

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
Ss. CYRIL AND METHODIUS

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To bring the universal love preached by Christ,

Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

READINGS THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43 Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

1 Corinthians: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9 Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I am writing this Easter message on Holy Monday. I started at 8:30 this morning, left it, returned to it, left it again, returned to it again, over and over again...and still nothing. It is now 5:10 pm and I still have no clear direction where my thought and reflection should go. I have been trying to convince myself: this should be easy. Easter brings so many good and positive things that should be easy to write about. But we all know that this Easter is not the same as the other Easters in the past. So, how relevant is the message of Easter to us all today?

Right now, there is so much uncertainty, confusion, doubt, darkness, gloom, unhappiness, anxiety, stress - so much dis-ease brought by this disease. Overwhelming does not even begin to describe what we are all going through. And how we wish this was already over. How we all wish we were back to normal. We all ask: How can we have a meaningful celebration of Holy Week amidst all these? Are we even going to have a true Easter celebration this year?

Then I realize, the only way to find meaning in Easter is to be reminded how essentially connected it is with Good Friday. It struck me that Easter Sunday cannot happen without Good Friday. And so, could it be that what we are all being asked to do this time, difficult as it may be, is to allow ourselves to go through everything, not to rush to Easter, not rush to the normal, but fully go through what we are feeling and experiencing. For it is in all these that we can get a glimpse of what Jesus went through - his passion, his suffering, his death. Starting with the agony in the garden, to his arrest, to his trial, to the path he took to his crucifixion and finally his death on the cross. He surely felt uncertain, confused, doubtful; he saw darkness, gloom

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PARISH OFFICE

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NEW OFFICE HOURS (tentatively until April 14, 2020)

Monday, Wednesday and Friday **9:00 am - 1:00 pm**
Phone calls only

NEW SOCIAL MINISTRY PANTRY HOURS

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

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 at 5:00 pm, and the daily Mass at 8:30 am. Coming soon livestream of the Sunday 9:30 am and 12:30 pm Mass.

Please subscribe to our YouTube Channel:

Saints Cyril and Methodius, Deer Park, NY

(a link can be found on our website: sscmdp.org)

or through our Facebook page:

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- The recorded Mass will also be available all day the following Sunday. In our YouTube 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. For online giving, visit our website at sscmdp.org.

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

Family Faith Formation and Religious Education

Updates from Ms. Laucella

Students, parents, families, and parishioners: As all of right now, all meetings and activities across our Diocese here on Long Island have been **CANCELLED** at least until **Wednesday, April 29th**. We miss all of you very much, but we still have some activities planed for you that you can take part in and enjoy from home with your families! We hope that all of you are well and staying safe!

Level Lesson Plans

All of our students' Lesson Plans were emailed home to all of our parents three weeks ago! They are also labeled and posted for all of you online through the link in our Instagram Bio. The lessons end at Holy Week, so by the end of this week, everyone should be all caught up!



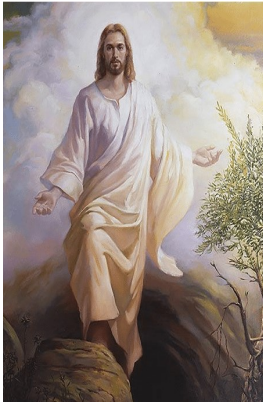
Server Changes & Contacting Our Office



We are currently going through server changes here in the Parish, meaning that the majority of employees' emails have changed, including ours. If you need to contact our Office, the new email to reach me directly is amlaucella@sscmdp.org. To ask general questions about our Program, our new Program email for our Office is faithformation@sscmdp.org. Parents are also reminded that **our Instagram is not to be used for direct communication via direct message**; The direct message feature is turned off as a privacy feature, as to maintain professionalism, privacy, and safety, so any messages that are sent there, are not received.

The Noah Project

Keep on sending in your rainbows for our Noah Project! If you would still like to help us make the world a little brighter, draw or paint a picture of a rainbow, with the words "God's Promise to Us is Hope" or "Faith Over Fear" and drop it off in our plastic bin by the breezeway on the gazebo side. When we welcome all of you back, you'll be able to visibly see the hope that we all have in God through the eyes of our incredible students!



Happy Easter!

All of you have been on my heart, especially this week. I have been meditating and praying a lot on one scripture verse in particular; "Watch and pray", from the Gospel of Matthew, which was read on Palm Sunday. This verse is one that I have always loved, but it hit me especially hard this week. Jesus tells His Apostles to keep watch as He prays in the Garden of Gethsemane; His last moments before He is arrested and brought to slaughter. These moments for Jesus were not peaceful; He prayed in agony, alone and in pain, asking God if He really had to die. This week, on Palm Sunday, hearing "Watch and pray" in this current climate spoke so deeply to my heart; Right now, we don't have each other to celebrate with, and we feel alone without our Parish community. However, with the power of both prayer and technology, even though we are not physically with each other, the way Jesus was not present with His Apostles, we are called by Jesus to literally keep watch of Him, whether it be on our phones or televisions, and to pray with Him, even though we cannot physically receive Him. With Jesus being in so much pain, God gave Him the strength to be able to keep going when He thought that all hope was lost. Let us go into this Easter Season joyfully and continue to watch and pray.

