



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS

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To bring the universal love preached by Christ

Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

READINGS THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 Christ was obedient even to death, and God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:14—27:66 Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb.
(shorter form: Matthew 27:11-54)

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Fr Rene Lopez, PSS, who was supposed to come to our parish as our Holy Week speaker, posted the following reflection on his Facebook page after watching Pope Francis on Friday, March 27 at the Urbi et Orbi Blessing. He has graciously allowed me to republish it here:

"Today, we witnessed a very moving service presided by the Holy Father. I was very moved by the figure of the Pope standing alone on St. Peter's square. Here was a man who was visibly sharing the difficulties of many older people. He was short of breath. He limped. He needed assistance to walk. He was also visibly pained by the suffering and death of many. Standing alone for much of the time, he was the sign of the solitude and loneliness of the sick and the dying. There is no greater suffering than suffering alone. But the Pope bravely reminded us that throughout this time of anxiety, fear, pain, and loneliness, God, the Father of Jesus, is never indifferent: But Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on the cushion. So they woke Him and said, 'Teacher, don't You care that we are perishing?' Then Jesus got up and rebuked the wind and the sea. 'Silence!' He commanded. 'Be still!' And the wind died down, and it was perfectly calm. 'Why are you so afraid?' He asked. 'Do you still have no faith?' In Jesus, the power of his Father is present. It is a presence that brings calm to the turbulent winds and sea that instill fear in us.

If today you are feeling sad, anxious, regretful, guilty, hurting, mourning, alone, lonely, perhaps bored, tired and weary, embrace your deepest sentiments and emotions. In solitude, even for a brief moment, acknowledge your need for the presence and company of another, for consolation, for forgiveness, for relief, for peace, for rest, for an understanding embrace. And in faith-filled prayer, repeat his name, 'Jesus,' God saves. And in wordless adoration, feel his presence,

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PARISH OFFICE

Tel: (631) 667-4044 Fax: (631) 589-9010

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.

Holy Week LIVESTREAM Schedule

Palm Sunday

We have been advised not to bless and distribute palms at this time. We recommend that if you are able, and only if you have access to it, pick from your garden a palm leaf (or an olive branch) that you can hold when you watch the Livestream.

5:00 pm - Vigil Mass 9:30 am - Mass 12:30 pm - Mass

Monday to Wednesday: 8:30 am - Mass from the Chapel

Holy Thursday

8:30 am - Morning Prayer

For a more meaningful celebration, you may download the text of the morning prayer from our website to your tablet or print a copy for every household so everyone can participate in the service.

8:00 pm - Mass

Followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 pm.

Good Friday

8:30 am - Morning Prayer

3:00 pm - Service

Prepare a cross that you either stand or lay flat on a table and light 2 candles beside it. At the adoration, kiss and adore the cross.

Holy Saturday

8:30 am - Morning Prayer

8:00 pm - Easter Vigil

Prepare a candle for each household member and be ready to light them at the Renewal of Baptismal Promises.

Easter Sunday

9:30 am - Mass 12:30 pm - Mass

Even under the limitations dictated by the current circumstance, let us make our Holy Week Celebration from our homes truly meaningful. Allow the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus to be a part of your own life, to see the light amidst the darkness, hope amidst the gloom of despair, and life amidst the fear of death.

FROM THE PASTOR*...from cover page*

the One who came for you, for us, as “Immanuel,” God-is-with-us. He is here. He is here for you and me as Savior. And when you shall have felt his gentle saving love, rise and bring the gift of your presence to another hurting person.”

For the complete text of Pope Francis message, please visit our parish website www.sscmdp.org.

I am grateful once again for our generous parishioners who have been mailing or dropping off their weekly envelopes and also those who have already enrolled to give through online giving. At a time like this, despite the uncertainty and doubt that we are all going through, you are a ray of light and hope. The virus that we are all battling with at this time should not be the only thing that is contagious – generosity, charity and faith are certainly things we all have and most certainly should be infecting others with.

Please visit our newly formatted parish website for parish updates and for the complete Holy Week livestream schedule. Despite our limitation and circumstance, we promise to bring to you worthwhile and uplifting liturgical celebrations that our spirits truly need and yearn for at this time.



Fr. Gius Garcia

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 6

7:00 AM - For all those in Health Care

8:30 AM - Ann Harrigan

12:15PM - For all those in Ministry

Tuesday, April 7

7:00AM - For Lawrence Malerba's intentions

8:30 AM - Jean Muenkel

12:15PM - Donald Booth Sr.

Wednesday, April 8

7:00 AM - Ryan T. Horodnicki

8:30 AM - Bernard McHugh

12:15PM - For Anna Rose Regan's intentions

Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2020

Livestreaming

Holy Thursday, April 9

8:30 am - Morning Prayer

8:00 pm - The Mass of the Lord's Supper & Adoration

Good Friday, April 10

8:30 am - Morning Prayer

3:00 pm - The Solemn Service of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 11

8:30 am - Morning Prayer

8:00 pm - The Solemn Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday Masses, April 12

Sunday 9:30 am and 12:30 pm

MASSES WILL BE SAID PRIVATELY BY PRIEST CELEBRANTS

Saturday

8:00 pm - Fr. Gius Garcia Livestream

Sunday

8:00 am - Fr. Gius Garcia

9:30 am - Fr. Moise Aime Livestream

11:00 am -Fr. Moise Aime

12:30 pm -Fr. Patrick Grace Livestream

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 5 to April 11**BREAD AND WINE** - Forever in our hearts, **Lisa Albano****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** - 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 LentAltar 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 29, 2020****\$7,181.00****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!

"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" shout the crowds in today's Gospel. May we be always ready to share our blessing when we are sent in His name!

**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.