

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
**Ss. CYRIL &
METHODIUS**

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125 HALF HOLLOW RD, DEER PARK, NY 11729

1st SUNDAY OF LENT

February 21, 2021

Dear parishioners,

The Rite of Election: (February 21, 2021)

The conclusion of the Period of the Catechumenate in the **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) leads into the **Rite of Election or Enrollment of Names** for those who are unbaptized (and the Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion for those who are baptized). This year, for our parish, we have two Catechumens, **Jason Denes** and **Jason Yu**, whose names will be recorded in the Book of the Elect. This is a very significant step in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is usually celebrated on the first Sunday of Lent at the local diocesan cathedral, led by the local bishop. This year, because of pandemic restrictions, the diocese has delegated the pastor or his representative to celebrate this Rite in our own home parish. The two Catechumens and their Godparents

and Sponsors gather together on this day and join the parish congregation. The Church formally ratifies the Catechumens' readiness for the Sacraments of Initiation. In turn the Catechumens – from now on known as the Elect – publicly acknowledge their desire to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

To download the **Hallow app** please take a picture of the QR code on page 6, where you could also find practical tips and suggestions on how you could benefit from it as you integrate it in your Lenten exercises.

Many people have approached me inquiring about the condition of Fr. Moise Aime. After he was discharged from the hospital early in December 2020, despite several attempts to reach out to him, there was very little information that was relayed to me with the exception that he was recovering at St. Martha's Church in

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Readings this Sunday

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15 God establishes a covenant with Noah, giving a rainbow as its sign.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22 In our baptism, we are saved through Christ's death and Resurrection.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:12-15 Jesus is tempted in the desert by Satan.

**Join the #Pray40
Challenge**

Journey through the eyes of
St. Joseph this Lent



on **Hallow**

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am: Family Mass - LIVESTREAM,
11:00 am, 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 the priest or deacon you wish to officiate at your wedding.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Holy Communion will be ministered by appointment to those confined to home. Contact the Parish Center to schedule a visit by a Eucharistic Minister.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Each 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. Patrick Grace, *Associate Pastor*, Ext. 166

Rev. Francis D. Sang, *In Residence*, Ext. 170 (Retired)

Rev. Gregory Cappuccino, *Occasional Help*, (Retired)

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Mr. Timothy Leitch, *Youth Ministry*, Ext. 154

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PARISH TRUSTEES

Mary Malerba

John Grieb



Mrs. Jane Carleo Ext. 111, *Bookkeeper*

Mrs. Joan Ann Loring, Ext. 122

Parish Secretary / Bulletin Editor

Mrs. Marianne Saffran, Ext. 115

Baptism & Wedding Coordinator

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	February 22
7:00 AM:	For Mary Malerba's intentions
8:30 AM:	(Open : no offered intentions)
12:15 PM:	(Open : no offered intentions)
Tuesday	February 23
7:00 AM:	For Chelsea Kravitz's intentions
8:30 AM:	(Open : no offered intentions)
12:15 PM:	For Chuen Kam Chan-Shek's intentions
Wednesday	February 24
7:00 AM:	For Frank and Dorothy Congro's intentions
8:30 AM:	Bill Gould
12:15 PM:	Luciano and Renne Pisotti
Thursday	February 25
7:00 AM:	Gennaro Girardi
8:30 AM:	For Marie Salerno's intentions
12:15 PM:	Angelo D'Agostaro
Friday	February 26
7:00 AM:	For Marie Salerno's intentions
8:30 AM:	(Open : no offered intentions)
12:15 PM:	Joan McCarthy
Saturday	February 27
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM	(Open : no offered intentions)
Sunday	February 28
8:00 AM	Eduardo Jacildo
9:30 AM	For Our Parishioners
11:00 AM	Angelina Rizza, Paul Castro, Anthony DeSimone, Louise DeFilippo, For Chuen Kam Chan-Shek's intentions
12:30 AM	James Dorney
6:00 PM	Mark Edward Dixon

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday,	February 27
5:00 PM:	Fr. Gius Garcia
Sunday,	February 28
8:00 AM:	Fr. Gius Garcia
9:30 AM:	Fr. Patrick Grace
11:00 AM:	Fr. Greg Cappuccino
12:30 PM:	Fr. Greg Cappuccino
6:00 PM:	Fr. Patrick Grace



REST IN PEACE

Joanne Garrod, Joan M. McCarthy, Matilda Cepeda, Dawn Ellen Perez, Rose Belfort, Dorothy Joan Crowley

PRAY FOR THE SICK

T. J. Hicks, Christian Daniel, Owen Chapman, 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, Stanley Urbanowski, Angelina Diramacco, Joseph Giammarino, Maryann Farrell, Stephen Neveroski, Eugene Sheehy, Edward Muldowney, Alberto Sanelli, Stephen M. Murphy, Clemente Oropallo, Kevin Talbot, 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, Glenn Tarquinio, Lisa Hulsen, Eleanor Collazo, Jean Simeone, Providence Hulsen, Antoinette Fisher, Patricia LaMotte, Tony Bufalino, Jackie Becker, Maureen Edwards, Baby Bradley James Reich, Baby Chase Everett Reich

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

FROM THE PASTOR

...from cover page

Uniondale. At the beginning of January, he informed me that he was advised by his doctor to rest for 2 weeks. The diocese was made aware of this. In the last week of January, in my conversation with Msgr. Bill Koenig, the diocesan priest personnel director, I was told that Fr. Moise expressed to him his intention not to return to Saints Cyril and Methodius and that they were working on arranging for him to be temporarily assigned to Saint Catherine of Sienna in Franklin Square. We therefore pray for his full recovery and thank him for his ministry here in the parish.

