

# ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS

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*To bring the universal love preached by Christ*

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

### READINGS THIS SUNDAY

**1st Reading:** Acts 2:14,22-33 Peter and the apostles announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

**2nd Reading:** 1 Peter 1:17-21 You were saved by Christ's sacrifice.

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 24:13-35 Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.

### FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners

Our Gospel reading this weekend starts with two distraught and depressed disciples leave the company of the apostles and believers in Jerusalem and head for Emmaus to get away from it all. That same day, late in the evening, they come right back to rejoin the company of the apostles and believers that they had abandoned earlier in the day, but this time, changed, the total opposite from what their mood was at the beginning of the day, for now they were full of joy and zeal. What happened to them to give rise to this dramatic turnaround? They met a stranger on the way who did not quite look like Jesus but who turned out to be Jesus after all.

Cleopas and his friend were trying to distance themselves from the scandalous disaster that befell the apostles and followers of Jesus, with the shameful death of their Master at the hands of the very Roman soldiers that they thought he had come to vanquish. But even as they tried to get away from it, they could not get their minds off it. They were talking about it all along the way. Could you imagine the sort of mood they were in as they headed for an unknown future in Emmaus? It was disappointment, sadness and deep depression all at same time. That's what happens when one is distraught, one wants to escape from it all - to forget everything and everyone, and as a result one becomes self-engrossed and self-occupied, unmindful of others.

At this time, we can all identify with Cleopas and his friend. Because of the worldwide pandemic, we all feel defeated, helpless, disappointed, sad, distraught, uncertain. We want to escape, to shut off everyone and forget everything. But no matter what we do, our minds continue to be plagued by what if's, why's and when's.

The challenge for us is to be discerning as to how Jesus is showing himself to us now. From him alone can we find the answers. But like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, right now, Jesus is approaching us on the common road that we all tread, showing himself to us in an unfamiliar face that we might not right away and easily recognize. But how can we recognize him?

Cleopas and his companion shared with the stranger all the way through. Not only were they ready to share their confidences with him, but they went all the way and shared their meal and shelter with him. It was in the process of this sharing that the moment of disclosure occurred and they suddenly realized that the one whom they had accepted all along as a helpless stranger was indeed Jesus, the answer to all their heart's questions. In the same manner, the only way that we will recognize Jesus this time is to find ways to share – share time, share resources, share kindness, share encouragement, and share faith.

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## PARISH OFFICE

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### NEW OFFICE HOURS (tentatively until April 30, 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**  
**Phone calls only**

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Priests have been asked to say their assigned Mass in private for the scheduled intentions.
- **LIVESTREAM:** Daily Mass (Monday to Saturday) at 8:30 am. Starting this weekend, we will only Livestream 2 Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm and Sunday 9:30 am.

Please subscribe to our **YouTube Channel:** **Saints Cyril and Methodius, Deer Park, NY**  
or like us on **Facebook:** **SsCyrilandMethodiusRCC**

- The Church continues to be closed. Weather permitting, we ask people to use the Blessed Mother's Grotto for prayers. We are adding **2 opportunities for daily prayer:**
  - 1.) Every 12:00 noon, the bells of the Church will be rung for the angelus. If you wish, you may tune in to our Facebook page and YouTube channel to join the communal praying of the Angelus as recited by parishioners with some moments of silence.
  - 2.) Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6pm you may tune in to the communal recitation of the Rosary on ZOOM CONFERENCE as led by the members of the Holy Rosary Society of Saints Cyril and Methodius. Download the **Zoom app** on your phone or login to **zoom.us**.  
**Meeting ID: 829-2223-8588** and **Password: 0S6Qt1**
- 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](http://sscmdp.org). Text to give coming soon.

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

## Family Faith Formation and Religious Education

### Program 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 **Friday, May 15th**. We miss all of you very much, but we still have some activities planned 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, and that all of us will be able to celebrate the Easter Season together in joy and in person soon!



### Email Updates & Contacting Our Office

We have been sending weekly updates to all of our Program's families via email since the period of social distancing started. If you have not been getting our emails, please contact our Office via our Program email with your most current email address so that your contact information can be updated. Please contact us at [faithformation@sscmdp.org](mailto:faithformation@sscmdp.org). Our Office has been **CLOSED** due to the pandemic, so this is the best place to reach us with general questions.

### Sacraments Updates

As all of you by now have seen, and as stated above, the new social distance end date, as announced by the State, is Friday, May 15th. This is right in the middle of our Sacrament Season. After advice from the Diocese and in accordance with this new social distance ruling, the decision has been made to postpone all First Holy Communions, to a new date to be announced. Once we are able to monitor the curve and receive both State and Diocesan updates, we will then be able to reschedule the First Holy Communions, and First Reconciliations, for those who did not yet receive. The light at the end of the tunnel here is that First Holy Communions are not cancelled; They are postponed. I will have new dates for everyone as soon as we get clearance for social distancing, which I hope and pray is as soon as humanly possible.



In regard to Confirmation, Confirmation for us is scheduled to take place on Friday, May 29th. Since this day falls exactly two weeks after the proposed social distance ending date, as of right now, in this point in time, Confirmation Day is still on as scheduled. This may change. We will be updating everyone with all information as soon as we receive it.

With social distance regulations and safety procedures constantly changing, this causes our Office, and every Faith Formation Office in the Diocese, to cancel and push back plans as soon as we make them, only to start over again and have those plans scrapped, too. Although a lot is uncertain for all of us right now, what I can guarantee as a sure thing to everyone is our dedication to your children and your families, and that our first priority is to keep everyone who would normally be in attendance for these special and sacred days safe and healthy. Please continue to pray for our world as we navigate all of this together.

