

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS

125 HALF HOLLOW RD, DEER PARK, NY 11729

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To bring the universal love preached by Christ,

December 13, 2020

3rd Sunday
of Advent

READINGS THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11 The Lord's salvation will be made known to the poor and the oppressed.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Paul encourages the Thessalonians to rejoice and pray always.

Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8,19-28 John gives testimony that he is preaching and baptizing in order to prepare for the coming of another.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Please note the revised schedule for this year's Christmas Masses and other sacraments. Christmas eve (Thursday, December 24) Masses will be at 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm and a concelebrated 12:00 Midnight Mass. For safety, we will have an overflow venue in the School Gym and as standby priest to celebrate Mass simultaneously, when needed, for both the 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm Masses once the Church is close to its maximum allowed capacity. Right now, with proper social distancing, we are able to accommodate 300 in the Church, which is 30% of the full capacity. The gym is able to accommodate an additional 100 people. Please note that this year we have canceled the 6:00 pm Mass and added the 2:00 pm Mass instead, assigning it as the family Mass. The Diocese has given us a special permission to hold the Mass as early as 2:00 pm, but only for this year, because of the extra-ordinary circumstance we are all in.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 24

CHRISTMAS EVE Masses - Vigil Masses - 2:00 pm (Family Mass) - LIVESTREAM, 4:00 pm. Concelebrated Mass - 12:00 midnight.

Dec 25

CHRISTMAS DAY Masses - 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am LIVESTREAM, 12:30 pm.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES**Saturday:** 5:00 pm (Vigil)**Sunday:** 8:00 am, 9:30 am: Family Mass - LIVESTREAM,
11:00 am (Choir), 12:30 pm
4:00 pm (Vietnamese Mass) & 6:00 pm**Weekdays:** 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm**Saturday:** 8:30 am**HOLY DAY SCHEDULE**

Eve of Holy Day: 5:00 pm

Holy Day: 7:00 am, 8:30 am
12:15 pm & 7:00 pm**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** (Children's Chapel)

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: after the 12:15 pm Mass

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

and by appointment by calling the Parish Office

PARISH OFFICE

Tel: (631) 667-4044

Fax: (631) 589-9010

Email: parishoffice@sscmdp.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Saturday & Sunday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday:

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

PANTRY HOURS

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

BAPTISM: Saturday at 12:30 pm and Sunday at 2:00 pm. Contact the Parish Center to arrange for an interview and to register for the required preparation class.**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance and prior to wedding reception plans. Call the Parish Center for an appointment with a priest or deacon for the initial interview.**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:** Holy Communion can be received by the sick and the homebound through a co-resident minister. Call the office to make arrangements.**THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Saturday morning at the 8:30 am Mass. In an emergency, call the Parish Office to request a priest. Outside office hours, call (631) 667-4044, Ext. 9**PASTORAL STAFF: (631) 667-4044**Rev. Gius Garcia, *Pastor*, Ext. 121Rev. Moise Aime, *Associate Pastor*, Ext. 120Rev. Patrick J. T. Grace, *Associate Pastor*, Ext. 166Rev. Francis D. Sang, *In Residence*, Ext. 170 (*Retired*)

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Deacon William Sperl, Ext. 112

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Weekly Greeting from Ms. Laucella

HAPPY GAUDETE SUNDAY! Week Three of Advent is my FAVORITE Sunday of the entire year. It is a day that means “**REJOICE!**”; That we are more than halfway through the Advent Season, and that the Birth of Christ is that much closer!

Today we hear in our Psalm Mary’s Song of praise, the Magnificat; “*My soul **REJOICES** and proclaims the greatness of the Lord*”. Today, we share in Mary’s joy and rejoice with her, as we prepare for the soon-to-be coming of her Son! May today and this Week Three of Gaudete be filled with joy for you and your families!



FORMED Recommendations

I am reminding everyone of our Catholic media streaming service; FORMED! For this Season of Advent, I am recommending to all of you a brand new series called “*The Road to Bethlehem*”. This series has an entire layout that includes short video reflections for children, adults, and families! From Dr. Tim Gray to Brother Francis, there is truly something for everyone in your family to have a truly special Advent Season. Just make an account for free to watch at <http://watch.formed.org>! These links are also posted for you on our Parish Facebook page.