I hope that all of you have been watching our livestreams to have this little bit of your home here at Ss. Cyril and Methodius present in your own home with your families during this time of celebrating our Risen Lord! Our social platforms for streaming our 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass and Daily 8:30am Mass, Monday through Saturday, are listed below! I wish all of you and your families a very Happy Easter, and pray for all of you daily. We have fifty days to celebrate our Lord, so let us do so in joy!



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FROM THE PASTOR

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and unhappiness; he went through tremendous stress and anxiety. He felt overwhelmed. More than ever, because of what we are going through right now, we get to experience in a very real way Jesus' passion, his suffering, and to some extent his death. And it's not going to be easy because this time we are not only spectators but participants. But a promise is given to those who participate, that if we believe from the heart, if we go through his passion and his death then we can with certainty also experience new life in his resurrection. And so be patient and hopeful, pray that you can truly feel what Jesus felt. For it is only when we go through his Good Friday that we can also share in his Easter.

Maybe our Easter this year will not be as festive, as party-filled as we are all used to. Maybe we might not have the same external semblances of what we think Easter should have. But maybe this time we can begin to realize that Easter is not only what we see outside. It is essentially one that is reached by an internal journey of the soul – from Jesus' passion and death on Good Friday to a new glorious life in Easter in his Resurrection.

Fr. Gius Garcia

Tender support and care for people in need by their caregivers who nurture, and the donors who generously support these programs bring us all closer to God... That's *Dramatic Missionary Growth* in Action!

Catholic Charities' residences for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities help individuals achieve their highest level of functioning and to participate as fully as possible in the surrounding community.

When Brian was 3-years old, he had a massive cerebral hemorrhage and needed extensive care. As he got older, his parents wanted to find a place where he could be more independent and be a part of a community. Just before his 30th birthday, Brian moved into Catholic Charities' Christopher Residence.



A gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps to support programs that bring love and care to those who are in need. Your support to the Appeal will help to ensure that our shared vision for *Dramatic Missionary Growth* in our Diocese will have a firm financial foundation.

100% of all funds raised are restricted to the ministries of the Appeal.

Please consider donating to the Appeal and make a difference in someone's life. Thank you!

Make checks payable to: **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Parish: 119 SS. Cyril & Methodius, Deer Park Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____ Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 13

7:00 AM - For Jeffrey Kravitz's intentions

8:30 AM - Helen Balcerak

12:15PM - Linda Ulisse

Tuesday, April 14

7:00AM - Leah Mitchell

8:30 AM - Ann Harrigan

12:15PM - Thomas Malloy

Wednesday, April 15

7:00 AM - For all those in Healthcare

8:30 AM - Jean Muenkel

12:15PM - James Doyle

Thursday, April 16

7:00 AM - For Anna Rose Regan's intentions

8:30AM - Anna Maria Mannino

12:15PM - Patrick T. White

Friday, April 17

7:00 AM - For our Military

8:30 AM - For a Special Intention

12:15PM - Gene and Eleanor Damasco

Saturday, April 18

8:30 AM - Purgatorial Society

5:00 PM Richard J. Daoust, Sophie and George Kassick, Rae Lange and for Dolores Kelly's intentions

Sunday, April 19

8:00AM - John McMahon

9:30 AM - Shirley Coldiron

11:00AM - Noreen Abbazia, Charles Robert Vaughn, Joseph Mosca Jr., Tessie Bacareza

12:30PM - Anne Bellanca

6:00 PM - For Our Parishioners

MASSES WILL BE SAID PRIVATELY BY PRIEST CELEBRANTS

Saturday

5:00 pm - Fr. Patrick Grace **Livestream**

Sunday

8:00 am - Fr. Moise Aime

9:30 am - Fr. Gius Garcia

11:00 am - Fr. Patrick Grace

12:30 pm - Fr. Moise Aime

6:00 pm - Fr. Gius Garcia

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, Jack Doyle Louise Whitehead, Stephen Neveroski, Eugene Sheehy, Angela Mistretta, 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, Michael Sasuk, Anna Rose Regan, Al Arena, Mary Scanlon

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Joseph Evola,
Karley Hawkins,
Gabiella 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

MEMORIALS — April 12 to April 18

BREAD AND WINE - Happy Anniversary for **Brendan and Trisha**. God Bless Us All.

ALTAR CANDLES - In loving memory of **Richard J. Daoust, Sophie and George Kassick**. All our love, the Daoust and Kassick Families.

CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE - Happy Birthday **Noreen Abbazia**. Love Lorraine and Rocky.

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

Stewardship

April 5, 2020

\$15,197.47

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!

"Very early in the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with precious oils. The reward for this good and conscientious steward was to be the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Alleluia!

**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.