

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

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125 HALF HOLLOW RD, DEER PARK, NY 11729

## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER

May 4, 2025

Dear parishioners,

We welcome into our Catholic faith community **Marc Ampuero, Sherida Newton, Oscar Ramos, and Nicolette Tianga**. After an extensive and involved preparation in the RCIA led by Deacon James Murano and Rita Austin, they were initiated into our faith at the Easter Vigil on April 19, 2025. At that most solemn and joyful celebration, they received the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

They were joined by **Ana Bergin** who was received into full communion and received the Sacrament of Confirmation .

Their journey of faith has just begun. As they now grow more deeper in their spiritual life as they spend time more deeply in private prayer and in communal liturgical celebration, in their involvement in Church events and activities, in sharing their time, talent and treasure, in explor-



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### Readings and Songs this Sunday

#### No. 1069 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Acts 5:27-32,40b-41**

2nd Reading: **Revelation 5:11-14**

Gospel Reading: **John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14**

#### LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

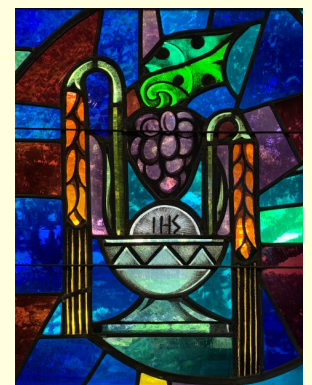
Alleluia, Christ Is Risen **#518**

Easter Alleluia **#537**

In the Breaking of the Bread **#918**

Sing of the Lord's Goodness **#610**

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)



Let us join together in praying for our children in Faith Formation who will be receiving the **Holy Eucharist** for the first time and also those receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation** towards the end of this month and in May.

(Images depicting Confirmation and Eucharist are two of the stained glass windows in the transepts of our Church.)

## 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 Center 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 will be ministered by appointment to those confined to home. Contact the Parish Center 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  
Christopher Deh, *Associate Pastor*, Ext. 165  
Rev. Paul Bersamin, *Associate Pastor*, Ext. 170  
Rev. Gregory Cappuccino, *Occasional Help, (Retired)*  
  
Deacon John F. Fitzpatrick, Ext. 124  
Deacon James A. Murano, *Liturgical Music* Ext. 127  
  
Ms. Carol Tannehill, *Rel Ed Coordinator*, Ext. 145  
Ms. 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>May 5</b>
8:30 AM:	(Open: no offered intentions)
12:15 PM:	Gary Gorman
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 6</b>
8:30 AM:	Ismael R. Cacnio Sr.
12:15 PM:	Peggy Kelly
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 7</b>
8:30 AM:	(Open: no offered intentions)
12:15 PM:	Valentino, Anthony, Angela and Anthony Jr Manetta
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 8</b>
8:30 AM:	(Open: no offered intentions)
12:15 PM:	Dolores Kelly
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 9</b>
8:30 AM:	Charles Cox
12:15 PM:	Felix Mayas and Irma Mayas Morales
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 10</b>
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM	For All Mothers Living and Deceased
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 11</b>
8:00 AM	For All Mothers Living and Deceased
9:30 AM	For All Mothers Living and Deceased
11:00 AM	For All Mothers Living and Deceased
12:30 PM	For All Mothers Living and Deceased
6:00 PM	For All Mothers Living and Deceased

## PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>May 10</b>
5:00 PM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>May 11</b>
8:00 AM:	Fr. Gregory Cappuccino
9:30 AM:	Fr. Gius Garcia
11:00 AM:	Fr. Gregory Cappuccino
12:30 PM:	Fr. Gius Garcia
6:00 PM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin

## REST IN PEACE

Dolores DeFelice, Candida Ines Arias DeTaveras, Grace Barila, Dolores C. Bailey, Vincenza H. Gioia

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Second Banns

Josh Paradiso —

Caitlin Sullivan — Ss. Cyril and Methodius

First Banns

John T. Sherlock — Ss. Cyril and Methodius

Crystal Hopkins — Ss. Cyril and Methodius

## MEMORIALS

**MAY 4 TO MAY 10**

### ALTAR FLOWERS -

Jean Oropallo my wife, my best friend of 59 years. May 5th is your 5th year in Heaven. From your Daughters, Grandchildren, and two Great Granddaughters. Love Forever and always, Clemente Oropallo

### BLESSED MOTHER SHRINE CANDLES -

In memory of Gerard Hendel.

