

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

WWW.SSCMDP.ORG  
125 HALF HOLLOW RD, DEER PARK, NY 11729

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**April 6, 2025**

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery.

In John's Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John's Gospel. Even after this event, Jesus continues to teach in the Temple. After returning to Galilee for a time, Jesus again enters Jerusalem and cures a man on the Sabbath. From this point forward in John's Gospel, the Pharisees are described as making plans for Jesus' arrest and seeking his death.

In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by his teaching and his actions, the chief

priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by his words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus is the Messiah. The chief priests and the Pharisees change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus by posing a question intended to trap Jesus.

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be ei-

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**Readings and Songs this Sunday**

**No. 1030 in the Blue Gather Hymnal**

1st Reading: **Isaiah 43:16-21**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 3:8-14**

Gospel Reading: **John 8:1-11**

**LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:**

The Time of Fulfillment

Only This I Want

I Am the Bread of Life

Forgive Our Sins

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)

**#782**

**#945**

**#965**

**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 April 7**

8:30 AM: Helen and Ed Swillo

12:15 PM: Valentino, Anthony, Angela and  
Anthony Jr. Manetta

**Tuesday April 8**

8:30 AM: Bartholomeu Cassidy

12:15 PM: Daniel Palumbo Sr. and Daniel Palumbo Jr.

**Wednesday April 9**

8:30 AM: Harold Engrassia

12:15 PM: Ryan T. Horodnicki

**Thursday April 10**

8:30 AM: Jean Muenkel

12:15 PM: Catherine Baumann

**Friday April 11**

8:30 AM: James Doyle

12:15 PM: Margaret Murphy

**Saturday April 12**

8:30 AM Purgatorial Society

5:00 PM: Mary and Donald Barra, Frank Mulligan,  
Gloria B. Herrera

**Sunday April 13**

8:00 AM Angela Macaluso

9:30 AM Federico and Trinidad Gaceta

11:00 AM Marie Theresa Buquicchio, JoAnn Brudi,  
Frank Catanzaro, Theresa Albano, Joseph  
and Lillian Diorio

12:30 PM Mary McMahon

6:00 PM For Our Parishioners

## PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

**Saturday, April 12**

5:00 PM: Fr. Gius Garcia

**Sunday April 13**

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. Gius Garcia

## REST IN PEACE

Mary R. Alonzo, Josephine A. Christina

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

First Banns

Christian Matos — Ss. Cyril and Methodius  
Kelsey Hung —

Frank Spina — Ss. Cyril and Methodius  
Laura Bueno — St. Anne's, Brentwood

## AVAILABLE MASS INTENTIONS

April 14-	<b>8:30 am</b>
April 24-	<b>8:30 am, 12:15pm</b>
April 25-	<b>8:30 am, 12:15pm</b>
April 28-	<b>8:30 am</b>
April 29-	<b>12:15pm</b>
April 30-	<b>8:30 am, 12:15pm</b>
May 1 -	<b>12:15pm</b>
May 2 -	<b>12:15pm</b>

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

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joyce Ratushny, Kristen Tonnesen, Brendan Gould, Olivia Marie, Baby Marina Grace, Donald Martino, Baby Ryan Crystal LaCalamita, Catherine O'Neill, Owen Chapman, Donna Lagattuta, Bill Luce, Connie Rigert, Phil Hogan, David Kriegsmann, 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, Carol Avitable Miller, Carl Zajac, Madeline Palladino, Patricia Goldstein, Carol Schoeneich, Billy Davi, Tom Welch, James Antwon Williams

## 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

...from cover page

ther contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in Mark 12:13-17. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote.

We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of

passing judgment. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the pharisee and the tax collector (See Luke 18:9-14).

Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

### *Stewardship*

MARCH 30, 2025

**Regular Collection      \$15,944.09**

**Online Giving              \$ 1,479.56**

**Total                          \$17,423.65**

#### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

**Goal \$125,200**

**\$42,680.00 Pledged    34.09% of Parish Goal**

This week we are short **\$76.35** 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: **(-\$5,485.30)**

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.

**APRIL 6 to APRIL 12**

#### ALTAR CANDLES -

In memory of Gerard Hendel



# 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](http://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](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 May 3, 2025.** Any questions call Annette Arena at 631-661-9109.

## **SENIOR CLUB**

Our next meeting will be on **May 6, 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 the model of compassion and kindness. He shows us how to be merciful and nonjudgmental. When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and mercy into our hearts and into the hearts of those suffering in poverty.

