



The Parish Family of

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SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS

125 Half Hollow Road, Deer Park, NY 11729

Anchored in the Eucharist, Formed by the Word, Committed to Charity.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 20, 2025



TODAY'S READINGS:

#1139 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: *Genesis 18:1-10a*

2nd Reading: *Colossians 1:24-28*

Gospel Reading: *Luke 10:38-42*

HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY:

Seek Ye First: #658

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace: #828

Bread of Life, Cup of Blessing: #947

We Walk by Faith: #680

(All Masses, except Sunday at 6pm)



"One Thing Is Necessary"

PARISH OFFICE:

Tel: (631) 667-4044

Fax: (631) 667-6237

Email: parishoffice@sscmdp.org

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sunday - closed

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY:

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

SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00 am (*Vigil Mass*).

Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 PM (*Family Mass*),
11:00 am, 12:30 pm,
6:00 pm.

Weekdays: 8:30 am, 12:15 pm.

Saturday: 8:30 am.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

- Monday, Wednesday, & Friday: after the 12:15 pm Mass.
- Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm and by appointment by calling the Parish Office.

- **BAPTISMS:** 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.
- **WEDDINGS:** 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.
- **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Available Saturdays after the 8:30 AM Mass. Please inform the priest before or after Mass. For emergencies, contact the Parish Office or call (631) 667-4044, Ext. 9, outside office hours.

PASTORAL STAFF:

- Rev. Fr. Anthony Saliba, *Pastor*, (Ext. 121 | email: franthony@sscmdp.org).
- Rev. Fr. Christopher Deh, *Associate Pastor*, (Ext. 165).
- Rev. Fr. Noel Sixon, *Associate Pastor*, (Ext. 170).
- Rev. Fr. Gregory Cappuccino, *Occasional Help*, (Retired).
- Deacon John F. Fitzpatrick, (Ext. 124).
- Deacon James A. Murano, *Music Director* (Ext. 127).
- Ms. Carol Tannehill, *Rel. Ed. Coordinator*, (Ext. 145).
- Mrs. Janet McEnany, *OFS, Parish Social Ministry*, (Ext 105).
- Mr. Timothy Leitch, *Youth Ministry*, (Ext. 154).
- Deacon Philip A. Mills, Jr., *Business Manager*, (Ext. 110).
- Mrs. Joan Ann Loring, *Parish Secretary & Bulletin Editor*, (Ext. 122).
- Mrs. Marianne Saffran, *Baptism & Wedding Coordinator*, (Ext. 115).
- Ms. Allison Taibi, *Bookkeeper*, (Ext. 111).
- Mr. Tom Richardson & Mrs. Anna L'Abbat, *Parish Trustees*.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Monday	July 21
8:30 AM:	James Doyle
12:15 PM:	Cecilia and James Sullivan
Tuesday	July 22
8:30 AM:	For Jaclyn Acquavita's intentions
12:15 PM:	Wilfred Corrigan
Wednesday	July 23
8:30 AM:	Cathy Salegna
12:15 PM:	Ryan T. Horodnicki
Thursday	July 24
8:30 AM:	Suzanne Engrassia
12:15 PM:	Ryan T. Horodnicki and for his four donor recipients
Friday	July 25
8:30 AM:	Andrew Kasubjak
12:15 PM:	Margaret McCartney
Saturday	July 26
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM	Angelo and Anna Cotugno, Daniel and Daniel Jr. Palumbo
Sunday	July 27
8:00 AM	Milagros Sidamon
9:30 AM	Domenica Colasutmo
11:00 AM	Anna, Vincenzo and Carmelo Romano, Daniel Sr. and Daniel Jr. Palumbo
12:30 PM	For Our Parishioners
6:00 PM	(Open: no offered intentions)

Presiders for next week Masses:

Saturday	July 26
5:00 PM:	Fr. Noel Sixon
Sunday	July 27
8:00 AM:	Fr. Gregory Cappuccino
9:30 AM:	Fr. Anthony Saliba
11:00 AM:	Fr. Noel Sixon
12:30 PM:	Fr. Christopher Deh
6:00 PM:	Fr. Anthony Saliba