Christmas Eve Family Mass *Time Change*

Before we know it, Christmas Eve will be here! I wanted to be able to give all of you some very important information regarding our beloved Christmas Eve Family Mass.

We are so very aware of how much our Christmas Eve Family Mass means to the families of our Parish every single year. Due to COVID-19 protocols, our Mass schedule has changed slightly for this year. We are very happy to share that we will still be having our Family Mass, but that this year,

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS WILL BE AT 2:00PM; NOT 4:00PM, AS IN YEAR’S PAST. We wanted to be able to let all of our families know ahead of time so that everyone can plan how to spend their evening with their loved ones.



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Facebook: SsCyrilandMethodiusRCC

FROM THE PASTOR

...from cover page

On Christmas day (Friday, December 25), we will have the usual schedule as in the past years: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, and 12:30 pm Masses. We will not have a 6:00 pm evening Mass on Christmas Day. Like the Vigil Masses, we will have a priest on stand by for a possible overflow Mass in the School Gym for both the 11:00 am and 12:30 pm Masses, when the Church has reached its maximum capacity of 300.

In addition, we will be LIVESTREAMING the following Masses: Thursday, December 24 – 2:00 pm, and Friday, December 25 – 11:00 am.

Please note the schedule for Advent Confessions: Weekdays (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) from 12:45 pm to 1:15 pm in the Children's Chapel. Special Confessions are scheduled on Saturday, December 12 and Saturday, December 19, both days from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, and 7:00 to 8:00 pm. We would like for you to note that there will be NO confessions on Christmas eve nor on Christmas day.

Fr. Gins Garcia

PORTAL of SAINTS

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In memory of: _____ (optional)

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Grand Prize ~ 25% of proceeds of ticket sales

2nd Prize ~ 15% of proceeds of ticket sales

3rd Prize ~ 10% of proceeds of ticket sales

\$25.00 each ticket or a Book of Five Tickets for \$100.00

You may buddy up with friends & family

As of December 2nd

Grand Prize \$6,500

2nd Prize \$3,900

3rd Prize \$2,600

**All winning tickets for Prizes will be drawn at the
Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish Raffle Drawing,
Saturday, December 19, 2020 after the 5:00 pm Mass.**

You need not be present to win.

Name _____ **Telephone** _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Please indicate the number of tickets requested. Tickets are mailed after receipt of this form with payment

Number of Books _____ @ \$ 100. each = _____ Ticket No(s) _____

Number of Tickets _____ @ \$25. each = _____

Make checks payable to **Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church Raffle** or by credit card (**\$100 or more**) and mail or bring to
The Parish of Ss. Cyril & Methodius, 125 Half Hollow Road, Deer Park, NY 11729.

You may wish to request a specific number(s), however they are assigned first come-first served.

Credit Card Information Please check one: MasterCard ___ Visa ___ AmEx ___

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MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, December 14****7:00AM** - For Lawrence Malerba's intentions**8:30AM** - Erminia and Victor Fenice**12:15PM** - James Barone**Tuesday, December 15****7:00AM** - For Laura Malerba's intentions**8:30AM** - Angela Trovato**12:15PM** - Eileen Jackson Houlihan**Wednesday, December 16****7:00AM** - For Stephen Salerno's intentions**8:30 AM** - Barbara McAvinue**12:15PM** - Cormac Gerrity**Thursday, December 17****7:00 AM** - For Matthew Malerba's intentions**8:30AM** - Ralph Scordino**12:15PM** - Pat and Rose Franzese**Friday, December 18****7:00 AM** - For Chelsea Kravitz's intentions**8:30AM** - For Kerry Langan's intentions**12:15PM** - Raymond Peter Grieb**Saturday, December 19****8:30 AM** - Purgatorial Society**5:00 PM** - Marcellina, Richard and Michael Solomita, Richard J. Daoust, Sophie and George Kassick, Clum and Kabaservice Families, John and Kathleen Burke, Jonathan Cimolonski**Sunday, December 20****8:00AM** - Leah Mitchell**9:30 AM** - Glenn M. Sheppard**11:00AM** - Gerard Rooney, Theresa Joseph, Susie Jones, James Thomas Amend, Kathleen Gatti, Henry Owen Boylan**12:30PM** - Robert Muldowney**6:00 PM** - For Our Parishioners**PRIEST CELEBRANTS****Saturday, December 19**

