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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

2nd Sunday of Advent ~ December 7, 2025

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."



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

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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).
- Rev. Fr. Christopher Deh, *Parochial Vicar*, (ext. 165).
- Rev. Fr. Noel Sixon, *Parochial Vicar*, (ext. 170).
- Rev. Fr. Gregory Cappuccino, *Occasional Help*, (Retired).
- 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).
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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	December 8
8:30 AM:	Concetta Morlacci
12:15 PM:	Josephine Lazzara
Tuesday	December 9
8:30 AM:	Gregorio & Concetta Morlacci.
12:15 PM:	Anne Gaffney
Wednesday	December 10
8:30 AM:	Jerry Daraio
12:15 PM:	Hermann Navarro
Thursday	December 11
8:30 AM:	Dan Conkright
12:15 PM:	Roger Thorley
Friday	December 12
8:30 AM:	Maria Perez
12:15 PM:	Amable Conde
Saturday	December 13
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM	Cormac Gerrity, Mario Diaz, Dorothy Mallon, Robert Wallace.
Sunday	December 14
8:00 AM	Lauren and Mark Brady's Intentions.
9:30 AM	Johnny Macaluso
11:00 AM	Rocco, Filomena & Giuseppina Cetta, Gloria B. Herrera, Vito & Anna Caputo, Tommaso and Theresa Nacchia, for Frank Calandra's Intentions.
12:30 PM	Barbara Wineberger
6:00 PM	For Our Parishioners.

Presiders for next week Masses:

Saturday, December 13

5:00 PM: Fr. Noel

Sunday, December 14

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

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE

Stanley Horodnicki; Steven J. Vivola;
 Alfred Panarese.

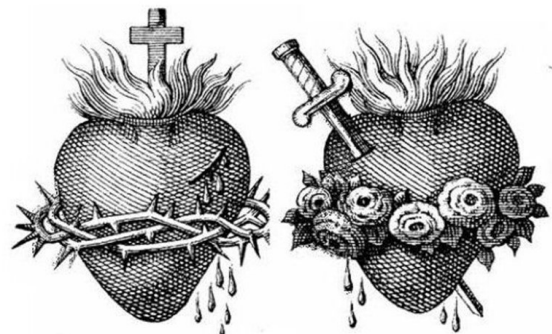
PRAY FOR THE SICK

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 Kriegsmann, 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.

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 include a name in our prayer list.



Per Matrem ad Cor Filii

From the Pastor's Desk

A Season for Turning Back



On this Second Sunday of Advent, John the Baptist calls us to prepare the way of the Lord with honest hearts and renewed purpose. His message in today's Gospel Reading (Matthew 3:1–12) is **direct** and **bracing**, reminding us that **Advent is a time not only of anticipation but of conversion.**

The Lord desires to *remove what is weary, strengthen what is weak, and kindle in us a deeper longing for His presence.* Amid the noise and haste of the season, these days invite us to **pause, reflect, and return** to what truly matters.

As we walk this path together, I warmly encourage your participation in the grace-filled events of the coming week:

- Monday, December 8 we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** with a 7 PM Solemn Mass, followed by a prayer for the unborn with the Knights of Columbus.
- Tuesday, December 9 our **weekly Adoration** continues from 1 to 7 PM, concluding with Vespers and Benediction, starting at 6:30 PM.
- On Wednesday, December 10 all are welcome in church - **especially our young adults** - to an evening of **Faith and Art** at 7 PM.
- And on Saturday, December 13 our children will bring us joy and hope through their **Christmas Recital** at 11 AM, in the church.

May this Advent renew our faith and draw us closer to the Lord who comes to meet us with mercy and love.

Fr. Anthony

TODAY'S READINGS:

#994 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: *Isaiah 11: 1-10*

Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

2nd Reading: *Romans 15: 4 - 9*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 3:1-12*

HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY:

On Jordan's Bank, **#418**

Warm the Time of Winter, **#417**

A Voice Cries Out, **#416**

God of Day and God of Darkness, **#859**

(All Masses, except Sunday at 6pm)



Monday, December 8: Solemnity of the **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

~ IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ~

- *Masses* during the day: 8:30 AM and 12:15 PM.
- 7:00 PM: Procession in church with the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, with the participation of the newly revitalized Rosary Society and the Knights of Columbus, followed by a Solemn Mass.
- Immediately after, Vigil of Prayer for the Unborn.

***All are warmly invited to join these moments
of devotion and intercession.***



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 begin the second week of Advent, the Church invites us to deepen our preparation for the coming of the Lord. This season is a gentle yet persistent call to pause, reflect, and make space for God's grace to work within us.

