



# St. Mary & St. Mark Roman Catholic Church

Holley & Kendall NY

April 11-April 19, 2020



## From the Pastor's Desk...



Dear Parishioners of St. Mary & St. Mark,

Wishing you all a very Happy and Grace filled Holy Easter 2020. It is a unique Easter for us this year. I do not know of any time in the history of the Church, we have celebrated the Easter without the church. We willingly accept the situation and respond to the world's wellbeing, with Jesus' grace. Jesus was taken away from His family, disciples and world, but for a short time only. So too we are taken away from our normal life style but we shall overcome it very soon and celebrate the Newness of Life and the Renewed World in the Risen Lord.

We entered the Holy Week without the Palms in the hand, but sang Hosanna in our hearts meaning 'Lord Come and Redeem' us. From the Hosanna song to the Crucifixion of Jesus we have seen many changes in the life of people. We too experience the same in the family and community and world - acceptance, rejection and conversion. It is a chance to experience what we miss now and come to the Lord with greater faith and love. As we walk with Jesus with our own crosses of Pandemic sickness, uncertainty and chaos, Jesus assures us with His own Crucifixion and Resurrection that He is the Way to New Life at the end of the tunnel. As persons helped Jesus to carry the cross to His burial, so also we are called to serve one another to lighten the burden of others and experience the newness of life and joy in solidarity.

It was the promise of Jesus that after His crucifixion and death, He will resurrect and be with us forever as the Light of the world, destroying sin and death. These are our certain hope and trust in the Resurrected Lord that we too will arise above all the difficulties, sickness, economic depression, unemployment, anxieties, worries, hopelessness, injustice, betrayal, enmity and anger that we are faced with now to the fullness of Glory and Hope and Strength in the Risen Lord.

Our Blessed Mother Mary is known as 'Our Lady of Good Health' who brought the Redeemer to the world. She continues to pray and heal everyone who approaches her with sincere Faith and Prayer. Let us approach her with greater trust to eradicate the pandemic from us, pray for the patients and their families and all medical professionals during this Holy Week, especially on Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, by wearing Mother Mary's medal on the neck, if possible, a miraculous medal of Mary, and pray to Jesus through her, the Lord will certainly listen to us and do us a miracle to take away the pandemic virus from the world and renew the face of the earth with His redeeming grace.

Let us join with the Church in Praising and worshipping the Risen Lord who will set us free from the coronavirus and unite the entire world in His Resurrection. Wishing you all Happy Easter.



*Father John*

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday, Apr. 11 <i>Vigil: Resurrection of the Lord</i>	Joseph DiBello by Family
Sunday, Apr. 12 <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	Terry Bliss by Eric Maxon Daniel R. Cole(birth)by Penny Cole
Monday, April 13	Mother's Day Intentions
Tuesday, April 14	Father's Day Intentions
Wednesday, Apr. 15	Ennis Family by Family
Thursday, Apr. 16	Rosemarie Moranz by Barb & John Girvin
Friday, Apr. 17	Ann Friga by B & J Girvin
Saturday, Apr. 18 <i>Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter</i>	Vincenzo Nicolia by Jeanne & Jim Sheffer
Sunday, Apr. 19 <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	First Reconciliation Class by Sue & Jeff Miller Martha Valentine Monacelli by University of Buffalo CAS

*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.)*

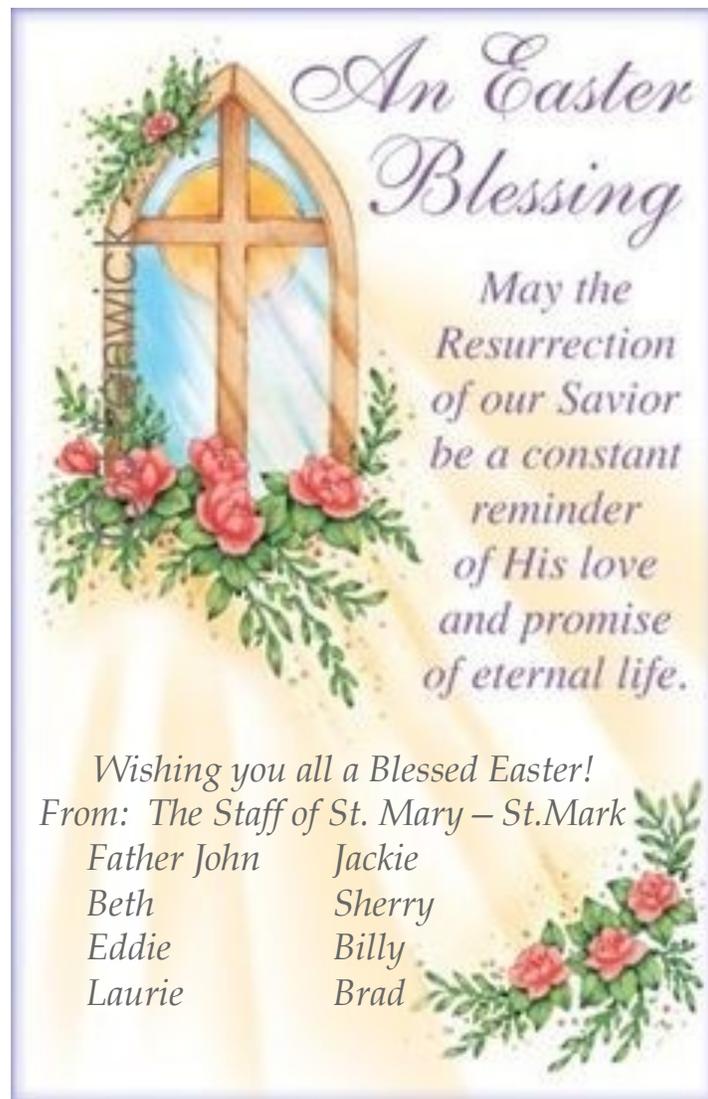
*Dear Parishioners,*

*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 [jnau@stmarystmark.org](mailto:jnau@stmarystmark.org). If you wish to drop off your envelopes, please leave them in the mailbox at the parish center or the rectory.*

*Thank you and God Bless!*

### **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



### **CEMETERY NEWS!**

Spring is here and the grass is growing!! We plan to start mowing next week. We are lucky to have several volunteers that have agreed to trim. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Francis D'Andrea at 469-9803 or [francisdandrea@gmail.com](mailto:francisdandrea@gmail.com).

There is still a lot of fall and winter decorations on the graves, please remove them as soon as possible.

Thanks to everyone for helping us keep our cemetery beautiful!

***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.***

