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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

4th Sunday of Advent ~ December 21, 2025



"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home."

PARISH OFFICE:

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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.

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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.

■ **BAPTISMS:** Saturday at 12:30 pm and Sunday at 2:00 pm. Please contact the Parish Office 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 Office to make an appointment for the initial intake. ■ **PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:** Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a visit by a Eucharistic Minister. ■ **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please 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).
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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	December 22
8:30 AM:	Salvatore Piazza
12:15 PM:	Timothy G. Mullins
Tuesday	December 23
8:30 AM:	Dea Compitello's intentions.
12:15 PM:	Alice Farkas
Wednesday	December 24
8:30 AM:	Leonard Caltabiano
12:15 PM:	Pat and Ted Boody
4:00 PM:	Leonard Caltabiano
6:00 PM:	For Our Parishioners.
MIDNIGHT	<i>For all Benefactors of the Parish.</i>
Thursday	December 25 ~ Christmas Day ~
8:00 AM:	For Our Parishioners.
9:30 AM:	For Our Parishioners.
11:00 AM:	For Our Parishioners.
12:30 PM:	For Our Parishioners.
	<u><i>There is no 6:00 PM Mass</i></u>
Friday	December 26
8:30 AM:	Connie Macaluso
12:15 PM:	Thomas Gallagher
Saturday	December 27
8:30 AM	The Purgatorial Society.
5:00 PM	Richard, Marcellina & Michael Solomita, Mario Diaz, Roseann Cronin, Daisy Heredia.
Sunday	December 28
8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners.
9:30 AM	Jorge Castro
11:00 AM	Steven Blair, Florence Lockwood, Diane Colotti's intentions, Doyin & Dunni Ogundiran's intentions, Alan Boss' intentions.
12:30 PM	Debra Harkins
6:00 PM	Harold W. Schillinger

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE

Salvatore J. Finocchiaro

MARRIAGE BANNS

(Second Banns)

Robert Macaluso (Ss. Cyril & Methodius)

Larisa Zambeli (Ss. Cyril & Methodius)

Ryan Joseph Littman (Ss. Cyril & Methodius)

Emily Rathmann (St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa)

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Gavin Brian McManus

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, James Antwon Williams, Frank Iannacchino, Carl Zajac, Baby Gianna, Michael Wright, Rosemarie Barbato, Patricia Weber, Jennifer McDonald, Tom Welch, Patty Jacobi, F. Ferrante, Alma Patrinis, 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 Caldane Sr, Raffaella Iannucci, Stephanie Santomauro, Jimmy D'Acunti, Donald Martino, Stanley Urbanowski, Patricia Ann McNulty, Kai Branch, Tim Brown, Ann M. Basile, Joseph DeSena, Robert Lodi, Gerard Lanni, Nick Libretti.

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.*

Miguel Angel Rodriguez Osorio, *Army NG.*

Damian Fernandez, *US Air Force.*

Email jloring@sscmdp.org to add a name to our prayer list.

From the Pastor's Desk

Joseph's Quiet "Yes!"



As we enter the final days of Advent, this Sunday's Gospel Reading (**Matthew 1:18–24**) brings before us the gentle yet powerful figure of St. Joseph.

Faced with uncertainty, he does not react with anger or haste; instead, **he listens**. In the quiet of his heart, he hears the Lord's messenger and, with humble courage, accepts God's plan. Joseph teaches us that **grace often enters our lives through silence, patience, and trust**. His simple "yes" became the doorway through which Christ entered the world. As Christmas approaches, we are invited to imitate that same steady faith and to welcome the Child Jesus with hearts ready to receive Him.

In this spirit of final preparation, I encourage you to join our Parish community for these last moments of Advent and then to see you on Christmas Day to celebrate the Eucharist with us, especially on **December 24 for our beautiful Midnight Mass**. **This Sunday** at 9:30 AM, our Advent Special Family Mass will include the **Blessing of the Bambinelli**, a beautiful way for families to ready their homes for the birth of Christ.

