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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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 24, 2025

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate..."



TODAY'S READINGS:

#1154 in the *Blue Gather Hymnal*

1st Reading: *Isaiah 66:18-21*

2nd Reading: *Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13*

Gospel Reading: *Luke 13:22-30*

HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY:

Glory and Praise to Our God, #606

Come and Fill Our Hearts, #637

Bread of Life from Heaven, #943

We Are the Light of the World, #592

(All Masses, except Sunday at 6pm)



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.
- **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'Abbate, *Parish Trustees*.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday August 25

8:30 AM: James DiGiovanna
12:15 PM: Frances Pipolo

Tuesday August 26

8:30 AM: Vincent J. Monaco
12:15 PM: Richard Anelante

Wednesday August 27

8:30 AM: Harry Cartwright
12:15 PM: Ying Wang

Thursday August 28

8:30 AM: Jorge Castro
12:15 PM: Roseann DiGiovanna

Friday August 29

8:30 AM: Raymond Grieb
12:15 PM: Marie Theresa Buquicchio

Saturday August 30

8:30 AM Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM Richard, Marcellina and Michael Solomita,
John J. McMahon Sr., Rose Caporaso,
Salvador Hisole

Sunday August 31

8:00 AM Vincent and Damian Aiello
9:30 AM Anna Damaris Hardia
11:00 AM Hermann Navarro and for Sue Hogan's
intentions
12:30 PM Erik Christopher Paulsen
6:00 PM For Our Parishioners

Presiders for next week Masses

Saturday August 30

5:00 PM: Fr. Anthony

Sunday August 31

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

Joseph J. Tobia, Pasquale (Patsy) Naglieri,
Ann J. Rothenberg

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Maya Rayne Mitchell, Addison Shea Washburn

MARRIAGE BANS

(Third Banns)

Marco Kushta (St. Teresa, Woodside, NY)
Giuseppina Maria Davi (Ss. Cyril and Methodius)

(Second 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, 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, 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



No Shortcuts to Heaven!

In today's Gospel Reading, we hear Jesus speak about **entering through the narrow door**. Someone asks Him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" But instead of giving a number, Jesus turns the question back to us: "Strive to enter through the narrow door." His concern is not statistics, but **our personal commitment to God**.

The narrow door is not meant to make Heaven exclusive, but to remind us that **discipleship has a cost**. It means living the Gospel daily, not just being a spectator of the faith. It calls for humility, forgiveness, and love - virtues that may seem "narrow" in a world that often prefers the easier, broader road of self-interest. Jesus warns that there will be those who thought they were close to Him, yet find the door closed because **they did not live what they professed**, did not practice what they preached!

The image of the narrow door invites us to **examine our priorities**: Are we making space for God in our lives, or only fitting Him in when convenient? Do we treat faith as a Sunday obligation, or as the very heartbeat of our daily decisions?

The narrow door is passed not by mere knowledge of Jesus, but by **walking with Him**: serving the poor, forgiving those who hurt us, and choosing the good even when it costs us. Today is the time to step forward, to let go of what weighs us down, and to allow Christ to reshape our hearts. **The narrow way may be challenging, but it leads to the joy and peace that only God can give.**

Let us not delay. Let us strive together, supporting one another as a parish family, so that one day we may hear the words: "Come in, the banquet is ready."

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:

September 7: 6:00 pm
September 10: 8:30 am
September 11: 12:15 pm
September 14: 6:00 pm
September 16: 8:30 am
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

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 pm
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.
Bring a chair, your Rosary,
and a beverage.*

STEWARDSHIP

AUGUST 17, 2025

Regular Collection: \$13,922.79
Online Giving: \$ 1,357.24
Total: \$15,280.03

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$125,200

\$55,610.00 Pledged (44.42% 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.