## 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, 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, Steve Larkin, Madeline Palladino, Patricia Goldstein, Carol Schoeneich, Billy Davi, Tom Welch, James Antwon Williams, Frank Iannacchino, Stanley Horodnicki, Kit Covington

## 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.



ing the different facets of their faith by being inspired by the stories of the many Saints that come before them, it is important that we, as the Body of Christ and the community of the faithful, support and strengthen them in their resolve.



## Stewardship

APRIL 27, 2025

Regular Collection	\$14,782.69
Online Giving	\$ 1,363.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,146.21</b>

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2025

Goal \$125,200

\$47,570.00 Pledged 38.00% of Parish Goal

**VANCO**  
FAITH

### PARISH FINANCIAL CONDITION

This week we are down **- \$1,353.79**

We are still running a deficit of:

Year to date: **(- \$1,353.79)**

Please consider whatever way you can to support upcoming fundraisers:

**Msgr. Ted Rooney GOLF OUTING in June**  
**Family Festival in August**







# SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH

125 Half Hollow Rd, Deer Park, New York 11729

May 3, 2025

My dear Parishioners,

Jesus said to them again,

***“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”***

John 20:21

Part of the missionary character of the priesthood is to be sent. It is one of the things we priests have agreed to fulfill from the beginning - choices, not made by us but deliberated upon by superiors, with the bigger picture in mind, are laid to us. The promise of obedience we made at ordination must lead us with a discerning spirit to make an assent to this sending no matter what.

As I complete my 6-year term as pastor of Saints Cyril and Methodius, the bishop has presented me with a need that I am being asked to respond to. He has asked me to take over two parishes farther east – The Resurrection Parish in Farmingville and St. Sylvester in Medford. The current Pastor, Fr Gonzalo Oajaca-Lopez is being moved to St. John the Evangelist Parish in Riverhead where there is a big Spanish community. Both Resurrection and St. Sylvester are proximate to each other, and one has a need for a priest who is able to say Mass in Spanish because of the growing number of Spanish speaking parishioners in the area. And I have said yes.

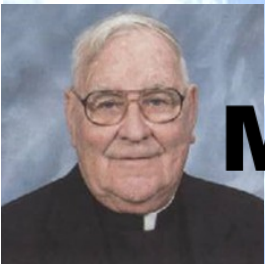
My pastorate here in Deer Park has been both challenging and rewarding. Together as a parish we struggled and survived through the pandemic, creatively found ways to stay strong and hopeful and to evangelize and reach out to parishioners in a different kind of normal. We have transitioned the parish school to what is now a pilot dual language project of the diocese. We have made some changes in staffing and procedures in faith formation. We faced a few bumps along the way, faced financial challenges and despite limitations made good physical improvements to the Church. And we are still here as we continue to face everything with courage and faith.

My new assignment begins in July. But we still have many things to complete and work hard together for in the next 2 months. The second batch of First Communion and Confirmations are happening in May and the Golf Outing is in June. We are renovating the other Sacristy and doing some re-sealing of the stained glass on the southern side of the Church to prevent the constant water leaks and conserve energy in the Church.

I have met with Fr. Anthony Saliba, the new priest taking over from me. He is coming from St. Mary's Parish in Manhasset where he is currently an associate pastor. I am sure you will cooperate with him well and work together to achieve the mission of the parish - to bring the Gospel of Jesus to everyone.

In Opus Ministerii,

Fr. Gius Garcia  
Pastor



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

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

SPONSORED BY

**MANGANO FUNERAL HOME**  
**BOYD -CARATOZZOLO**  
**FUNERAL HOME**

**Honoring:**

**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**

(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: \_\_\_\_\_ - 6 - Amount \$\_\_\_\_\_





## **LIVE STREAM**

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

## **INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY**

If interested in joining together in fellowship and prayer, please contact Donna Dixon at 631-664-5692.

## **ALTAR SERVERS**

We are looking for boys and girls in 3rd grade or above to become part of our Altar Server Ministry. For more information call Father Christopher Deh at 631-667-4044 ext.165.

