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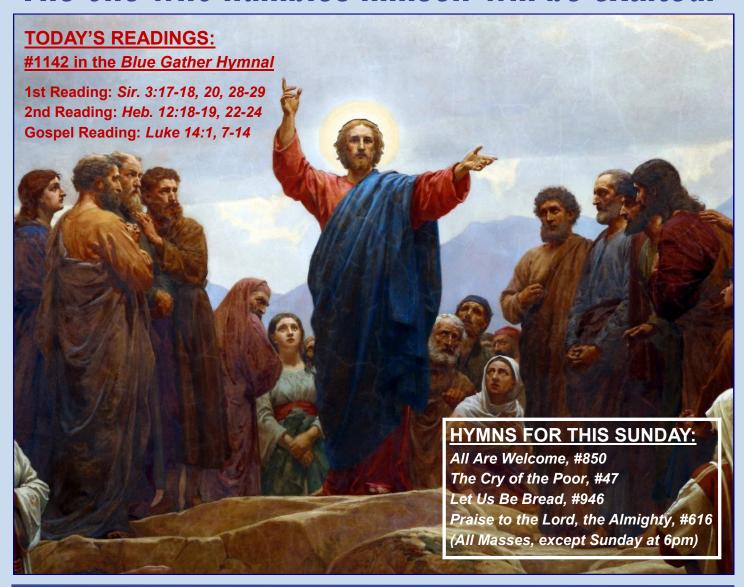


SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS

125 Half Hollow Road, Deer Park, NY 11729

Anchored in the Eucharist - Formed by the Word - Committed to Charity

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 31, 2025 "The one who humbles himself will be exalted!"



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 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.
- <u>PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK</u>: 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'Abbate, Parish Trustees.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	September 1: LABOR DAY
8:30 AM:	For our Parishioners
Tuesday	September 2
8:30 AM:	Catherine Dubas-Busuttil
12:15 PM:	Eileen Doyle
Wednesday	September 3
8:30 AM:	For Gretel McNeil's intentions
12:15 PM:	Cecelia Kasubjak
Thursday	September 4
8:30 AM:	Rafael Perez
12:15 PM:	Amparo De Navarro
Friday	September 5
8:30 AM:	For Matt Brady's intentions
12:15 PM:	Damian J. Aiello II
Saturday	September 6
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM	Richard, Marcellina and Michael Solomita,
	Rosemarie Macaluso, Mario Diaz
Sunday	September 7
8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners
9:30 AM	Kenneth LaMotte, Sr.
11:00 AM	Nikki, Jim and Frank DeSane, Teresa Allers, Bill Dalton, Michael Burns
12:30 PM	Valentina, Angela, Anthony and Anthony Manetta, Jr.

Presiders for next week Masses

Saturday	September 6
5:00 PM:	Fr. Anthony
Sunday	September 7
8:00 AM:	Fr. Noel
9:30 AM:	Fr. Anthony
11:00 AM:	Fr. Greg
12:30 PM:	Fr. Noel
6:00 PM:	Fr. Anthony

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE

Marie Cherkes, Gaetana Carucci

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Ruby Rosemarie Butler, Carmella Love Laurita

MARRIAGE BANS

(Third Banns)

Arthur Thiele (Ss. Cyril and Methodius) **Jade Caliendo** (Ss. Cyril and Methodius)

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joyce Ratushny, Kristen Tonnesen, Brendan Gould, Olivia Marie, Baby Marina Grace, Baby Ryan Crystal LaCalamita, Catherine O'Neill, Owen Chapman, Donna Lagattuta, Connie Rigert, Mike Rodriguez, Kathleen Jacobi, Rick Bodt, Penny Dowd, Mike (Repel) Muller Jr., Grayson Danielski, Joan Mecionis, Janina Wiczynski, Billy Davi, Stanley Horodnicki, James Antwon Williams, Frank Iannacchino, 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, Mrs. F. Ferrante, Alma Patrinos, Frances Magliochetti, Theresa Pepe, Rose Saliba, Donna Belulovich. Joan Bozza

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 to include a name in our prayer list.

From the Pastor's Desk

The Power of the Lowest Place

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 14:1, 7–14), Jesus speaks to us about humility: not the false kind that hides behind self-deprecation, but the true humility that sees everything as **a gift from God** and seeks **to serve rather than to be served.**

At a banquet, our Lord notices how people compete for the places of honor. He uses this moment to teach that in God's Kingdom, greatness is not measured by status, wealth, or recognition, but by the willingness to take the lowest place and to lift others up.