REST IN PEACE

Valerie Ann Banta, Rosemary Handy

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Ariyah Imani Gaskin, Delaney Jean Kearns,
Harper Grace Magas

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

(*Second Banns*)

Jonathan McMahon (Ss. Cyril and Methodius)

Kate Schramm (Ss. Cyril and Methodius)

Jonathan Luppens (St. John the Bap., Wading River)

Jessica Manetta (St. Mary, East Islip)

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, Billy Davi, James Antwon
Williams, Frank Iannacchino, Stanley Horodnicki,
Joan Mecionis, Patricia Goldstein, Carl Zajac,
Jennifer Loring, Baby Gianna Acquavita, Ezra Folcik,
Michael Wright, Rosemarie Barbato, Carol Avitable
Miller, Patricia Weber, Catherine DeAngelis,
Stacey Thompson, Jennifer McDonald, Tom Welch.

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 if you want a name included.

From the Pastor's Desk



Busy or Blessed?

Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's Gospel Reading (Luke 10:38-42), the 16th in Ordinary Time, we encounter Martha and Mary, who one day invited Jesus at their house for dinner. Martha is busy with all the details of hospitality: cleaning, preparing all the good food, and serving. Her sister Mary, instead, sits at the feet of Jesus, simply listening to his teaching. When Martha complains, Jesus responds with both clarity and kindness: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things... **Mary has chosen the better part.**"

Therefore today the Lord is gently reminding us that, amid all our busyness - especially when it's for good things - we must not forget **to sit** with Him, **to listen**, and **to be still**. This is not a rejection of hard work or service. **This is a call to keep our priorities in order.** Prayer must always come first because the dishes can wait, the emails can too, but the soul cannot!

Choosing "the better part" means trying to include more prayer in my life. Many people think that prayer is a complex task. It is not! It can be as simple as:

- Coming to daily Mass and /or putting more attentiveness and love in my Sunday Mass.
- Beginning the day with a short prayer, like: "Lord, I am Yours! Help me walk with you today."
- Stopping by church for a quiet moment during the week, letting God speak to my heart.
- Praying the Rosary or reading a short Gospel passage alone or with my family.

This week, let's ask ourselves: **Am I making time for the Lord, or am I too busy for Him?**

This Sunday Jesus is asking us for **a heart that listens**, a heart able to choose "the better part", the part that brings us closer to the Lord and enriches our lives. But let us also remember that **the Church needs both Martha and Mary**. The Christian life is a balance of **contemplation** and **action**: of **listening** to the Lord and **serving** Him in our neighbor.

With that spirit in mind, I invite you to help us prepare for our upcoming **Family Festival, August 14-17**. It is a beautiful opportunity to build up our parish family through **joyful service** and **shared celebration**. You can support the Festival by purchasing raffle tickets at the doors of the Church or offering your time as a volunteer during those days. Your presence and participation reflect both **the attentiveness of Mary** and **the generous spirit of Martha**.

For more information, please see the bulletin, speak with me or one of the priests after Mass, or contact the Parish Office. Let's work and pray together, choosing always the better part. **Thank you for being part of our parish family!**

Fr. Anthony

LIFT THEIR NAMES TO HEAVEN

A Prayerful Tribute of Love

Consider offering a Holy Mass for a loved one - living or deceased - as a powerful act of love, prayer, and remembrance. These sacred intentions unite us in Christ and bring grace to those we hold dear.

Available Mass Intentions:



August 10: 9:30 am & 11:00 am
August 11: 8:30 am & 12:15 pm
August 12: 8:30 am
August 13: 8:30 am & 12:15 pm
August 14: 8:30 am
August 17: 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm
August 18: 8:30 am
August 19: 8:30 am & 12:15 pm
August 20: 12:15 pm
August 23: 5:00 pm
August 24: 11:00 am
August 25: 8:30 am, 12:15 pm
August 26: 12:15 pm
August 27: 12:15 pm
August 28: 12:15 pm
August 31: 9:30 am & 11:00 am

To arrange a Mass intention, kindly call or visit the Parish Office during regular hours.

