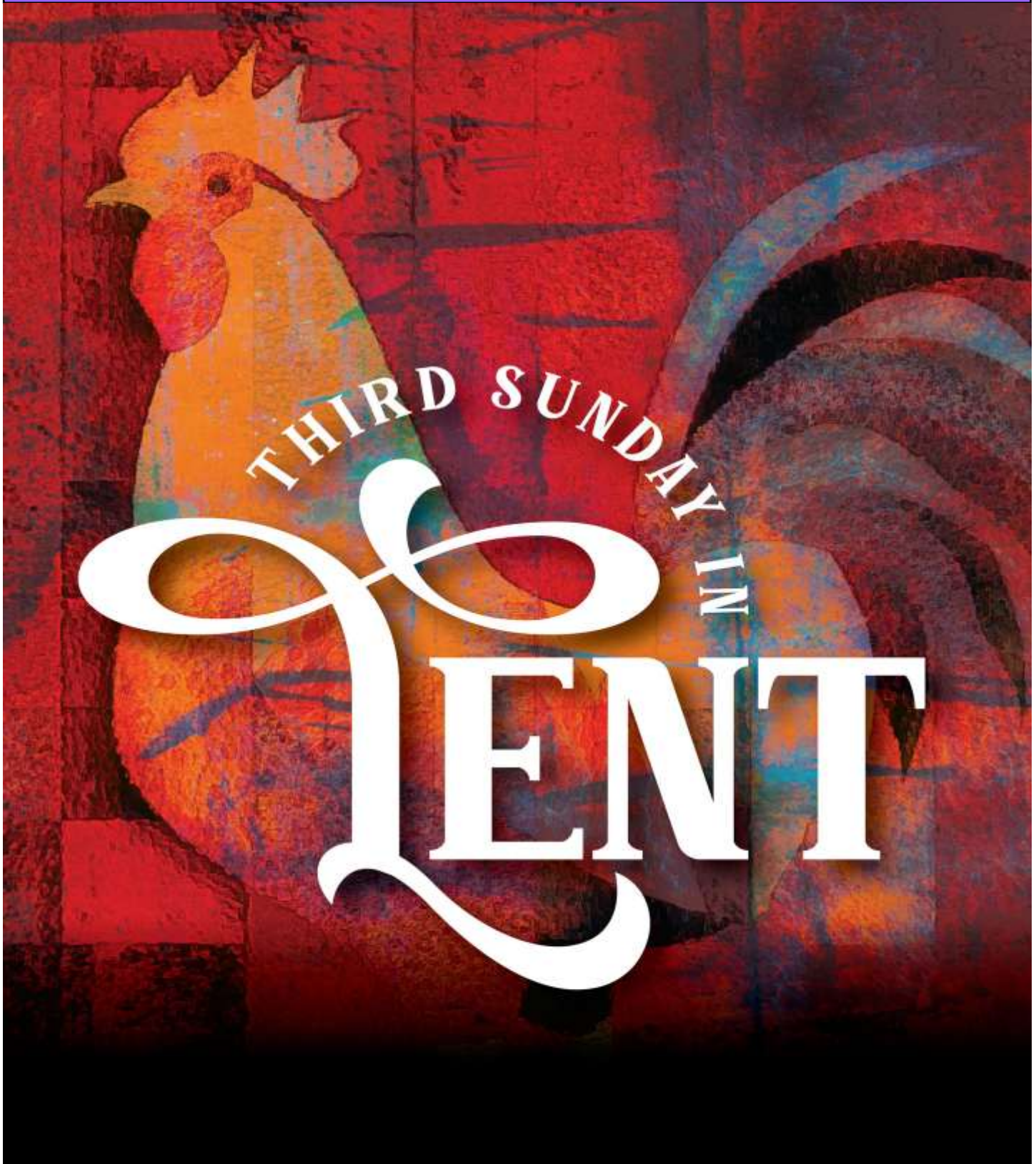


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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
March 8, 2026**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Office Hours are:
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
9am to 5pm
631-288-4188

WEATHER REMINDER:

For weather related cancellations, all parents and volunteers will receive notification through "Remind" text message. Also, the notice will be on the local TV – channel 12.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Water plays a pivotal role in today's liturgy. In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Moses bring forth water in the desert when the Chosen People feared dying of thirst. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals himself as the source of living water, telling the woman at the well that whoever drinks of this water will never thirst again. Today we also celebrate the first scrutiny rite with those who are preparing for baptism, where they will receive the water of new life. Whether we have been baptized for many years or are preparing for baptism in just a few weeks, we thirst for the life-giving water that only our Lord, "the one called the Christ," can provide.

INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

With thankful hearts, let us offer this prayer in the name of Jesus, the just one who died to save us.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



How can the life-giving water I received in baptism flow through me to quench the thirst of others in need?

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Frances of Rome

Friday: Abstinence

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Jeffrey Davis, Jake Ekhart, Millie Ferrin,
Eve McNeil, Fay Mack, & Nancy Ruffell

Please call the Parish Office (631-288-1423) to add/delete a name to the sick list. This list will be cleared occasionally.

REFLECTIONS

Living Stewardship

We are called to bring others to Him. When Jesus spoke to the woman at the well and revealed to her the wrongness of her ways, she believed Him to be the Christ and brought her people to Him.



Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks to the woman at the well.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, March 14/15, our parish will take up The **Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizará **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Los fondos de esta colecta proporcionan alimento al hambriento, ayuda a los refugiados desplazados y llevan el amor y la misericordia de Cristo a los pueblos vulnerables aquí y en el extranjero. La próxima semana, por favor, contribuyan generosamente a la colecta y revelen el amor de Cristo a los más necesitados. Infórmense más acerca de la colecta en www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



PRAYER REQUESTS

There is a great power in prayer. It is our lifeline to God. Through it we communicate with God, and people are strengthened, helped, and made whole.

Do you know of some concern, or of some person with a special need for whom we ought to pray? We have 29 prayer warriors praying, please call Charles Schmidt at 631-288-4243 and leave a message with your prayer request.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



FOOD PANTRY

Some items our Food Pantry needs are: TOILETRIES, HEARTY-TYPE SOUPS & JELLY. But ANY food/toiletry is welcomed!

eGIVING OPPORTUNITIES

eGiving makes it easy to give, anytime, anywhere. To continue lifesaving ministries and outreach in our parish community, we depend on generous online donations from our church family. We prayerfully invite you to use eGiving from your computer, smartphone, or tablet to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.



FAITH DIRECT/PARISH SOFT

Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide Immaculate Conception with consistent support and simplify your giving without the use of envelopes. Visit:

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/NY66>

Thank you for your continued support!

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

NAVY: Ethan Bentley, Julia Blake, Michael J. DiLeo, William Robesch, RJ Ruggiero, Matthew Worden, & Cameron Worden

MARINES: Christopher Fencel

AIR FORCE: Joseph Ferraro III

USSF: Thomas Hellman

Please contact the Rectory @ 631-288-1423 to add a loved one to the military list

MEDITATION with Deacon Joe

Tuesdays at 2pm in the Parish Center
Try this spiritual practice, it will surprise you!

SACRAMENTALS

ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR FLOWERS & SANCTUARY LAMP

There are many opportunities to have the Sanctuary Lamp burn a week in memory of ... or perhaps having the Bread & Wine in someone's honor for a week. We also have Altar Flowers that can be admired in your loved ones name for the week. Visit the Parish Office to arrange yours today!

Available Dates:

Sanctuary Lamp: March 16, 23, 30

Bread & Wine: March 16, 23, 30

Altar Flowers: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Take Catholic Theology Courses this summer at
ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY

There is still time to register!

Dates: May 27 through July 10

Courses are:

- Open to qualified lay men and women, clergy, and consecrated religious
- Offered in person or online - Zoom in from any location to join a class
- Reasonably priced - Affordable tuition rates! 50% tuition discount for new students, alumni auditors, diocesan and parish employees
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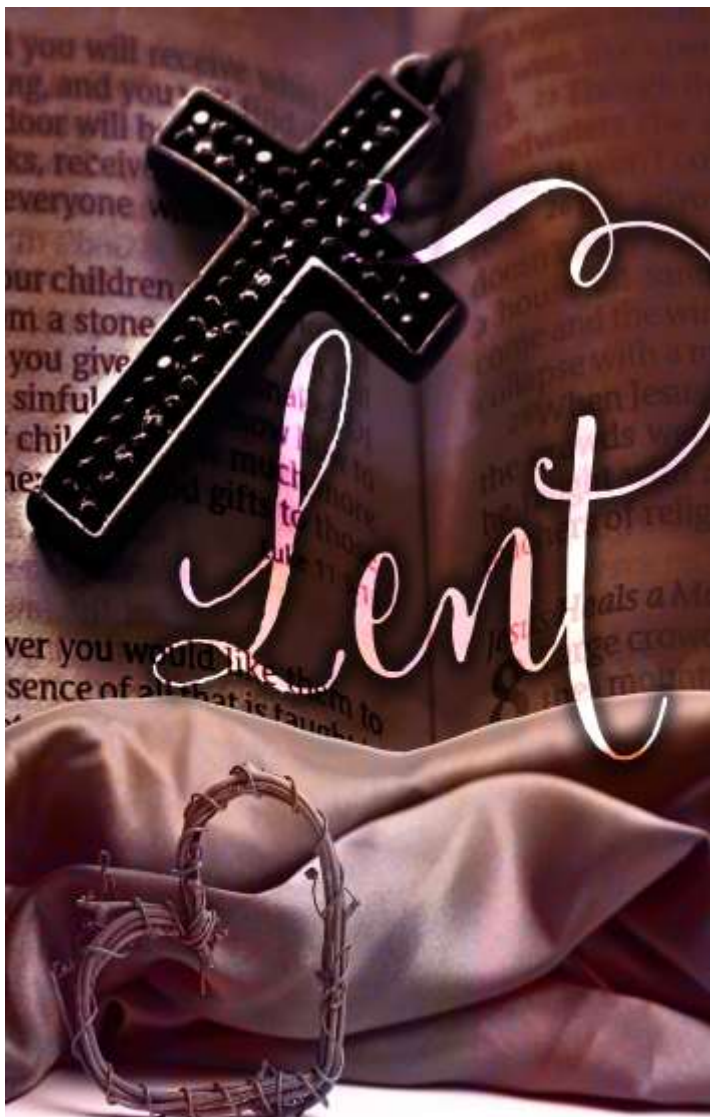
To learn more about our schedule of classes for summer 2026, go to www.dunwoodie.edu or email: sjs.academics@dunwoodie.edu.



The Eastport Fire Department recently made a donation of \$1,500 to our Food Pantry. These funds are from their November breakfast events. They also provide the same monetary donations to four other local food pantries! Great job and many thanks to the EFD and all who support and attend their breakfasts!



LENT



“Even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to me with all your heart.”

Joel 2:12, NIV



Stations of the Cross

ENGLISH:

Every Friday at 4pm during Lent

SPANISH:

Every Friday at 7:30pm during Lent

LENTEN REGULATIONS FAST AND ABSTINENCE

There is a limit of one full meal on Good Friday for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive. All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat on that day and ALL Fridays in Lent.

EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION

After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Flowers can be dedicated to or in memory of your loved ones. Their names will be printed in the bulletin after Easter. A minimum suggested offering is \$25. You may use the envelopes you receive in the mail or use envelopes you may find in the lobby of the Church and you can place them either in the collection baskets during Mass or drop off at the Parish Office. Thank you!

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday from 4-4:45pm

Special Day of Reconciliation

Monday, March 30th
2-4pm & 6-9pm

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Our Collection on Good Friday supports the Christian communities in the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity.

LENTEN SUGGESTED PENANCE

Almsgiving (acts of charity)

- Set aside a small amount each week for a charity or parish need.
- Do one intentional act of kindness daily.
- Visit or call someone who is lonely or homebound.
- Donate clothes you actually like, not just the ones you don't want.
- Volunteer at a food pantry or soup kitchen during Lent.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

at
**Immaculate Conception Church
in Our Lady's Hall**

ALL ARE INVITED
Every Thursday!
9:30am Chat/Coffee/Tea
10:00am Study begins promptly

Zoom is also available for those unable to attend in person

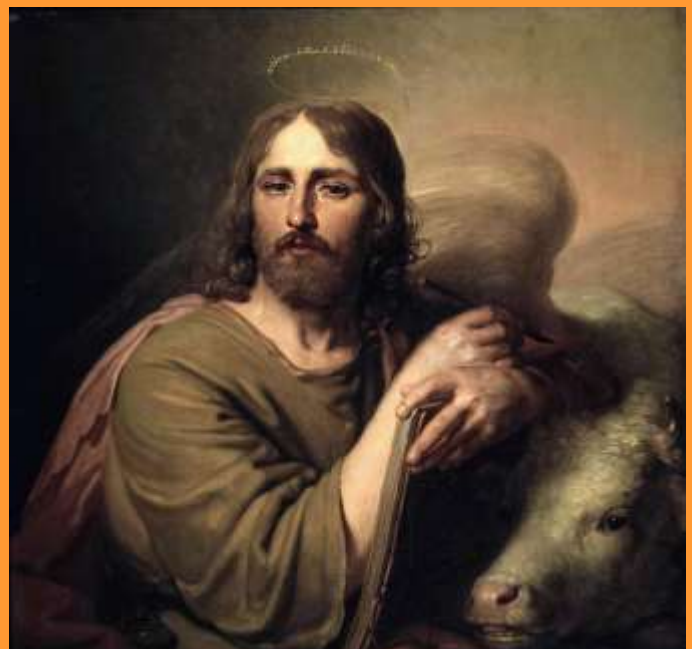
"EVANGELIZATION – AND THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES"