## **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

**Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.** Maintaining social distancing practices we gather weekly to recite the Novena near the statue of Mary. Make this powerful 20 minute prayer an essential and routine part of your spiritual life. Let our Blessed Lady intercede for your needs to her son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **FLAME OF LOVE DEVOTION**

Will gather in the Church every **Friday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Our Mother is begging for our help! Won't you say yes? Any questions call Anna Mancini at 631-586-5214.

## **THE LOVE OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

Meets every **Tuesday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Senior Room.** 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 June 7, 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. Our Annual Picnic at Phelps Lane is June 18th. Any questions call Debbie Vickovich at 631-520-4455, Dorothy Gallub at 631-587-8731, Mary Indelicato at 631-667-2998.

## **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.

## **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.

## **SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - "We Help People"**

In Sunday's Gospel, the disciples in their struggle finally recognize Jesus and proclaim "It is the Lord"! Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor recognize the Lord in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? If so, please call us at 631-667-4044 ext. 175.

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 [www.svdpli.org](http://www.svdpli.org) for additional information.

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

Our next meeting is **May 5, 2025 at 7:30 pm**. May crowning in the breezeway, followed by fellowship and refreshments. **It is important that you attend this meeting.** Fr. Gius will discuss the future of the Rosary Altar Society. Any questions call Rose Guerin at 631-806-6578.

**Rosary Altar Society Meeting Tuesday, May 13th at 6pm in the Church.** Fr. Gius will discuss the future of the Rosary Altar Society. **It is important that all Rosarians attend this meeting.**

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

Our next meeting will be **May 12, 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.

## **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).



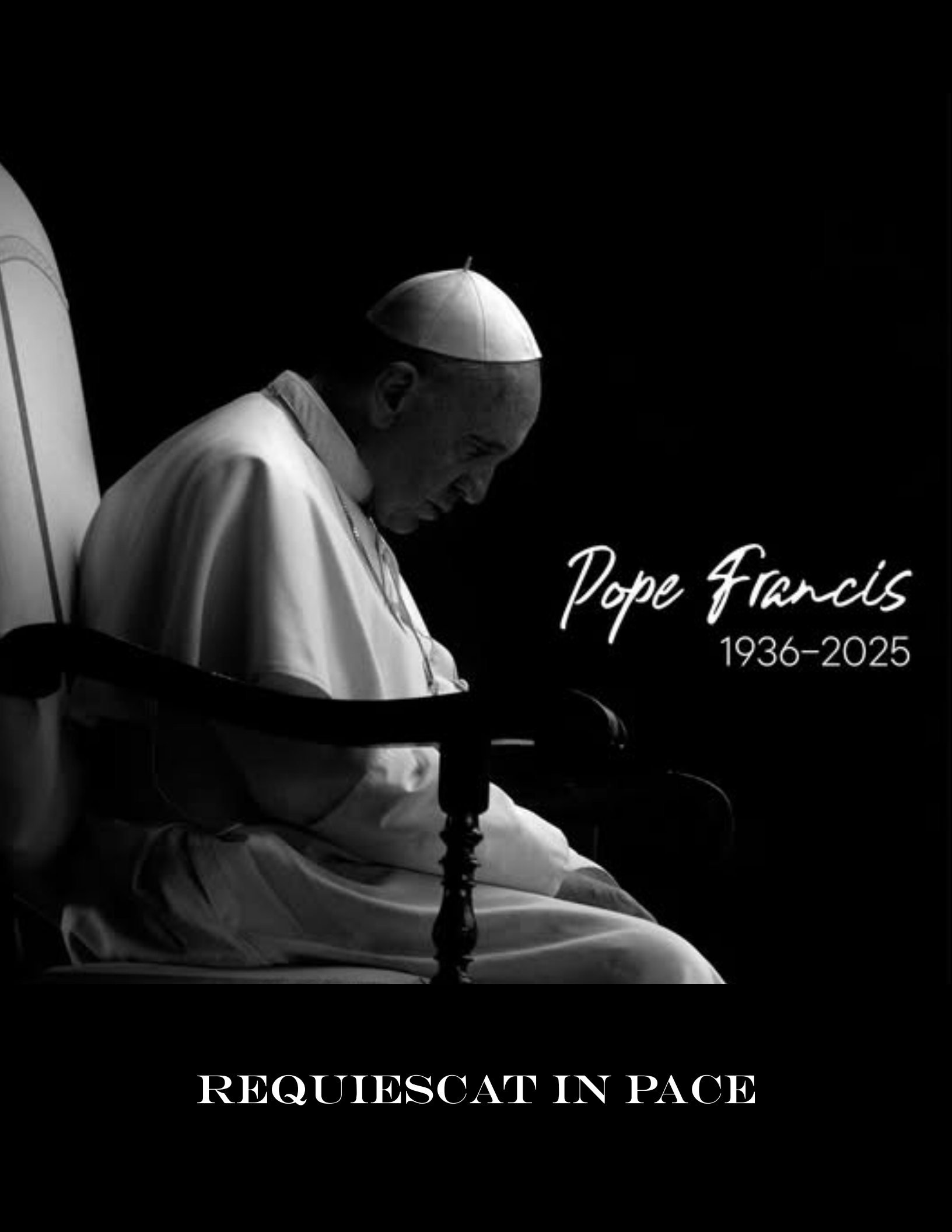
## **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Every Wednesday from**