On **Monday**, we will observe **Reconciliation Monday**, with confessions available throughout the afternoon and evening, complemented by a penitential service at 5:30 PM and the **Advent Evening Mass** celebrated by Fr. Noel. On **Tuesday**, we will continue our preparation in quiet prayer with **Eucharistic Adoration**, from 1:00 to 7:00 PM., held this week in the church's "crying room."

May these days, marked by reflection and prayer, help us enter Christmas with the peace that filled Joseph's heart and the hope that only Jesus can give.

Fr. Anthony

TODAY'S READINGS:

#1000 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: *Isaiah 7: 10-14.*

Psalms 24: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6.

2nd Reading: *Romans 1: 1- 7.*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 1:18-24.*

HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, #395.

O Come, Divine Messiah!, #401.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart, #940.

People, Look East, #409.

(All Masses, except Sunday at 6 PM.)

On behalf of the Priests, Parish Office Staff, and
all our Ministry Leaders, we extend to the
Parishioners of Saints Cyril and Methodius

our heartfelt Christmas wishes:

that the newborn Christ bring lasting peace
to your hearts, renew your faith, and bless your families
with joy and hope throughout the year ahead.





November 2025

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is truly a time of gifts, the greatest one given to us by our Heavenly Father when He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to become one of us and bring us salvation and hope. As we celebrate this profound mystery of God's love made flesh, I invite you to share in **a special tradition** here at our Parish of Ss. Cyril & Methodius in Deer Park that honors both the joy of Christmas and the memory of those we hold dear.

Each year, our Parish comes together for the **1000 Christmas Light Campaign**, a custom that illuminates our Sanctuary with love and remembrance. Through this campaign, you are invited to offer **a gift of \$100 in memory of a beloved family member, relative, or friend** who has passed from this life. In return, you will receive a unique, custom-made ceramic Christmas ornament inscribed with the name of your dearly departed. These ornaments will adorn our Sanctuary Christmas Tree, creating a radiant symbol of light and prayer.

Our hope is to reach the inspiring goal of **one thousand ornaments**, filling our tree with the warmth of your memories and the light of Christ's enduring promise. After the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, when the Christmas tree is taken down, the ornament will be returned to you as a cherished keepsake – a lasting reminder of your loving offering and the gift of eternal life.

I am deeply grateful for your generosity and support in this campaign and for all you do to nurture our Parish family throughout the year.

Please know that each benefactor is remembered in my personal prayers, asking God to bless you abundantly for your kindness and faith.

May this holy season fill your hearts with peace, joy, and the light of Christ.

Fr. Anthony, Pastor.

ADVENT 2025

"Walking Toward the Light"

As we enter the fourth and final week of Advent, I extend a warm and sincere welcome to join us for these last treasured steps of our Parish's preparation for the Lord's Nativity. These closing days offer a quiet and holy space to lift our hearts in prayer and to ready our souls with a renewed longing for Christ who is soon to come. Your presence at our remaining gatherings brings warmth and strength to our community as we await the Light who dispels all darkness. May this final stretch of Advent lead us together into the joy and peace of the Savior's birth.

Fr. Anthony

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 21

Theme: **TRUST**. *We stand beside **ST. JOSEPH** and learn from his faithful obedience.*

- 9:30 am: Advent Family Mass, the Jesse Tree, and the **Blessing of the Bambinelli** (bring the Baby Jesus from your home nativity set to be blessed).

Reconciliation Monday – December 22: *A day of peace and mercy before Christmas.*

- 1–6:30 pm: Confessions
- 5:30–6:30 pm: **Penitential Service** led by Fr. Anthony
- 7 pm: **Advent Monday Evening Mass** celebrated by Fr. Noel.
- 8–9 pm: Confessions.

Eucharistic Adoration - Tuesday

December 23: This week, it will be held in the church's "crying room."

- At 6:30 pm we will pray together the Vespers (Evening Prayer) and receive the Eucharistic



CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS 2025

Saints Cyril and Methodius, Deer Park, NY

“Behold the Light: God With Us!”

Wednesday, December 24:

Christmas Eve

- Vigil Masses at 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM.
- Christmas Carols Concert in Church beginning at 11:30 PM.
- SOLEMN MIDNIGHT MASS at 12:00 AM.

