

**The Roman Catholic Parishes of
SS. Cyril & Methodius - Church of the Holy Trinity
December 25 and 26, 2021**



Alleluia, alleluia.

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



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THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Liturgical Ministers for January 1 & 2, 2022

January 1, 4:30 pm

Lector: J. Gialanella
Eucharistic Minister: J. Gialanella
Greeter: B. Graham

January 2 10:15 am

Lector: R. Christopher
Eucharistic Minister: D. Tarr
Greeter: L. Newton

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers: Please remember to check in at the sacristy before Mass.

Liturgical Ministers for January 2, 2022

Lector: J. Naylor
Eucharistic Minister: A. Kavulich
G. Naylor
Servers: G. & T. Snell

VOTIVE CANDLES

▪ Laureen Warrick by Husband, Art ▪ Walter, Agnes, Adella & Mildred Petrikonis by Family ▪ Paul & Sadie Bublinec, Louise Lesko, Joseph & Dorothy Kostick from Estate ▪ William Maney by Wife, Irene ▪ Mary & John Vinsevich by Daughter ▪ Tom Cupina by Wife, Jerry ▪ Deborah Warrick - Edge by Father, Art

Collection Report for December 11 & 12, 2021

Ordinary Envelopes: \$ 3,371.00; Loose: \$ 72.00; Heat & Air: \$ 50.00; Flowers: \$ 111.00; Cathedraticum: \$ 129.00; Retired Religious: \$ 50.00; Immaculate Conception: \$ 301.00; Total: \$ 4,084.00

Due to early bulletin deadline the report for 12/18 and 12/19 will appear in the next bulletin.

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Our Sanctuary Candles burn this week for the glory and honor of Almighty God and

**Richard H. Miller, II
Req. by: Children & Grandchildren**

Collection Report for December 12, 2021

Ordinary Envelopes: \$ 3,208.00; Loose: \$ 48.00; Fuel: \$ 120.00; Bldg: \$ 85.00; School: \$ 100.00; Children & Families: \$ 21.00; Hope Appeal: \$ 385; Flowers: \$ 696.00; Seminary: \$ 3.00; All Saints: \$13.00; Retired Religious \$ 500.00; Immaculate Conception: \$ 715.00; Cathedraticum: \$ 205.00 Total: \$ 6,099.00

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Sanctuary Candle



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**JoAnne Pucek
Req. by Family**



Address Changes & Sick List

Please remember to contact the Parish Office (607-724-1372) if you or a family member enters the hospital, nursing home or moves to a new address. Please also call the office if you would like a loved one placed on our monthly prayer list for the sick.

Pondering Stewardship— In our daily lives, we manage our family and work responsibilities. But to become occupied with these important matters to the exclusion of the need of others outside our home or work, is a mistake we could carry into eternity.

SS. Cyril & Methodius News



George's Garments - We are in special need of the following:

Boots for all ages, Gloves (Adult) Mittens (Adult), New Socks & New Underwear, Men's T-Shirts, Sweatshirts & Men's Winter Coats & Jackets.

SSCM Ladies Club has frozen halupki available for pick-up. Cost is \$ 20 per dozen; \$10 per half-dozen. Please call the kitchen directly at 607-203-9966 Mondays and Wednesdays between 9 am and 1 pm.

Due to the early bulletin deadline, we do not have the figures on the proceeds of the Buchti or cookie platter sales. However, thank you to everyone who participated in the making of the Buchti and who purchased Buchti—the sale was a resounding success.

Thank you to all of our bakers who made so many delicious cookies for the Altar Rosary cookie platter sale. The pre-orders were staggering and the bakers lived up to the task. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel contains this truth about parenting :”but his parents did not know.” One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?

January 1, 2022, the Solemnity of Mary, the most Holy Mother of God, is not a Holy day of Obligation this year. Mass Schedule will be at the normal time next weekend. 4:30 pm vigil Mass on January 1 at Ss Cyril & Method; 8:45 am at Holy Trinity and 10:15 am at Ss. Cyril & Method. The Epiphany of the Lord will be observed on January 2nd.

Thank you to Msgr. John Putano and Fr. Stephen Nyamweya-Ogaro , Fr. Fred Mwangi Kooro and Fr. Gerald Buckley and Fr. Paul Machira for their service to our communities throughout the year.

Thank you to our Rosary Makers who work in secret for the most part to provide numerous rosaries to the local community as well as the throughout the country and the world.

Holy Trinity News

2022 Envelope Boxes: As of 12/15/2021 (early bulletin deadline) we have not received the envelopes from Cathedral Corporation. We are in weekly contact with them. Please be patient; we hope to receive them before the end of the year. If not, you can put your contributions in an envelope with your name on it. Stay tuned !



During this Christmas season, let us thank the following people, who have made the Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas season memorable for our parishes.

To Irene Lenga and family for organizing the Thanksgiving Basket drive at Holy Trinity. 75 households were able to enjoy Thanksgiving through the generosity of your donations.

To Don & Jean Tarr for organizing the Thanksgiving basket drive at Ss. Cyril & Method. 80 households were able to enjoy Thanksgiving through the generosity of the parishioners.

To the teams at Holy Trinity and Ss. Cyril and Method who cleaned and decorated the parishes for Christmas !

To Emmanuel Sikora-Mori, Marlene Boedicker , Jessica Pullis and the choirs at both parishes for the beautiful music at the Christmas masses. Your gifts give glory to the Lord !

To Pete Letkiewicz at Holy Trinity for keeping the outdoor nativity scene in tip-top shape year after year.

Thank you to Fr. Fred for celebrating Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses for us—Amen !