Surround Them with Light and Prayer:

In addition to Masses, Parishioners are also encouraged to consider offering the following Memorials: **Altar Candles, and Candles at Our Lady's Shrine and St. Joseph's Shrine:** \$25; **Bread & Wine:** \$50; **flowers at the Shrines of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph:** \$50; **Altar flowers:** \$50 per vase or \$100 for both vases.

These Memorials are a beautiful way to bring light, beauty, and prayer into our Church while remembering your loved ones in a special way. Please contact **the Parish Office** during regular hours to arrange a Memorial offering.

SUNSET ROSARY IN THE GROTTO

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

***at the North Parking Lot
by the Statue of the
Blessed Mother***

Lets gather together as a Parish
Family to end our day in prayer to
the Blessed Mother,

**Wednesday evenings at 7:00
p.m.** at the north parking lot, by
the statue of the Blessed Mother,
beginning on the

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF
MOUNT CARMEL,
Wednesday, July 16th.**

*Bring a chair, your rosary, and a
beverage.*



Stewardship

JULY 6, 2025

Regular Collection	\$16,207.50
Online Giving	<u>\$ 1,323.75</u>
Total	\$17,531.25

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$125,200

\$53,055.00 Pledged 42.38% of Parish Goal

This week we are up **\$31.25** 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: **(-\$3,764.76)**

Thank you for your generous support to your Church family.

VANCO
FAITH

A Life of Faith in Action

Parish Ministries & Devotions

INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY: If you are 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 **Fr. Christopher Deh at 631-667-4044, ext.165.**

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Held **Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.** This perpetual novena fosters a personal relationship with Mary, who always leads us to her Son, Jesus. As our Blessed Mother said to St. Catherine Labouré during the 1830 apparition: *"Come to the foot of the altar. Graces will be shed on all, great and little, who ask for them."*

FLAME OF LOVE DEVOTION: Gathers every **Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Church.** Our Mother is asking for our help! Won't you say yes? For more information, please call **Anna Mancini at 631-586-5214.**

THE LOVE OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Meets **Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Senior Room.** N.B. *We will meet on July 15th and August 5th, and resume regular meetings on September 9th.* All are welcome. Questions? Call **Lucille at 631-586-2438.**

FIRST FRIDAY & SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: Join us on the **first Friday and Saturday of each month for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:00 a.m., followed by the 8:30 a.m. Mass.** After Mass we recite together the Holy Rosary. *The next First Friday and Saturday are August 1 and 2.* For more info, call **Annette Arena at 631-661-9109.**

SENIOR CLUB: Our next meeting will be **on August 5, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Father Behan Hall.** Members are also invited to play **Bingo on July 14th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Senior Room.** For questions, please contact: **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 at the Mass you attend, please call **Paul Coppola at 631-587-9649.**

GREETERS: Greeters are also needed at all Masses. To serve in this important ministry of hospitality, please call **Cathie Taibi at 917-597-1559.**

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: We meet on the **first Thursday of each month**. If you are interested in joining, please contact Grand Knight **Brian Breckles at 631-835-6559**.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COLUMBIETTES: We do not meet during July and August. Our next meeting is on **September 8, 2025**. To become a member, please call **Geri Cavanaugh, President, at 973-479-4234**.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - "We Help People": If you or someone you know needs help with rent, utilities, clothing, or furniture, please email: sscmstvincentdepaul@gmail.com or call **631-667-4044 ext. 175** (you will receive a callback from a blocked number; please answer).
To donate clothing, use the bins in the north side parking lot (clothing only).
To donate furniture, call **631-858-0380** or visit www.svdpli.org for more details.

FIRST RESPONDER / HEALTH CARE WORKER MINISTRY: All active or retired first responders and health care workers are invited to take part in this newly established ministry. Its mission is to support the parish and encourage cooperation among community organizations in Deer Park and North Babylon. For more information, contact **Tom Richardson at 631-831-6234** or richartj1959@gmail.com.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND RECITATION OF THE ROSARY in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima: August 13th from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. and September 13th & October 13th from 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. before Mass with recitation of the Rosary after Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration at Saints Cyril and Methodius



You are warmly invited to adore Our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament **every Wednesday from 1:00 PM to 6:30 PM in the Church**, continuing through the end of September.