The **second candle on the Advent wreath** glows with quiet hope. Its steady light reminds us that spiritual renewal often happens gradually: through simple acts of kindness, moments of prayer, and a willingness to set aside whatever weighs the heart down.

May these days draw us closer to true peace and strengthen our desire to welcome Christ with sincerity and joy. **"MARANATHA"** - **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Fr. Anthony

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – Monday, December 8.

A **Holy Day of Obligation**, honoring the pure and grace-filled heart of Our Blessed Mother. **7 pm: Solemn Mass, followed by a Prayer for the Unborn with the Knights of Columbus.**

Adoration & Vespers – Tuesday, December 9

- 1–7 pm: we continue our weekly **Adoration**.
- 6:30 pm: we pray together as one family the **Vespers** and receive the **Lord's Benediction**

Advent Catechesis – Wednesday, December 10. A beautiful evening for young adults and all parishioners - **7 pm: Faith and Art Advent Reflection** in church.



Religious Education Christmas Recital – Saturday, December 13.

11 am in Church: a joyful celebration led by our children.

Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday – December 14

Theme: **JOY**. With **THE PROPHET ISAIAH**, we rejoice that the Messiah is near.

- 9:30 am: **Advent Family Mass** and Jesse Tree, including a **special celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. We welcome the amazing children's choir of *Our Lady of Guadalupe School*.
- **Coffee and refreshments** afterward hosted by the *Flame of Love Ministry*.
- 4 pm: **Lessons & Carols** – a cherished Advent tradition of Scripture and song, organized by our Music Ministry.

Advent Monday Evening Mass – December 15.

7 pm: Mass celebrated by Fr. Chris.

Adoration & Vespers – Tuesday, December 16

- 1–7 pm: We spend some time with the Lord in our **weekly Adoration**.
- 6:30 pm: As one Parish Family we pray **Vespers** and receive the **Eucharistic Benediction**.

Blessing of the Outdoor Nativity – Saturday, December 20:

After the 5 pm Mass, we gather outside the church for the Blessing of the Crèche, the singing of carols, and a moment of Parish fellowship.

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.

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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:



January 1: 11:00 am.
January 11: 11:00 am.
January 25: 11:00 am & 6:00 pm.
January 30: 12:15 pm.
February 1: 11:00 am & 6:00 pm.
February 3: 8:30 am & 12:15 pm.
February 4: 8:30 am.
February 5: 12:15 pm.
February 6: 8:30 am & 12:15 pm.
February 8: 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, & 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: 8:30 am & 12:15 pm.
February 15: 8:00 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, & 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: \$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.

Advent Catechesis

FAITH AND ART

with Fr. Anthony

THE GEOGRAPHY OF CHRISTMAS



- *What was Nazareth like during the time of Jesus?*
- *How long did it take Mary and Joseph to travel to Bethlehem?*
- *Why was Bethlehem so important in the Old Testament?*
- *Where is the actual birthplace of Jesus?*

Join us for an
**engaging and beautifully illustrated
presentation** that brings the
Christmas story to life through history,
Scripture, and sacred art.

**Wednesday, December 10,
at 7:00 PM - In Church**

All are welcome.



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. 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, **December 8, 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**.

**Next Sunday, December 14,
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 FLAME OF LOVE MINISTRY
for generously organizing and sponsoring
this month's Coffee After Mass.*

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

STEWARDSHIP

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Regular Collection: \$17,221.50

Online Giving: \$ 1,290.98

Total: \$18,512.48

This week we are up **\$1,012.48**
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: **(\$10,135.23)**

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

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2025

Goal = \$125,200

\$64,375.00 pledged (51.42% of Parish Goal)

VANCO
FAITH

EUCCHARISTIC 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.



Treasures for the Eucharistic King

Sunday, November 23 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: During the 11:00 a.m. Solemn Mass for Christ the King, our Parish celebrated the blessing of a newly donated **monstrance** and **ombrellino**. The blessing took place at the end of Mass, drawing our community together in reverence for the Lord, truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

The elegant mid-19th-century French monstrance, generously donated by **Mr. Dominik, Mrs. Susan, and the Benvenuto family**, reflects a profound love for the Eucharistic Lord and will serve our Parish for generations. The Italian *broccato d'oro ombrellino*, gifted by the **Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes**, will accompany the Blessed Sacrament in processions throughout the year, honoring the Lord who walks with His people.

With sincere thanks to all who offered these sacred gifts, I pray that their generosity may deepen our love for the Eucharist and strengthen our unity in Christ our King.

