



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF  
**Ss. CYRIL AND METHODIUS**

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*To bring the universal love preached by Christ,*

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020

### READINGS THIS SUNDAY

**1st Reading:** 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a Samuel is sent to anoint David as king.

**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14 The Ephesians are told to live as children of light.

**Gospel Reading:** John 9:1-41 (shorter form: John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38) Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.

### FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 at 3:00 pm, all Masses (weekday and weekend), meetings, and non-essential activities in our parishes are suspended or postponed through Tuesday, April 14, 2020. This will include all Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. However, these will be televised and available online (see below).

#### **When you hear Mass online, here are some recommendations:**

1. Prepare an altar with a candle lit to help set the tone. Dispose yourself properly before beginning. Take three mindful breaths.
2. Dress up properly even if you are just at home (change out of your pajamas, and fix up your face and hair)
3. Remove distractions (put phones and gadgets on silent and put away during Mass)
4. Instead of actual communion, pray the **Act of Spiritual Communion** from the heart, dwell on what the words mean
5. Pray also the **Oratio Imperata**, within the Mass if it is part or soon after if not part. Pray for our **Mother Mary's intercession**. Pray also for our front liners.
6. Reflect on how is God teaching us to love in this time and how we may have fallen short because of our own selfishness.

Suggested prayers we can use at this time:

#### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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**PARISH OFFICE**

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**NEW OFFICE HOURS** (tentatively until April 14, 2020)

Monday to Saturday **9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**NEW SOCIAL MINISTRY PANTRY HOURS**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday **9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**PARISH CENTER OFFICES CLOSED ON SUNDAY**

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Priests have been asked to say their assigned Mass in private for the scheduled intentions.
- We have decided to close the Church during this time to prevent people from congregating. Weather permitting, we ask people to use the Blessed Mother's Grotto instead for prayers.
- You are now able to livestream our Sunday Mass every Saturday starting March 21, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Please subscribe to our YouTube Channel:

**Saints Cyril and Methodius, Deer Park, NY**

*(a link can be found on our website: [sscmdp.org](http://sscmdp.org))*

- The recorded Mass will also be available all day the following Sunday. We are working on eventually livestreaming one daily Mass as well. In our channel, check the video describing some useful tips to make Livestream Mass more fruitful and effective.
- During this very difficult time, we ask you to consider mailing your weekly contribution envelopes or drop them off at the mail slot of the Parish Center.

With faith and prayers, and together, we will get through this challenging time.



## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Monday, March 23**

**7:00 AM** - For Chelsea Kravitz's intentions  
**8:30 AM** - John Fremont Barker  
**12:15PM** - Bruno Borak

### **Tuesday, March 24**

**7:00AM** - For Lawrence Malerba's intentions  
**8:30 AM** - For Prayers Answered  
**12:15PM** - For the intention of the Matos Family

### **Wednesday, March 25**

**7:00 AM** - Richard Friend  
**8:30 AM** - For our Military  
**12:15PM** - For Dominique Romain's Prayers of Thanksgiving

### **Thursday, March 26**

**7:00 AM** - Dorothy Castagna  
**8:30AM** - For Our Military  
**12:15PM** - Thomas Joseph Cortese

### **Friday, March 27**

**7:00 AM** - For all those in Ministry  
**8:30 AM** - For Regina B. Diaz's intentions  
**12:15PM** - Consuelo Gonzalez

### **Saturday, March 28**

**8:30 AM** - Purgatorial Society  
**5:00 PM** - Victor Rizzo, Robert J. Bailey, Geraline L. Maggipinto, for Marge Pasqualone's intentions, for Lodamie Nevil's intentions and for Denise Laventure's intentions

### **Sunday, March 29**

**8:00AM** - Ida D'Agostaro  
**9:30 AM** - Anthony Antonelli  
**11:00AM** - Antonino Russo and for Chuen Kam Chan- Shek's intentions  
**12:30PM** - For Our Parishioners  
**6:00 PM** - Sophie and John McMahon

#### **MASSES WILL BE SAID PRIVATELY BY PRIEST CELEBRANTS**

#### **Saturday**

5:00 pm - Fr. Gius Garcia

#### **Sunday**

8:00 am - Fr. Patrick Grace  
 9:30 am - Fr. Moise Aime  
 11:00 am -Fr. Gius Garcia  
 12:30 pm -Fr. Patrick Grace  
 6:00 pm - Fr. Moise Aime

### **REST IN PEACE**

JoAnn Lynch  
 Marion Corsentino  
 Richard G. Friend

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Baby T. J. Hicks, Baby Christian Daniel, Baby Owen Chapman, Baby William Shirk, Rita Haggerty, Catherine Rizzo, Rosemarie Dorsty, Jamie Bufalino, Margaret McCartney, Richard J. Murphy, Kevin Lixfield, Nuala Egan, Theresa Schaefer, Leonard Caltabiano, Mary Massa, Joseph Massa, Jacqueline Lullis, Amelia Verme, Mary Anne Farrell-Tzanetos, Jonathan Pultz, Frank Persico, Louis Gerbino, Joan Olcott, Barbara Dunne, Barbara Wineberger, Connie Rigert, Joseph Catalano, Steve Peterson, Frank Peterson, Diane Peterson, Catherine Troiano, Luida Samson, Matthew Locascio, John Giusto, Omar Stuart, Robert Glaser, Lucille Sanelli, Michael Ferro, Charles Gulotta, Robert Flaherty, Stanley Urbanowski, Michael Rossano, Sean Jarrod Boyden, Carol Travers, Angelina Diramacco, Joseph Giammarino, Maryann Farrell, Louise Whitehead, Stephen Neveroski, Eugene Sheehy, Angela Mistretta, Jack Doyle, Anthony DeAngelis, Robert Filardi, Clair Barneva, Marilyn Theiling, Edward Muldowney, Alberto Sanelli, Stephen M. Murphy, Rose Giusti, Ann Marie Franzese, Lucy Symes, Jean Fortunato, Glenn Tarquinio, Bertha Banta, Doris Friend, Marilyn A. McDonald, Martha Dagostino, Thomas Quigley, Armondo Rio, Donald Quigley, John Hyde, Eleanore Jablowski, Hugh Daly, Monica Alicino, Charles Fudzinski, Eileen Conlin, Theresa Fackner

