

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS

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To bring the universal love preached by Christ,

7th Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020

Memorial Day Weekened

READINGS THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14 After Jesus' ascension to heaven, the apostles return to Jerusalem and gather in prayer with Mary, the mother of Jesus.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16 If you suffer for Christ, you will be blessed.

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-11a Jesus prays for his disciples.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

School Update

At the beginning of the lockdown in March, the school administration was able to guide everyone, teachers and students, to brace themselves on what needed to be done in order for classes and instructions to continue from home. The teachers have been helped to be able to meet the new demands, such as meeting their classes through video conferencing platforms and also to be able to give subject homework online. Recently, the teachers organized a drive-by meet at the parking lot, where parents and students were able to drive by and see and greet each other while socially distancing and spread some cheer to one another. There was a very good turnout. It was very much needed by everyone and it lifted everyone's spirit and morale.

Upcoming planned activities include 3 major events that were thought to have been impossible to do because of the lockdown. Thanks to the power of technology, we will be doing all three virtually! First, we are having a virtual Field Day on Friday, June 5 so the kids can have a fun day exercising together. Second, we are preparing for a virtual Spring Concert, something that was never done before. If Broadway stars can do it, so can our kids! The kids are preparing about 12 numbers. And since it is virtual, everyone will have the opportunity to watch it from the comforts of their own homes. And third, we will have a virtual Graduation and Awarding on June 19th. I know that our kids are saddened that they will not be able to have a graduation ceremony as in the past. But we hope to be able to give them something even more special this year, something that they will never forget and will talk about (in happy way) in the years to come.

With this, I would like to ask everyone to help us promote the school and to help convince families to consider Saints Cyril and Methodius for next school year. We need everyone's help

PARISH OFFICE

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

NEW OFFICE HOURS (tentatively until May 15, 2020)

Monday, Wednesday and Friday **NEW HOURS 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm**
Phone calls only

NEW SOCIAL MINISTRY PANTRY HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday **NEW HOURS 3:30 pm - 6:30 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 encourage you to join in **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. Bishop Barres' letter that we received last week states that **there is no date as to when Mass or other events, like Sacraments, will be reinstated**. Please be sure to read his full letter in its entirety on either our Parish Website, last week's Formation Weekly Update email, or by clicking the link in our Instagram Bio, so that everyone can understand that safety for our entire Diocese is 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. **Please hold on to all Mass Reports and other paperwork until we reopen.**

Sacraments Updates: ALL ARE POSTPONED

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.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Drive-By Adoration

We know that everyone misses being in Church just as much as we miss seeing you! With that being said, I am SO EXCITED for this next event! On December 9, 1531, the Virgin Mary appeared to a man named Juan Diego in Mexico, and left her image as proof on his cloak. This was a huge event, since this was the first time that the Blessed Mother came as an apparition in the Americas. Because of this, and because Mary appeared to be pregnant with Christ in her image, she is known as the Patron of not only Mexico, but of new beginnings and new life; Exactly what we need right now. We are excited to share that the missionary image that Our Lady of Guadalupe left on Juan Diego's cloak is coming to Ss. Cyril and Methodius, in the form of **drive-by adoration!** On **Sunday, May 31st from 10:45am-12:30pm**, Our Lady will be displayed on the front steps of the Church, and our priests will be imparting a Eucharistic Blessing all who attend and drive by. I hope that all of you will join us for this special opportunity!



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** and **Fatima: The Day the Sun Danced** for our students, and **Mary of Nazareth** for the whole family to watch for a full-length movie night! In honor of our drive-by next week, I am also recommending **Juan Diego: Messenger of Guadalupe**, for the whole story of Our Lady's apparition. Just Make an account for free to watch at <http://watch.formed.org!>

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FROM THE PASTOR*...from cover page*

with this. With restrictions to education brought by the pandemic that will definitely extend to next school year, they might want to consider enrolling their children with us as our facilities are very equipped to handle and meet these precautions. The safety and health of their children are protected and safeguarded especially with a smaller and more monitored number of students per class. Please visit the school website for a virtual tour of our wonderful facility.

On the Governor's recent announcement

On Wednesday, May 20th, the office of the Governor of New York has recommended the opening of Churches for services and liturgies with the restriction of 10 people in the congregation. There were no clear guidelines as to how this is to be implemented. As of this writing, we await further instructions from the diocese as to how concretely this is to be applied in concrete parish circumstances and liturgies and also what precautionary measures need to be followed.

Others

There is a change in office hours beginning this coming week. We will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from **3:30 pm to 6:30 pm only**. If you left a message in the general voicemail, then expect your call to be returned around these times. Also, requests for food from the parish pantry will be attended to only during this new office hours.

I would like to remind everyone of the Drive-by Eucharistic Blessing and Veneration of the Pilgrimage image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in front of the church next week, Pentecost Sunday, May 31 from 10:45 am to 12:30 pm. See you all there!

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!!!

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 25**

8:30 AM ~ (one Mass only)
In prayerful remembrance of
all our nation's war dead.

**Tuesday, May 26**

7:00 AM - For Robert Malerba's intentions
8:30 AM - Robert Serritella
12:15PM - James Thomas Amend

Wednesday, May 27

7:00 AM - For All Essential Workers
8:30 AM - For Mark and Donna Dixon and Family's
intentions
12:15PM - For all those in Ministry

Thursday, May 28

7:00 AM - Lawrence Downes
8:30 AM - Anthony LaSalle
12:15PM - Pacifico Mendoza

Friday, May 29

7:00 AM - For Robert Salerno's intentions
8:30 AM - For All those in Healthcare
12:15PM - Joseph Freely

Saturday, May 30

8:30 AM - Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM - Ann Harrigan, Louise Fierro

Sunday, May 31

8:00 AM - For Our Parishioners
9:30 AM - For Laura Malerba's intentions
11:00AM - Louise Compitello, Harry DeDora,
Renee Pisotti
12:30PM - Brogan Schaefer
6:00 PM - Harry DeDora

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

REST IN PEACE

Richard A. Closs
John J. Hyde
James Joseph Randazzo
Thomas R. Struminski
Donald C. Barra

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, 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, Eleanore Jablowski, Hugh Daly, Monica Alicino, Charles Fudzinski, Eileen Conlin, Theresa Fackner, Michael Sasuk, Anna Rose Regan, Al Arena, Denise Moore, Clemente 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 24 to May 30**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***May 17, 2020**

Regular Collection \$11,665.56
Online Giving \$ 2,055.28

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!

This weekend is Reflection weekend and the best way to practice this weekend is to spend some extra time in prayer. Practice Lectio Divina with the Scriptures, pray the Rosary, or simply say, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening" and sit in silence.

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.