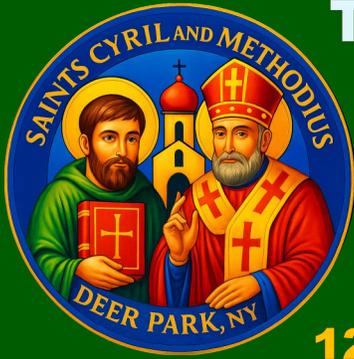


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# SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS

125 Half Hollow Road, Deer Park, NY 11729

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

November 9, 2025

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

*"You are the temple of God... the Spirit of God dwells in you."*

TODAY'S READINGS:

#1211 in the *Blue Gather Hymnal*

1st Reading: *Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12*

2nd Reading: *1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17*

Gospel Reading: *John 2:13-22*

HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY:

All Are Welcome, #850

O God, Our Help in Ages Past, #688

Draw Near, #935

America the Beautiful, #984

(All Masses, except Sunday at 6pm)



## **PARISH OFFICE:**

**Tel:** (631) 667-4044

**Fax:** (631) 667-6237

**Email:** [parishoffice@sscmdp.org](mailto:parishoffice@sscmdp.org)

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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

Saturday: 9:00 am - 1:00 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

- **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.

## **SCHEDULE OF MASSES:**

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

**Sunday:** 8:00 am, 9:30 am (*Family Mass*),  
11:00 am (*live stream*),  
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.

## **PASTORAL STAFF:**

- Rev. Fr. Anthony Saliba, *Pastor*, (Ext. 121 | email: [franthy@sscmdp.org](mailto:franthy@sscmdp.org)).
- Rev. Fr. Christopher Deh, *Parochial Vicar*, (Ext. 165).
- Rev. Fr. Noel Sixon, *Parochial Vicar*, (Ext. 170).
- Rev. Fr. Gregory Cappuccino, *Occasional Help*, (Retired).
- Deacon John F. Fitzpatrick, (Ext. 124).
- Deacon James A. Murano, *Music Director* (Ext. 127).
- Miss. 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).
- Miss Darlene Vietri, *Parish Secretary & Administrative Assistant*.
- 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 November 10**

8:30 AM: Stella Scro, Camille Jamieson

12:15 PM: John and Helen Michalisin

### **Tuesday November 11 - Veterans Day**

8:30 AM: For Our Veterans

### **Wednesday November 12**

8:30 AM: Eleonor E. Cina

12:15 PM: Amable Conde

### **Thursday November 13**

8:30 AM: Lois Biscardi

12:15 PM: Frances Trapani

### **Friday November 14**

8:30 AM: Catherine Simino

12:15 PM: David Navarro

### **Saturday November 15**

8:30 AM Purgatorial Society

5:00 PM Irma Mayas Morales, Kathleen Schutte, Mario Diaz, Carmen Roman, Maura Rivera de Vasquez

### **Sunday November 16**

8:00 AM Milagros and Ricardo Sidamon

9:30 AM Gertrude and Kristina Huevo

11:00 AM Mildred, Anna & Marco Santoro, Iliana Gonzalez, Richard Charles Staufenberg, Frances Feminella, Dorothy Congro