5:00 pm - Fr. Patrick Grace

Sunday, December 20

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

NEWLY BAPTIZED**We pray for the new members of our family**

Joseph Anthony Macaluso

Sienna Rae Macaluso

Raegan Olivia Nese

Landon Jesse Hernandez

Madison Mia Hernandez

REST IN PEACE

Ann Messina Tobia Costigliola

Philip J. Hofsiss Raphael J. Sgambati

John S. Sparacio Pete DelPezza

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Baby T. J. Hicks, Baby Christian Daniel, Baby Owen Chapman, Baby William Shirk, Baby Bella Barra, Rita Haggerty, Catherine Rizzo, Rosemarie Dorsty, Margaret McCartney, Richard J. Murphy, Nuala Egan, Theresa Schaefer, Leonard Caltabiano, Mary Massa, Joseph Massa, Jacqueline Lullis, Mary Anne Farrell-Tzanetos, Frank Persico, Joan Olcott, 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, Robert Flaherty, Stanley Urbanowski, Angelina Diramacco, Joseph Giammarino, Maryann Farrell, Stephen Neveroski, Eugene Sheehy, Edward Muldowney, Alberto Sanelli, Stephen M. Murphy, Clemente Oropallo, Kevin Talbot, Maria Nunziato, Lisa Hulsen, Joseph E. Torres, Paretk Gisell Torres, Sydney Ann Torres, Julio C. Rivera, William Haile, Patrick Mendola, Keith Thomas, Jean Fortunato, Gayle Ryan, Jen Scicutella, Anthony Ferrero, Luke Vaughn, Joyce Ratushny, Barbara Dunne, John Townsend, Ann Fisher, Myra Bianco, Hazel Mills, Kristen Mills, Caroline Palma, Diane Canavan, Phyllis Catapano

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Sgt. Joseph Evola,

Karley Hawkins,

Gabiella Hawkins,

Ryan Ferrara,

Sean O'Farrell von Fenton

Lt. Patrick H. LaMonica,

Lt. Jonathan W. LaMonica

1st Lt. Charles Gulotta

1st Lt. Matthew Gulotta

James Powers

Cordel Breitenstein

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

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

“We Help People”

It is amazing how fast the time goes by. It is already the third Sunday of Advent, and before you know it, Christmas will be here. For those of you still doing your Christmas shopping, please remember that when you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate 0/5% of the amount that you spend on qualifying purchases to our conference. In turn, we will use these funds to assist our neighbors in need. Just follow these easy steps:

1. Sign up at smile.amazon.com.
2. then enter the "Central Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul" as that charity that you want to support;
3. and then under that, please be sure to select "Deer Park" as the location.

Through your support, we can continue our mission to "make straight the way of the Lord," by reaching out to the poor and the lonely in our community.

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.

Rosary Altar Society First Saturday Devotions

Please join us every first Saturday of every month for Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 8:00am followed by the 8:30am Mass and recitation of the rosary. Our Lady requested at the Fatima apparitions her desire for this devotion for the conversion of all souls and world peace. The world is in great need of prayers at this time. The next First Saturday of the Month is January 2, 2021. Please consider joining the Rosary Altar Society. Call Nancy Lanni at 631-242-5078.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Maintaining social distancing practices we gather weekly to recite the Novena near the statue of Mary. Make this powerful 20 minute prayer an essential and routine part of your spiritual life. Let our Blessed Lady intercede for your needs to her son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Flame of Love Devotion

Will gather in the Church, by Our Blessed Mother's Shrine, every **Friday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Our Mother is begging for our help! Won't you say yes? Any questions call Anna Mancini at 631-586-5214.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Advent Confessions

Weekdays (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

12:45-1:15 p.m.

Saturday, December 12

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. and 7:00—8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 19

3:00—5:00 p.m. and 7:00—8:00 p.m.