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 pm in the Church**. This perpetual novena fosters a personal relationship with Mary, who always leads us to her Son, Jesus.
- ♦ **FLAME OF LOVE DEVOTION:** 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**.
- ♦ **SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** If you or someone you know needs help with rent, utilities, clothing, or furniture, please call **call 631-667-4044 (ext. 175)** or email: **sscmstvincentdepaul@gmail.com**. You will receive a callback from a blocked number; please answer!
- ♦ **FIRST FRIDAY & SATURDAY DEVOTIONS:** 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**.
- ♦ **SENIOR CLUB:** 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**
- ♦ **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** 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**. 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.
- ♦ **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND RECITATION OF THE ROSARY in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima:** 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: faithformation@sscmdp.org
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!



CHURCH ALIVE

Catholic News from Near and Far

CARDINAL NEWMAN to be named "Doctor of the Church"



Vatican City — Pope Leo XIV has announced that later this year he will give Cardinal John Henry Newman the title of “**Doctor of the Church.**” The ceremony will take place in St. Peter’s Basilica on October 9, 2025 - the anniversary of Newman’s conversion to the Catholic faith in 1845.

The title “Doctor of the Church” is a rare honor. It is given only to saints whose writings and teachings have helped the whole Church to understand the faith more deeply. In over two thousand years, only thirty-seven people have received this title, including St. Augustine (354–430), St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274), and St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873–1897). To be named a Doctor, a saint must have shown great holiness, written with exceptional learning, and offered guidance that is useful to Christians everywhere.

John Henry Newman was born in London on February 21, 1801. He became a leading figure in the *Oxford Movement*, which sought to bring the Church of England closer to its Catholic roots. After years of study and prayer, he was received into the Catholic Church on October 9, 1845, by Blessed Dominic Barberi. Newman was ordained a Catholic priest in 1847 and founded the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in Birmingham. He was made a cardinal by Pope Leo XIII in 1879. Newman died on August 11, 1890, was declared Blessed in 2010 and Saint in 2019.

By giving him this title, Pope Leo XIV is recognizing that Newman’s writings — such as *Apologia Pro Vita Sua* (1864), *An Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine* (1845), and *The Idea of a University* (1852) — still speak powerfully to Catholics today, showing how faith and reason work together in the search for truth.



Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude here at the Moms Ministry!

May God Bless you for answering our plea for toddler size car seats. It is truly a blessing being a part of this SSCM Family! **Thank you for your compassion and understanding!**

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

We are now gratefully accepting clean, gently used Fall clothing for babies and toddlers of all sizes, and especially for school-age children from size 5T up to 12/14. 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 631-667-4044- ext 120 and leave a message.

A Grateful Farewell and a New Beginning

It is with great joy that we share with you a letter from TESS AUSTIN to all the Parishioners of SSCM at the very beginning of her vocational journey. She wishes to express her heartfelt gratitude and to share the wonderful news of the next step in her response to God's call:



Hello Fellow Parishioners,

*On behalf of myself and my classmates, I wanted to **thank all of you for your generosity and outpouring of support** to the Labouré Society in my honor. Your generosity has been a reflection of God's love and care, with your kindness I have reached mitigation and will officially be entering into formation with the Salesian Sisters of St John Bosco at the end of August.*

Please know of my continued prayers for all of you and the special intentions you've shared with me. I humbly ask you to continue to pray for me and the eight other women who will be entering into formation with me.

I'm excited to begin my formation journey. If you shared your email address with me, I will be sending newsletters out periodically over the course of my formation. If you'd like to keep in touch, you can follow the Salesian Sisters on social media, subscribe to their Partners in Giving Magazine, or send letters to me at this address: 659 Belmont Avenue North Haledon, NJ 07508

If you'd like to continue to support the rescuing of vocations to the priesthood and religious life from the obstacle of student loan debt (like you rescued mine!), please consider donating to the Labouré Society at <https://rescuevocations.org/give/support-laboure/>

TESS AUSTIN

This Sunday, August 24th, at the 12:30 p.m. Mass, we will send forth Tess Austin with our prayers as she enters into formation with the Salesian Sisters.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Pope Leo XIV's Catechesis: Jesus Christ Our Hope

On August 6, 2025, during the Jubilee Year catechesis, Pope Leo XIV reflected on the preparation for the Last Supper as told in Mark's Gospel (Mk 14:12–15). He reminded us that **preparation is not only a practical task but also a profound spiritual act of trust and anticipation.**

The “upstairs room already prepared” becomes **a sign of God's forethought and love.** He always goes before us, opening space in our hearts to receive His grace. The Holy Father emphasized that grace does not take away our freedom, but awakens it; God's gifts do not remove responsibility, but make it fruitful.