Humility is not weakness. It is truth. It is the virtue that allows us to stand before God without pretenses, aware of our dependence on His mercy. Bishop Fulton Sheen once said that "Pride is the love of one's own excellence; humility is the love of God's greatness." In other words, pride makes life about "me," while humility makes life about "Him."

Jesus also tells us to invite those who cannot repay us: the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind. In doing so, He is calling us to give without calculating the return, to love without keeping score. **This is the way of the Gospel**: it is how we imitate Christ, who gave everything for us without expecting anything in return.

In our own parish life, this means looking for those who may feel overlooked: the person who sits alone at Mass, the neighbor who rarely gets a visit, the one who carries a hidden burden. **By welcoming them, we welcome Christ Himself.** Let us ask the Lord for the grace to choose the humble place:

- To serve without seeking reward.
- To **live** with open hearts toward those most in need.

In the end, as Jesus promises, it is the Father who will say, "Friend, move up higher."

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.





September 7: 6:00 pm

September 14: 6:00 pm

September 17: **8:30 am, 12:15 pm** September 18: **8:30 am, 12:15 pm**

September 19: 8:30 am September 21: 6:00 pm

September 23: 8:30 am, 12:15 pm

September 25: **12:15 pm** September 26: **8:30 am** September 28: **6:00 pm**

October 1: 8:30 am
October 2: 12:15 pm
October 3: 8:30 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 our loved ones in a special way.

Please contact the Parish Office during regular hours to arrange a Memorial offering.

MASS AT THE LOURDES GROTTO



You are warmly invited to join us for a special Mass at our Lourdes Grotto at the North Parking Lot on Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Come and gather in prayer at the feet of Our Lady, asking her intercession and blessings upon our parish and families. At the conclusion of the Mass, we will solemnly consecrate our families to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

STEWARDSHIP

AUGUST 24, 2025

Regular Collection: \$13,922.79

Online Giving: \$ 1,357.24

Total: \$15,280.03

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$125,200

\$56,045.00 Pledged (44.76% of Parish Goal)

This week we are short \$2,219.97 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: (-\$8,742.57)

Thank you for your generous support to our Parish Family.



A Life of Faith in Action

Parish Ministries & Devotions

- <u>INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY</u>: If you are interested in joining together in fellowship and prayer, please contact **Donna Dixon**, at **631-664-5692**.
- <u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>: 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 631-66-4044 ext.165.
- MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Held Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Church. This perpetual novena fosters a personal relationship with Mary, who always leads us to her Son, Jesus.
- <u>FLAME OF LOVE DEVOTION</u>: Gathers every Friday from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm 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 pm to 3:00 pm in the Senior Room. N.B. We will resume regular meetings on September 9th. All are welcome. Questions? Call Lucille, at 631-586-2438.
- <u>SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL</u>: If you or someone you know needs help with rent, utilities, clothing, or furniture, please call call 631-667-4044 (ext. 175) or email: <u>sscmstvincentdepaul@gmail.com</u>. You will receive a callback from a blocked number; please answer!
- <u>FIRST FRIDAY & SATURDAY DEVOTIONS</u>: Join us on the first Friday and Saturday of each month for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:00 am, followed by the 8:30 am Mass. After Mass we recite together the Holy Rosary. The next First Friday and Saturday are September 5 and 6. For more info, call Annette Arena, at 631-661-9109.
- <u>SENIOR CLUB</u>: Our next meeting will be on September 2, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Father Behan Hall. Members are also invited to play Bingo on September 22nd 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, or Mary Indelicato, at 631-667-2998
- <u>USHERS</u>: 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. <u>GREETERS</u> 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: Our next meeting is on Monday, September 8, 2025. For more info contact Geri Cavanaugh, President, at 973-479-4234.
- 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 am Breakfast to follow. For more information, contact
 Tom Richardson, at 631-831-6234 or richartj1959@gmail.com.
- <u>EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND RECITATION OF THE ROSARY in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima:</u> September 13th & October 13th from 8:00 am 8:30 am before Mass with recitation of the Rosary after Mass.

"The Church is alive. The Church is young. She holds within herself the future of the world and therefore shows each of us the way towards the future." - Pope Benedict XVI (1927-2022)

Eucharistic Adoration

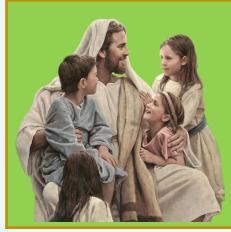


You are warmly invited to adore Our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday from 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm in the Church, continuing through the end of September.