### “Quarantine” Means Forty: What Does Forty Mean?

Over these past few weeks, I've been thinking a lot about Biblical “characters”, especially as I've been teaching adult Formation classes for our Diocese. Facing this time of uncertainty has led me to re-read passages of people in the Bible who have been through serious hardship. As I was reading, I remembered a special number that was a common theme: **Forty**. Forty is a number in the Bible that symbolizes trial, tribulation, hardship, and waiting. However, if you look at the numbers that give us a product of forty, you see five, which symbolizes grace, eight, which symbolizes new beginnings, four, which symbolizes creating something new, and ten, which symbolizes perfect completion. The word “quarantine” itself comes from the root of the Latin word *quadrāgintā*, meaning “forty”.

Now think about these people of the Bible: Noah was quarantined with his family on the ark during the flood for forty days, which resulted in a rainbow, and a world cleansed from sin. When Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt, they wandered the desert for forty years before they got to the Promised Land of Canaan. Moses stayed at the top of Mount Sinai alone for forty days to be with God before God gave him the Ten Commandments. Jesus fasted and was tempted by Satan in the desert for forty days, which then resulted in our Salvation by His Resurrection from death. All of these Biblical situations also show us that forty is a time of change, which results in these “characters” coming out better, stronger, and full of faith. ALSO, we are currently facing COVID-19 in the year 2020; 20 + 20 gives us FORTY. May we remember that like Noah, Moses, and Jesus, even though we all feel helpless and alone as we are quarantined, change and a new beginning is coming. From it, may we also come out better, stronger, and full of faith.

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## FROM THE PASTOR

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The resurrection was for Jesus the dividing line between earthly life, on the one hand, when he was limited to the form of a male, Jewish body and on the other hand, risen life when he is no longer limited in this way. The risen Christ now appears in all types of bodies: male and female, white and black, young and old, rich and poor, handicapped and non-handicapped, native and immigrant, Catholic and Protestant, Christian and Muslim, Jewish and Buddhist, liberal and conservative, republican and democrat, and so on and so forth. Though we may see those who are different from us as strangers, today's gospel challenges us to start seeing them as companions on the way. When we reach out to them in hospitality we reach out to God and attract a blessing to ourselves. Perhaps one positive thing that this pandemic makes us realize is that we are all in this together, no exemptions and exclusions, and the only way we can get through this is if we all work together hand in hand.

And so, let us pray today for the grace to overcome our crippling fears, for the courage to reach out with open hearts and open hands to those who are different from us, knowing that even though a lot of things happening today may feel like Jesus is not there, he is in fact reaching out to us, perhaps as a stranger that we may not readily recognize, but he joins us and walks with us on the road to our own Emmaus.

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 27**

**7:00 AM** - For Marie Salerno's Intentions  
**8:30 AM** - For our Essential Workers  
**12:15PM** - For all those in Healthcare

**Tuesday, April 28**

**7:00AM** - For Anna Rose Regan's intentions  
**8:30 AM** - Ann Harrigan  
**12:15PM** - Louise Fierro

**Wednesday, April 29**

**7:00AM** - For Connie and Mike Santoli's intentions  
**8:30 AM** -For our Healthcare Workers  
**12:15PM**-Thomas Serapiglia

**Thursday, April 30**

**7:00 AM** - For a Special Intention  
**8:30AM** - Fabio Buttitta  
**12:15PM**– Robert and Nettie Boniface

**Friday, May 1**

**7:00 AM** - For Mary Bridget Kravitz's intentions  
**8:30 AM** - For Prayers Answered  
**12:15PM**– For all those in Ministry

**Saturday, May 2**

**8:30 AM** - Purgatorial Society  
**5:00 PM** - Timothy David Lage, Dr. Ronald J. Wroblewski, Ann Harrigan, Louise Fierro

**Sunday, May 3**

**8:00AM** – For Our Parishioners  
**9:30 AM** – Wilfred Corrigan  
**11:00AM**–Luciano Pisotti, Geraldine L. Maggipinto  
**12:30PM**– For Philomena and Becket Schaefer's intentions  
**6:00PM**-For Bernadette and Michael Reddington's intentions

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

**Saturday**

**5:00 pm - Fr. Gius Garcia Livestream**

**Sunday**

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

**REST IN PEACE**

Emma Kasubjak	Christina L. Fitzgerald
Donald Quigley	Mario A. Accarino
Ann Amodeo	Theresa Slattery
Anthony Sabow	Maria H. Fedorowicz
Michael J. Biancardi	Raymond Akujobi
Philip Joseph Calabrese	

**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, John Hyde, Eleanore Jablowski, Hugh Daly, Monica Alicino, Charles Fudzinski, Eileen Conlin, Theresa Fackner, Michael Sasuk, Anna Rose Regan, Al Arena, Denise Moore, Clemente Oropallo

**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)

**MEMORIALS — April 26 to May 2****BREAD AND WINE** - Available**ALTAR CANDLES** - Available**CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE** - Available**CANDLES AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE** - Available**FLOWERS AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE** - Happy Anniversary **Joe Werkmeister**. Love, Charlotte and Children**ALTAR FLOWERS - FLOWERS AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE** - AvailableAltar 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***April 19, 2020****\$10,287.00****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!

Once again, we read in the Gospel that Jesus comes to His disciples and reveals to them that He is truly risen. God does not leave us alone to figure out life by ourselves, He is always present with you asking that you invite Him into your life.

**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.