Is there a family or someone you know 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](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. 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>.

If you would like to join our ministry, please contact us at 631-667-4044 ext. 175 and leave a message. Thank you!

## **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.

**SSCM Rosary Altar Society invites you to an afternoon of prayer and reflection on Monday, April 28th after the 12:15pm Mass.** We will meet in the Senior Room after Mass for prayer, reflection and fellowship. Fr. Gregory Cappuccino will be speaking on The Sacred Heart of Jesus. All are welcome.

## **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.

### **Discover Faith, Friendship, and Service with the Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes!**

Calling all Catholic women, 18 and over! We are actively seeking new members to join Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes. Experience the joy of serving our community through charitable works, deepen your faith, and build lasting friendships with like-minded women.

If you're looking for a way to make a difference and connect with a supportive sisterhood, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Inez Schillinger at 631-374-5906 or Geri Cavanaugh at 973-479-4234 for more information.

## **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.





# 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.



**OLG CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER**

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

**SALE ENDS 4/30**

**\$1 PER BAR / \$60 PER BOX**



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

**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](http://drvc.org/return25)



This weekend, 5th Sunday of Lent, crosses, images and statues are covered with violet cloth per the Passiontide tradition of the Church and remain covered until the end of celebration on Good Friday.

### Tradition of the Hunger Cloth

Covering crosses, statues and images or “veiling” with unadorned purple opaque cloths begins on the Saturday before the 5th Sunday of Lent. It is an older custom of the Church that remains an option even to this day. The exact era it began no one is sure, but the origins seem to come from a medieval tradition of the “hunger cloth” which was a huge purple cloth hung in front of the altar to keep the congregation from viewing the altar. Originally Lent was a time that public sinners were “banished” from the church and had to do a public display of penance. Over time the understanding that everyone is a sinner prevailed and sinners were no longer restricted from the liturgy in church, but the hunger cloth gave all attending a “fast of the eyes.” The cloths over time changed to smaller sizes and with more decorations.

The actual covering of images came later, perhaps continuing that theme of “fasting of the eyes.” According to Adolf Adam’s *The Liturgical Year*.

At the end of the thirteenth century Bishop William Durandus of Mende (Southern France) explains this custom by the fact that Christ veiled his divinity during his passion. Durandus saw this explanation as implied in this Sunday’s



gospel the concluding sentence of which read: “But Jesus hid himself and left the temple” (John 8:59). Prior to Vatican II the editors of the [Schott Missal](#) saw the veiling of crosses and so on as intended “to remind us of the Redeemer’s humiliation and thus to imprint the image of the crucified Christ more deeply on our hearts.”

The Triduum is so near. Last Sunday we celebrated with great joy that we had reached the halfway mark, and this Sunday we have a visual that reminds us that we are only two weeks away from Easter. The covering of sacred images is a beautiful custom that can perhaps lead us to greater contemplation as we walk with Jesus through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Our eyes are not drawn away to other objects and we can turn our focus to the altar and inward to contemplate Christ.

Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.





# Parish Social Ministry

An Antiphon that we hear, especially during Lent is Hebrews 3:15 and Psalm 95:8. We hear Harden not your hearts.

I think we are being called to soften our hearts so that we can hear our Lord's call to conversion during this sacred time of Lent. To us at Parish Social Ministry that can mean many different things. Perhaps one way to think about it is to let your own past experiences and sorrows and allow them to make you more loving to that stranger having a bad day. Instead of judging maybe softening our hearts to realize we have no idea what people may be dealing with in their lives. Or the immigrants who are living in fear. Maybe softening our hearts to think about whether they are running to something or running away from something that is so frightening they leave their country and families behind.

This brings us to our having a few small stone hearts over in the Parish Social Ministry building. It helps to keep one in a pocket, and when you put your hand in your pocket for something, it is a reminder to not harden your heart. So I invite you to come on over and get a heart to keep in your pocket perhaps not for just Lent but just as a reminder in life generally.

As always thank you for your generosity to donating food and the monetary donations to us.

Have a Blessed Lent and I hope to see you when you pick up a heart!

