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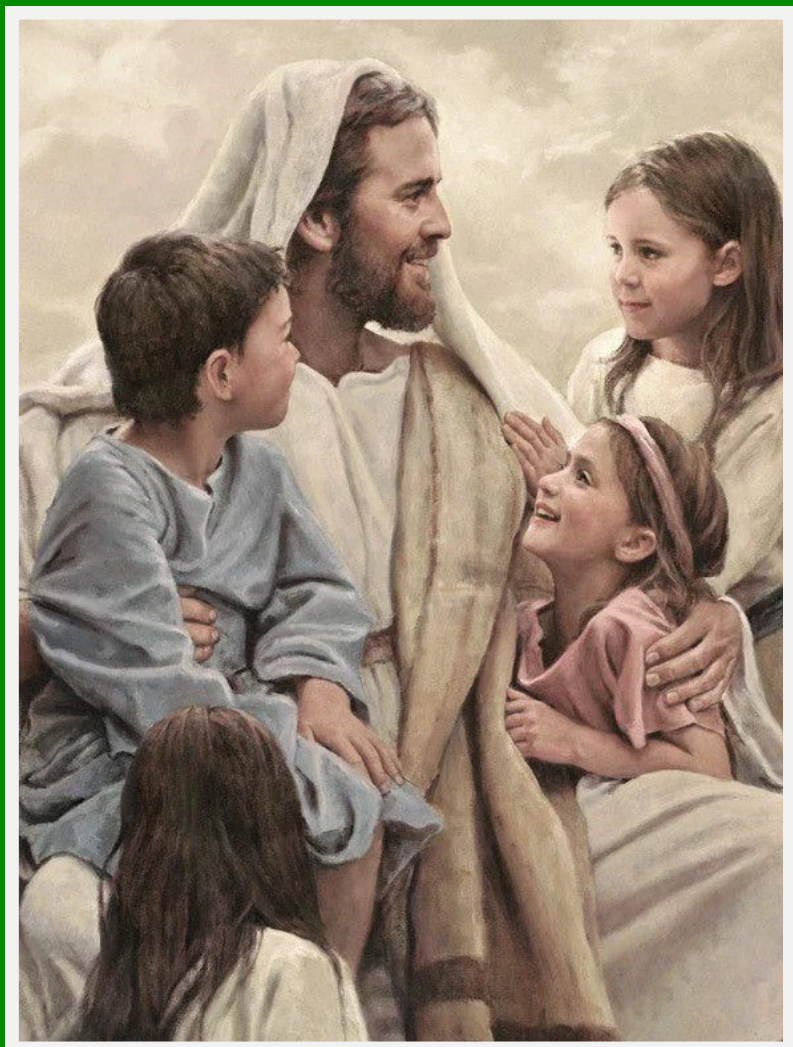
# SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS

125 Half Hollow Road, Deer Park, NY 11729

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 27, 2025

***"Lord, teach us to pray!"***



## TODAY'S READINGS:

#1142 in the *Blue Gather Hymnal*

1st Reading: *Genesis 18:20-32*

2nd Reading: *Colossians 2:12-14*

Gospel Reading: *Luke 11:1-13*

## HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY:

*Gather Us In:* #848

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer:* #666

*Unless A Grain of Wheat:* #783

*All Creatures of Our God and King:* #611

(All Masses, except Sunday at 6pm)

## **PARISH OFFICE:**

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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](mailto:socialministry@sscmdp.org)

## **SCHEDULE OF MASSES:**

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

**Sunday:** 8:00 am, 9:30 am (*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](mailto: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'Abbate, *Parish Trustees*.