Beginning in October, our Eucharistic Adoration will move to Tuesdays from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM, concluding with Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Solemn Benediction.

Take this grace-filled opportunity to rest in His Presence, bring your intentions, and be renewed in prayer.

For more information, please contact
Carol Matos at (813) 323-8602.



Faith Formation



Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church - Faith Formation Office

125 Half Hollow Road, Deer Park, Ny 11729

tel: 631-667-4044 x145

If you have not registered your children for the upcoming year,
please do so as soon as possible. Classes are filling up.

Registration Forms can be emailed to you.

**Please contact the office: faithformation@sscmdp.org
if you would like a form mailed to you.**

The Faith Formation Office is open:

Monday-Wednesday from 3pm-5:30pm.

If you need to meet with us at another time,
please leave a message and we will get back to you.

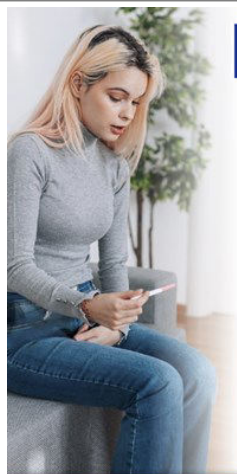


**Catechists are need for all
grade levels.**

**If you would like to share
your faith with the children
of the Parish, please contact
us.**

SSCM Faith Formation—where love is shared and all are welcome!

Respect Life



Facing a difficult pregnancy?

Say "Yes" with

FIAT

Let it be done

Pregnancy Support



Hope is here.

If you or someone you know needs assistance with an unexpected or difficult pregnancy, help is available:

Call 631-476-LOVE (5683) any day, any time (24/7).

All conversations are safe and confidential.

Mission of FIAT:

To affirm the sacredness of all human life by welcoming every expectant mother and her preborn child regardless of circumstances or need. We provide access to Christ-centered medical care, accurate information, material aid, and accompaniment to those we serve.

Together, we enlighten consciences and give faithful witness to the Divine meaning of motherhood, fatherhood, family and the inviolable dignity of every person.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance please call the Respect Life Line at 631-667-4044- ext 120 and leave a message.

Open House Breast Cancer Screening Events



Join Catholic Health for a Breast Screening directly with a Breast Surgeon.

Good Samaritan Women's Imaging Center
735 Montauk Highway, West Islip, NY 11795

Wednesday, June 26

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Thursday, August 22

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Sunday, October 6

9:30 – 11:30 am



Walk-ins welcome for those with insurance.

For those that are under- or uninsured, please call **(631) 376-3051** to schedule an appointment for a free breast screening.

Free screening mammograms only

To be eligible, women must:

- Be 40 years of age or older.
- Have not had a mammogram within the past 12 months.

No insurance necessary.

Food and refreshments will be available.

A Church for the Poor, a Church Like Christ

One of the most striking marks of Pope Francis's pontificate has been his constant call for the Church to return to her Gospel roots: a Church that is close to the poor, shaped by humility, and radiant with the compassion of Christ. This vision is not new, but deeply rooted in the Gospel and the Church's tradition. In *Evangelii Gaudium* ("The Joy of the Gospel") #198, the Holy Father expresses this with clarity and conviction:

*"For the Church, **the option for the poor** is primarily a theological category rather than a cultural, sociological, political or philosophical one. God shows the poor 'his first mercy'. This divine preference has consequences for the faith life of all Christians, since we are called to have 'this mind... which was in Jesus Christ' (Phil 2:5). Inspired by this, the Church has made an option for the poor which is understood as a 'special form of primacy in the exercise of Christian charity, to which the whole tradition of the Church bears witness'. This option – as Benedict XVI has taught – 'is implicit in our Christian faith in a God who became poor for us, so as to enrich us with his poverty'. This is why I want a Church which is poor and for the poor. They have much to teach us. ... In their difficulties they know the suffering Christ. We need to let ourselves be evangelized by them. (...) We are called to find Christ in them, to lend our voice to their causes, but also to be their friends, to listen to them, to speak for them and to embrace the mysterious wisdom which God wishes to share with us through them."*

These words remind us that helping the poor is not merely an act of social kindness. It is a response to Christ Himself. In every act of service, we do not just reflect the Gospel; we encounter the living Christ. The poor evangelize us in return, reminding us of what truly matters: mercy, humility, and love.

