



# ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS

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*To bring the universal love preached by Christ*

January 3, 2021

## Feast of the Epiphany

### Happy New Year

#### READINGS THIS SUNDAY

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6 Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6 Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 2:1-12 The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

#### FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners

For many years in the English speaking world the feast of Epiphany has been overshadowed by that of Christmas. But unless we realize the significance of this great day, we see only one side of the mystery of the Incarnation. Now after contemplating the staggering fact that God has become a human child, we turn to look at this mystery from the opposite angle and realize that this seemingly helpless Child is, in fact, the omnipotent God, the King and Ruler of the universe. The feast of Christ's divinity completes the feast of His humanity. It fulfills all our Advent longing for the King "who is come with great power and majesty." We see that whereas Christmas is the family feast of Christianity, Epiphany is the great "world feast of the Catholic Church."

*Divine manifestation:* The Epiphany takes its name from the Greek epiphania, which denotes the visit of a god to earth. The first idea of the feast is the manifestation of Christ as the Son of God. "Begotten before the daystar and before all ages, the Lord our Savior is this day made manifest to the world." The feast unites three events in the life of Christ when His divinity, as it

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

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##### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayers for Life

Friday, January 29, 2021 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm following the 12:15 Mass for Life.

**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 &amp; 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 &amp; Sunday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday &amp; Thursday:

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**PANTRY HOURS**

Monday, Wednesday &amp; 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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*Baptism, Wedding & Calendar Coordinator*



# Family Faith Formation and Religious Education



## Weekly Greeting from Ms. Laucella

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!** We are still in the Season of Christmas for a bit longer, so be sure to keep wishing everyone Merry Christmas!

This week, we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany; The day the Three Magi finally found Christ in the manger after following the Star of Bethlehem, and brought Him gifts. May we all be reminded that even though we are all called to bring Christ our best, that He loves us and wants us exactly as we are; Made in His Image and Likeness, and created to share God's Goodness with others.

## Thank You for 2020

This year has been very different, for all of us, especially for our usual Season for our Parish students, parents, and families. However, with everything that we were able to do pre-COVID and throughout this year, I have so much to say "Thank You" for.

With all of the events that we were able to do for our Program in 2020, I want to be able to say thank you to our friends at Mama Sbarro's and First Class Bagels, who whenever I have any idea for any family event, they are the first people that are ready to help with whatever I have in mind. Their hard work, time, and generosity are such a huge reason why we in the Office of Family Faith Formation are able to do the events that we do. I can't begin to thank them enough for their support of this Program, and any idea that I have to give our families some incredible memories that they will hopefully remember for years to come, when they think of their time at Ss. Cyril and Methodius.

I also want to be able to say thank you to our students, parents, families, and parishioners; Your support and prayers for our Office and Program during this time have been incredible, and I am so thankful for everyone working together to make the first half our year such a success. You have all been in my prayers, and I truly thank God for the gift of this Parish Family. I (along with the below casts of the 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 Christmas Pageants!) wish all of you a very **Merry and Blessed Christmas Season, and a very Happy and Healthy New Year in 2021!**



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**FROM THE PASTOR**

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were, shines through His humanity: the adoration of the Magi; the baptism of Christ in the Jordan; and the first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. Moreover, at Epiphany the Church looks forward to the majestic coming of Christ on the "youngest day" when His manifestation as God will be complete. The Gospels of the baptism and the marriage at Cana are read on the Octave Day and the Second Sunday after Epiphany, and later Sunday masses in the Epiphany season continue to show the divine power of our Lord in some of His most striking miracles.

**Royal kingship:** A second important idea in Epiphany is the extension of Christ's kingship to the whole world. The revelation of Christ to the three kings at Bethlehem is a symbol of His revelation to the whole of the Gentile world. Epiphany presents to us the calling of not merely a chosen few, but all nations to Christianity.

**Your Light is Come:** Closely linked to both these themes of divine manifestation and world kingship is a third idea running through the Epiphany feast: that of light. During Advent, the world was in darkness, and we prayed and waited in the spirit of the Jewish nation which lived in expectation of the Coming Light during thousands of years. At Christmas the Light shone forth, but dimly, seen only by a few around the crib: Mary and Joseph and the shepherds. But at Epiphany the Light bursts forth to all nations and the prophecy is fulfilled: "The Gentiles shall walk in Thy light, and kings in the brightness of Thy rising." The mysterious star of Epiphany, "flashing like a flame," is still another facet of the light-motif, a symbol capable of being interpreted in a dozen different ways.

Source: [www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)

*Fr. Gins Garcia*

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Saints Cyril & Methodius**  
**Reusable Grocery Bags**  
 Make Excellent Gifts  
 Strong and Eco-Friendly  
 Available for Purchase  
 at the Rectory.



# Merry Christmas

Thank You for your prayerful participation in our Christmas Season Masses and for your generosity in our Christmas & Poinsettia Offerings. Your faithful stewardship all throughout the past year is much appreciated and provides the financial resources necessary to continue our pastoral ministries.

We pray that God will Bless us all in the New Year of 2021 with health, financial stability, world peace, and hope.



Along with the Wise Men, may we continue our own journey to seek out, discover, and personally encounter the LOVE of God in Christ Jesus!