## MASS INTENTIONS:

Monday	July 28
8:30 AM:	Jorge Castro
12:15 PM:	Filomena Rose Ariola
Tuesday	July 29
8:30 AM:	Michael Davis
12:15 PM:	Thomas James Murray
Wednesday	July 30
8:30 AM:	Phillip and Mary Santoli
12:15 PM:	Fred Acquavita
Thursday	July 31
8:30 AM:	Louise and Michael Pocerobba
12:15 PM:	Arthur Baumann
Friday	August 1
8:30 AM:	Jack Antonio
12:15 PM:	Charles Ruf
Saturday	August 2
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM	Maurice Bermann, Margaret Clare Crudden, Carmelo Cotrone, Catherine DeAngelis
Sunday	August 3
8:00 AM	Rafael and Mercedes Castellanos
9:30 AM	Carin LaMotte Rivera
11:00 AM	Carmine Soldano, Ray Ferrandez
12:30 PM	June Taylor
6:00 PM	For Our Parishioners

## Presiders for next week Masses:

Saturday	August 2
5:00 PM:	Fr. Noel
Sunday	August 3
8:00 AM:	Fr. Noel
9:30 AM:	Fr. Greg
11:00 AM:	Fr. Noel
12:30 PM:	Fr. Anthony
6:00 PM:	Fr. Chris

### REST IN PEACE

Michael J. Freddo, Catherine M. DeAngelis

### NEWLY BAPTIZED

Lillian Grace Sammon, Giovanni Luca Palermo

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

(Third 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, David Kriegsman, Kathy Boggia, Mike  
Rodriguez, Kathleen Jacobi, Rick Bodt, Penny Dowd,  
Mike (Repel) Muller Jr., Grayson Danielski, Christa  
Erario, Janina Wiczynski, Josephine Marino Perry,  
Billy Davi, James Antwon Williams, Frank  
Iannacchino, Stanley Horodnicki, Joan Mecionis,  
Patricia Goldstein, Carl Zajac, Baby Gianna  
Acquavita, Ezra Folcik, Michael Wright, Rosemarie  
Barbato, Carol Avitable Miller, Patricia Weber, Stacey  
Thompson, Jennifer McDonald, Tom Welch, Doug  
Oliva, Patty Jacobi, Rosemarie Barbieri, B. Serrante

### 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*

Email [jloring@sscmdp.org](mailto:jloring@sscmdp.org) if you want a name included.

## MEMORIALS

***JULY 27 to AUGUST 2***

**The Bread and Wine is offered:**

**IN MEMORY OF THE REV.**

***MSGR. BRENDAN P. RIORDAN***





# The Knock That Heaven Hears

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Luke 11: 1-13

### 1. The School of Prayer

"Lord, teach us to pray." What a beautiful request!

The Apostles had seen many things - miracles, exorcisms, crowds fed - but it was the sight of Christ at prayer that stirred their hearts.

Why? Because **prayer is the soul breathing**.

Without prayer, we suffocate in a world of noise.

Jesus answers his Apostles not with lofty rhetoric, but with the *Our Father*, a prayer so divine in its structure, yet so simple - even a child can whisper it!

Prayer is not so much saying words as it is lifting the heart. The lips may move, but it is the soul that must reach Heaven.

### 2. The Knock That Will Not Cease

Then our Lord gives us this beautiful parable of a midnight visitor pounding on his friend's door. The lesson? **Perseverance**.

Not because God needs convincing, but because we need conversion.

**Prayer doesn't change God; it changes us.** It stretches the soul, widens the heart, and draws grace from the deep wells of Divine Mercy.

**In today's Gospel Reading, Jesus reminds us that God the Father may delay in answering our prayers, but He never denies.**

And that delay is the test of love.

### 3. The Father Gives... the Spirit

Finally, Jesus speaks not of gifts, but of **the Gift**: "How much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

Too often, we ask for things. **We ought to ask to have the Spirit of God with us!**

The Holy Spirit is the Fire of God's love. And to possess Him is to have everything.

### ***This Week...***

- Come to Church for some quiet time and speak to Him who waits.
- Pray the *Our Father* not as a routine, but as a lifeline.
- And remember: in a world that often forgets God, it is the soul that prays that holds back the flood of darkness.

Yours in Christ,  
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 11: 12:15 pm

August 12: 8:30 am

August 13: 8:30 am

August 14: 8:30 am, 5:00 pm

August 15: 7:00 pm

August 17: 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm

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

*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**

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

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

## Stewardship

JULY 20, 2025

<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$13,945.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,071.99</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,016.99</b>

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

**Goal \$125,200**

**\$53,055.00 Pledged    42.38% of Parish Goal**

This week we are short **\$2,483.01** 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: **(-\$5,920.30)**

Thank you for your generous support to your Church family.

