

#### **READINGS THIS SUNDAY**

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.

**2nd Reading:** 2 Peter 3:8-14 Peter teaches that we must always be holy because the return of the Lord cannot be predicted.

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 1:1-8 John the Baptist preached repentance and baptized the people, in preparation for the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

#### FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

It is the Second Sunday of Advent. Already? How fast time flies. Around this time we all have that looming feeling that there are still so many things we have not checked in our list of things to do and prepare for Christmas. But perhaps an even more dominant mood many are feeling this time, as bad news after bad news are all we are reading and hearing in the news, is the anxiety whether there would actually be a Christmas to prepare for this year.

"One mightier than I is coming after me." This is John the Baptist's message in the Gospel reading today. And this mightier Messiah is the same person he is referring to as he shouts in the Judean countryside and the streets of Jerusalem, "Prepare his way, make straight his paths." The clear message is therefore to banish obstacles along his path: anger, resentment, anxiety, fear, and despair. In the face of the darkness that we all face, we are reminded: If one who is mightier

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**ADVENT Retreat** - Fr Greg Cappuccino speaks on themes associated with Advent. The talk will be at 5:00 pm, and he will preside at the Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited.



**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** - Vigil Mass 6:00 pm, December 7. Masses on the day: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm and 7:00 pm

#### Schedule of Masses

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Vigil) Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am: - 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. 121 Rev. Moise Aime, Associate Pastor, Ext. 120 Rev. Patrick J. T. Grace, Associate Pastor, Ext. 166 Rev. Francis D. Sang, In Residence, Ext. 170 (Retired)

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## **Family Faith Formation and Religious Education**



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We are in week two of Advent! This week, we hear all about Saint John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin (and one of my favorite Saints!). You hear him in the Gospel crying out in the dessert, "*Prepare the way of the Lord*!". John's calls in the dessert to the people of Israel are for us, too; We must also prepare the way for Christ to get ready for His coming. As we prepare our hearts and minds these next few weeks, I pray that all of you hear God calling out to you in His own way, to make way for Christ as he gets closer to His coming.

## **December Family Workshops**

This passed week, we held our December Family workshops! This month's theme was the Season of Advent and how it fits with the Creation Story found in the Book of Genesis. Parents and families are reminded to check their emails for our December Newsletter, updated Family Workshop Recap Google Doc, and our information on how to download FORMED to watch our daily and weekly Advent reflections for families!



# THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM DAILY REFLECTIONS AND ENRICHMENT FOR ADVENT

## **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 <u>http://watch.formed.org</u>!

## **Bambinelli Sunday**

I am happy to share that we are able to hold one of our annual Advent traditions for our Program; Bambinelli Sunday! Next <u>Sunday, December 13th</u>, we are inviting everyone to bring their Baby Jesus from their Nativity Set to our 9:30am Family Mass to have Him blessed! This is such a beautiful way to get our minds and hearts ready for Christmas, while focusing in the sacredness of the Advent Season. For those of you who are still watching our Masses from home, be sure to have your Baby Jesus with you at 9:30am as you participate from home!



## Administration

Ms. Laucella Director of Family Faith Formation, Programming, & Religious Education (631) 667-4044 ext. 145 amlaucella@sscmdp.org

## **Office Information**

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#### FROM THE PASTOR

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is coming, shouldn't I carry HOPE in my heart. Christmas might be different this year, but it is still Christmas if we remember to put Christ in the center of everything. And with Christ, we can choose to be courageous, we can stand firm and find peace and joy no matter what.

We would like to once again appeal for support of the Parish Christmas raffle. We have only 2 weeks to go before the final drawing on December 19 and we are still very much short of our targeted goal. As many of you know, because of gathering restrictions, we are not able to do most of our previous regular fundraisers for both the parish and the school (like BINGO, auctions and breakfast with Santa, the Family Festival) that subsidized operational expenses. This year, more rigid and thorough sanitizing and installation of upgraded wifi and streaming equipment were added as necessary expenses. As a further complication, the pandemic's effect on the economy has forced some families to withdraw from their enrollment in our school which greatly reduced our number of enrolled kids which thus restricted the school's budget. We therefore badly need your help. For those who have not turned in their tickets, please do so soon. If you have already purchased them, we appreciate it. But if you are still able to pick up another ticket or two, or perhaps another booklet, we - the parish, the school faculty, staff and students - will be grateful even more.

Fr. Gins Garcia

Congratulations to our Early Bird 2020 Parish Raffle Winners Dolores Pinter Blanca Calvo

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe Saturday, December 12th 5pm Mass Due to COVID restrictions there will be no refreshments this year.

## Saints Cyril & Methodius



#### **Reusable Grocery Bags**

Make Excellent Gifts Strong and Eco-Friendly

Available for Purchase at the Rectory.





