



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

January 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord

READINGS THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11 (The first reading from Cycle A, Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7, may also be chosen.) Isaiah calls upon the people to return to the Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-9 (The second reading from Cycle A, Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38, may also be chosen.) The Spirit of Truth testifies on behalf of Jesus, God's Son.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:7-11 Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is the official end of the Christmas season in the Church calendar. Tomorrow Monday, January 11, we begin the Ordinary time.

It is therefore in order that we say thank you to many people who made our life and liturgies here in the parish fitting for the Christmas season and inspiring for us to help us carry ourselves to move forward in the new year 2021.

First, thank you for all those who helped create a Church environment that evokes celebration and gratitude. So many people have approached me to show appreciation on how beautiful the sanctuary looks. I will not mention all your names but let me say very interesting this year, the five or six volunteers who came to help were in their 70's and 80's, which goes to show age is not a reason why one cannot continue to generously serve God in more ways than one. Special mention to Larry Tronolone for installing the pew torches. And of course we are grateful to Tim Leitch for orchestrating the whole thing.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Monday of the First Week in Ordinary Time - beginning of Ordinary Time

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DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN

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) 667-6237

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)

Deacon John F. Fitzpatrick, Ext. 124

Deacon James A. Murano, Ext. 127

Deacon William Sperl, Ext. 112

Ms. Amora Laucella, *Religious Education*, Ext. 145Ms. Georgette Fromigia, *Parish Social Ministry*, Ext. 105Mr. Timothy Leitch, *Youth Ministry*, Ext. 154Deacon Philip A. Mills, Jr. *Business Manager*, Ext. 110Deacon James A. Murano, *Liturgical Music* Ext. 127Sister Susan Snyder, CSJ, *School Principal*, Ext. 133**PARISH TRUSTESS**

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Baptism, Wedding & Calendar Coordinator

Family Faith Formation and Religious Education



Weekly Greeting from Ms. Laucella

We are officially in our last week of the Christmas Season! From Christmas Day, to the Feast of the Holy Family, to the Feast of the Epiphany, we wrap up this sacred Season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

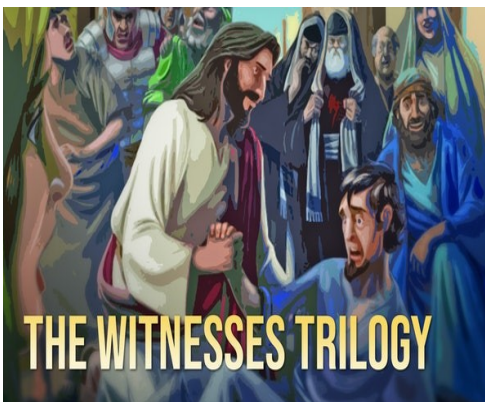
The Baptism of the Lord brings us to Jesus' adult life, right before He begins His public ministry. This week, when we enter Ordinary Time again, we enter a Season that reminds us on Jesus' Humanity. This moment of Jesus' Baptism is so powerful because Jesus is the Son of God, and didn't need to be Baptized; He chose to be Baptized. May this Feast be a reminder of how Jesus is so similar to all of us.

January Family Workshops

This last week, we held our January Family Workshops in the Church, which was the first time that we have seen all of our families since the Christmas Break! We hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and start to their 2021, and look forward to all that we will share together in this New Year!

This month, we covered Ordinary Time and why and how we celebrate it, Jesus' Human and Divine Natures, and how Jesus' Humanity makes Him so much like us!

Our January Newsletter, Family Workshop Recap Google Doc, and Google PDF of our January Family Project were sent out this last week, as well! Please be sure to check your emails!



FORMED Recommendation

I am reminding everyone of our Catholic media streaming service; FORMED! In honor of the Baptism of the Lord, I am recommending to all of our families ***The Witness Trilogy, Episode 1: God With Us***! This series tells the story of Jesus' public ministry, which is exactly what the Season of Ordinary Time is all about. You can watch the whole episode, or just up until the Baptism of the Lord, ending at 12:11 (if you would like to save the rest for other weeks in Ordinary Time!). Just make an account for free to watch at <http://watch.formed.org>!

Administration

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FROM THE PASTOR

...from cover page

Second, thank you to the music ministry led by Deacon James Murano. Word of gratitude to our leaders of song who give of their gift of music to make our celebrations effective. I know our choir misses coming to sing in Church because of the pandemic restrictions and look forward to gathering together once again to sing. Hopefully this year, we can get there.