**VANCO**  
FAITH



# The Meaning Behind the New Logo of our Parish



The official logo of Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish in Deer Park, NY, is rich in theological symbolism and historical depth, drawing from the sacred tradition of iconography to reflect the spiritual identity of our parish.

At the center are Saints Cyril and Methodius, the beloved “Apostles to the Slavs,” whose missionary zeal and sanctity continue to inspire the faithful to this day.

**Saint Cyril (827- 869)**, born in Thessalonica, was a brilliant scholar, theologian, and linguist. He is best known for creating the Glagolitic alphabet, the first alphabet used to write the Old Church Slavonic language, which made the Scriptures and liturgy accessible to the Slavic peoples. Alongside his brother, he undertook

the great task of translating the Gospels and liturgical texts, thus planting the seeds of Christian faith and culture in Eastern Europe.

**Saint Methodius (815 - 885)**, the older brother of Cyril, was a monk and later a bishop. A man of deep faith and administrative skill, he oversaw the growth of the Slavic Church and defended its legitimacy before both political and ecclesiastical authorities. He suffered opposition and even imprisonment for his efforts to uphold the use of the Slavic language in the liturgy, but persevered with humility and steadfastness.

In the image, Saint Cyril is shown holding the Gospel book, representing his role in translating the Sacred Scriptures in local languages. His brother, Saint Methodius is vested as a bishop, offering a gesture of blessing, symbolizing his pastoral mission and episcopal leadership.

Behind the saints stands a stylized church, a symbolic structure representing the Church that these two holy brothers helped establish and strengthen through their tireless evangelizing activity across Eastern Europe.

The entire image is encircled by a deep blue border with gold lettering that reads: *Saints Cyril and Methodius – Deer Park, NY*. Blue, in sacred art, represents heaven, wisdom, and divine mystery. Gold, the color of glory and sanctity, reminds us of the eternal light of Christ that guided the lives of these saints and continues to guide our parish community.

This logo is not merely decorative; it is a visual catechism: a reminder of our call to carry on the mission of Saints Cyril and Methodius by proclaiming the Gospel with courage, fidelity, and love.

# 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 August 11th 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**. Join us for an **Ice Cream Social on August 11th at 7:00 pm at the Knight of Columbus**. We are actively seeking Catholic women, 18 and over, to join our sisterhood of service, faith and friendship. For more info contact **Debbie Begley at 631-456-1755** or **Inez Schillinger at 631-374-5906** or **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](mailto: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](http://www.svdpli.org) for more details.
- ♦ **FIRST RESPONDER / HEALTH CARE WORKER MINISTRY:** There will be a Mass for all active or retired first responders and health care workers on **Sunday, September 14th at 11:00 a.m. Breakfast to follow**. For more information, contact **Tom Richardson at 631-831-6234** or [richartj1959@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 needed 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!*

# THE ALTAR SERVER SACRISTY

## Order, Beauty, and Reverence Restored.

We are pleased to share with our parish family that important work is currently underway in the Altar Servers' Sacristy: a space of great importance, though often unnoticed. This quiet room is being renewed with great care, uniting beauty, order, and reverence.

For many years, the sacristy had been in need of improvement. Storage was limited, furnishings had become worn, and the overall environment no longer reflected the dignity proper to a place so closely tied to the liturgy. With this in mind, a thoughtful and phased renovation of this sacred space is now in motion.

The work will include:

- Custom-built cabinets and storage units, which will provide proper organization for the Altar Servers' robes, and other liturgical items.
- Fresh paint and improved lighting, to brighten the room and make it more welcoming.
- A dedicated space for prayer and vesting, to foster a spirit of silence, recollection, and reverence before serving.
- The installation of a beautiful Crucifix and an image of the young Blessed Carlo Acutis, whose example of holiness inspires our young people to live their faith boldly.



This renovation is not simply cosmetic. It is formative. The sacristy is where Altar Servers learn discipline, reverence, and the joy of serving the Church. It is where they prepare not just their Liturgical vestments, but their hearts. It is a place of quiet mentorship, prayer, and service.