The past couple of weekends showed a noticeable decline in Sunday Church attendance and consequently a decrease in the collections

as well. This is mainly due to inclement weather. Unfortunately, when there is a snow storm, this radically raises maintenance costs which is inevitably high because of the extent of the Church property. Thus, I would like to ask for your generous assistance and consider this when making your weekly contribution in the coming weeks. For your convenience, you may visit the parish website (www.sscmdp.org) to set up your online contribution or download the **GIVEPLUS+** app from the apple store or google play. Thank you for your generosity.

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MEMORIALS — February 21 to February 27

BREAD AND WINE - Available

ALTAR CANDLES - Forever in our Hearts **Joseph W. Adams**. Love, your Family Elizabeth and Anthony and Lilliane

CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE - In loving memory of **Ida D'Agostaro**, 1st Anniversary in Heaven. Your Loving 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

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Regular Collection \$16,975.66

Online Giving \$ 1,747.59

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal \$124,100

\$388.75 Pledged

0.31% of Parish Goal

Thank you, and God Bless you, for your faithful weekly Stewardship of our Parish and for your support of the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal!

In today's Gospel, we read about Jesus' entrance into the desert to be tempted by Satan.

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.

Family Faith Formation and Religious Education

Weekly Greeting from Ms. Laucella



This Week brings us to not only the last week of February, but also to the First Week of Lent! This month at our February Family Workshops, we spoke about how Lent is not only a time of reflection and repentance, but also a time when we work on how to be the best members of the Kingdom of God that we can possibly be. This is done by practicing the Church's Lenten Pillars; Praying, Fasting, and Giving. During this time, we pray for others and strengthen our relationship with God, we fast from what keeps us from Him, and we give to others to spread God's Kingdom. Be sure to catch up with us here later this month to see how our families were able to reflect on the Lenten Pillars together as a family!

Family FORMED Recommendations

I am reminding everyone of our Catholic media streaming service; FORMED! As we all journey through this Season of Lent together and reflect on our hearts and minds, I am recommending to all of our families two of the episodes from one of our favorite series on FORMED. “[Let's Learn About Lent](#)” and “[Forgiven](#)” from the Brother Francis collection are two great resources for all of our families to use for some prayer and reflection time together, and we hope you enjoy them! Anyone can watch these series! Once you make an account (for free!) and follow the prompts, you can watch these two episodes and more at <http://watch.formed.org>!



Parish FORMED Recommendation

Our Diocese has invited all parishes to watch Chris Stefanik's live show with Real Life Catholic this Lent. This show is based on “[The Search](#)”, a multi-million dollar production series that walks us through the human experience and searching for Christ in our lives. Once you make an account (for free!) and follow the prompts (it's easy!), you can fully participate in this incredible Lenten experience and start watching at <http://watch.formed.org>!



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Hallow

Catholic Prayer & Meditation App



You can begin this Lent - on a daily basis, on a specific dedicated time of day, even for only 5 to 10 minutes, find a quiet spot in your home or office (of course while on break) where you can meditate with the assistance of the Hallow App.

Here are some recommendations from the Hallow app that you could play:

- **Lectio Divina on that day's Gospel (Dailies)**
- **"Litany of Humility" (Humility Praylist #1 - *Litany*)**
- **"For God so loved the word" (Love Praylist #4 - *Lectio Divina*)**
- **"Bless the Lord, my soul" (Joy Praylist - *Taize Chant*)**
- **"Shine Through Us" (Saints Challenge #7 - *Reflection of St. Mother Teresa*)**

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

Lent is a call to "give alms for the poor." Wherever you live in the Parish, there are poor families close by. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. You can answer this call by supporting our mission to assist our neighbors in need in Deer Park and North Babylon. While we offer a wide range of assistance, our ability to help can be limited by our available funding. All donations to our conference are used 100% to help people in our community, with no overhead or administrative expenses. This Lent, please consider making a financial donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the Parish of SS. Cyril and Methodius. Additional information can be obtained by calling the number listed 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 March 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: 83976675052 and Password: 0S6Qt1

JOIN BIBLE STUDY CLASS THIS LENT FOR:

No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

(Ascension Press DVD series by Edward Sri)

No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling catholic author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper

understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love as you draw closer to Jesus than you ever have before.

What was Jesus going through at each moment? How did the Old Testament foretell of Christ's death? Why did Christ die for us? What did it accomplish? What was the meaning behind the tearing of the temple veil, the crowning with thorns, and other events during Christ's Passion? What do the cryptic last words of Jesus mean?

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. beginning February 25th for 5 weeks in the basement of the school.

To register, please call Mary at 631-291-7020

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**Why am I here?
What is the life I was
made for?**

**Is there a God?
Does He even care
about me?**

These are questions we all ask ourselves. Are there answers? Can true peace be found? *The Search unapologetically reveals that you were made for God, that your home is found beyond yourself, and that Jesus is the way.*

This Lent, we are inviting YOU to journey through *The Search* with your own small group (and if you don't have a small group yet...we encourage you to start one! It's easy, and *The Search* is a great resource to start with). In fact, each week Chris Stefanick from Real Life Catholic will be guiding us throughout Lent on how to use *The Search* in your own small group during his weekly show *The Life You Were Made For*.

Visit: reallifecatholic.com

Join us each week for the live show on RealLifeCatholic.com/live, beginning on Thursday, February 18. Click the link below to get notified each week when the show is live and join us for what could be your most meaningful Lent ever!