



# St. Mary & St. Mark Roman Catholic Church

Holley & Kendall NY

April 4-April 12, 2020



## From the Pastor's Desk...



Dear Parishioners of St. Mary and St Mark,

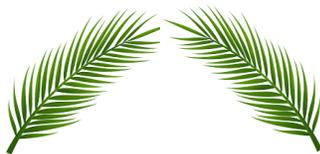
Wishes and Prayers from Fr. John. There is a saying: Man proposes but God disposes. Because of the situation in the entire world, we too are caught up with Covid19 situation. We fearlessly fight it out with the Divine Assistance of Jesus who came down to save and protect us from all evils and harms of the world and to bring us back to God.

It is said that there was a Plague in 1720, in 1820 Cholera, in 1920 Spanish Flu, and in 2020 Coronavirus. It looks that God overhauls the world every 100 years from its selfishness, sins and all evils that we may turn to God, the all Loving Father and Almighty, the Only Ruler of the World. Whatever be it, we need to turn to God in all circumstances, trusting only in His Promises. Those who trust in God need not fear anything but repent truly for our sins and turn to Him with unconditional love and trust. It only reminds us what Jesus did at the Jerusalem Temple taking the whip in His hands and chasing away all the evil doers. Jesus is so fed-up with this evil world and wants us all to turn to Him and God with our repentant heart seeking forgiveness, and learning to love and serve one another with a sincere heart.

The Meaning of Holy Week and the remembrance of Jesus' Paschal Mystery is all about love and service originating from God Himself who created the world with love and provided everything for humanity's well-being, and he felt very good and proud of His works. But man turned his back to Satan's trap. God sent His Son Jesus to redeem the world from the Evil one and bring it back to His love. Jesus did exactly what God the Father asked of Him. God said, "If only you listen to My Son, you will be mine again. You will enjoy all happiness, love, joy, prosperity and peace as it was in the beginning". So let us grab this chance and pray earnestly for this amazing grace and love of God in the coming days and together fearlessly fight against this pandemic Covid19, relying on the grace of the Son of God, Jesus the Redeemer of the World who loves us to His death on the Cross.

Though we are limited to our homes at this time of Covid19, respecting our civil laws for the good of the society, we fold our hands in Prayer and Faith to the Lord Jesus, the True Healer and the Light of the World, to eradicate this sickness from us, to renew our Life, Spirit and Strength in His Words and Promises. As the people of Jerusalem welcomed Jesus with Olive Branches, let us welcome Jesus into our life and the world as our true Savior and Healer that He may bring Salvation and Peace to the whole World from pandemic Covid19 through His Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Please read our Website and Facebook for all current information updated by Mrs. Jackie Nau. May JMJ bless us. Stay safe and have quality time with your family. Let us pray for one another. I am offering your prayers in my daily and weekend Masses.



*Father John*

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## Mass Schedule

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| Saturday, Apr. 4<br><i>Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Lord</i>               | Father's Day Intentions   |
| Sunday, Apr. 5<br><i>Palm Sunday</i>                                    | Pat Murray by Sue & Jeff Miller<br>Roger Maxon (anniv) by Family  |
| Monday, April 6<br><i>Monday of Holy Week</i>                           | Theresa and Hibbert Girvin<br>by John & Barb Girvin               |
| Tuesday, April 7<br><i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>                         | Ennis Family<br>by Family   |
| Wednesday, Apr. 8<br><i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>                      | Father's Day Intentions   |
| Thursday, Apr. 9<br><i>Holy Thursday</i>                                | Rev. Angelo Bovenzi<br>by Barb & John Girvin                      |
| Friday, Apr. 10<br><i>Good Friday</i>                                   | No Intention for Good Friday                                      |
| Saturday, Apr. 11<br><i>Vigil: Resurrection of the Lord</i>             | Joseph DiBello<br>by Family                                       |
| Sunday, Apr. 12<br><i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i> | Terry Bliss by Eric Maxon<br>Daniel R. Cole (birth) by Penny Cole |

*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.**

Per Diocesan regulations and in the interest of public health, there will be NO BLESSING OR DISTRIBUTION of Palms this Sunday! There will also be NO PUBLIC MASSES held during Holy Week. Please see the list on our website for current online worship opportunities.

### **PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC**

*Almighty and merciful God, source of all life, health and healing, look with compassion on our world, brought low by disease; protect us in the midst of the grave challenges that assail us. In your fatherly providence grant recovery to the stricken, strength to those who care for them, and success to those working to eradicate this scourge.  
Through Christ our Lord, Amen*

St. Mary's Church will be open daily from 8am-3pm  
St. Mark's Church will be open daily from 8am-5pm  
Both churches are open for **private devotions only.**

### ***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

*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 AND Say Your Prayers  
Cause Jesus and Germs Are Everywhere!**