All are Welcome ... Join us on this journey, which will involve us in learning about St. Luke, the Evangelist, his New Testament Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. ACTS, "written as a sequel to Luke's Gospel, tells the story of the birth and spread of the Church starting in Jerusalem, and how today, each one of us has a role to play in the 'New Evangelization.'"

On this journey with St. Luke in the Spring and the Fall of 2026, we study the Acts of the Apostles, discuss magnificent Religious Paintings, learn about St. Luke's life and journey with St. Paul, discuss Pentecost and it's significance, and meditate with Lectio Davina. All designed to inspire, and to enhance our understanding of the role the first Evangelists played proclaiming and spreading the Gospel of Christ.

We hope you will decide to join us on Thursdays for our ICC Women's Bible Study. It is a wonderful way to engage with amazing women who want to learn, to discuss Scripture, share ideas, find comfort in shared life stories, and enhance your knowledge of the The New Testament/St. Luke's writings, his role, and the role of the Annunciation, St. Peter, St. Paul and other Evangelists in spreading the Gospel.

NOTE: To Register and reserve a copy of the Bible Study book, or have any questions, please email:
mtpilo.esq@gmail.com or Kris0330@optonline.net





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Easter Cross Sale



The Knights of Columbus will be at the weekend Masses selling Palm Crosses beginning the weekend of March 15th. Please support our Knights & the good works they do!

The Impact of Alzheimer's in the Community



Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. Join us as we provide an opportunity for individuals to learn about the impact of Alzheimer's, the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, stages and risk factors, current research and treatments available for some symptoms, and Alzheimer's Association resources.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Health.



Sunday, March 22, 2026
12:30-1:15 p.m.



Immaculate Conception
Roman Catholic Church
Our Ladies Hall

Refreshments provided.



How to register:
Call 800.272.3900



20 **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**
26 **DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE**

"Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another."
- Pope Leo XIV

SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH OTHERS

"Dear friends, let us ask for the grace of a Lent that leads us to greater attentiveness to God and to the least among us..."

- Pope Leo XIV

Dear Friends:

During the special Lenten season, please allow me to share a special request with you. If you have never contributed to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, or if you haven't contributed in a number of years, please consider making this the year that you join with me and other members of our Parish family to make a donation to the 2026 Appeal.

As you may already be aware, 100% of all the money raised is used to support the ministries of the Appeal that serve more than 600,000 people each year, and our parish shares in the money raised to use for our own local needs.

These programs include services to people in need; affordable housing for senior citizens; people with disabilities and our veterans; respect life initiatives; and formation of our priests, deacons, lay leaders, and young people. These are just a few of the programs that help make our church and this Island a vibrant and wonderful place to live.

But to help ensure that we can always serve those who come to us for aid, support and spiritual guidance, we need help from you!

If 100 of our parishioners who have not supported us in the recent past made a \$25 contribution this year – think about how many more people we could help! If that amount is more than you can manage, consider \$5 or \$10.

Every gift counts and makes a difference in the lives of others! THANK YOU!!

Make checks payable to:

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish _____

Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____

Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit drvc.org/CMA
or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296

Thank You!



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**CAMPAÑA DE APOYO A LOS
MINISTERIOS CATÓLICOS**

DIÓCESIS DE ROCKVILLE CENTRE

"Juntos, como un solo pueblo, todos como hermanos y hermanas, caminemos hacia Dios y amémosnos los unos a los otros"
-Papa León XIV

COMPARTIENDO EL EVANGELIO CON LOS DEMÁS

"Queridos hermanos, pidamos la gracia de vivir una Cuaresma que haga más atento nuestro oído a Dios y a los más necesitados."

Papa León XIV

Estimados amigos:

En esta Cuaresma, permítame hacer un pedido especial. No importa si ustedes nunca han contribuido o si no lo han hecho por muchos años: los invito a que este año ustedes se unan conmigo y con otros feligreses de esta parroquia y hagan un donativo a favor de la Campaña 2026.