Third, thank you to all the ushers lead by Paul Coppola who are really our first line of defense and front liners in our Church assemblies. Thank you for being there to usher the people in to their proper seats, for making sure safety measures are adhered to, and for religiously sanitizing the pews after every Mass. Your work is very much appreciated especially at these most difficult times.

Fourth, we are very grateful to our livestream crew - Russel Salerno, Pete Mercado and Amora Laucella - who have gradually elevated and continue to further raise the quality of our livestream coverage of our Masses. When you get the chance, check out how well planned and crafted all the shots are, how creatively dynamic but not in a distracting manner the panning and zooming work of the cameras. Truly, the product that is offered is at par with many of the televised Masses that are currently offered in the country and even in the world as well. I am not just saying it because it is our own, but they truly are amazing. If you have not subscribed to our YouTube channel, please do so to see what I am talking about. Go to YouTube and search for "Saints Cyril and Methodius, Deer Park, NY".

And last but not the least, my deepest and sincerest thank you to all of you my dear parishioners. At the beginning of December I sent out an appeal letter which you received in the mail – The 1000 100s for Christmas – to request you to alleviate the financial condition of the parish made complicated by the pandemic. And you have responded tremendously with such generosity and graciousness. So far, to date, I am very happy to tell you we have not just reached our target but have gone over it. From the bottom of my heart, thank you. The Lord is never outdone in His generosity.

Fr. Gins Garcia

Saints Cyril & Methodius



Reusable Grocery Bags

Make Excellent Gifts
Strong and Eco-Friendly
Available for Purchase
at the Rectory.
\$5.00 per Bag



Church Decorating

If you would like to help us decorate the church
for Ordinary Time,
we will be meeting in the church on
January 11th at 1:00 pm.
No experience necessary!
Call or text Tim Leitch at
631-806-4715 if you have questions
or would like to volunteer

Food Bins

Please do not put your used masks
in the Food Bins in the Breezeway.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Lectors Needed

We are in need of Lectors at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday.
If you would like to be a Lector at this Mass
please contact Joan Loring at 631-667-4044 Ext. 122.
Thank you for your consideration
in joining this very important Ministry.

PORTAL of SAINTS ORDER FORM

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Saint: _____

In memory of: _____ (optional)

Requested by: _____

Contact info: _____ (Email)
_____ (Phone number)

\$100 - Payment: (check one) Cash _____ Credit Card _____ Check _____

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, January 11****7:00AM** - For Tom and Family's intentions**8:30AM** - (Open:no offered intentions)**12:15PM** - (Open:no offered intentions)**Tuesday, January 12****7:00AM** - Alix Pigniat**8:30AM** - Giuseppe, Amelia and Frank Polito**12:15PM** - John McMahon Jr.**Wednesday, January 13****7:00AM** - Ewa Gutowska**8:30 AM** - Marian Blanco**12:15PM** - Vincent and Antoinette Attallah**Thursday, January 14****7:00 AM** - (Open:no offered intentions)**8:30AM** - Barbara Ann Renz**12:15PM** - (Open:no offered intentions)**Friday, January 15****7:00 AM** - (Open:no offered intentions)**8:30AM** - (Open:no offered intentions)**12:15PM** - For Sal, John and Francis Trapani's intentions**Saturday, January 16****8:30 AM** - Purgatorial Society**5:00 PM** - Debbie Cotugno, Helen Pagano, Eileen Jackson, Kathleen Gatti**Sunday, January 17****8:00AM** - For Our Parishioners**9:30 AM** - Fulton Alberghine**11:00AM** - Mr. & Mrs. O'Malley, Dorothy Forstell**12:30PM** - Gerard Truison**6:00 PM** - Kristy and Ivana**PRIEST CELEBRANTS****Saturday, January 16****5:00 pm** - Fr. Gius Garcia**Sunday, January 17****8:00 am** - Fr. Gius Garcia**9:30 am** - **Fr. Patrick Grace** **Livestream****11:00 am** - Fr. Gius Garcia**12:30 pm** - Fr. Patrick Grace**6:00 pm** - Fr. Patrick Grace**NEWLY BAPTIZED****We pray for the new members of our family**

There were no Baptisms this past weekend

REST IN PEACE

Domenico Sementilli

Janet J. Ferrigno

George Robert Olson

Peter A. Bozza

Richard Capaldo

John Gerard Lowder

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, 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, Myra Bianco, Hazel Mills, Kristen Mills, Caroline Palma, Diane Canavan, Phyllis Catapano, Michael Naglieri, Christopher Scheuer, Geralyn, Joseph, Nicole and Meala Vizzari, Joyce Daw Chadwick, Glenn Tarquinio, Lisa Hulsen, Providence Hulsen, Antoinette Fisher

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"

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Let us begin this New Year with hope and with determination to live our lives in a way that is pleasing to God. If you feel a calling to do more to serve our Lord, then consider joining our mission at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. All are welcome and no particular training or experience is required. For more information, please call the number below.