May our parish and every Christian community strive to be, in the words of Pope Francis, "a Church which is poor and for the poor."

PANTRY NEEDS

**It is important to donate what we have on the list as this is what we need the most.
Of course all donations are appreciated.**

FOOD:

- Pasta Sauce (in jar, not in can)
- Flour Sugar White Vinegar 32oz.
- Salt Paper Towels
- Progresso Soups (not condensed)
- Ritz Crackers (all types)
- Coffee
- Vegetable oil
- Mayonnaise

SPECIAL ITEMS:

- Dish Detergent
- Women's deodorant
- Shave Cream
- Men's Deodorant

GIFT CARDS TO:

- Lidl (primarily)
- Stop & Shop (especially is very good to us at the Pantry.)
- Walmart
- Target
- Gas Cards
- Shop Rite
- Aldi

Brand-specific is not important

Frozen and refrigerated food cannot be put in the bins under any circumstances.

THE FAMILY FESTIVAL RAFFLE

1. 3 (THREE) - **\$5000 Raffles**

in **PINK, BLUE & WHITE** Tickets are **\$50 each**.

(printing sponsored by Boyd-Caratozzolo Funeral Home)

There are only 200 tickets sold per color. Odds in winning - 1 in 200



ANNUAL SSCM PARISH RAFFLE

2. **GRAND PRIZE: \$1,000.00 2nd PRIZE: \$500.00 3rd PRIZE: \$250.00**
Raffle tickets are **\$5 each** or Book of 5 for **\$20**.

3. **65 INCH SAMSUNG SMART TV** (Donated by Mangano Funeral Home),
APPLE IPAD MINI, CHARBROIL BBQ GRILL, SOLO STOVE BON-FIRE 2.0 FIRE PIT Raffle tickets are **\$5 each** or Book of 5 for **\$20**.

All winners will be picked on Sunday, AUGUST 17th, 2025.

**\$5,000 Tickets are available at the Rectory
Or contact Deacon Phil at 631-667-4044 ext 110**

FAMILY FESTIVAL OF FUN

Thu, Aug 14: 6 - 10 pm

Fri, Aug 15: 6 - 10 pm

Sat, Aug 16: 5 - 10 pm

Sun, Aug 17: 2 - 8 pm

**ENJOY THE RIDES,
GAMES, FOOD & RAFFLES**

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

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Raffles

Thu, Aug 14: 6-10 pm

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Games

Fri, Aug 15: 6-10 pm

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Tent/Prepared Food

Sat, Aug 16: 5-10 pm

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Security

Sun, Aug 17: 2-8pm

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Please check the boxes of what booth/s to man and what days are best for you. Drop in the offertory basket at Mass or drop off at the Rectory Front Desk.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

July 20th Youth News



**Congratulations Sacramento
Class 2025**

SUMMER NEWS!

Watch here for news about:

Open gym for
volleyball

A trip to the shrine
in Eastport and more.

**Regular weekly meetings
begin on September 14th**



**Bring a Friend!
Someone brought you!!**



If you know a high school teen who needs to make their
sacraments, please contact Tim Leitch 631-806-4715.

A new class will begin in September.

Lectors and ushers are needed for the 6:00 pm Mass Call Tim -cell 631-806-4715 Home 631-667-8043



For information on Youth Program activities please contact Tim Leitch at:

Cell- 631-806-4715 Hm- 631-667-8043 Ofc-631-667-4044 X 154 Email- timleitch@aol.com.



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