Thursday, December 25:

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

- Masses at 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and 12:30 PM.
(There is no 6:00 PM Mass.)



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:



February 1: 6:00 pm.
February 3: 8:30 am
February 8: 11:00 am & 6:00 pm.
February 9: 8:30 am.
February 10: 8:30 am & 12:15 pm.
February 11: 8:30 am & 12:15 pm.
February 13: 12:15 pm.
February 17: 12:15 pm.
February 19: 12:15 pm.
February 20: 8:30 am & 12:15 pm.
February 22: 8:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm.
February 23: 8:30 am & 12:15 pm.
February 25: 8:30 am & 12:15 pm.
February 26: 12:15 pm.
February 27: 8:30 am & 12:15 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:** \$25; ■ **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.*

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. Chris**, 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**. All are welcome. December 16th will be our last meeting. We will return on January 6th. 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 January 2 and 3.* For more info, call **Annette Arena**, at **631-661-9109**.
- ♦ **SENIOR CLUB:** Our next meeting will be **on January 6, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. in Father Behan Hall**. 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, **January 12, 2025**. For more information contact **Geri Cavanaugh, President**, at **973-479-4234**.
- ♦ **The ROSARY SOCIETY**: meets **every first Monday of the month**. Next meeting: **Monday, January 5**. For more information, please contact the Chaplain and Moderator, **Fr. Chris - 631-667-4044, ext.165**.
- ♦ **FIRST RESPONDER / HEALTH CARE WORKER MINISTRY**: For more information, contact **Tom Richardson**, at **631-831-6234**, 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**.

Presiders for next week Masses:

- **Saturday, December 27**

5:00 PM:	Fr. Anthony
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- **Sunday, December 28 - Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth**

8:00 AM:	Fr. Noel
9:30 AM:	Fr. Chris
11:00 AM:	Fr. Anthony
12:30 PM:	Fr. Noel
6:00 PM:	Fr. Chris



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STEWARDSHIP

DECEMBER 14, 2025

Regular Collection: \$13,463.50

Online Giving: \$ 1,043.58

Total: \$14,507.08

This week we are short **\$2,992.92** 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: **(\$9,661.25)**

Thank you for your generous support to our Parish Family.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2025

Goal = \$125,200

\$64,875.00 pledged (51.82% of Parish Goal)

VANCO
FAITH

Come, Let Us Prepare! **Making Ready the Church for Christmas.**



If you would like to help prepare our church for the joy of Christmas, please **join us for Christmas decorating on December 23 at 1:00 p.m.** We will meet in the church. No experience is necessary - only a generous spirit and a willingness to help.

For questions, please call or text:
Tim Leitch at 631-806-4715.

MEMORIALS

December 21 - 27



- ♦ The **Bread and Wine** are offered with the intention: **“God Bless Us All!”**
- ♦ The **Altar Flowers** are offered with the intention: **“On Your First Anniversary in Heaven. From your loving family!”**
- ♦ The **Altar Candles** are offered with the intention: **“On Your First Anniversary in Heaven. From your loving family!”**
- ♦ The **Blessed Mother Shrine Candles** are offered in loving memory of **Fred Acquavita**: *“With love from Frank, Freddy, TJ, Steven, Jackie, Alyssa and Andrew, and your four precious grandchildren. We miss you!”*
- ♦ The **Blessed Mother Shrine Flowers** are offered in loving memory of **Frances Poeggel**: *“May you rest in eternal peace. Love, The Acquavita Family.”*
- ♦ The **St. Joseph Shrine Flowers** are offered in memory of **Chuen Kam Chan Shek**: *“With love from your family.”*

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

A Christmas Tradition for Our Families

This **Sunday, December 21, at the 9:30 Family Mass**, all families are invited to bring their *Bambinelli* - the small figures of the Infant Jesus from their home nativity scenes - for a special blessing. This blessing is a beautiful way to prepare our homes and hearts for the coming feast of Christmas, reminding us that the Lord wishes to dwell among us with His peace and grace. We look forward to celebrating this meaningful tradition together.