**We have been consistently receiving Sysco food that is meant to be refrigerated in the bins. This must always be thrown out as is all refrigerated foods that arrive in the bins.**

**Also, please do not put clothing, toys, books, or any items like that in the bins. The bins are meant for the food and other things we ask for in the bulletin. We appreciate that you want to help however, these types of things cannot be used here. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.**

## 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
8. Mayonnaise
9. Coffee

### GIFT CARDS TO

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

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

## Free health screenings Mobile Outreach Bus

The Community Outreach team is pleased to offer free health screenings in your community by a Catholic Health registered nurse.

**St Cyril and Methodius R.C. Church  
Parish Social Ministry Parking Lot  
Near 76 Half Hollow Rd  
Corner of Monsignor Blvd and Half Hollow Rd  
Tuesday, April 29, 2025 10 am- 2 pm**



### Services for adults (18 and older)

Brief cardiac history  
Blood pressure screening  
BMI screening  
Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose  
Health education  
Referrals as needed  
Resources for those without insurance

# Respect Life

On Behalf of the  
The Respect Life - Walking with Moms Ministry

I would like to extend a sincere

*Thank you*

to: The OLOR Columbiettes, the Knights of Columbus,  
our SSCM; Deacons, Priests, Ushers, Teen Youth Group,  
the “table-manning” volunteers, several individual parishioners (who I just had the  
pleasure of meeting), and the OLG School 8<sup>th</sup> Graders & their Administrator ~

All of you -who either promoted, supported, overlooked, secured, or helped to move &/  
or hand deliver all of the donations from the Baby Bottle Tag event up to our  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor location at the Parish Social Ministry!

I wish I could thank you all individually by name, but You know who you are – so  
please~ please know of my *sincerest gratitude!*

*SSCM truly is a supportive loving family of parishioners,  
May God Bless you All!*

~ Margie ~

*As always – if you or someone you know is in need of assistance for your  
expectant of newborn baby or toddler – call 631-667-4044 ext 120 and  
leave a message!. We are here to help you!*



You are cordially invited to attend the  
**65th Anniversary Celebration of**  
**Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes**  
Saturday, May 3rd, 2025 7:00 PM  
Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church

Tickets are \$35 if purchased by April 1st, and \$40 thereafter  
Price includes dinner, beer, wine, and soda  
Live music by DNA

**Checks made payable to OLOR Columbiettes**

For further information or tickets, please contact

Bobi Lukenovich at 631-576-6899 or Inez Schillinger at 631-374-5906

Checks can also be left at the Rectory or mailed to

OLOR COLUMBIETTES, 759 Long Island Ave., Deer Park, NY 11729



# Reconciliation



Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

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](http://www.drvc.org/maps)



## **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.**



# **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)



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



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

### **YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE SPRING 2025**

April 6th- Easter Baskets

April 8th- Sacrament Class

April 13th- Regular meeting

April 18th- Stations of the Cross on Deer Park Ave. Leave at noon

April 19th- Decorate the Church for Easter start at 9:15 am

April 20th- No meeting - Easter Sunday

Regular Meetings April 27, May 4th, 18th, 25th, June 1st & 8th

**Questions? Call or text Tim 631-806-4715**

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

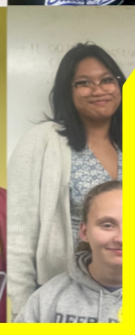
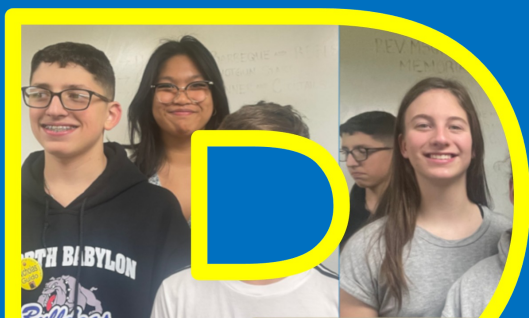
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## **PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY**

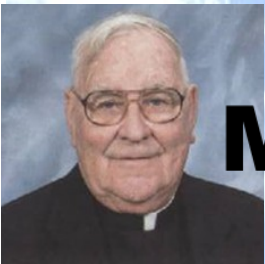
**Contact: Tim Leitch**

**631-6674044**

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

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

## SPONSORED BY

**MANGANO FUNERAL  
HOME  
BOYD –CARATOZZOLO**

## 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:**

**Sal Mangano**

(631) 586-3600,

**Mike Conboy**

(631) 539-8932,

**Tom Richardson**

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_ - 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](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 Fr. Behan Hall — 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**

**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**