Fr. Anthony







MEMORIALS

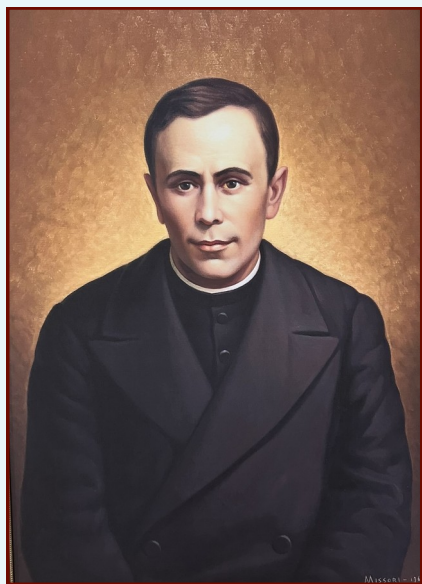
December 7 – 13

***The BLESSED MOTHER
SHRINE FLOWERS***

are offered in honor of

CAROL MATOS

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 Saliba in rectory.**



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THE "JESSE TREE" IN OUR SANCTUARY



Those who come to our church during these Advent days will notice the *Jesse Tree* placed beside the ambo. Many may wonder what it is, and why it holds such a special place in our preparations for Christmas.

The Jesse Tree is an ancient Christian tradition that traces the family lineage and the history of salvation leading to the birth of Our Lord. It takes its name from Jesse, the father of King David. The prophet Isaiah proclaimed, “**A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,**” reminding God’s people that the Messiah would arise from this royal line. Each ornament on the Jesse Tree represents a figure from the Old Testament who helped prepare the way for Christ. They stand as stepping stones guiding us toward the manger in Bethlehem.

Here in our Parish, we will place four ornaments on the Jesse Tree, one for each Sunday of Advent. Last Sunday, at the 9:30 AM Family Mass, we hung the first ornament, depicting Noah, who teaches us hope, obedience, and trust as we journey toward Christ. We are grateful to Ms. Darlene Vietri, our Parish Secretary, for preparing the beautiful ornaments that will adorn our Jesse Tree. The children at the Family Mass also received a handout of Noah’s ornament to color, cut out, and place on their own Jesse Tree at home.

Each Sunday of Advent, a new ornament will be added to the Parish Jesse Tree, and the children will continue to receive a copy of it to take home and place on their personal Jesse Trees. In this way, our youngest parishioners can follow the story of salvation week by week, growing in wonder as Christmas draws near.

As these ornaments are added, both here in church and in the homes of our families, we remember how faithfully God prepared the world for His Son. May this beautiful tradition help us enter Advent with renewed joyful expectation. And let the Jesse Tree remind us that the story of our salvation is long, rich, and ever unfolding, leading our hearts ever closer to Christ.



**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 Christmas Pageant



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025
AT 11AM IN THE CHURCH**

No experience necessary. No practices.

We need animals, shepherds and angels.

Costumes available. If interested, please call or email the

Faith Formation office: faithformation@sscmdp.org

631-667-4044 X145

respect
life *called
to serve
moms
in need*



***Our Walking with Moms Ministry continues to grow!
This would not be possible without the very generous contributions
from so many of you!***

Today on this Second Sunday of Advent. We would like to express
a **VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU** to the **OLOR COLUMBIETTES &
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**. Both of these wonderful organizations continue to
provide an immense amount of support that truly can be credited with helping us
“keep our doors open” in this ministry! The recent monetary donation you have both
so generously contributed will allow us to purchase much needed items to assist us in
our work and provide the most needed items for the families we serve.

*May God Bless all of the OLOR Columbiettes, Knights, and their families!
Your dedication, devotion, and unwavering support – not to mention hard work
in the fundraising and event planning you so tirelessly do, does not go unnoticed,
we are so truly, truly grateful for ALL that you do in supporting us here at
the Walking with Moms Ministry!*

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

Donation 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.

Items we accept:

*gently used~clean clothing & shoes • small handheld size toys •
Unexpired baby food/bottles •
large sized diapers • fragrance free wipes • shampoo/wash & lotion.*

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***

Run to Meet the Eternal Light

*“Open wide the door of your heart, for the Lord draws near.
Open your soul without fear, for grace seeks a place to rest.
Let simplicity shine again, for it is richer than any earthly
treasure.*

*Let peace take root, for it is the quiet strength of the faithful.
Let grace sweeten the spirit, healing what time has wounded.
Do not delay your
conversion, for the moment
of mercy is always now.*

*Lift your eyes toward the
horizon, where the true
Light rises.*

*Run to meet the Sun of
eternal light, for only Christ
can fill the deepest places
of the soul.”*

**St. Ambrose of Milan
(AD 340 - 397)**



Monthly Message of the Blessed Mother to Marija in Medjugorje

*“Dear children! In this time of grace, I am calling you to follow me.
Pray for those who do not pray and do not want peace and joy,
which only the Most High can give. May your souls be united
in the joy of expectancy and your heart will be filled with peace.*

*You will be convinced, little children, that all will be good and
that God will bless all; because the good that you give will return to you,
and joy will enfold your heart because you are with God and in God.*

Thank you for having responded to my call.”