12:30 PM All Souls Novena

6:00 PM Damian J. Aiello II

## **Presiders for next week Masses**

### **Saturday November 15**

5:00 PM: Fr. Greg

### **Sunday November 16**

8:00 AM: Fr. Greg

9:30 AM: Fr. Anthony

11:00 AM: Fr. Chris

12:30 PM: Fr. Noel

6:00 PM: Fr. Anthony

## **BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE**

Virginia McCrystal Esposito,  
Elaine Dalman, Kathleen Dawes

## **MARRIAGE BANS**

*(Third Banns)*

**Anthony Rea** (O.L. of Grace, Howard Beach)

**Nicole Antz** (Ss. Cyril & Methodius)

*(Second Banns)*

**Joseph Charnawskas** (O.L. of Grace, WB)

**Christy Franco** (O.L. of Grace, West Babylon)

## **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Joyce Ratushny, Kristen Tonnesen,  
Brendan Gould, Olivia Marie, Baby Marina Grace,  
Baby Ryan Crystal LaCalamita, Catherine O'Neill,  
Owen Chapman, Connie Rigert, Mike Rodriguez,  
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, Michael Wright, Rosemarie  
Barbato, Patricia Weber, Stacey Thompson,  
Jennifer McDonald, Tom Welch, Patty Jacobi,  
Mrs. F. Ferrante, Alma Patrinos, Theresa Pepe,  
Donna Belulovich, Joan Bozza, Jose Viera,  
Rochelle Chawner, Michael Buckley, Lisa  
Hulsen, Marie Cipriano Merrifield, Sandra  
Gusavara, David Kriegsman, Dea Compitello,  
Lisa Sessa, Ms. Terri, Giavanna Walters,  
Madeline Palladino, Marissa Ann Vasquez,  
Louise Piazza, Michela Perrotta, Diana Walsh,  
Allan Helmbrecht, Frank Caldone,  
Raffaella Iannucci, Stephanie Santomauro,  
Jimmy D'Acunti, Patricia Ann McNulty

## **PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN**

Luis Xzavier Maldonado, *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*  
Miguel Angel Rodriguez Osorio, *Army NG*

Email [jloring@sscmdp.org](mailto:jloring@sscmdp.org) to include a name in our prayer list.

## From the Pastor's Desk



### More Than Stones and Walls

Today the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome**, the “mother and head of all churches.”

Though far from us, this feast reminds us that our faith is **both personal and communal**, lived and expressed in **sacred spaces** where God’s people gather.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus drives the merchants from the Temple, crying out, “*Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!*” His zeal reveals the sacredness of the Temple as the dwelling place of God among His people. But when Jesus says, “*Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up,*” He points to Himself as **the true Temple**, the living presence of God on earth.

**Through baptism, we, too, become temples of the Holy Spirit.** Every church building - whether grand or simple - is a visible sign of this truth: God chooses to dwell not only in stone, but in human hearts renewed by grace.

As we give thanks for the Lateran Basilica in Rome, let us also cherish our own parish church, our spiritual home, where heaven and earth meet in the sacraments. Each time we enter, we step onto holy ground.

May this feast rekindle in us a zeal for the Lord’s house: to keep it **beautiful, prayerful, and alive with faith.**

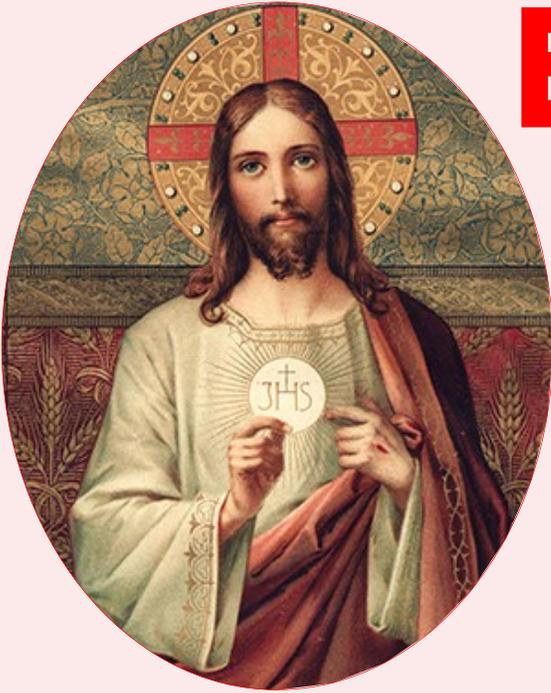
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# **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

## **TUESDAY, November 11**

**from 1:00 to 7:00 PM.**

*Come spend some quiet time with the Lord in Adoration — even a few moments can bring peace to the heart.*

**At 6:30 PM: EVENING PRAYER (Vespers),  
followed by SOLEMN BENEDICTION.**

## **What is the OCIA?**

The ***Order of Christian Initiation for Adults*** (formerly *RCIA*) is for:

- Non-Catholic adults who wish to become Catholic.
- Baptized Catholics who still need First Communion or Confirmation.

