

**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 9, 2025**

**LENTEN LITURGICAL NOTES**

+ **Abstinence and Fasting.** All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Ash Wednesday and Good Friday fast and abstinence.

+ Churches and chapels **should not** be decorated with flowers during the season of Lent, with the exception of Solemnities like **Saint Joseph** (March 19), the **Feast of the Annunciation** (March 25) **Laetare Sunday** (March 30), and other Feasts. Emphasis should be placed on sparsity and absence.

+ Beginning with Masses for the **Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 6**, crosses, images, and statues may be covered with violet cloth, per the Passiontide tradition of the Church (red may be used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday). Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images and statues are to be unveiled before the Easter Vigil. This custom of veiling is optional at the discretion of the pastor (praenotanda for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Roman Missal).

+ If **weddings** take place during the season

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**Readings and Songs this Sunday**

**No. 1018 in the Blue Gather Hymnal**

1st Reading: **Deuteronomy 26:4-10**

2nd Reading: **Romans 10:8-13**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 4:1-13**

**LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:**

The Time of Fulfillment

Lord, Who throughout These 40 Days **#479**

On Eagle's Wings **#691**

Forty Days and Forty Nights **#483**

(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

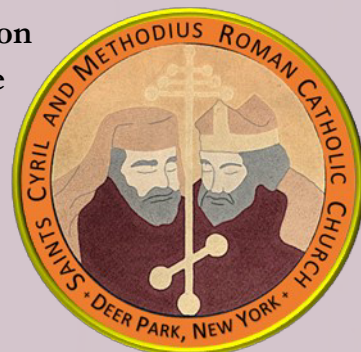
Mr. Timothy Leitch, *Youth Ministry*, Ext. 154

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 10</b>
8:30 AM:	Mary Ann Mirabella
12:15 PM:	Rosemarie Macaluso
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 11</b>
8:30 AM:	For Billy Davi's intentions
12:15 PM:	Mario Barbagallo
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 12</b>
8:30 AM:	Gregorio Morlacci
12:15 PM:	For Donna O's intentions
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 13</b>
8:30 AM:	Antonette (Sue) Sganga
12:15 PM:	Caesar Barra
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 14</b>
8:30 AM:	Doris Ann Dodson
12:15 PM:	William Emmerich
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 15</b>
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM:	Edward Kaminski, Burke and Powers Families, Irma Mayas Morales
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 16</b>
8:00 AM	Hank J. Theiling
9:30 AM	Daniel and Daniel Jr. Palumbo
11:00 AM	Charles-Lee Chi, Joseph Werkmeister, Richard Vaughn, Frank Catanzano
12:30 PM	For Our Parishioners
6:00 PM	Alison Fahy

## PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>March 15</b>
5:00 PM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 16</b>
8:00 AM:	Fr. Gregory Cappuccino
9:30 AM:	Fr. Gregory Cappuccino
11:00 AM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin
12:30 PM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin
6:00 PM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin

### REST IN PEACE

Dolly Giraldo, Barbara Ann Olino, Rose Carmen Scalabrino, Gerard Hendel, John K. Welch, Antonette "Sue" Sganga

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

First Banns

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

### NEWLY BAPTIZED

Vienna Rae Sirianni

### AVAILABLE MASS INTENTIONS

March 26 - **8:30 am**  
 March 28 - **12:15 pm**  
 March 30 - **9:30 am**  
 March 31 - **8:30 am**  
 April 1- **12:15 pm**  
 April 4- **8:30 am**

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 Kriegsman, Kathy Boggia, John Morgan, Mike Rodriguez, Kathleen Jacobi, Ann Scardino, Rick Bodt, Penny Dowd, Mike (Repel) Muller Jr., Grayson Danielski, Anna Rose Regan, Christa Erario, Janina Wiczynski, Luciana Maujeri, Josephine Marino Perry, Joseph DeSena, Lisa Hulsen, Ramone Antonio Delgado, Mark Bonito, Jerrilyn Bressari, Kyle Chanley, Bernard Arnella, Lois McLoughlin, Michael Tarquinio, Carol Avitable Miller, Carl Zajac, Madeline Palladino, Patricia Goldstein, Carol Schoeneich, Tom Todaro

### PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Luis Xzavier Maldonaldo 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

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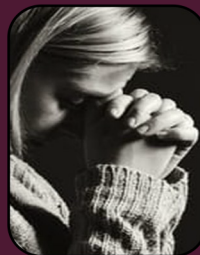
of Lent, couples are to be informed about the Lenten regulations with regard to flowers, decorations, and music. (GIRM #305, 313; Order of Celebrating Matrimony, #32)

+ The **Alleluia** is not recited or sung during the season of Lent.

+ The **Gloria** is not sung or recited with the exception of the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Patronal Feast of a Church, Dedication Anniversary, and certain ritual Masses.

+ In coordination with the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn, the Diocese of Rockville Centre will participate in the annual **DIOCESAN DAY OF CONFESSION** on **Monday, April 14** (Holy Week). In consideration

of those who serve in one priest parishes, and for the sake of a consistent advertising message, the hours that the Sacrament of Penance will be available in every Catholic Church on that day are **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM** and **6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**. priestly coverage for those hours on April 14.



**PRAY**



**FAST**



**GIVE**

## Stewardship

MARCH 2, 2025

**Regular Collection**     **\$17,494.89**

**Online Giving**         **\$ 1,360.39**

**Total**                     **\$18,855.28**

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

**Goal \$125,200**

**\$29,582.50 Pledged**    **23.63%** of Parish Goal

This week we are up **\$1,355.28** 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: **(-\$6,824.28)**

Thank you for your generous support to your Church family.

**VANCO**  
**FAITH**

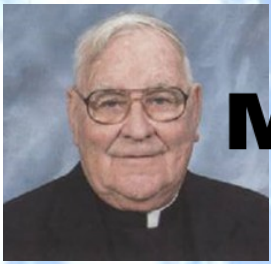
## MEMORIALS

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.





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

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

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**Honoring:**

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

**\$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:**  
**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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Ash Wednesday** was **March 5th** 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](http://drvc.org/return25)





## **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. 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 today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations of wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

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 **April 7, 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**

**Every Wednesday from**

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

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



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# Parish Social Ministry



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[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 of 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.**



# Respect Life

~ Respect Life ~

~ Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes and Knights~

~ Parish wide Baby Bottle Tag Event~

## Just a Reminder

Your Baby Bottle tag Purchases can be returned the weekend  
of March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> after Any Mass  
In the Breezeway or Main Foyer Exit!

Alternately: 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 Lissette 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)





## 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 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**.
- \* 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 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

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





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



**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!**



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**PARISHIONERS ARE  
WELCOME TO PURCHASE  
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SCHOOL HOURS**

**SALE ENDS 4/30**



# 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](http://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.

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





# TAIZE PRAYER

**MARCH 14**

**7:00 pm**



## **COFFEE with JESUS**

**Join Bishop Andrzej  
All Fridays of Lent  
March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11 at 3 pm  
for Webinar Lenten Reflections**

**Registration Required**  
Call Suzanne at 516.744.6850  
or email - [westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org)  
to receive Zoom Webinar Link



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# 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