Jesus' Passion, the Pope said, was not a matter of fate but **a conscious and deliberate choice of love.** This gives Christian hope its deepest meaning: it is grounded in the love that freely sacrifices itself. The faithful are invited to imitate the disciples who prepared the Supper, making ready our own hearts for the Eucharist, which is never mere ritual but a personal invitation to enter Christ's mystery.

As always, thank you for your generosity. In these difficult times, your gifts greatly bless those most in need. May God reward you for your kindness.

Looking ahead, at the end of next month we will hold a Ministry Fair, an opportunity to learn more about Parish Social Ministry and the many other works of service in our parish. More details will follow soon.

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

Thank You for a Wonderful Festival!

What a joy these past days have been! Our Family Parish Festival was a true celebration of community, faith, and friendship. The laughter of children, the smiles of families, the spirit of welcome, and the simple joy of being together made it a beautiful expression of **who we are as a parish**.

I want to extend **my heartfelt thanks to everyone** who helped make this festival possible: those who prepared, those who worked behind the scenes, and those who came to share in the celebration. **Each and every person** played a part in its success, and together we created a moment of joy and unity that will be remembered.

May the Lord bless you all for your generosity, your presence, and your love for our parish family.

Fr. Anthony



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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 \$500.00

Ana 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 24 to AUGUST 30

*Blessed Mother Shrine Candles are
offered in loving memory of*

SALVADOR HISOLE

Our Dad and Grandpa.

WE LOVE YOU!

REST IN GOD'S EMBRACE!



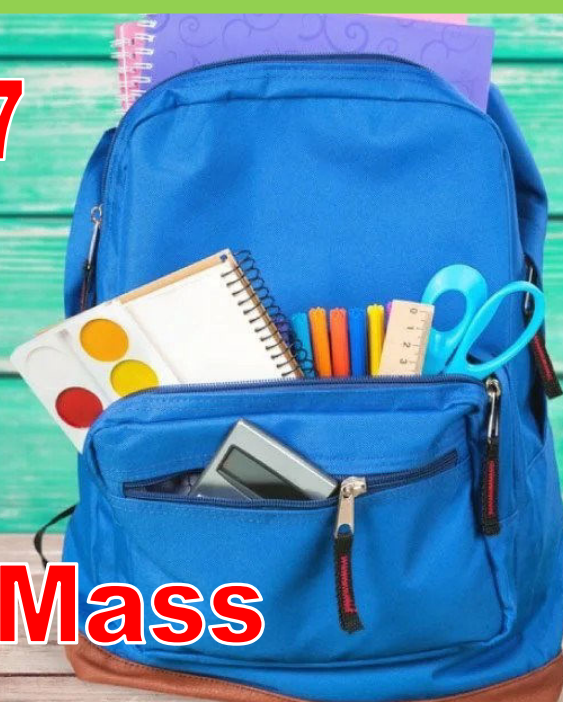
“The love of God is a consuming fire. When it truly takes hold of a soul, nothing remains the same. It lifts, transforms, purifies, and strengthens. It gives peace in trial, joy in suffering, and courage in the face of every cross. To love God is to begin to taste Heaven even while still on earth, for His love alone is enough.”

- St. Teresa of Ávila (1515–1582)

Sunday, September 7

Blessing OF THE
Backpacks

at the 9:30 am Mass



2025

Catholic Ministries Appeal
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*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 God-given 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.

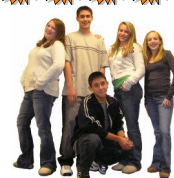
Through the Pillar of Prayer and Formation, the Catholic Ministries Appeal brings us closer to those we help and support as we become more "connected" with our sisters and brothers through prayer and evangelization ministries. We may wish to pray for those who support and volunteer for the committee 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 24th Youth News



**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**