To the greeters, altar servers, ushers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist for your time and talents, not only at Christmas, but throughout the year.

And thank you to anyone else we may have forgotten to mention, but most of all, thank you to our parishioners who continue to support our parishes during another year of uncertainty.

Christmas 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The prophet Isaiah cries out to the nations: "*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwell in the land of gloom a light has shone*" (Is. 9:1). For me, these words are a "*lamp unto our feet and a light for our path*" (cf. Ps. 119:105) as we journey to Bethlehem this Advent/Christmas Season 2021.

... In a year that for many of us has been filled with hills and valleys, light and darkness, outwardly represented for some in the recent devastation witnessed in Mayfield, Kentucky, the voice crying out is a beacon in the wasteland! It is epitomized in the small Baptist congregation of Mayfield gathered in the church's parking lot for Sunday worship announcing to all: "*Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!*" (Is. 40:3b).

Yes, brothers and sisters, our God comes to save us! This is the meaning behind the lights and glitter – the Christmas trees and the Nativity scenes – the gift giving and the parties, all are meant to point us and not blind us to one important moment: the Incarnation and Emmanuel - God with us!

As Pope St. Leo the Great would say of this feast: "Our Savior, dearly beloved, was born today: let us be glad. For there is no proper place for sadness, when we keep the birthday of the Life, which destroys the fear of mortality and brings to us the joy of promised eternity. No one is kept from sharing in this happiness. There is for all one common measure of joy, because as our Lord the destroyer of sin and death finds none free from charge, so is He come to free us all. Let the saint exult in that he draws near to victory. Let the sinner be glad in that he is invited to pardon" (Sermon 21 - *On the Feast of the Nativity*).

It is in the face of the loving gaze of our God become man and in the light that radiates from Bethlehem that beckons us to the "House of Bread" – "the Living Bread come down from heaven" (cf. Jn 6). It is in our gathering at Christ's altar - His manger (feeding trough) - that we are invited again and again to encounter Christ's Real Presence among us and to feast upon His Word and the Bread of Life given for the life of the world! So this Christmas in our poverty, let us too, come to Bethlehem and encounter our salvation - the lamp that casts out all darkness and sin and which desires to light our way in life!

It is my simple prayer that the light of Christ will fill your hearts and homes this Christmas and into the New Year. Merry Christmas and a blessed 2022!

In the Name of Jesus,
Douglas J. Lucia
Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia Bishop of Syracuse

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CHRISTMAS SEASON REFLECTION

Perhaps God said, hmmm, what else can I do to show how much I love my people? I have already given them a beautiful and bountiful home called the Earth, so many different types of life, and so many descendants from Adam and Abraham. Oh, I know! I will send to them my Son to save them and show them the way. He shall be the human form of love, mercy, healing, and joy without fear and without end. With Him, they shall more fully understand and feel my love, hope and everlasting life. How can they not help but become my arms and legs in this world showing my love, mercy, and healing to others and to my Earth. Let's feel it and embody Hope, Joy, and Love for ourselves and for others this Christmas season and throughout 2022. What else matters? The Lord blesses us during this Christmas season and indeed during all the days of our lives (from Psalm 128). Let heaven and nature sing !

VOCATIONS CORNER

"We are God's children now." As our Heavenly Father, God loves us more than we could ever imagine. If He is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life, God will provide.

Call Fr. Jason Hage (315) 470-1468 or write: vocations@syrдио.org.

The NYS Discernment Retreat has gone Virtual! - After consultation with the Vocation Directors across New York State, we have decided to host a virtual retreat instead of an in person retreat this year due to the recent surge in cases in our region. This virtual retreat will take place on Sunday, January 2nd from 1pm until 5:30pm over Zoom. I have attached the new flyer as well as the retreat agenda for your reference. The good news about this change is that we can now host as many retreatants as possible. This will be a unique opportunity. The registration deadline is Friday, December 31st. Please email vocations@syrдио.org to receive the Zoom info.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 25 Christmas Day (SSCM)

10: 15 am Mass - For our Parishioners

There is no 4:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 26

**8:45 am (HT) — † Richard H. Miller, II
req. by Family**

**10:15 am (SSCM) — † Joanne Pucek
req. by family**

Monday, December 27 (HT)

**8:00 am - † Theresa Tokos req. by Joseph &
Laura Shay**

Tuesday, December 28 (SSCM)

**12:05 pm - † Cora Mauro
Req. by: Husband, Frank**

Wednesday, December 29 (HT)

**8:00 am — † Joseph, Elizabeth & John Jacobs
and family req. by Michael**

Thursday, December 30 (SSCM)

**12:05 pm - † Stephen Sladish
req. by John, Yolanda and Bruce Dancesia**

Friday, December 31 (HT)

8:00 am - Ann Snopek req. by Husband, Steve

**Saturday, January 1 (SSCM)
4:30 pm - Lottie & Rudolph Pucek req. by children
And 30-day memorial for Angelia Bieniek**

Sunday, January 2

**8:45 am (HT) — Harry Feldmanis—Happy 93rd
Birthday req. by wife Marge**

**10:15 am (SSCM) — † Joseph Supon
Req. by Mike & Michele Duffy**

Pandemic Prayer

O Lord, we thank you for guiding the creativity of those who developed the vaccines for the Coronavirus. May everyone recognize your role in the advances of modern science that help us to stay safe and healthy. Make us patient as we await the distribution of the vaccines.

Help us, O Blessed Mother, Health of the Sick and Seat of Wisdom, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God.

Continue to watch over all who are sick, those who care for them, and show us all how to care for one another more deeply and more completely.

Help us to live hopefully and with grateful hearts each day, and to emerge from this crisis more devoted to you and to one another than ever before.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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