Through OCIA, adults **learn about the faith** and **prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion.**

***If you - or someone you know - wish to become Catholic or complete the Sacraments, please contact Deacon James at the Parish Center: 631-667-4044 (Ext. 100).***

# EUCCHARISTIC TRIDUUM

## November 19, 20, and 21



In preparation for the  
Solemnity of Christ the King  
and the Season of Advent

***Theme: "Christ Reigns in Our  
Hearts"***

Day 1 – Wednesday, November 19:

**Christ Reigns in Truth** - *"For this I was  
born and for this I came into the world,  
to testify to the truth."* (John 18:37)

Day 2 – Thursday, November 20:

**Christ Reigns in Mercy** - *"Truly, I say to  
you, today you will be with me in  
Paradise."* (Luke 23:43)

Day 3 – Friday, November 21:

**Christ Reigns in Glory** - *"All authority in  
heaven and on earth has been given to  
me."* (Matthew 28:18) The final Holy  
Hour (6-7 PM) will conclude with a  
**Eucharistic Procession** inside the  
church.

***Come and spend some time with the Lord .  
Let His presence renew your heart and prepare you  
to welcome the King who comes to save.***



# EUCCHARISTIC TRIDIUM

In preparation for the Feast of Christ the King and the season of Advent, our Parish of Ss. Cyril & Methodius in Deer Park will hold **THREE DAYS OF EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND PRAYER** on Wednesday, November 19th, Thursday, November 20th, and Friday, November 21st, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day.

*(Please note: There will be no Adoration on Tuesday that week.)*

We are seeking **volunteers** to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Because Our Lord must never be left alone, we ask that at least **one person be present for each hour of Adoration.**

Please prayerfully consider signing up for **ONE OR MORE TIME SLOTS ON ANY OF THE THREE DAYS** - whatever time you can give will be a gift to the Lord and a blessing to our Parish family. In turn, this time of quiet prayer will also bring **grace and peace to you and your loved ones.**

**To volunteer or for more information, please contact:  
CAROL MATOS at 813-323-8602 or [cfcfj22@aol.com](mailto:cfcfj22@aol.com)**

## *Living the Liturgy*

# The Feast of the Dedication of THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME



This Sunday, November 9, the Church celebrates a special feast: the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. At first, this may sound like a local Roman feast, but in fact, it belongs to the whole Catholic Church. **It reminds us that we are all united as one family of faith, built on Christ, our foundation.**

The Lateran Basilica is **the oldest and most important church in the world**. It is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, which means it is the Pope's own church, not St. Peter's Basilica as many think. Its full name is ***The Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist at the Lateran***. Because it was built on land owned by the Laterani family, it became known simply as St. John Lateran.

The church was first built around 324 A.D. by Emperor Constantine, the first



Christian emperor, soon after Christianity was legalized. It became the first public Christian church ever built. For centuries, the Popes lived there, and many important councils of the Church took place within its walls. Though it was damaged and rebuilt several times through history, it always remained the “mother and head of all churches in the world.”

**So why does the whole Church celebrate this feast?** Because it is not only about a building but it is about what the building stands for. **The Lateran Basilica represents the unity of all Catholics around the world, gathered under the shepherd of Rome, the Pope.** It reminds us that our faith is not private or individual: it is one family, one Church, one home in Christ.

As we honor the dedication of this ancient basilica, we give thanks for all our churches: **places where heaven touches earth through the sacraments.** But even more, we remember that **each of us is a living temple of God’s presence.**

May our hearts always be clean, welcoming, and full of faith, so that Christ may dwell within us.

