~

~ Parish wide Baby Bottle Tag Event~

## Just a Reminder

If you were unable to bring Your  
Baby Bottle tag Purchases  
last weekend :

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

~ 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.*

The Diocese of Rockville Centre

## **GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

### Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of marriage in 2025 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

**Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.**

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue  
Celebrant: Most Reverend Luis M. Romero

**Registration must be received by Monday, May 5, 2025**

**Sunday, June 1, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.**

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre  
Celebrant: Most Reverend John O. Barres

**Registration must be received by Monday, May 19, 2025**

**Register on line at [drvc-faith.org](http://drvc-faith.org)**

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at 516-678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at [lrobustelli@drvc.org](mailto:lrobustelli@drvc.org)

# 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!

# 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

**Saturday, 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)



“Our catechumens signed the Book of the Elect at Saint Anne’s Parish this past Sunday afternoon. It is a major step toward Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey toward Holy Week and the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

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

**Upcoming Youth Group Meetings**

**March 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.**

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# **PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY**



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

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**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!**



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# EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH ~ 9:00 - 11:00 AM  
SUNDAY, RAIN DATE: APRIL 13TH ~ 1:00 - 3:00 PM

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FIELD  
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- JOIN US FOR A PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH THE EASTER BUNNY!  
ENJOY CRAFTS, FACE PAINTING, BAGELS, AND BEVERAGES.  
DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR FAVORITE EASTER BASKET ALONG!

**EVENT IS FREE BUT YOU MUST RSVP BY  
FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH BY TEXTING/CALLING:  
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## DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

**Saturday, April 12 from 8:30 am—3:00 pm in the Senior Room Cost \$35**

Benefit of taking the course is insurance discount and point reduction.

No food or beverage will be provided. Please make checks payable to Ss Cyril and Methodius

For information please call Paul Coppola at 631-587-9649

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**JUNE 8**



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**BINGO**

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