MARY, THE NEW EVE



“Mary and Eve,” crayon and pencil, 2005, by Sr. Grace Remington, OCSO.

As we journey through Advent, the Church invites us to renew our hope in the Messiah who comes to heal and restore. One of the most profound signs of this hope is the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose humble “yes” opened the way for the Savior. An especially moving meditation for this season is the image ***Mary and Eve*** (2005) by **Sr. Grace Remington**, which beautifully portrays Mary as the New Eve.

In the artwork, Eve stands holding the fruit of the Fall, her posture marked by sorrow. A serpent coils around her feet -

an image of humanity’s struggle with sin. Mary stands before her, serene and expectant, gently drawing Eve’s hand toward the Child in her womb. At Mary’s feet, we notice a striking detail: she is stepping upon the very serpent that entangles Eve. This echoes the ancient promise of Genesis: ***“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will strike at your head”*** (Genesis 3:15). In this quiet encounter between two women, we see the dawn of redemption.

The Church Fathers saw Mary’s role with remarkable clarity. **St. Irenaeus** wrote, ***“The knot of Eve’s disobedience was loosed by the obedience of Mary; for what the virgin Eve bound by unbelief, the Virgin Mary unbound by faith.”***

St. Ambrose of Milan echoed this truth, reminding us, *“Through Mary, the gateway of salvation was opened to all.”*

Advent is the season where longing meets promise. Eve represents the cry of humanity for healing and restoration. Mary, the New Eve, embodies God’s tender response: *“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel”* (Matthew 1:23). Through her faith and obedience, she becomes the vessel of the One who *“makes all things new”* (Revelation 21:5).

As Christmas draws near, this image by Sr. Grace Remington encourages us to place our own wounds, fears, and hopes into Mary’s hands. Just as she consoles Eve, she leads each of us to her Son, the One who conquers the serpent and brings the light that no darkness can overcome.

A Christmas Story Told Through Young Hearts

Saturday, November 13, 2025: The Faith Formation children delighted the Parish community with a charming Christmas recital that beautifully retold the story of Christ’s birth. Guided by their catechists, the children offered a thoughtful and joyful performance that captured the spirit of the Season. **Heartfelt thanks are extended to the catechists, the children, and all who contributed their time and talents to make this memorable celebration possible.**



Faith That Shines Through the Snow

CELEBRATING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

On **Sunday, December 14**, during the **9:30 a.m. Family Mass**, our Parish joyfully celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Despite the falling snow, a warm and faithful congregation filled the church. The Mass was beautifully animated by the *Our Lady of Guadalupe School Choir*, whose singing lifted hearts and prayers. At the Offertory, the beautiful image of the Blessed Mother, as miraculously “printed” on the tilma of Juan Diego, was solemnly brought forward, accompanied by dancers in traditional Mexican attire and the choir’s joyful song, creating a moment of reverence and cultural richness. We extend our sincere gratitude to all who contributed their time, talent, and faith to make this celebration so meaningful and memorable.



A Parish United in Marian Devotion

Monday, December 8, 2025: Our Parish marked the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** with reverence and strong participation throughout the day. At 9:15 a.m. we had the Our Lady of Guadalupe School Mass, where students, faculty, and families gathered in a spirit of prayer and devotion. The evening Solemn Mass opened with a dignified procession featuring the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, with the Knights of Columbus, the Columbiettes, and members of the Rosary Society taking part. The church was filled with a beautiful and prayerful congregation, which remained following Mass for the Evening of Prayer for the Unborn. The strong attendance at all Liturgies reflected our Parish's deep Marian devotion and steadfast commitment to the dignity of human life.