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

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





*Pope Francis*  
1936-2025

REQUIESCAT IN PACE



# Bishop Barres' Statement on the Death of Pope Francis

April 21, 2025

As we mourn the death of Pope Francis on this Easter Octave Monday and the gift of his contemplative global evangelization grounded in Matthew 25 and the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, we give thanks to Father, Son and Holy Spirit for his unique graces and charisms and the compelling way during his Pontificate that he has been a Light of Jesus Christ and the mission of mercy of the Catholic Church to the world.

In *Evangelii Gaudium* (2013), Pope Francis speaks about the original freshness of the Gospel: "Jesus can also break through the dull categories with which we would enclose him and he constantly amazes us by his divine creativity. Whenever we make the effort to return to the source and to recover the original freshness of the Gospel, new avenues arise, new paths of creativity open up, with different forms of expression, more eloquent signs and words with new meaning for today's world. Every form of authentic evangelization is always 'new.'" (11)

Pope Francis' commitment to the freshness of the Gospel and his desire to forge new paths of mission creativity were expressed in his encyclicals *Lumen Fidei* (2013), *Laudato si'* (2015), *Fratelli Tutti* (2020), and *Dilexit Nos* (2024), along with his apostolic exhortations *Evangelii Gaudium* (2013), *Amoris Laetitia* (2016) and *Gaudete et Exsultate* (2018), *Christus Vivit* (2019), *Querida Amazonia* (2020), *Laudate Deum* (2023), and *C'est la confiance* (2023).

This section of *Evangelii Gaudium* captures, I believe, Pope Francis' passionate love for the Church and the world and it will continue to inspire us as the Holy Spirit leads us further into the 21<sup>st</sup> century: "How I long to find the right words to stir up enthusiasm for a new chapter of evangelization full of fervor, joy, generosity, courage, boundless love and attraction! Yet I realize that no words of encouragement will be enough unless the fire of the Holy Spirit burns in our hearts. A spirit-filled evangelization is one guided by the Holy Spirit, for he is the soul of the Church called to proclaim the Gospel...I once more invoke the Holy Spirit. I implore him to come and renew the Church, to stir and impel her to go forth boldly to evangelize all peoples." (261)

Today, we pray for the soul of Pope Francis, we pray for the College of Cardinals which will elect his successor, and we pray for his successor who will be elevated to the Chair of Saint Peter.

As we pray for the soul of our Holy Father Pope Francis on this Easter Octave Monday, we remember his words on our Lord's Resurrection.

In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis writes: "Christ's resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated the world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force...Each day in our world beauty is born anew, it rises transformed through the storms of history...Such is the power of the resurrection, and all who evangelize are instruments of that power." (276)

May the Word of God be a Light and a Lamp for our steps and may the Holy Spirit lead and guide us!

