

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS

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To bring the universal love preached by Christ

6th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

Ascension Thursday
May 21, 2020

READINGS THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8,14-17 The people of Samaria accept the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed to them by Philip.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18 Be ready to give explanation for your hope in Christ.

Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21 Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

It is a widely known Catholic tradition of honoring Mary during the month of May and has been especially recommended by the Popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical on the Sacred Liturgy (Mediator Dei) characterized it as one of "other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops".

Paul VI wrote a short encyclical in 1965 using the Month of Mary devotion as a means of obtaining prayers for peace. He urged the faithful to make use of this practice which is "gladdening and consoling" and by which the Blessed Virgin Mary is honored and the Christian people are enriched with spiritual gifts".

In May of 2002 Pope John Paul II said, "Today we begin the month dedicated to Our Lady a favorite of popular devotion. In accord with a long-standing tradition of devotion, parishes and families continue to make the month of May a 'Marian' month, celebrating it with many devout liturgical, catechetical and pastoral initiatives!"

On the weekend of **May 31st**, on the Feast of Pentecost, as we end the month of May, honoring

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, Parish, & Diocesan 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**. Masses continued to be offered virtually not only through our own Parish livestreams on our Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube Channel, but also through our friends at Catholic Faith Network on television.

This week, we received a letter from Bishop Barres regarding what the status is regarding the reinstitution of Mass. I ask all of you to consider this; The same way that every Parish on Long Island is waiting on updates from the Diocese, the Diocese is waiting on updates from the State, who are waiting on the advice of healthcare professionals who are working tirelessly to keep us safe. Because of this, right now, **there is no date as to when Mass will be reinstated**. Reinstating Mass, where hundreds of people gather in an enclosed space every week, at this point in time, would put the people of our Parish in danger, as thousands of previously healthy people have been losing their lives every day. Our Parish's and Program's health and well-being is always the first priority.

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 we will be able to celebrate the Eucharist together 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@sscmddp.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

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. 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.



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! For this month of May, I've recommended **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! In the spirit of May also being our Sacrament Season, I am also recommending for all of you the video series **Signs of Grace**, since "Sacraments" are defined as "an outward sign instituted by Christ to give Grace". I love this series, and hope you will too! Just Make an account for free at <http://watch.formed.org/>!

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FROM THE PASTOR*...from cover page*

the Blessed Mother, we are fortunate as a parish to host the miraculous missionary image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. As a special privilege, we would like to invite everyone to **DRIVE-BY** the Main entrance of the Church from **10:45 am to 12:30 pm** as the priests impart a special **EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING** and you will also be able to **VENERATE THE IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**. This is a special opportunity given to us, so tell your friends and family about this. Just a reminder, we will be disciplined in doing this: please remain in your car during the blessing and likewise to move along and refrain from staying too long at the blessing spot as we expect the line to be long.



Just a reminder, our Zoom Rosary continues every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6pm. Meeting ID and password can be found on page 2 and in our website. Likewise, please go to our website to read Bishop John Barres' letter about updates on preparations for the re-opening of Churches in Long Island.

Fr. Gius Garcia

WATCH OUT FOR OUR ANNUAL PARISH/SCHOOL RAFFLE**3 WAYS TO WIN; 3 OPPORTUNITIES TO PLAY**

1. **Pink and Blue Raffle** (2 winners of \$5,000, one per ticket color)
2. **55" LG Smart TV** (donated by Mangano Funeral Homes)
3. **Appliance Raffle** (prizes include Weber BBQ Grill, Ipad, Kitchen-Aid Mixer, Roomba Robot Vacuum and \$100 gift card)

Details on how to buy your tickets coming soon!!!
Raffle drawing date: **August 23, 2020**

Your purchase of raffle tickets gives you an opportunity to win these wonderful prizes and likewise supports your Parish and the Parish School as we face the hardships as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic.

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, May 18**

7:00 AM - Leah Mitchell
8:30 AM - Rebecca Guerin
12:15PM - Emma Kasubjak

Tuesday, May 19

7:00 AM - For Russell Salerno's intentions
8:30 AM - Robert Muldowney
12:15PM - Dennis LaMotte

Wednesday, May 20

7:00 AM - For Jeffrey Kravitz's intentions
8:30 AM - For Jean and Clemente Oropallo's intentions
12:15PM - Michael Wisniewski

Thursday, May 21

7:00 AM - For Mary Malerba's intentions
8:30 AM - Lauren Brady
12:15PM - For all those in Healthcare

Friday, May 22

7:00 AM - For Chelsea Kravitz's intentions
8:30 AM - Loretta Geist
12:15PM - For all those in Ministry

Saturday, May 23

8:30 AM - Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM - Timothy G. Mullins, Sophie Kaminski

Sunday, May 24

8:00 AM - For Our Parishioners
9:30 AM - Eugenia David
11:00AM - Constance Busini, Wanda Heavey
12:30PM - Gloria B. Herrera
6:00PM - Adele and John Dowd and Mary Anne Boylan

**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

Marie Jean
 Mary Connor
 Donna M. Keegan
 Frank Mazille
 Batholomew Campagna

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 17 to May 23**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** - 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***April 19, 2020****Regular Collection \$10,332.51****Online Giving \$ 3,708.19****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!

The first pillar of Christian Stewardship is all about becoming aware of your own worth and the worth of others. When you are hospitable to others you are showing the fact that they are worthy. As human beings created in the likeness of God, we all deserve the right to life and respect. Jesus also tells us that whatever we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for Him.

**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