***“The Church is not made of stones, but of souls united in Christ.”***



God Bless Our  
**VETERANS**

**Tuesday, November 11, 2025**



**This Sunday, November 9,  
after the 9:30 AM Mass, we invite you  
to join us in *Fr. Behan Hall* for coffee,  
refreshments, and good fellowship.**

*We sincerely thank  
the Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes  
for generously organizing and sponsoring  
this month's Coffee After Mass,*

**All are most welcome. We look forward to being together!**

# 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*



### Available Mass Intentions:

January 1: 8:00 am, 9:30 am,  
11:00 am, 12:30 pm

January 4: 11:00 am

January 5: 8:30 am

January 6: 8:30 am

January 8: 8:30 am

January 11: 11:00 am

January 14: 8:30 am

January 15: 8:30 am, 12:15 pm

January 16: 8:30 am

January 18: 9:30 am, 6:00 pm

January 19: 8:30 am

January 20: 8:30 am, 12:15 pm

January 21: 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.

# SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS FOOD AND COAT DRIVE



**Saturday, November 22**

**9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

***Deer Park Stop & Shop,  
Commack Road***

Join us in spreading warmth and care this season!

***Ss. Cyril & Methodius First Responders and Health Care Ministry***, in collaboration with the ***Deer Park Lions Club*** and the ***Office of Suffolk County Legislator Tom Donnelly***, invite you to support our annual  
**Food and Coat Drive.**

***Together, let's make a difference: one coat and one meal at a time!***



# CHURCH ALIVE

## News from Near and Far

**World Mission Sunday — October 19, 2025:** On October 19, the Church celebrated *World Mission Sunday*. Pope Leo XIV encouraged all parishes to participate, reminding the faithful that their prayers and support help spread the Gospel, build churches, and provide for the health and education of mission communities.

**Apostolic Letter on Love for the Poor:** Earlier in October, the Holy Father issued *Dilexi te* (“I have loved you”), an apostolic letter calling the Church to renew its commitment to loving the poor by placing education and human development at the heart of the Gospel.

**Historic Ecumenical Prayer — October 23, 2025:** On October 23, King Charles III of the UK visited the Vatican and prayed with Pope Leo in the Sistine Chapel. This historic moment symbolizes growing Christian unity across traditions.

**Sixty Years of *Nostra Aetate* — October 28, 2025:** On October 28, the Church marked 60 years since *Nostra Aetate*, the Second Vatican Council’s declaration on relations with non-Christian religions. The Holy Father emphasized that dialogue is a “way of life” grounded in faith and respect.

**75th Anniversary of the Dogma of the Assumption:** This year marked the 75th anniversary since Pope Pius XII solemnly defined the dogma of the Assumption on November 1, 1950, declaring that Mary was taken body and soul into heavenly glory. This teaching highlights her unique share in Christ’s Resurrection and remains a source of hope.

# 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 **631-66-4044 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.
- ♦ **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**. 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](mailto: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 November 1 and 7.* For more info, call **Annette Arena**, at **631-661-9109**.
- ♦ **SENIOR CLUB**: Our next meeting will be **on December 2, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Father Behan Hall**. **Upcoming Events**: Christmas Party December 9th. For questions, please contact: **Debbie Vickovich**, at **631-520-4455**, **Dorothy Gallub**, at **631-539-2458**, 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**: Our next meeting is on **Monday, November 10, 2025**. For more info contact **Geri Cavanaugh, President**, at **973-479-4234**.
- ♦ **FIRST RESPONDER / HEALTH CARE WORKER MINISTRY**: For more information, contact **Tom Richardson**, at **631-831-6234**, [richartj1959@gmail.com](mailto:richartj1959@gmail.com).
- ♦ **BIBLE CLASS**: **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.** in the *Fr. Behan Hall*. For more info contact **Marianne Grimaldi**, at **631-463-7886**.

### Monthly Message of the Blessed Mother to Marija in Medjugorje

*“Dear children! The Most High in His goodness gave me to you to lead you on the way of peace. Many have responded and are praying, but there are many creatures who do not have peace and have not come to know the God of love. Therefore, little children, pray and love, create prayer groups to encourage each other to the good. I am with you and am praying for your conversion.*

*Thank you for having responded to my call.”*

**(10/25/2025 - With Ecclesiastical Approval)**

## STEWARDSHIP

**NOVEMBER 2, 2025**

**Regular Collection: \$16,784.19**  
**Online Giving: \$ 1,484.69**  
**Total: \$18,268.88**

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2025**

**Goal \$125,200**

**\$62,915.00 Pledged (50.25% of Parish Goal)**

This week we are up **\$768.88** to reach the weekly collection goal of **\$17,500** in order for our Parish not to operate on a deficit.