### **WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN**

Joseph Evola,  
 Karley Hawkins,  
 Gabriella Hawkins,  
 Ryan Prescia,  
 Ryan Ferrara,  
 Lt. Patrick H. LaMonica,  
 Lt. Jonathan W. LaMonica  
 James Powers  
 Commander Christopher Grande

If you would like your family member added to the list or if one has returned home, please contact the Parish Office or email [jloring@sscmdp.org](mailto:jloring@sscmdp.org)

**FROM THE PASTOR***...from cover page***Prayer of Pope Francis to Mother Mary, Health of the sick against cover-19**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.  
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,  
with steadfast faith.  
You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.  
We are certain that you will provide, so that,  
as you did at Cana of Galilee,  
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the Father's will  
and to do what Jesus tells us:  
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,  
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.  
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.  
Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

**Oratio Imperata**

God our Father  
we come to You in our need  
to ask Your protection against the 2019 N-coronavirus  
that has claimed lives  
and has affected many.

We pray for Your grace  
for the people tasked with studying the nature and cause  
of this virus and its disease  
and of stemming the tide of its transmission.  
Guide the hands and minds of medical experts  
that they may minister to the sick  
with competence and compassion  
and of those governments and private agencies  
that must find cure and solution to this epidemic.

We pray for those afflicted.  
May they be restored to health soon.  
Grant us the grace  
to work for the good of all  
and to help those in need.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son  
who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God forever and ever. Amen.

**Fr. Gius Garcia**





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## MEDIA STATEMENT

**DATE: March 16, 2020 – 1PM EDT****RE: Announcement****FROM: Sean P. Dolan, Director of Communications**

Note: This information was sent to all priests by the Offices of the Vicar General and Chancellor.

As of March 15, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control announced that it is recommended that all events involving 50 people or more be suspended or postponed. In an effort to promote health and safety of all people, the Diocese of Rockville Centre announces the following measures:

1. Beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 at 3:00 PM, all Masses (weekday and weekend), meetings, and non-essential activities in our parishes are suspended or postponed through Tuesday, April 14, 2020. This will include all Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. However, these will be televised and available online (see below).

This includes all **Confirmations**, **First Communions**, **First Confessions**, etc. When these events are rescheduled, they will be announced by local parishes. **Funerals** and **weddings** may be permitted if necessary, but should be limited to immediate family and remain under 50 people in attendance. **Baptisms** should be postponed unless absolutely necessary and should observe the same limits.

2. Churches may remain open for private prayer at the discretion of the Pastor. However, they must observe the recommendation of fewer than 50 people permitted.
3. The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will provide televised and online daily Masses, including Holy Week and Easter Liturgies, as well as other devotional and spiritual programs. (Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Spectrum channel 162/471.) CFN is also available on selected cable and satellite systems and through **24/7 live stream** at [CFNtv.org](http://CFNtv.org). You can also watch CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app at the app store by searching "Catholic Faith Network" or "CFN".
4. Your local parish may also offer live streaming of liturgies. Please check your parish web site for availability.
5. Currently, our Catholic Schools are closed through March 27, 2020, following the measures taken by Nassau and Suffolk public schools. However, we continue to monitor the situation and will adapt and update as needed. Our parish Religious Education programs will remain suspended until Tuesday, April 14, 2020. Again, we continue to monitor the situation and will adapt and update as needed.
6. In an effort to participate in the statewide efforts to halt the spread of the COVID-19 virus, effective on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, the administrative offices of the Diocese of Rockville Centre located in Rockville Centre and Massapequa Park will be closed through Monday, April 13, 2020. Offices are scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 8:30 am. These locations will be thoroughly cleaned during closure. All employees will be working remotely, with business being conducted by email, telephonically or electronically, as best as possible. For the latest information visit [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org).

**MEMORIALS — March 22 to March 28****BREAD AND WINE** - Available**ALTAR CANDLES** - In loving memory of **Richard Marcellina and Michael Solomita.****CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE** - Available**CANDLES AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE** - Available**ALTAR FLOWERS - FLOWERS AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE -**  
**FLOWERS AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE** - Not Available during Lent

Altar Candles and Candles at Our Lady's Shrine and St. Joseph's Shrine Offering \$25; Bread & Wine \$50  
Flowers at Blessed Mother and St. Joseph's Shrine \$50; Altar Flowers \$50 per Vase \$100 for both.

*Stewardship***March 15, 2020****\$9,661.17****CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL****Goal \$126,300****\$56,611.50 Pledged****45% of Parish Goal**

Thank you, and God Bless you, for your faithful weekly Stewardship of our Parish and for your support of the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal!

Jesus, our Lord and our God, heals the man who was born blind. The blind man believed in Christ and stood up to the harassment from the Pharisees who tried to trap him into denying Jesus.

**OUR STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE:  
THREE (3) HOURS TO THE LORD**

- One hour in prayer each week
- One hour in service to others each week
- One hour's wages financial support of our parish family.