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 Parish

125 Half Hollow Rd, Deer Park, NY 11729

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: <u>faithformation@sscmdp.org</u> if you would like a form mailed to you.

The **Faith Formation Office** is open:

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

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!

Mass of Thanksgiving for First Responders & Health Care Workers

All parishioners and friends are warmly invited to join us as we honor and pray for the dedication and sacrifice of

our First Responders and Health Care Workers.

Sunday, September 14th at the 11:00 a.m. Mass

A breakfast reception will follow in gratitude for their service.



9/11 MEMORIAL MASS

Thursday, September 11, at 7:00 pm in Church



Wishing all Students a Wonderful Start to the 2025/2026 School Year!

For Our College-Bound Students: As you begin this new chapter, we encourage you to seek out your campus Newman Club and/or Students for Life organization. These groups are wonderful ways to stay rooted in your faith and values while away at college. Wishing you a blessed and successful semester!

I am often asked what else we need. Right now we are in constant need of <u>Larger</u> <u>size Diapers</u> (sizes 5-6 & 7), <u>Fragrance Free Wipes</u>, and <u>Baby Shampoo/Body</u> <u>Wash.</u>

We are now gratefully accepting <u>clean</u>, <u>gently used Fall clothing</u> for babies and toddlers of all sizes, and especially for <u>school-age children from size 5T up to 12/14</u>. As you prepare your child or grandchild for the start of a new school year, please consider donating clean, gently used clothing, shoes, or school items that no longer fit or are no longer needed.

Items may be dropped off at the Social Ministry Office, **Monday through Thursday, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.**

For questions or assistance, **please call 631-667-4044 (ext. 120)**, and leave a message.

Margie - "Walking With Moms Ministry" tel: 631-667-4044 (ext 120); cell: 631-392-8441

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

www.HelpOurMarriage.org HUNTINGTON, NY Do you feel hurt and angry? Does talking make it worse? COUPLE No Marriage is Beyond Hope Thought of leaving or divorce? • Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction? MARRIED Marriage Struggli FOR Register by: Sept 12th 26-28TH SEPT. Is your marriage tearing you apart?





Program Information:

- · A light breakfast will be served
- Our Lady of Lourdes, West Islip. **Parish Center**
- All men over the age of 18
- ·Fr. Dennis and Fr. Charles will be the groups spiritual advisors

That Man is You! is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive.

By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society. We hope that you will join the Men of Lourdes and become a part of a group of men committed to growth, faith, transformation and brotherhood!

Our Mission statement:

The Men of Lourdes Men's Group exists to build a community of Starting September 13th, 2025 spiritually strong men who unite and
 Saturday Morning 6:30am - 8:00am stand together to become godly men, who submit to the authority and wisdom of the Church, and encourage each other to make commitments and forge convictions that last a lifetime, to Jesus Christ, their families, and to one another!



Scan the QR code to Register!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Legacy of Saint Raymond Nonnatus

From Captive to Christ's Servant

Saint Raymond Nonnatus, whose feast is celebrated on August 31, was born in Catalonia, Spain, around 1204. He lived a life of deep faith and sacrifice. His name "Nonnatus" ("not born") recalls his birth by Caesarean section after his mother's death.

He entered the Mercedarian Order, dedicated to ransoming Christians enslaved by the Moors. When funds ran out, he gave himself as a hostage and suffered cruel treatment, even having his lips padlocked to stop him from preaching. His heroic witness continues to inspire the faithful.

Saint Raymond is patron of expectant mothers, those falsely accused, and confessors. His life speaks to us today:

- <u>Patron of the falsely accused:</u> reminding us of unjustly imprisoned people who need our prayers.
- <u>Patron of mothers and childbirth:</u> encouraging our parish's Respect Life efforts, especially Walking with Moms.

In his spirit of mercy, we invite parishioners to join a new transportation ministry, helping neighbors with rides to medical visits or groceries - a simple yet powerful way to share Christ's love.