We are not running a deficit: year to date: **(\$2,025.18)**

***Thank you for your generous support to our Parish Family.***

**VANCO**  
FAITH

# THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 Honoring Our Veterans A Special Mass & Blessing



We warmly invite all Veterans, their Families, and all Parishioners to join us for a Special Mass honoring our Veterans on Sunday, November 9 at 11:00 AM.

Following the Mass, coffee and refreshments will be served in the *Fr. Behan Hall*.

respect  
life *called  
to serve  
moms  
in need*



### **Currently Seeking:**

- \* Gently used Christmas outfits or Pajamas that your children have outgrown– our families would love to have something special to put on their children for Christmas!
  
- \* NEW items to fill “Christmas stockings” for our Moms (nail polish/hand cream/hand soaps/hats/gloves/socks/pot holders/dish towels/pens/candy/bar soap/deodorant etc.)
  
- \* **XL GOODNITES Boys** -Disposable Nighttime Underwear
  
- \* Large sized Diapers (sizes 4/5/6 and 7)

**May God Bless you for all you do to support the  
Walking with Moms Ministry!**

Items can be dropped off at Social Ministry  
Monday – Thursday between 10:00 am – 2:30 pm.  
Call and leave a message with any questions or if you need assistance.  
*631-667-4044 EXT. 120*

*Margie – “Walking With Moms Ministry”  
tel: 631-667-4044 ext 120; cell 631-392-8441*

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***If you or someone you know is in need of assistance please call***



# ***MEMORIALS***

***November 9—November 15***

***THE BREAD AND WINE***

are offered in memory of

**Anthony E. Sganga**

**November: a month of prayerful hope,  
when LOVE remembers and FAITH trusts in eternal life.**

## **DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE**



**Saturday, November 29, 2025**

**from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm**

**in the Fr. Behan Hall**

**\$35.00 PER PERSON**

***Benefit of taking the course is insurance  
discount and point reduction.***

***No food or beverage will be provided***

**For information call**

**Paul Coppola at 631-587-9649**

# The Catholic Origin of Pumpkin Spice



Did you know that the world’s favorite fall flavor actually has Catholic origins? Long before pumpkin spice lattes and autumn candles became popular, a **12th-century Benedictine nun - Saint Hildegard of Bingen**—was writing about the very same

blend of spices.

Saint Hildegard, one of only four female Doctors of the Church, was a remarkable woman known for her wisdom in theology, music, medicine, and nature. In her writings, especially her medical work *Physica* (written around 1151–1158), she described the joyful and healing effects of mixing cinnamon, nutmeg, and cloves, the same ingredients we now call “pumpkin spice.”

She wrote: ***“Take some nutmeg and an equal weight of cinnamon and a bit of cloves... Eat them often. It will calm all bitterness of the heart and mind, open your heart and impaired senses, and make your mind cheerful.”***

In time, this combination of spices became popular for baking and cooking, especially in recipes using pumpkins. By the 20th century, the blend was sold as “pumpkin spice,” and later inspired the famous fall beverages and desserts we enjoy today.

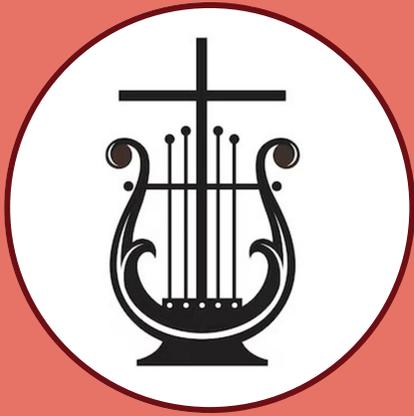
So the next time you sip your pumpkin spice latte or bake a pumpkin pie, remember Saint Hildegard, the saintly scholar who first saw these spices as **gifts from God** to bring warmth, joy, and cheer to the human heart.