(11/25/2025 - With Ecclesiastical Approval)

Children's Christmas Party



When: Sunday 12/14/25

Time: 10:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Where: KOC #4428

Father Kayser Banquet Hall

759 Long Island Avenue, Deer Park, 11729

Cost: Children Admission \$20

Adults Admission: \$10

Every Child will receive a gift from Santa,

Bagels, Games, Chinese Auction, Face Painting

Any questions please call Helene E. Horodnicki 631-926-5330 or Heather J. Paulino 631-926-0200



Children's Name(s)	Age(s)	Adults Name(s)
Contact Phone Number:		

All checks made out and mailed to KOC #4428 759 LI Ave, Deer Park,
Attention Helene E. Horodnicki or Heather J. Paulino

Pope Leo XIV Encourages Young Catholics: "Let Technology Serve Faith, Not Replace It!"



On Friday, November 15, 2025, more than 15,000 teenagers gathered in Indianapolis for the *National Catholic Youth Conference* and connected live with Pope Leo XIV.

The Holy Father welcomed their questions on mercy, mental health, technology, and the future of the Church, urging them to **deepen their friendship with Jesus Christ**.

Pope Leo reminded the youth that the Sacraments, especially Confession, are **real encounters with God's mercy**. Sin never has the final word, he said, encouraging them to approach the Lord with confidence and trust. Speaking also about sadness and anxiety, the Pope invited young people to **open their hearts to Jesus in quiet prayer, especially before the Blessed Sacrament**. He encouraged them to lean on trusted adults and to seek friendships that lead them closer to Christ.

On technology, he praised its value for prayer, learning, and connection, while cautioning that it can never replace real relationships or worship together at Mass. Even with artificial intelligence, he said, technology must serve human growth, not diminish it. **"AI can never replace the unique gift that you are to the world."**

Looking to the future, Pope Leo affirmed that **young Catholics are not only the future of the Church, but also her present**. He urged them to be active in their parishes, faithful to Sunday Mass, and open to God's call in their lives. He concluded by encouraging youth to be friends of Christ and builders of unity, avoiding political labels in matters of faith. "The world needs missionaries," he said. "It needs you to share the light and joy you have found in Jesus."

Blood Drive

Critical Need

**Ss. Cyril and Methodius RC
Church - Gymnasium**

**Tuesday, December 9, 2026
3:00pm – 7:30pm**

125 Half Hollow Road Deer Park



Scan the QR Code to schedule your Donation

Prepare to donate



Eat well
and hydrate



Bring a
photo ID



Feel good and
symptom free



Must be 17+ or
16 with parental
consent form



Meet minimum
weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements
and COVID-19 information, visit
nybc.org/eligibility.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths” Mark 1:3
Call to Family, Community, and Participation

To prepare for Christ's coming means more than decorating our homes; it means building a community rooted in justice and love. We prepare by fostering relationships, supporting families, and working for the common good.

- *How am I preparing my heart and my actions for Christ's coming?*
- *What can I do to strengthen my family and community this week?*

Prepare by acts of love:

- ⇒ Invite someone to share a meal.
- ⇒ Volunteer at a Parish ministry.
- ⇒ Support a local charity or outreach program.

***Lord, help me prepare a place for You
in my heart and in my community
through acts of justice and love. 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 7th Youth News



**Upcoming Youth Group
Meetings Dec/Jan 2025**

December 7th- Homebound Gift Making
December 8th- Annual Cookie Bake
December 14th- Meeting
December 21st- Movie Night
December 28th- No Meeting
January 4th- Meeting
January 11th- Painting Party

Bring a Friend!
Someone brought you!!



December 7th we were making gifts for the homebound at Youth group. The Cookie Bake is coming on December 8th. Join us for great events and get some service time.

Questions? Call Tim 631-806-4715

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



For information on Youth Program activities please contact Tim Leitch at:
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EVERY THURSDAY - Fr Behan Hall
DOOR OPENS at 6:00 pm