Puede que ya sea de su conocimiento, que el 100% de lo que recaudamos se destina al sostenimiento de los ministerios y programas que cada año ayudan y prestan servicio a más de 600,000 personas, y parte de lo recaudado lo podríamos recibir y usarlo para cubrir las necesidades de nuestra propia parroquia.

Estos programas incluyen servicios para personas necesitadas: vivienda asequible para ancianos, discapacitados y nuestros veteranos; iniciativas de respeto a la vida, formación para nuestros sacerdotes, diáconos, dirigentes laicos y nuestros jóvenes. Estos son sólo algunos ejemplos de los programas que hacen que nuestra iglesia y Long Island sean un excelente lugar para vivir.

¡Es por ello que necesitamos su contribución para poder seguir sirviendo a aquellos que vienen a nosotros en busca de ayuda y guía espiritual!

¡Imagínense a cuántas personas más podríamos ayudar si 100 de nuestros feligreses -que no hayan participado recientemente- hicieran este año un donativo de \$25! Si esa cantidad fuera demasiado, considere hacer un donativo de \$5 o \$10.

¡Todas las cantidades son importantes y hacen la diferencia en la vida del prójimo! ¡Gracias!

Escriba su cheque pagadero a:
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Mi Parroquia _____ Mi donativo total \$ _____

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¡Muchas Gracias!



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UPCOMING

Winter/Spring 2026

events

MARCH 21

Spring Extravaganza!

Our Spring Basket & Food Extravaganza will take place on Saturday, March 21 6PM in the auditorium. Doors open at 5:30PM

> Tickets available thru 2/25. Call 631-878-1033.



MAY 2

Senior Luncheon

Seniors are welcome to sign up for our annual Senior Luncheon on May 2. Our students from The Mission (Grades 6, 7 & 8) will be serving. There will be Mass at St. John's at 11AM, followed by the lunch.

> Sign up before May 1 - Call 631-878-1033.



MAY 5

Project REACH

Beginning in 7th grade, our students choose a topic of interest and, with the help of mentors, conduct a small-scale research project, which they present at the end of 8th grade.

REACH stands for Research, Excellence, Academics, Catholic, Hope. Their projects reflect all these aspects and help them develop strong research and presentation skills. Our 8th graders will be presenting their projects at our symposium on Tuesday, May 5.



MAY 8-9

School Play

Our students will be performing "The Little Mermaid, Jr." on Friday, May 8 at 6PM & Saturday, May 9 @ 1PM.

> Purchase tickets by May 1 - Call 631-878-1033



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Quick Facts for 2026:

Limit: Up to \$111,000 per person.

Deadline: December 31st.

Must go directly from your IRA custodian to the charity.

How to Give via QCD:

Contact Your IRA Custodian: Ask them to send the funds directly to your parish or Diocese and mention it's for a QCD.

We can help! If you need our EIN or have questions, contact Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 or email her at bkilarjian@drvc.org. info.

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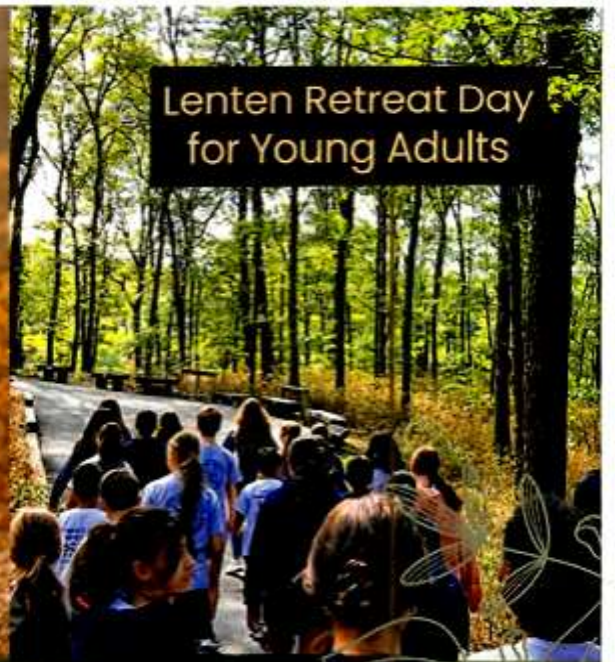
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- Fellowship & Music
- Mass

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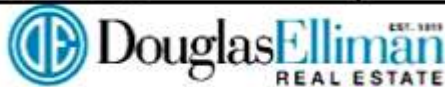
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