



# St. Mary & St. Mark Roman Catholic Church

Holley & Kendall NY

March 28-April 5, 2020



## *From the Pastor's Desk...*

Dear Parishioners of St. Mary and St Mark,

Greetings from Fr. John in the name of the Lord. Thank you all for understanding our church's and the world's situation and responding accordingly to overcome the killing spree of Covid19. We are asked to follow the State and Church's mandate during this period of hardship. Private Mass is offered according to the intentions. Bishops have granted dispensation to attend the Holy Masses with your family on EWTN or any other live-stream channels until churches are allowed to reopen.

Our staff, with the exception of Mrs. Beth Skehan, will not be working in the office until situation returns to normal. Mrs. Jackie Nau will be working from home. You can call the office during regular business hours or email Jackie, Beth or myself when you need something from the office. Mrs. Jackie will keep us informed of the programs and services through our church website, Facebook and bulletin. The bulletin will be uploaded to the website and we will have a few printed ones in the churches for anyone who wants to pick up a hard copy.

We still need your support and help for our day-to-day operations until our Church is able to reopen for Mass. Please mail your offertory envelopes or bring them in and drop off in the office mailbox. You can also use the online giving option available on the website.

For the coming Palm Sunday, the Palms will be blessed on Saturday in a private Mass and you can pick up Palms for yourselves at the entrances of both Churches.

Until this situation returns to normal, we remain strong in our Faith and Prayer in the Lord who alone is the Healer and Light of the World. It's a time for us to Stand Strong on the Promises of God. For God can use Trials to build in us Strength and hope. May the Lent keep us strong to forgo our sufferings and pain in solidarity with our Lord who alone suffered and sacrificed Himself for our Salvation and Redemption. Let us be united in prayer and support one another, and seek of God's Grace and Life. May JMJ bless us to stay safe and guarded. Let us join with our Pope in praying for the sick and to eradicate the virus totally from the world to regain peace and happiness again through the divine assistance of Mama Mary.

*Father John*



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## Mass Schedule

Saturday, Mar. 28 Vigil: 5th Sunday of Lent	Deceased Members of the Ennis Family by Family
Sunday, Mar. 29 5th Sunday of Lent	Ann Friga by John and Barb Girvin Mother's Day Intentions
Monday, Mar. 30	Frank, Bertha & Rosalie Rosini by Rosemary & Bill Bower
Tuesday, Mar. 31	Rose Smith (Birth.) by Joann & Kathleen Smith
Wednesday, Apr. 1	John Penna (Birth.) by Wife & Children
Thursday, Apr. 2 <i>Saint Francis of Paola</i>	Charles R.F. Smith by Vinca Family
Friday, Apr. 3	Betty Barna by Judy Ernenwein
Saturday, Apr. 4 Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Lord	Father's Day Intentions
Sunday, Apr. 5 Palm Sunday of the Lord	Pat Murray by Sue & Jeff Miller Roger Maxon (anniv) by family

*This week's Holy Hour Special intention is for an increase in vocations and for reparation of the Church.*

### **Please pray for the following:**

Paul Abbey, Rosie Albano, Arlene Bowen, John Dellaquila, Bernadette DeLorm, Tina DiPonzio, Jane Doran, Brenda Emery, Paul Farrelly, Jacqueline Ferris, Buffie Gleason, Pam Heffernan, John Krizan, Marge Kruger, Josephine Paduano, Cindy Piedimonte, Suzy Pratt, Nylene Reitz, Chic Semple, Al Sorochty, Glen Spellan, Denise Swift, Michael Swift, Bill Talbot, Jim Talbot, Jim Talbot Sr., Stacy Tipton, Evan Valentine, Sean Weis, Joyce Westveer, Chris Wing, Francis Zambito, Lexi Cooper, James Manno, Wayne Schiavone & Blake Aina

*(Intentions for the sick are taken from PARISHIONERS for IMMEDIATE FAMILY with permission from the infirmed, and remain on the list for 3 months. Please call the office to return the infirmed to the sick list.)*

**All parish and faith formation meetings, classes and events are postponed until further notice.**

**Please visit our website at [www.stmarystmark.org](http://www.stmarystmark.org) for:**

- **The most up-to-date information on the effects of the COVID-19 virus on our parish**
- **Online Faith Formation Classes**
- **Current Bulletins**
- **Online Giving Options**
- **Listing of on-line live stream Mass, Adoration & Stations of the Cross**

**Stay home, stay well and God Bless.**

**PALMS will be blessed by Father John on Saturday, April, 4 and will be available for pick up on Palm Sunday at both churches.**

## **A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

When you are unable to attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, you can make a "spiritual communion," where you unite yourself to God through prayer. St. Thomas Aquinas described Spiritual Communion as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him."

- Gather together with others in your household and begin a time of prayer with the sign of the cross. Take time to read and reflect upon the readings from Sunday Mass. (Readings can be accessed on USCCB website.)
- Create your own prayer or use a traditional prayer to express to the Lord your intentions quietly or aloud.
- Pray the Lord's Prayer.
- Pray one of the following prayers of spiritual communion.
- Close with the sign of the cross.

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

### **Prayer to the Most Holy Redeemer**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, embolden me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me; within thy wounds, hide me. Never permit me to be parted from you. From the evil enemy, defend me. In the hour of my death call me and bid me come to thee, that with your saints I may praise thee for age upon age. Amen



Join us on Facebook, beginning Sunday, April 5th—Sunday April, 12, to celebrate the true meaning of Easter with a live reading of "The Easter Story Egg". Each day of Holy Week, we will open our Easter Egg to reveal the next story!! A great way to remind us all of the true meaning of Easter! The kids will LOVE it!

We are currently awaiting word from the Diocese concerning Holy Week Masses and Events. We will pass along all information about Holy Week as it becomes available.

*This is a gentle reminder that in this uncertain time, our parish is truly in need of your support. Since Masses are suspended, no weekly offerings will be collected. Because of this, our parish will have an extremely limited income. It is our prayer that you will continue to support St. Mary-St. Mark by mailing/dropping off your envelopes or keeping your online donations current. If you need help setting up on-line giving, please contact Jackie at [jnau3@gmail.com](mailto:jnau3@gmail.com)*

*Thank you and God Bless!*

**Wash Your Hands <sup>AND</sup> Say Your Prayers  
Cause Jesus and Germs Are Everywhere!**