

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

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125 HALF HOLLOW RD, DEER PARK, NY 11729

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

March 23, 2025

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's

suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

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Readings and Songs this Sunday

No. 1024 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 13:1-9**

LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

The Time of Fulfillment

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say **#724**

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart **#940**

Again We Keep This Solemn Fast **#487**

(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

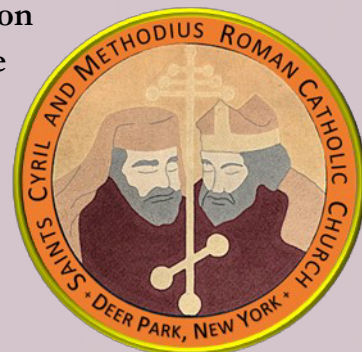
Mr. Timothy Leitch, *Youth Ministry*, Ext. 154

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

Ms. Allison Taibi, Ext. 111

Bookkeeper

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	March 24
8:30 AM:	For John and Rosa Meyer's intentions
12:15 PM:	For Frank Calandra's intentions
Tuesday	March 25
8:30 AM:	Anthony and Fannie Messina
12:15 PM:	Anne Sheppard
Wednesday	March 26
8:30 AM:	Antonette Sue Sganga
12:15 PM:	(Open: no offered intentions)
Thursday	March 27
8:30 AM:	Ismael R. Cacnio Sr.
12:15 PM:	Orlando and Grazia Oliviero
Friday	March 28
8:30 AM:	Jorge Castro
12:15 PM:	Daniel A. Palumbo Sr. & Daniel A. Palumbo Jr.
Saturday	March 29
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM:	Giuseppe Giuliano, Gaetano Todaro
Sunday	March 30
8:00 AM	Giuseppe Tini
9:30 AM	For Shie Sanga's intentions
11:00 AM	Annette Marie Shoaf, Chuen Kam Chan-Shek
12:30 PM	For Our Parishioners
6:00 PM	Giuseppe and Amelia Polito

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

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

REST IN PEACE

Madeline Trucchio, Eileen Phelan, Mortimer Edward Klouda

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Third Banns

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

Second Banns

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

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Carmine Edward LaCalamita

AVAILABLE MASS INTENTIONS

April 6-	9:30 am
April 8-	8:30 am & 12:15pm
April 10-	8:30 am
April 11-	8:30 am & 12:15pm
April 14-	8:30 am & 12:15pm
April 15-	12:15pm

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, 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 if you want a name included.

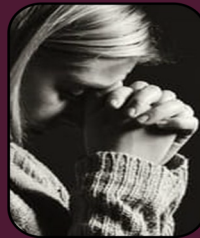
FROM THE PASTOR

...from cover page

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

REPENT & BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL



PRAY



FAST



GIVE

Stewardship

MARCH 16, 2025

Regular Collection	\$15,784.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 1,250.05</u>
Total	\$17,034.05

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$125,200

\$38,132.50 Pledged 30.46% of Parish Goal

This week we are short **\$465.95** 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: **(-\$5,609.41)**

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.

HOLY WEEK

APRIL 13 – 20, 2025

PALM SUNDAY, April 13 – (Regular Sunday Mass Schedule)

HOLY MONDAY, April 14

Masses: 8:30 am, 12:15 am

Confessions: 2:00 - 4:00 pm; 6:00 - 9:00 pm

HOLY TUESDAY, April 15

Masses: 8:30 am, 12:15 am

4:00 pm – **Chrism Mass**, St. Agnes Cathedral

(Please check www.drvc.org for TV coverage and livestream)

HOLY WEDNESDAY, April 16

Masses: 8:30 am, 12:15 am

HOLY THURSDAY, April 17

8:30 am – **Morning Prayer** (Livestream)

8:00 pm – **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Vigil/Solemn Adoration until 11:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18

8:30 am – **Morning Prayer** (Livestream)

12:00 noon – **Outside Stations of the Cross**

3:00 pm – **Service** (Livestream)

7:00 pm – **Service**

HOLY SATURDAY, April 19

8:30 am – **Morning Prayer** (Livestream)

8:00 pm – **The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20

8:00 am **Mass**

9:30 am **Mass** (Livestream)

11:00 am **Mass**

12:30 pm **Mass**

NO 6:00 pm Mass



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.

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"

In today's Gospel Jesus is quite clear in his message: "bear fruit or be cut down." This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives. May we allow ourselves some extra time to devote to prayer so we can grow spiritually.

Do you know of a family or someone who may need assistance in addressing rent, utilities or other crucial bill arrears, or 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. Thank you.