(no Confessions Christmas Eve)

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24

2:00 pm; 4:00 pm; and 12:00 Midnight

(Please note changes in the scheduled Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve)

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25

8:00 am; 9:30 am; 11:00 am; 12:30 p.m.

(no 6:00 pm Mass)

Outreach Christmas Giving Trees

Once again it is that time of the year when we reach out to our neighbors in need. This year our Christmas Giving Trees will be at all the entrances of the Church **Saturday, November 28th until Monday, December 14th**. The trees will be adorned with tags from the "Special Wishes" of the people who come to our Parish Outreach for help. Please take a tag, return your gift to either Outreach, or give to an usher at Mass. If you wish to adopt a family, call Georgette at Outreach 631-667-4044, ext.105 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. **Please return your gifts by Monday, December 14th as this is the last day we can accept your gifts** in order for us to prepare them for Christmas. Thank you for all you do for Parish Outreach, and in the name of our clients we wish to thank you. May you and your loved ones enjoy a Blessed Christmas.

The Children's Chapel ~ Christmas 2020



Because of inquiries already made, and after much thought and consideration, our family thought it best not to decorate the Children's Chapel this year given the pandemic, which still is very much present. The main reason the chapel is decorated is to serve as a place of gathering. Whether it be for the SSCM School students, the students of the SSCM Faith Formation Program, the various ministries that would meet/utilize the space, and our parish family, the Children's Chapel's main purpose was to serve as a place of gathering during Christmastime. The stories read, the prayer liturgies held, the private meditations, the carols sung are, hopefully, only postponed until next year. This was a very difficult decision, especially since it would have been our 20th Anniversary decorating the chapel, but we know it was the right decision knowing that there would be social distancing restrictions that would be difficult to adhere to. Moving forward, we look forward to continuing the tradition to decorate the Children's Chapel in the future and making new memories. It has been a privilege these past 19 years. I also want to take this time to thank, in a very special way, Connie and Mike Santoli, who have been instrumental in assisting us in the Chapel's daily care. Finally, our thanks to all who have shared your kind words of appreciation. We are humbled.

Our best wishes for a blessed Advent and Christmas season~ The Laucella Family



Alumni

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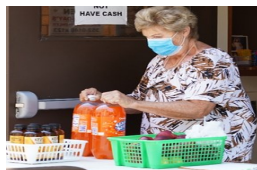
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Call (631) 6674044 X 131



As we enter the final months of 2020, it is important to take a look back and see how the Catholic Ministries Appeal was present in our Church and community. In June and September, the DRVC celebrated the ordinations of 2 men to the priesthood and 9 men to the Permanent Diaconate. Throughout the lockdown, our youth and young adult ministries were virtually and spiritually connected thanks to the efforts of our DRVC ministries. Catholic Charities along with local parish outreach offices provided care and resources to individuals in need.



It is thanks to people like YOU who make the sacrifice to give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal so that the Good News of Christ can be spread across Long Island. If you have not made a gift yet for this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, it is not too late! Every gift makes a difference because every gift is restricted to the ministries the Appeal serves. On behalf of everyone who is touched by your gift, thank you so much.

Make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish _____

Pledge: \$ _____

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Down payment: \$ _____

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**Thank you for your generous support of the
2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal.**

Completing your 2020 pledge ensures that our Parish
will benefit by receiving our full rebate.

There's still time to make a gift.

Please remember that all
new pledges must be in by December 31, 2020
and paid in full by January 31, 2021.

MEMORIALS — December 13 to December 19

BREAD AND WINE - In Thanksgiving to God and all in my Faith Community.

ALTAR CANDLES - In loving memory of **Louis Gerbino**. All our love, the Loring Family.

CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE - **Barbara McAvinue**, Forever in our Hearts. Love, your Family.

CANDLES AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE - Available

ALTAR FLOWERS - Available

FLOWERS AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE - 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

DECEMBER 6, 2020

Regular Collection \$14,701.30

Online Giving \$ 1,052.51

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$126,300

\$109,604.25 Pledged

87% 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!

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." These words are found in our Second Reading today. How often do you pray? Is God calling you to pray more? When you pray, do you thank God for your blessings?

**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.