**The work is still ongoing, and we hope to complete it in the months ahead. We are deeply grateful to all who have made this project possible. If you would like to contribute financially toward the ongoing renovation, your support would be warmly and gratefully welcomed. Your generosity helps us continue forming young hearts in love for the Eucharist and service at the Altar.**

May this renewed sacristy be a place where our young men and women begin their lifelong journey of service to God and His Church.

**If any young parishioner feels called to serve at the Altar and become an Altar Server, please feel free to**



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

***celebrated by the Costantino Brumidi Lodge # 2211  
of the Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America***

On Sunday, July 13, 2025, the ***Costantino Brumidi Lodge #2211*** of the ***Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America*** gathered at St. Cyril & Methodius Parish Church to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

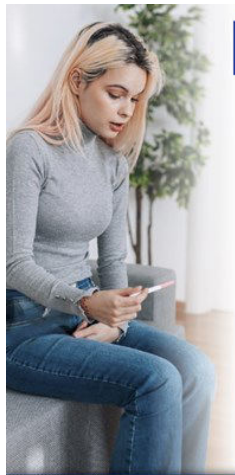
The celebration began with a brief but reverent procession inside the church, as members of the Lodge carried the beautifully adorned statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel to the Sanctuary. This act of devotion marked the opening of the Solemn Mass, which was celebrated by our Pastor, Fr. Anthony, with Fr. Noel serving capably as Master of Ceremonies.

The Parish of St. Cyril & Methodius is honored to host this cherished tradition. It was a joy to welcome the Lodge members and to witness their deep devotion to the Blessed Mother, a devotion that continues to enrich the spiritual fabric of our wider community. The Parish extends sincere thanks to the ***Costantino Brumidi Lodge*** and the ***Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America*** for their dedication, service, and faithful presence.

**May Our Lady of Mount Carmel bless them and intercede for us all.**



# 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 NEW ALTAR CRUCIFIX

## a Sacred Memorial



In every Catholic Church, a Crucifix is placed on the Altar as a powerful and visible reminder that every celebration of the Holy Mass is the re-presentation of Christ's one sacrifice on Calvary. It keeps before our eyes the mystery of our redemption: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who offers Himself for us anew at every Mass.

We are pleased to share that our new Altar Crucifix was generously donated by dear friends of *Russell Stephen Salerno*, in loving memory of his first anniversary in heaven.

May this sacred image, carved by an artisan in Valgardena wood in Northern Italy, draw all hearts closer to the Lord, and may Russell rest in God's eternal peace.

# CYO TRAVEL TEAM

## *REGISTRATION*

Registration for 4th Grade to the High School travel Basketball teams will be held later this summer. Watch the Bulletin for details on where and when the registration will take place.



# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## Catholic Social Teaching at the Heart of Parish Life

Parish life calls us not only to worship but to act, to live out Christ's love in tangible ways. Catholic Social Teaching (CST), rooted in Scripture and tradition, helps us prioritize the poor and vulnerable in our community.

Jesus' ministry was marked by compassion: **"Whatever you did for one of the least of these... you did for me."** (Mt 25:40) This is a call to live differently. In our parish, we can respond by learning about local poverty, volunteering our time and gifts, advocating for just policies with faith as our guide, and bringing CST into prayer and conversation.

Pope Francis reminds us, *"The poor are at the heart of the Gospel."* That must shape not just our programs, but our relationships, decisions, and spirit of hospitality.

While the "preferential option for the poor" stands out, CST offers much more, addressing global conflict, technology, the environment, and dignity in the digital age. Even as artificial intelligence and social media reshape society, CST urges us to honor each person as sacred.

CST is not just timely; it's vital. We are called to witness truth, justice, and mercy in every part of life. This is our Gospel mission.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE: \$500.00 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 27th Youth News



## 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!!**



## ANNUAL YOUTH MINISTRY BBQ



Youth Ministry teens  
had a great time at  
their BBQ on July  
19th. Keep an eye  
here for other  
summer events.



**If you know a high  
school teen who needs  
to make their  
sacraments, please  
contact Tim Leitch**

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](mailto:timleitch@aol.com).



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