+ *John O. Barres*  
Bishop of Rockville Centre





# Parish Social Ministry

Father Frank wrote a few books. The one for this time of year is "The Great Fifty Days, Savoring the Resurrection." In his introduction, Father Frank encourages us to make a daily 15-minute appointment with Jesus. Here is a quote from the book: "Your appointment with Jesus will become one of the treasures of your life, and you will wonder how you ever lived without it."

Upon leaving the hospital for the last time before his death, Pope Francis had this to say.

"The walls of hospitals have heard more honest prayers than churches...

They have witnessed far more sincere kisses than those in airports...

It is in hospitals that you see a homophobe being saved by a gay doctor.

A privileged doctor saving the life of a beggar...

In intensive care, you see a Jew taking care of a racist...

A police officer and a prisoner in the same room receiving the same care...

A wealthy patient waiting for a liver transplant, ready to receive the organ from a poor donor...

It is in these moments, when the hospital touches the wounds of people, that different worlds intersect according to a divine design. And in this communion of destinies, we realize that alone, we are nothing.

The absolute truth of people, most of the time, only reveals itself in moments of pain or in the real threat of an irreversible loss. A hospital is a place where human beings remove their masks and show themselves as they truly are, in their purest essence. This life will pass quickly, so do not waste it fighting with people. Do not criticize your body too much. Do not complain excessively. Do not lose sleep over bills. Make sure to hug your loved ones. Do not worry too much about keeping the house spotless. Material goods must be earned by each person—do not dedicate yourself to accumulating an inheritance. You are waiting for too much:

Christmas, Friday, next year, when you have money, when love arrives, when everything is perfect... Listen, perfection does not exist. A human being cannot attain it because we are simply not made to be fulfilled here. Here, we are given an opportunity to learn. So, make the most of this trial of life-and do it now. Respect yourself, respect others. Walk your own path, and let go of the path others have chosen for you. Respect: do not comment, do not judge, do not interfere. Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely! And leave the rest in the hand of the Creator." -Pope Francis

**THANK YOU** to Mrs. Fisher's 3rd grade Religious Education class, including Gabby, Zachary, Logan and Marcus for their Easter Food Drive.

## PANTRY NEEDS:

### FOOD

1. Cold Cereal
2. Dry Beans
3. Pasta Sauce
4. Canned Chicken
5. Oatmeal
6. Canned Carrots
7. Progresso or Campbell's Chunky type soups (not condensed please)
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. Oil
6. Salt
7. Mayonnaise
8. Coffee
9. Sugar (2lbs)
10. Flour

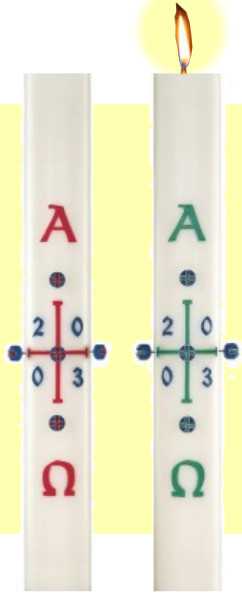
### GIFT CARDS TO

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

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

# LITURGICAL ITEMS OPEN FOR MEMORIALIZATION

FOR INFORMATION ON PRICES OF EACH ITEM, PLEASE CALL JOAN LORING AT  
THE PARISH OFFICE 631-6674044 extension 122 or email—[jloring@sscmdp.org](mailto:jloring@sscmdp.org)



We are memorializing 2 **Paschal Candles**. These bees wax candles are consistently present and used in liturgies connected to Easter, and likewise during Funerals and Baptisms. We have ordered 2 as we have always done in the past since we always finish 1 in the middle of the liturgical cycle. The name of the person being remembered will be printed and pasted at the base of the Paschal candle.

**(As of this publication, 1 Paschal Candle has already been taken for memorialization.)**

We have also purchased matching vestments to be used for solemn liturgical celebrations with concelebrants such as on Easter, Christmas and other important Feasts and Solemnities. We have a **Presider's chasuble**, 3 **Concelebrants chasubles** and a **Dalmatic** for the deacon. For an extra cost, the name of the person to be memorialized may be embroidered on a cloth and sewn at inside back of the vestment.