## Ss. Cyril and Methodius Annual Parish Raffle

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.* 

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#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Monday, December 7

7:00AM - Robert Malerba

8:30AM - For Jack Patrick Langan's intentions

**12:15PM** - For Sandra Sumanga's intentions

6:00 PM - For Our Parishioners

#### Tuesday, December 8

7:00AM - Lawrence Downes 8:30AM - For Joan Richter's intentions 12:15PM– Jose Antonio 7:00PM - For Our Parishioners

#### Wednesday, December 9

7:00AM - Sheila Malerba 8:30 AM - Matilda Amend 12:15PM – Anne Gaffnev

#### Thursday, December 10

7:00 AM - For Jeffrey Kravitz's intentions 8:30AM - Anthony Antonelli 12:15PM– William Louis Goodbody

#### Friday, December 11

7:00 AM - For Russell Salerno's intentions 8:30AM - Theresa Galano 12:15PM– Roger Thorley

#### Saturday, December 12

8:30 AM - Purgatorial Society 5:00 PM - Fred Russo and Freddie Russo, Stephen Berte, FDNY John Thomas Vigiano, FDNY John Thomas Vigiano II, NYPD Joseph Vincent Vigiano,

#### Sunday, <u>December 13</u>

8:00AM – Beatrice Downes
9:30 AM – Nicholas Fontana
11:00AM – Alice Marie Santoro, Rocco Cetta, Cormac Gerrity, Kathleen Gatti, and for Chuen Kam Chan-Shek's intentions
12:30PM – Harry DeDora
6:00 PM - For Our Parishioners

#### **PRIEST CELEBRANTS**

Saturday, December 12 5:00 pm - Fr. Gius Garcia Sunday, December 13 8:00 am - Fr. Patrick Grace 9:30 am - Fr. Moise Aime 11:00 am - Fr. Gius Garcia 12:30 pm - Fr. Patrick Grace 6:00 pm - Fr. Moise Aime

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

There were no Baptisms last weekend

#### REST IN PEACE Carmella Clementina Beviano Margaret Rose Duffy Kathleen T. Farrelly Louis C. Gerbino Jr. William McHugh Mary Napolitano Ruperto Uruchima Daniel R. Bronzino

#### 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

#### WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Sgt. Joseph Evola, Karley Hawkins, Gabriella Hawkins, Ryan Ferrara, Sean O'Farrell von Fenton Lt. Patrick H. LaMonica, Lt. Jonathan W. LaMonica 1st Lt. Charles Gulotta 1st Lt. Charles Gulotta 1st Lt. Matthew Gulotta James Powers Cordel Breitenstein Commander Christopher Grande

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"

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are all called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. In the period between October 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020, our Parish conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help over 80 individuals living in North Babylon and Deer Park. We have helped our neighbors make rent or utility payments to prevent eviction or termination of service; we have provided clothing and furniture; and we have helped people repair their car when that vehicle is the only way that they can stay employed. These are just a few examples of the many ways that we try to assist. During that same one year period, our dedicated members logged over 2000 hours of volunteer service. Our continuing mission depends on your continuing financial support. Please consider making a donation to our Parish conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul this Christmas season.

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

#### **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. The meeting scheduled for Mon. Dec. 7th has been cancelled due to increase in COVID cases.

#### **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 <u>your</u> 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.** starting on November 20th. Our Mother is begging for our help! Won't you say yes? Any questions call Anna Mancini at 631-586-5214.

#### **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

<u>Advent Confessions</u> Weekdays (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) 12:45-1:15 p.m.

<u>Saturday, December 12</u> 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)

<u>Christmas Eve</u> Thursday, December 24 2:00 pm; 4:00 pm; and 12:00 Midnight (Please note changes in the scheduled Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve)

<u>Christmas Day</u>

Friday, December 25 8:00 am; 9:30 am; 11:00 am; 12:30 p.m. (no 6:00 pm Mass)

#### **DECEMBER 6, 2020**

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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.

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## **Parish Social Ministry**

Heartfelt thanks to everyone for your Thanksgiving donations. Thanks to your generosity we were able to feed more than 62 families who would otherwise have had little, if anything, on their tables. We hope you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving yourselves knowing that you've given so many people unknown to you a reason to be thankful. You all have touched our hearts here at Outreach THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

### **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 inquires 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



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#### MEMORIALS – December 6 to December 12

**BREAD AND WINE** - In loving memory of **Matilda Amend**. Happy Birthday Mom. Love, Your Loving Family.

ALTAR CANDLES - Available

CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE - Available

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.

Stewardshill

NOVEMBER 29, 2020 Regular Collection \$15,208.32 Online Giving \$ 2,230.20 <u>CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL</u> Goal \$126,300 \$108,053.00 Pledged 86% 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!

In today's Gospel, we are introduced to St. John the Baptist. St. John the Baptist came before Jesus to proclaim a baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

#### 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.