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. Brand-specific is not important

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

FOOD:

- Pasta Sauce (in jar, not in can)
- Flour, Sugar, White Vinegar 32oz.
- Salt, white rice 1 or 2 lb. packages (not instant) Paper Towels, Black Pepper, Oatmeal (not variety packages if possible)
- Progresso Soups (not condensed)
- Ritz Crackers (not wheat thins, cheezits or club crackers)
- Coffee (not instant), Shelf Stable 64oz. Juice vegetable oil, Mayonnaise

SPECIAL ITEMS:

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

GIFT CARDS TO:

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

Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes



Go Green Clothing Fundraiser



September 9th from 6-7 PM



Accepted items:

New and used clothing, shoes, jackets, handbags, jewelry, linens, bedding, toys, sporting equipment, small household electronics and goods.

We are **unable** to accept VHS tapes, CDs, books, furniture, and fragile or large items.

Drop off location:

Knights of Columbus
759 Long Island Ave, Deer Park
For more info call Debbie Begley at
631-456-1755



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ANNUAL SSCM PARISH RAFFLE WINNERS

BLUE \$5,000 RAFFLE Lou—Island Wide Blacktop

WHITE \$5,000 RAFFLE Anthony Giordano

PINK \$5,000 RAFFLE Irene Mecionis

GRAND PRIZE \$1,000.00 Soldano

2ND PRIZE \$500.00Ana and Peter Blasucci

3RD PRIZE \$250.00 Jen DeVenuti

65 INCH SAMSUNG SMART TV Ely and Karen Fernandez

APPLE I PAD MINI Casilda Ison

CHARBROIL BBQ GRILL Ann G.

SOLO STOVE BONFIRE 2.0 FIRE PIT Estrella Roque

A very big **THANK YOU** to all of our volunteers, parishioners and the people who attended the Family Festival this past Thursday, August 14th thru Sunday August 17th. We hope that everyone had a very enjoyable time.

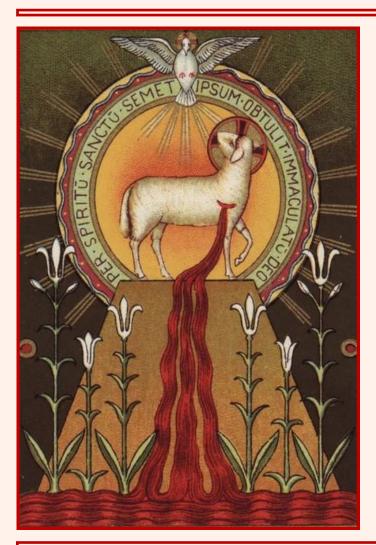
CONGRATULATIONS to all of our \$5,000 Raffle Winners, the \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 Winners and the I Pad, BBQ Grill, Solo Fire Pit, and the TV winners.

Thanks again to our volunteers for making the Family Festival a success.

Thanks to everyone for their generosity in time, talent and treasure.

May God Bless you and your families.

The Family Festival Committee



MEMORIALS

AUGUST 31 to SEPTEMBER 6

The Bread and Wine are offered in loving memory of

MSGR. BRENDAN RIORDAN

Rest in God's Embrace!

The Blessed Mother Candles are offered in loving memory of

MOM and **DAD**

Happy Anniversary in Heaven!
We love and miss you always!
With love,
Tina, Doug, and Nick.



Renewed by the Eucharist Sent on Mission



"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace"

1 Peter 4:10

Sharing Our Gifts through the CMA

Stewardship is the grateful response of every Christian disciple to share our Godgiven gifts of time, talent and treasure in a way that passionately sets our hearts on fire and touches the lives of others, as we live the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The Catholic Ministries Appeal is an excellent way to journey through the Pillars of Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service to express your gratitude to God.

Through the Pillar of Hospitality and Service, many parishes form CMA committees to support a smooth and organized Appeal effort and by creating a welcoming environment for all. Others share their gifts by volunteering in the ministries that the CMA supports, such as formation classes and parish outreach programs.

Through the Pillar of Prayer and Formation, the Catholic Ministries Appeal brings us closer to those we help and support as we become more "connected" with our sisters and brothers through prayer and evangelization ministries. We may wish to pray for those who support and volunteer for the committee and for those who receive support from the appeal.

The CMA provides an opportunity for stewards to use their treasure to serve more than 600,000 of our sisters and brothers each year in our formation and Catholic Charities pastoral programs. It is rare that just one person or one parish could touch this many lives. The CMA brings us beyond the individual, the group and the parish and unites us as one Church of Long Island.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is Stewardship in Action!

To donate, you can also visit https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/

August Mst OUTIN



Regular weekly meetings begin on September 14th

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

Bring a Friend!

Someone brought you!!



A look back at our painting party under the direction of Irene Manning. Join us this year!

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