We are also in the process of purchasing 2 sets of **Stacking Ciboria** with cover as we retire our older ones which are faded and worn out. You may wish to memorialize a whole set of 3 or just an individual ciborium. This is a good way to remember a family member or friend who has passed who served as a Extra Ordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist or someone who had a very strong dedication to the Holy Eucharist. For an extra cost, the name of the person being remembered maybe engraved at the base of the ciborium.



# Respect Life

**July 11-13, 2025  
Huntington, NY**

If regret over a past abortion is  
part of your life, you are not alone.  
**We care. We can help.**

*Rachel's  
Vineyard  
Retreat*

**your story is confidential**

*Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats are a beautiful opportunity for  
any person who has struggled with the emotional and/or spiritual pain  
of an abortion. God's mercy awaits you. Come receive His healing.*

**Retreat Fee= \$300**  
*Limited Space. Call now.*

 **LIVING WATERS**  
Therapeutic Catholic Counseling

**Contact:**  
Donna Crean 631-258-5062  
donna@livingwaterstherapy.org  
www.rachelsvineyard.org

If you or someone you know needs assistance with a pregnancy or newborn baby or toddler,  
the Moms ministry here at SSCM is here to help. Call (631)667-4044 Ext 120 and leave a message  
If urgent call the **FIAT Hotline** at (631) 476-5683



**Testimonial Luncheon  
Honoring  
Our Lady of the  
Rosary Columbiettes  
Past President**

**Inez Schillinger**

**June 1st, 2025 - 1pm to 5pm**

**Our Lady of the Rosary  
Knights of Columbus  
759 Long Island Ave, Deer Park NY 11729**

**\$45 per person  
Buffet, Beer, Wine, Soda & DJ  
RSVP by  
May 23, 2025**

**Kariann Guido - 631-767-6265  
Bobi Lukenovich - 631-576-6899**

**Cash or Check  
made payable to OLOR Columbiettes  
Mail or Drop off at  
Knights of Columbus - 759 Long Island Ave, Deer Park NY 11729  
Ss Cryil & Methodius Church 125 Half Hollow Rd, Deer Park NY 11729**

**no payment at door  
no refunds**





# **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)





**This year, one of our Paschal Candles is  
donated by Steve and Kerry Brennan  
in memory of**

# **Rev. Msgr. Ted Rooney**

The Diocese of Rockville Centre

## **GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**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**

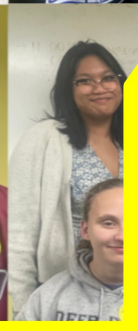
Regular Meetings May 4th, 18th, 25th, June 1st & 8th

**Ques-**

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

**\* 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**



# 2025

*Catholic Ministries Appeal*  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Renewed by the Eucharist  
Sent on Mission*



Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! I pray that you and your loved ones are experiencing the love and hope of this Easter season. Today, I am writing to ask you to share that love and hope with others, by supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). Your gift, no matter what the amount, is so powerful and can make a difference in the lives of so many, including the young people of our Diocese.

Your gifts help to fund formation programs that allow our young people to experience the love of Christ. One such program, **Camp Quo Vadis**, is a summer camp that draws young people from across Long Island (including NYC and upstate!) to come together with their peers to experience a day filled with faith, hope and love.

This camp, so vital to the mission of the Church, quenches the spiritual thirst that so many young people on Long Island are searching for. The camp provides young people with an opportunity to meet with fellow young Catholics from different towns and schools and grow together in the Faith, as they attend Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. ***Remember, the more our young people seek out Christ and the more the Church helps them to navigate their journey—the better all our futures will be.***

***“It is a great joy to be present to our young Catholics... and to see where the Lord is working in their life. To be present to them... to help them to discern and to determine their relationship with the Lord and where the Lord is calling them to go.”***

Father John Crozier, Vocations Direct

There are many other ministries that are funded by the CMA and bring hope and love to others. Pregnant mothers in need, seminarians, those studying for the Diaconate, those with substance abuse issues and seniors in need of housing are all helped thanks to donors like you. I invite you to visit the website for the CMA to learn more about what the CMA does:

<https://www.catholicministriesappeal.org/>.

Please know that I thank you for your consideration of this special request to make a gift to the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you already made a gift and have received this letter in error, thank you for your gift!

To make a donation, you can also visit [drvc.org/CMA](https://drvc.org/CMA)  
or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296

Thank You!