

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS

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To bring the universal love preached by Christ

5th Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

Happy Mother's Day

READINGS THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7 The early Christian community chooses seven people to serve at table so that the Twelve can devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9 Those who have faith are chosen in Christ to be a holy priesthood.

Gospel Reading: John 14:1–12 Jesus tells his disciples, “I am the way and the truth and the life.”

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear parishioners,

When I was a young boy, I remember that whenever I would be awakened at night by either the scary sound of thunder, a nightmare or a toothache, I would run crying to my parents room. No matter what, no matter how tired they were, both my parents would always wake up and with gentleness attend to me. My mother would tell my father to go back to sleep and she would carry me, ask what is the matter as she tries to calm me down. But the challenge for her is convincing me to go back to my room and get back to my bed to sleep. I would always refuse to go back. She would still bring me. But no words would make me settle and feel safe. I would only agree to lay back in bed and try to close my eyes and attempt to go back to sleep if she would allow me to hold her hand. I remember my mother's hands. They were not soft but instead calloused in certain parts from working at home doing the household chores and also from her work as a teacher in the local public school where she taught. But those hands were great comfort for me, to know that when I held on to her hand, she was in fact holding me; and that I did not need to be afraid, that it was going to be ok.

The message for this Sunday's Gospel reading is clear: Do not let your hearts be troubled, have faith in God. This passage is part of what scholars call Jesus' farewell discourse, placed sometime after the last supper as He foreshadowed his impending death and his departure from his disciples. Jesus was assuring his friends that even if he was leaving them, that he will prepare a place for them, and that he wanted them to follow him. And so do not be afraid.

PARISH OFFICE

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NEW OFFICE HOURS (tentatively until May 15, 2020)Monday, Wednesday and Friday **9:00 am - 1:00 pm**
Phone calls only**NEW SOCIAL MINISTRY PANTRY HOURS**Monday, Wednesday, 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**. 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 at faithformation@sscmdp.org with your most current email address so that your contact information can be updated. Our Office has been **CLOSED** due to the pandemic, so this is the best place to reach us with general questions.



Mass Reports, Paperwork, & Assignments

With our Office currently being closed, we are asking for everyone to hold on to all Mass Reports for now. Once the period of social distancing has passed, we will be able to let everyone know when they can drop off whatever paperwork they have for us to our Office. As soon as we reopen, we will be able to let everyone know when you can come by!

Sacraments Updates: ALL ARE POSTPONED

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 Communion, 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 Communion, and First Reconciliations, for those who did not yet receive. The light at the end of the tunnel here is that **First Holy Communion 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, originally scheduled for Friday, May 29th, will be postponed**, to a new date to be announced. We have not received updates from the Diocese regarding when this new, rescheduled date will be, since they are waiting on social distancing updates from the State. We will be updating everyone with all information as soon as we receive it. Like First Holy Communion, Confirmation is not cancelled; It is postponed.



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.



FORMED Recommendations

I am reminding everyone of our Catholic media streaming service; FORMED! I'm sure that all of you are exploring all of the movies, books, music, podcasts, Bible studies, and more in this time of being at home, but I wanted to take this time to recommend, especially in this month of May and mothers **Brother Francis' The Rosary: A Special Way to Pray** for our students, and **Mary of Nazareth** for the whole family to watch for a full-length movie night! Just Make an account for free at <http://watch.formed.org!>

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FROM THE PASTOR*...from cover page*

How timely a message this is for everyone. Right now, the forecast is bleak not just for some nor for many but for everyone. So many scheduled events are left hanging. May and June, spring months, are when most gatherings are put in place. Weddings, baptisms, communions, confirmations, anniversaries, graduations – all suspended and put on hold. We do not know what lies ahead nor when this will all end. We are insecure of what may happen. As we face the uncertain future, our hearts are also ridden with fear and anxiety, as the virus spreads further and claims more lives. What happens if I have it? Do I already have it?

And now we are being told, do not be afraid. But how can I not be afraid? How can I be brave at this time? To be brave is a choice from the heart. It is a choice that is made when I understand that my hand is held by someone greater than me, to have faith in someone whose power is greater than any virus, that allows me to believe that everything is going to be ok. But it does not give me permission to be reckless. Believing in someone must also acknowledge my own role to do whatever I can to help me get through what I am struggling with. That is why I continue to stay home, to keep safe distance, to wear a mask and gloves, and to pray that His power will shine forth and reign. Do not let your hearts be troubled, have faith in God.

This weekend is Mother's Day. Let us find time to greet, to pray for and to say thank you to all mothers, for all they have done for us, especially for holding our hands when times are rough.

Fr. Gius Garcia

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

"We Help People"

In these unprecedented times, many people are confronting challenges that they never had to deal with before. While many of us have been forced to stop working, the bills and expenses do not go away. The Governor has mandated a temporary suspension of all eviction and foreclosure actions, and most utilities have temporarily suspended termination of services based on non-payment of bills. If you are experiencing difficulty in paying your bills (such as utilities, insurance etc.), as a result of the Covid-19 crisis, you should alert your providers to your situation.

At this time, furniture and clothing donations for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul have been suspended. We kindly ask that you do not leave donations by the bins at this time. We will notify the community when collections will resume.

Although our conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has had to curtail certain activities, we are still here to provide some forms of assistance to our neighbors in Deer Park and North Babylon.

If you, or anyone you know is in need of assistance, please contact us at 631-667-4044 ext. 175, or at sscmstvincentdepaul@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, May 11**

7:00 AM – For all Mothers, living and deceased
8:30 AM – For all Mothers, living and deceased
12:15PM – For all Mothers, living and deceased

Tuesday, May 12

7:00AM – For all Mothers, living and deceased
8:30AM – For all Mothers, living and deceased
12:15PM – For all Mothers, living and deceased

Wednesday, May 13

7:00AM – For all Mothers, living and deceased
8:30 AM – For all Mothers, living and deceased
12:15PM– For all Mothers, living and deceased

Thursday, May 14

7:00 AM – For all Mothers, living and deceased
8:30AM – For all Mothers, living and deceased
12:15PM– For all Mothers, living and deceased

Friday, May 15

7:00 AM – For all Mothers, living and deceased
8:30 AM – For all Mothers, living and deceased
12:15PM– For all Mothers, living and deceased

Saturday, May 16

8:30 AM – Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM – Ann Harrigan and For Carmine E. Soldano's intentions

Sunday, May 17

8:00AM – For Our Parishioners
9:30 AM – Felix Maya
11:00AM– Dr. John D'Ambrosio
12:30PM– Gena Urbanowski
6:00PM – William J. Murphy

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

Saturday

5:00 pm - Fr. Moise Aime Livestream

Sunday

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

REST IN PEACE

John Kabaservice
 Xuong Pham
 Peter Moreo
 Pio A. Orig
 Giorgio Dilorio

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, 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, Jean Oropallo, Kevin Talbot, Maria Nunziato

**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

MEMORIALS — May 10 to May 16**BREAD AND WINE** - In loving memory of **Emma Kasubjak**.**ALTAR CANDLES** - In loving memory of **Richard J. Daoust and Sophie and George Kassick**.**CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE** - Available**CANDLES AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE** - Available**FLOWERS AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE** - Available**ALTAR FLOWERS** - Available**FLOWERS AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE** - Available

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***May 3, 2020****Regular Collection \$13,262.00****Online Giving \$ 1,921.82****CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL****Goal \$126,300****\$62,706.00 Pledged****50% 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!

During this time, let these words from today's
 Gospel penetrate into our heart, "Do not let
 your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God;
 have faith also in me."

**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.