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>.

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.



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.

FAITH FORMATION



Registration Forms for 2025/2026 were sent home with the youngest student in the family. If you are registering a new student, please make sure you include a copy of their Baptismal Certificate.

If you did not receive one, please contact the office.

The classes are as follows:

Monday: 4:30pm Grades 3, 4, 5, 6
5:45pm Grades 3,4,5,6

Tuesday: 4:30pm Grades 3,4,5,6
5:45pm Grades 3,4,5,6
7:00pm Grades 7&8

Wednesday: 4:30pm Grades 1 & 2
5:45pm Grades 1 & 2
7:00pm Grades 7&8

Catechists are needed for all grade levels. If you are interested in sharing your faith with the children of the parish, please call the office: 631-667-4044 X145 and ask for Carol or Mary.

Easter Baskets for Kids in Need

Teens of the parish will gather after the 6 pm Mass on April 6th to make Easter Baskets for children in need.

Last year we were able to make over seventy baskets thanks to the generosity of the teens and parishioners who participated. If you'd like to help out this year, please place donations of baskets, toys, candy or Easter Grass in the special containers near the exits by April 6th.

If you have any questions, please call/text Tim Leitch at 631-806-4715.

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.

(3/9) WEEK 1: Peanut Butter & Jelly

(3/30) WEEK 4: Pancake Mix

(3/16) WEEK 2: Juice box

(4/6) WEEK 5: Your favorite Snack

(3/23) WEEK 3: Syrup

(4/13) 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



DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is no coincidence that the global inauguration of our 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope occurred on the Solemnity of the Holy Family. The Jubilee Year of Hope in this 2025 Lenten season runs through the family and fidelity to the splendors of the liberating and objective truths of Christ and the Catholic Church on Marriage and the Family.

Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving lead individual family members to Christ's light of conversion and repentance. Conversion and repentance, in turn, open families to a family spirit and daily chemistry animated by the Holy Spirit. Family patterns ensnared in the ruts of sin become family patterns transformed by the grooves of grace, humility, charity and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Jubilee Year of Hope runs through every family experiencing Christ's Cross: grief, tragedy, crisis, tension, alienation and transition.

Pope Francis emphasized: "All of us have received the gift and task of bringing hope wherever hope has been lost, lives broken, promises unkept, dreams shattered and hearts overwhelmed by adversity. We are called to bring hope to the weary who have no strength to carry on, the lonely oppressed by the bitterness of failure, and all those who are broken-hearted. To bring hope to the interminable, dreary days of prisoners, to the cold and dismal lodging of the poor, and to all those places desecrated by war and violence. To bring hope there, to sow hope there."¹

The Holy Family was a refugee family and they are deeply present today to every struggling refugee family in the world to rekindle their hope. The Lenten season of the Jubilee Year of Hope reminds us that while all families are imperfect and have their problems and challenges, all families are called to grow together in holiness and a missionary spirit.

And so we heed the powerful words of St. Paul as they apply to our daily family life: "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another... Let the peace of Christ control your hearts... Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." (Colossians 3:12-17)

Our Lady invites us to have a pondering heart as we contemplate God's providential design in the past, present and future of our families, especially as we begin this Lenten season in the Jubilee Year of Hope. In unity with the Holy Family, our own families are called to transform the world and history with Christ's love and the mission of mercy of the Church which He Himself founded.

In the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, the Church presents us with the canonizations of soon-to-be Saint Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) and Saint Piergiorgio Frassati (1900-1924). As children, teenagers and young adults, they helped Christ transform their own families with their faith and their holiness as they helped Christ transform the Church and the world to this day. Together, they are asking every young Catholic to do the same in their time, in their place and in their own family.

The 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope is a time for us and our extended families to cast the nets of Eucharistic charity throughout Long Island, understanding that the Eucharist is a "Fountain of Charity" -- a Fountain of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, a Fountain of the Gospel of Life and a Fountain of every dimension of Catholic Social Justice teaching.

As the Successor of the Apostles on Long Island, I want to thank every Catholic family on Long Island and beyond for being Lights of Christ's Hope and Lights of Catholic evangelization to the world.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

¹Francis, "Opening of the Holy Door and Midnight Mass: Homily" (December 24, 2024).
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2024/documents/20241224-omelia-natale.html>.

Parish Social Ministry

As Parish Social Ministry is continuing our journey through lent I have some suggestions that may be helpful to you. Lent can be a time of growing closer and closer to our Lord.

You may find it helpful to have a plan. We often think of Lent as a time to give something up; however, it can also be a time of action.