# FALL BINGO

The Columbiettes of *Our Lady of the Rosary Council No. 4428* hosted a **Bingo Night** on October 24, in support of our *Walking with Moms* program. The event was beautifully organized by Co-Chairs Janet McEnany, Dorothy Rodriguez, and Cathy Taibi.





# MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

## **Ss. Cyril & Methodius Music Ministry is seeking new members!**

- ♦ *If you prefer more contemporary music:* Join the **6:00 PM Youth Mass CONTEMPORARY CHOIR!** Rehearsals are on Thursdays, 7:30–9:00 p.m. in the church, starting September 7. Sing every Sunday at 6:00 p.m.  
Contact our Youth Minister Tim at 631-667-4044 (Ext. 154) if interested.
- ♦ *If you prefer more traditional music:* Join the **Traditional ADULT CHOIR!** Rehearsals are held most Tuesdays, 7:30–8:30 p.m. in the church, starting September 10 (with longer sessions near Christmas/Easter). **Sing at the Sunday 11:00 a.m., from September to June.**  
Contact Deacon James at 631-667-4044 (Ext. 100), or leave a message with the rectory receptionist to join or for questions.

# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COLUMBIETTES

## FULLY DECORATED WREATH SALE

(Professionally decorated by Borella Nursery)

WREATHS	\$25
GRAVE BLANKETS	\$49
CROSS BALSAM	\$35
KISSING BALLS	\$49
PATRIOTIC WREATH	\$25



**PRE-ORDER ONLY BY NOV 11<sup>TH</sup>!!! NO EXCEPTIONS**

**MAKE CHECKS OUT TO OLOR COLUMBIETTES**

**Please drop off checks in the Columbiette mailbox at the Rectory**

**Last chance to place your order will be on Saturday, November 8th  
in the Breezeway after the 5pm Mass ONLY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ wreaths      \_\_\_\_\_grave blankets      \_\_\_\_\_patriotic wreaths

\_\_\_\_\_cross      \_\_\_\_\_kissing balls

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_ CK# \_\_\_\_\_

**Pick up date: Saturday, November 29th, 10am to 2pm ONLY  
in the Senior Room and Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 1:00pm**

**Any questions contact Annemarie at 631-586-8551**

# Responding to God's Call

## The Life of Venerable Father Anthony Vincent Gallo



After his early years in the orphanage, where the seed of vocation first took root, Anthony Vincent Gallo embraced his calling with quiet resolve: “With the help of God, I will prepare myself to become a holy priest.” Drawn to the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart, whose mission is to honor and repair the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Anthony found a spiritual home aligned with his ideals of holiness and service.

His formation took him from Albino to Guastalla and Bologna, where he excelled in his studies, often sacrificing recreation for academic rigor. The northern climate and relentless effort, however, began to undermine his fragile health.

During World War I, Anthony served with distinction despite poor health. A poignant moment on Christmas night 1918 found him walking through snow and ice for hours to receive Holy Communion, exemplifying his deep devotion amid hardship.

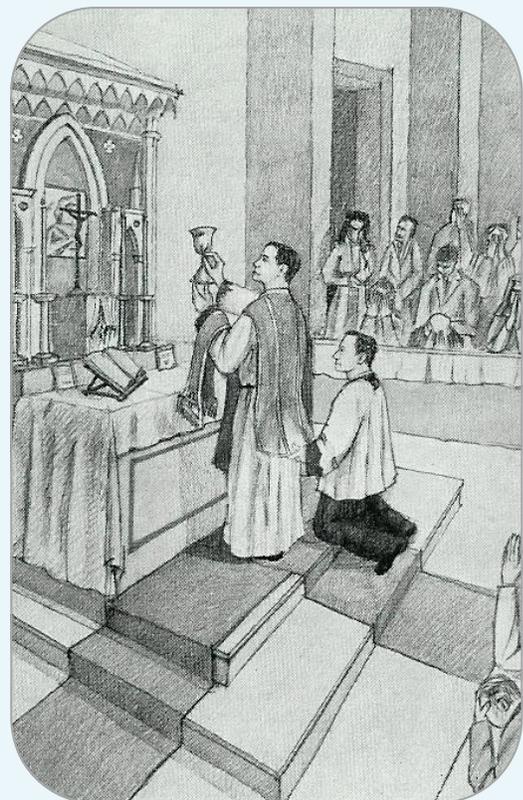
Entering the novitiate in 1919, Anthony dedicated himself to a year of prayer and mortification. His superiors noted his exemplary interior life and humility, confirming his growing holiness. He also continued his studies, earning his Licentiate and pursuing theology with the same dedication. Yet illness gradually worsened, marked by fatigue, tremors, and insomnia. Though tempted to rest, Anthony accepted his sufferings with a radiant spirit, telling a confrere, **“The more I suffer, the more flowers I want to offer Jesus.”**