Reconciliation Monday – December 22

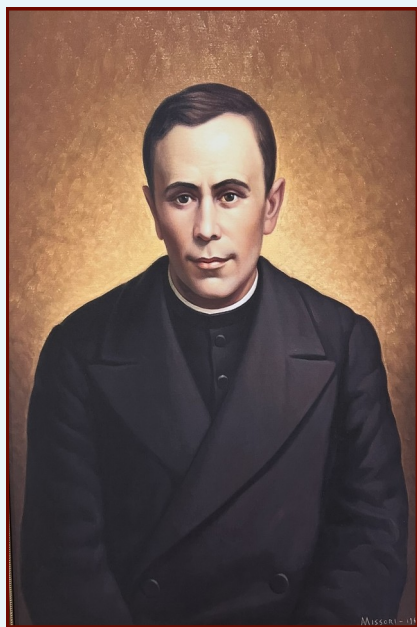


As Christmas draws near, we warmly invite you to prepare your hearts by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on this special Monday. This is a moment to receive God's mercy and peace before the joy of Christmas.

- 1:00 – 6:30 p.m.: **Confessions** in the Church.
- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.: **Penitential Service** led by Fr. Anthony.
- 7:00 p.m.: **Advent Monday Evening Mass** with Fr. Noel.
- 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.: **Confessions** continue in the Church.

We invite everyone to come and encounter God's healing love before Christmas.

The Ven. Fr. Anthony Vincent Gallo



Monteforte Irpino: 1/11/1899 - Rome: 5/2/1934

Let us pray to obtain his Beatification:

O Most Holy Trinity, who deigned to raise Venerable Anthony Vincent Gallo to the priesthood, and endowed him with precious gifts, especially that of a burning love for suffering and immolation, we humbly beseech You, if it be Your Will, that he may be glorified on earth, and that we may obtain through his intercession the particular grace which we ask for with living faith. Amen

**For more information,
visit: www.fathergallo.com or contact Fr. Anthony.**

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Every **TUESDAY**,
from **1:00 to 7:00 PM**

Come and spend time in the loving presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Let your heart find rest, peace, and strength in His Eucharistic Heart.

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

Please note that this Tuesday, Eucharistic Adoration will take place in the Church's Crying Room due to Christmas decorating in the church. Thank you for your understanding and reverence.



Keep **CHRIST**
in **CHRISTMAS**



**We are looking for boys and girls
in 3rd grade or above to become part of our
Altar Server Ministry.**

The Altar Server's Ministry is a unique one in the Catholic Church. Other than the priests and deacons, no one else has the opportunity to participate so closely in the preparation of the Eucharist.

Participation as an Altar Server is special. Essential life skills are built through teamwork, communication, reliability, and self-confidence.

Altar Service also provides a unique way to earn valuable community service hours while growing in faith.

**If you want to learn more about becoming an Altar Server,
please attend our information session on
Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 7:00 PM
in the Father Behan Hall.**

***For more information, contact Father Christopher Deh at
frchris@sscmdp.org or sscyril.altarservers@yahoo.com.***

***You can also leave a message
at the front desk of the Rectory at 631-667-4044.***

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Rosary Society Epiphany Luncheon

*Join us for a joyful Epiphany celebration inspired by the visit of the Magi
(Matthew 2:1–12). Bring your spouse or a friend as we honor the season with good
food and a warm afternoon of fellowship.*

**Thursday, January 8th, 2026, at 1:00 PM
at the *Piccolo Mondo Restaurant***

1070 E. Jericho Turnpike, Huntington, NY

Reservations \$56.00 per person | 50/50 Raffle

For additional information, contact:

- ♦ Rosemarie Brady at 631-681-6336
- ♦ Carol Matos at 813-323-8602
- ♦ Diane Pellechia at 631-252-4802

***We kindly ask that payments (cash or check) are made payable to
Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church by December 28, 2025***

You are welcome to drop off your payments at the Rectory during regular office hours



respect
life *called
to serve
moms
in need*



***Wishing you all
a Blessed & a Merry Christmas!***

We wish you:

JOY in your home that you may
embrace your family during this Beautiful Christmas Week!

LOVE ~ That you may feel the Love and gratitude on Christmas ~
not just from us, the Volunteer team here at the *Walking with Moms*
Ministry but from so many of the Moms and Dads who have received your
donations and gifts throughout the year who have asked us to share their
sincere expression of Thanks for making the days a little lighter and for
filling *their* Christmas season with so much
Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

*Know that your Christmas gifts truly
brightened Christmas morning for so many children!*

***“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**

*~ Thank you ALL for continuing your support
so that we may continue doing what we do! ~*

THANK YOU!