Perhaps you might consider praying the Liturgy of the Hours. If you have a smartphone you can get it for free to download day by day on apps such as Laudate or IBreviary or online at [Http://divineoffice.org](http://divineoffice.org)

We may think of giving something up and then taking something up instead. Perhaps not watching a tv show and instead using that time to read scripture. Or perhaps make a commitment to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Sometimes when we do something that has not been a habit of ours Lent is a perfect time to see if something like this may be incorporated into your life beyond Lent.

There is no one way to enter into Lent, however, Lent should be and feel different than any other time of the year. This is a time when we can build new habits of spiritual growth.

May this time in the life of the Church bring you much peace on your journey.

Janet

PANTRY NEEDS:

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

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.



Please join us for Stations of the Cross on Deer Park Avenue

**We will meet in the Church on Good Friday
at 12:00 noon and pray the Stations at
various stops on the Avenue and return to
the church by about 2:30. Make this parish
tradition part of your Triduum this year.**

**In the event of inclement weather,
we will pray the Stations in the church.**

Bridge for Peace PRESENTS



"Lord, Is It I?"

A Dramatic Presentation of the Last Supper

Bring family and friends

Saturday April 5th, 7pm
St. Francis de Sales Church
7 Amity St, Patchogue, NY 11772
Sunday April 6th, 3pm
Sts. Peter and Paul
781 Wading River Rd, Manorville, NY 11949

Free will offering to support the ongoing ministry of Bridge for Peace
For more information call 631-730-3982
Bridge for Peace—Healing to the Nations
www.bridgeforpeace.org

Respect Life

THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU

**On behalf of the
OLOR Columbiettes & Knights of Columbus**

The Respect Life ~" Walking with Moms" Ministry

Would like to Extend a HUGE

THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!

**to ALL our SS. Cyril & Methodius Parishioners
For Supporting the FIRST BABY BOTTLE TAG EVENT!!**

**We are ALL so truly grateful for
the beautiful items that came in for our families in need!**

The Compassion, Kindness and Support you have shown in all of the thoughtfully purchased items is truly heartwarming and goes a very long way in letting these families know that they made the right decision in choosing life, and that their surrounding community is here to help and support them as they need!

May God Bless our Beautiful SS Cyril and Methodius family!

**In Sincere Gratitude,
The Respect Life/Walking with Moms Ministry team!**

THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU



Reconciliation Monday

Monday, April 14th

Experience the liberating grace of the
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance).

Confessions will be available in every
Catholic Church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre
from 2 - 4 pm & 6 - 9 pm.

To find a parish near you, visit: www.drvc.org/maps

Cyril & Methodius Parish Music Ministry *presents* **THE 3rd SEASON OF**



Make a Joyful Noise

Join your fellow parishioners and friends from around the diocese for these exceptional musical events throughout the year! **Tentative calendar of events: May/June 2025 Parish Music Series Spring Event TBD!**



\$1 PER BAR!
\$60 PER BOX

**OLG CHOCOLATE
FUNDRAISER**

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

SALE ENDS 4/30

A colorful poster for an Easter Egg Hunt. It features a banner at the top, a cross icon, and illustrations of bunnies and eggs at the bottom. The text is in various colors and fonts.

PLEASE JOIN OLOR KNIGHTS,
COLUMBIETTES & CORPORATION FOR AN

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
759 LONG ISLAND AVENUE, DEER PARK, NY

- 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:
(631) 774-8253 OR (973) 479-4234

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

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



Meets every Sunday After the 6:00 pm Mass

Upcoming Youth Group Meetings

March 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

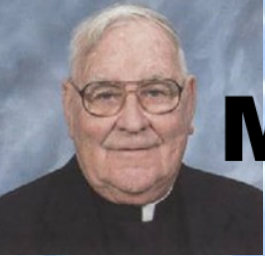
*** These meetings will dismiss at 9pm from the parish center.**

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**PARISH YOUTH
MINISTRY**

**Contact: Tim Leitch
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Rev. Msgr. Thaddeus Rooney Memorial Golf Outing & Dinner

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

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Honoring:

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

\$190.00 per person for
Golf (*Soft Spikes re-
quired*), 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 Sec-
ond 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:
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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: _____ - 16 - Amount \$ _____

2025

Catholic Ministries Appeal
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Renewed by the Eucharist
Sent on Mission*



“...let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them.”

- Pope Francis

Almsgiving in Lent

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms.

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs. And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who reach out to us for help.

One way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs.



For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

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

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

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PENTECOST
SUNDAY

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

JUNE 8



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