Doctors diagnosed a severe nervous collapse with no cure, but Anthony was undeterred. A specialist called him a “Saint Anthony, martyr of suffering,” acknowledging the sanctity born from his trials. Despite his infirmities, he made Perpetual Vows and received minor Orders. His illness, however, prevented his ordination with his classmates in 1926.

In 1927, seeking divine aid, he journeyed to Lourdes. Though not physically healed, he returned with deep spiritual consolation, declaring, “We have not received the grace of being cured, but of great comfort, light, and resignation.”

As his condition deteriorated, Anthony returned home at his Superiors’ advice. Tragedy struck with the death of his beloved mother in 1928, whom he comforted with faith until her final moments. Her memory sustained him in his darkest hours.

Although ill and dispirited, Anthony’s vocation remained firm. Finally, on December 14, 1930, at the Church of St. Nicholas of Monteforte Irpino, Anthony was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Petronelli of Avellino. This joyful yet solemn occasion marked the fulfillment of his lifelong dream. Though his health remained frail, his spirit soared with gratitude and humility. His second Mass, offered at the cemetery in suffrage for his parents, reflected his deep love and devotion to family and God.



**Next week: *The final chapter of his life: a holy death united with Christ.***

***Next Sunday, November 16, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, we will bless the sacred image of the Venerable Father Gallo and venerate his Relics.***

***We will be honored to welcome members of his family who now reside here on Long Island.***

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## Living Stones in God's House

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the Mother Church of all Roman Catholic churches. More than honoring a building, this feast reminds us that **we are the Church**: living stones built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:5).

The readings speak of water flowing from the temple, bringing life and healing (Ezekiel 47), and of Jesus cleansing the temple, calling us to holiness (John 2:13–22). St. Paul reminds us that we are God's temple, where the Spirit dwells (1 Corinthians 3:16).

This message echoes the Catholic Social Teaching theme of Participation, Family, and Community. As members of Christ's Body, we are called to **active involvement in parish life and society**, especially in ways that uplift the vulnerable and strengthen unity.

Let us ask:

- How am I participating in my parish and community?
- Do I see myself as a living stone in God's house?
- How can I help others feel welcomed and valued?

**May we continue to build a Church not of bricks and mortar,  
but of love, justice, and solidarity.**

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## PANTRY NEEDS

### FOOD:

- Pasta Sauce (in jar, not in can)
- Pasta
- Oatmeal (Canisters if possible not flavored packets)
- Progresso Soups (not condensed)
- Coffee
- Shelf Stable Juice 64 oz.
- Vegetable Oil
- Mayonnaise
- Sugar
- White Rice 1 or 2 lbs. (not instant)

### SPECIAL ITEMS:

- Dish Detergent
- Women's deodorant
- Shave Cream
- Men's Deodorant
- Toothbrushes
- Paper Towels
- Napkins

### GIFT CARDS TO:

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

# November 9th Youth News

## Upcoming Youth Group Meetings Nov. 2025

- November 2nd- Meeting All Soul's Day
- November 9th- Volleyball
- November 11th- Sacrament Class
- November 16th- Meeting
- November 23rd- Meeting Thanksgiving Theme
- November 30th- No Meeting

Bring a Friend!  
Someone brought you!



Youth Group meets Sundays 7-9. We meet in the breezeway after the 6:00 Mass  
FOR 8TH-12TH GRADERS

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



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