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we extend our **deepest thanks** to everyone who helped make this year's **Christmas Craft Fair** successful. Your generosity, hard work, and support made a tremendous difference.

- To our **sponsors**, thank you for your **generous donations** and ongoing support. Your kindness provided the foundation for our success and allows us to continue serving those in need throughout our community.
- To all of our **volunteers**, thank you for sharing your time, energy, and talents in so many ways, setting up, cleaning up, selling, cooking, decorating, organizing, and doing all the little things that often go unnoticed but are always essential. We simply could not do this without you.
- To the **members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**, thank you for the many hours you dedicated and the personal sacrifices you made to ensure that this event not only ran smoothly but truly reflected the spirit of charity and love at the heart of our mission.
- To the **Parish staff**, we are sincerely grateful for your behind-the-scenes support, coordination, and care for our facilities and communications. Your quiet, steady help made it possible for the fair to run so smoothly.
- To our **vendors**, thank you for bringing your wonderful crafts, foods, and goods to our fair. Your creativity, hard work, and participation added so much warmth, beauty, and excitement to the event and greatly contributed to its success.
- To our **teens**, we are especially grateful. You gave up your free time and went the extra mile to help wherever you were needed. Your enthusiasm, kindness, and willingness to serve are an inspiration to us all.
- A very special **thank you to Father Anthony Saliba**, who graciously allowed us to use **Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church** and supported us with his heartfelt words at every Mass. His encouragement and leadership are a blessing to our entire community.
- And finally, an enormous **thank you to all of our parishioners, community members, and visitors** who came to the craft fair, shopped, participated in the raffles, enjoyed the food, and spent time with us. Your presence, generosity, and goodwill were vital to the success of this fundraiser.

Because of each and every one of you, we are better equipped to continue our mission of helping those in need. Please know that you are remembered with gratitude in our prayers.

With heartfelt thanks and many blessings,
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

“Blessed is she who believed that the Lord’s promise to her would be fulfilled.” Luke 1:45

Faith calls us to trust in God’s promises and to live in unity with others. Solidarity means **standing together as one human family**, especially with those who suffer injustice or poverty. Our faith moves us to action for peace and justice.

- **How** does my faith inspire me to care for others?
- **Where** is God inviting me to trust Him more deeply this Advent?

Live your faith through solidarity:

- **Support** a Parish outreach program
- **Pray** for peace and justice in the world
- **Offer** help to someone in need

Lord, strengthen my faith so that I may trust Your promises and work for justice and peace in our world. Amen.

PANTRY NEEDS

FOOD:

- Oatmeal (Canisters if possible not flavored packets)
- Progresso Soups (not condensed)
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- White Rice 1 or 2 lbs. (not instant)
- Cold cereal
- Apple juice 48 oz.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

- Toothbrushes
- Paper Towels
- Men’s razors
- Bar soap
- Body wash

GIFT CARDS TO:

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

December 21st Youth News



Upcoming Youth Group

Meetings Dec/Jan 2025

December 14th– Meeting

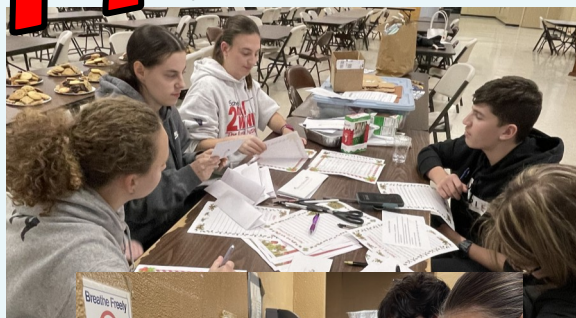
December 21st– Movie Night

December 28th– No Meeting

January 4th– Meeting

January 11th– Painting Party

January 18th– Meeting



Bring a Friend!
Someone brought you!!



Scenes from last week's Cookie Bake.



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