*Father Gius, the priests, sister, deacons, and lay staff of  
Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish Family*



**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, January 4**

**7:00AM** - (Open:no offered intentions)  
**8:30AM** - Loreto Recine  
**12:15PM** - For Marie Antoine's intentions

**Tuesday, January 5**

**7:00AM** - Sophie Kassick  
**8:30AM** - For Fr. Moise's intentions  
**12:15PM** - Bhagmania Maraj

**Wednesday, January 6**

**7:00AM** - (Open:no offered intentions)  
**8:30 AM** - (Open:no offered intentions)  
**12:15PM** - (Open:no offered intentions)

**Thursday, January 7**

**7:00 AM** - Benny Morlacci  
**8:30AM** - (Open:no offered intentions)  
**12:15PM** - (Open:no offered intentions)

**Friday, January 8**

**7:00 AM** - (Open:no offered intentions)  
**8:30AM** - (Open:no offered intentions)  
**12:15PM** - Jack Puszcz

**Saturday, January 9**

**8:30 AM** - Purgatorial Society  
**5:00 PM** - Richard J. Daoust, Sophie and George Kassick, Kathleen Gatti

**Sunday, January 10**

**8:00AM** - For Our Parishioners  
**9:30 AM** - Marilyn Theiling  
**11:00AM** - Kathleen Gatti, Polster Family, Mento Family and Caldane Family  
**12:30PM** - Cormac Gerrity  
**6:00 PM** - Eva Tupia

**PRIEST CELEBRANTS****Saturday, January 9**

**5:00 pm** - Fr. Greg Cappuccino

**Sunday, January 10**

**8:00 am** - Fr. Patrick Grace  
**9:30 am** - **Fr. Gius Garcia Livestream**  
**11:00 am** - Fr. Greg Cappuccino  
**12:30 pm** - Fr. Patrick Grace  
**6:00 pm** - Fr. Gius Garcia

**NEWLY BAPTIZED**

**We pray for the new members of our family**  
 There were no Baptisms this past weekend

**REST IN PEACE**

Mary Muratore  
 John F. Garcia  
 Richard A. Barth  
 Gussie Giambalvo  
 Lisa McCann  
 Helen Kaczmariski

**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, Michael Naglieri, Christopher Scheuer, GERALYN, Joseph, Nicole and Meala Vizzari

**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. 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](mailto:jloring@sscmdp.org)

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL****"We Help People"**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn King and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In the spirit of the Magi, please donate to the Parish Poor Box which supports our efforts to provide material assistance to the poor in our community. "He who has compassion on the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his good deed." Proverbs 20:17.

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](mailto: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.

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RAFFLE WINNERS****FIRST PRIZE \$9,000****School Office****SECOND PRIZE \$5,400****Provenzano Family****THIRD PRIZE \$3,600****Joe Licata****CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL**



## 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

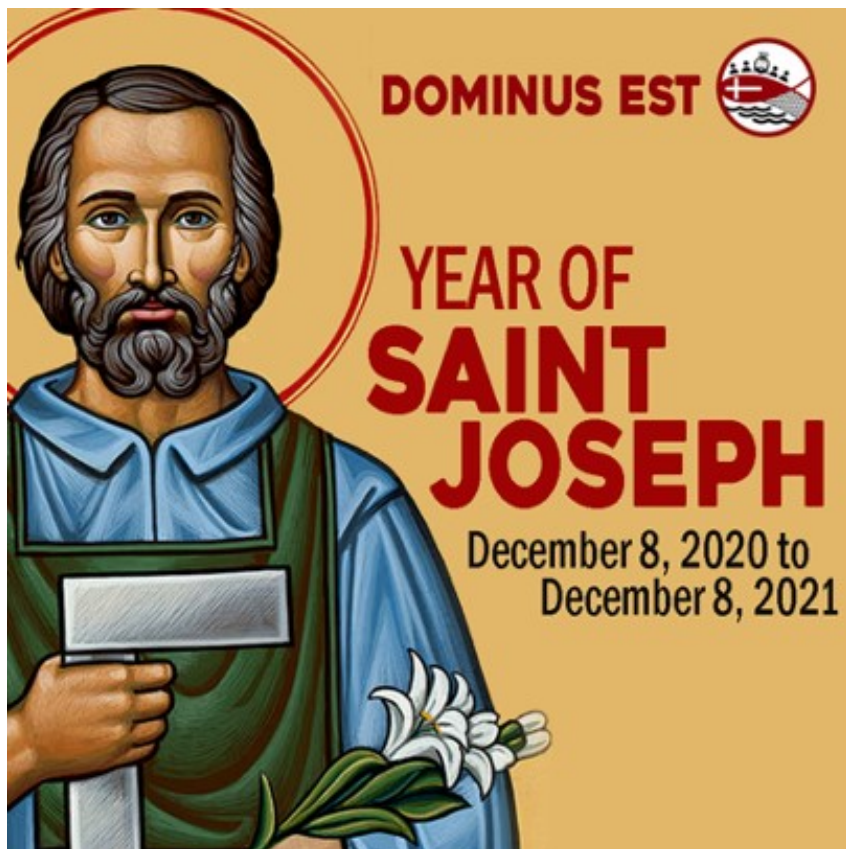
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## PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

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 3 to January 9**

**BREAD AND WINE** - Merry Christmas in Heaven, **Fannie and Anthony Messina** and **Erminia and Victor Fenice**. Love, your Family

**ALTAR CANDLES** - Available

**CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE** - In loving memory of **Joan Plachcinski**.

**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 27, 2020**

**Regular Collection \$15,565.71**

**Online Giving \$ 2,518.41**

**Christmas Collection \$78,894.80**

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**

**Goal \$126,300**

**\$112,239.25 Pledged**

**89% 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 read of the coming of the Magi to adore the newborn Son of God.

**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.