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 February 6, 2021.

Please consider joining the Rosary Altar Society. Call Nancy Lanni at 631-242-5078. Due to COVID-19 restrictions there will be no meetings until after Easter.

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.

Recitation of the Rosary

Join the Rosary Altar Society 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



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 pledges
must be paid in full by January 31, 2021.



If you have not had an opportunity to donate
to this year's appeal, there is a new tool you
can use to donate!

TEXT-TO-GIVE to make a donation!
It's fast and secure.

TEXT Keyword: 119sscyrilandmethodius

To (516) 271-3338

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.

Please consider donating to the Appeal and make a difference in someone's life. Thank you!

Make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal

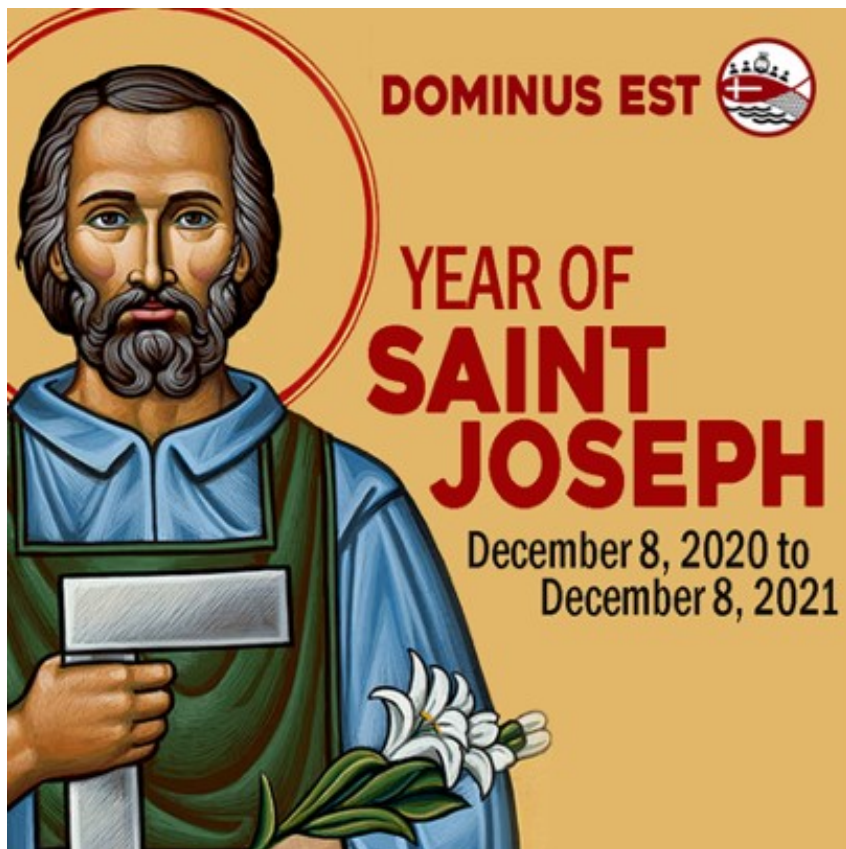
Parish _____ Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____ Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____



PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 To you God entrusted his only Son;
 in you Mary placed her trust;
 with you Christ became man.
 Blessed Joseph, to us too,
 show yourself a father
 and guide us in the path of life.
 Obtain for us grace,
 mercy and courage,
 and defend us from every evil.
 Amen.



Alumni
 ASSOCIATION

BE COUNTED

Register now at
WWW.SSCMWEB.ORG or
 Call (631) 6674044 X 131

MEMORIALS — January 10 to January 16

BREAD AND WINE - In loving memory of **Patrick (Pat) Carragee**. From Liz and Rich Keller.

ALTAR CANDLES - Available

CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE - Available

CANDLES AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE - Happy Birthday, Joe D'Attoma. Love, your Family.

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

JANUARY 3, 2021

Regular Collection \$16,473.31

Online Giving \$ 1,700.65

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$126,300

\$115,328.25 Pledged

91% 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!

Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River by his cousin, John. It is in baptism that we are united with the Church to be sent on a mission to become disciples.

**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.