



St. Mary & St. Mark Roman Catholic Church

Holley & Kendall NY

April 18– April 26, 2020



From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear Parishioners,

Wishing you all Happy Holy Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday! With great reluctance we passed through Easter Sunday. As I offered the Holy Mass, I prayed for all and for your intentions of Easter. Mrs. Laurie Ballard came and decorated the Church and it all looked very beautiful. I had been thinking that we did not have a Risen Christ statue to put it in front of the altar. You may be surprised to hear that at 2:00pm on Saturday, Mr. Greg Murphy called to ask whether I needed a statue. I was overwhelmed with gladness, and thanked Jesus to hear such news from him. I requested him to bring it because I was looking for one. He was kind enough to bring it to the church. I thanked him on behalf of St. Mary's for it. I find that the Spirit of the Lord works in a mysterious manner.

I am sure though you all could not go to the church this year to celebrate Easter but with equal interest, spirit and faith may have attended the services available on TV channels and live-stream medias. May the Risen Christ bless you all and the prayers of Easter and of this Divine Mercy Sunday. As Jesus endured His passion and brought victory over sin and death through His Holy Resurrection so also we shall overcome our hardships and hopelessness of this time with covid19 with His divine assistance. As we all feel sad with the present situation on one hand, we also see the Mother Earth, on the other hand, is having a great break from all kinds of pollution of sky, air, water, factories, industries and human. I have seen videos that animals have become beach walkers. We may ask whether it is all the plan of God? We don't know, but we accept it as Jesus accepted the Cross for the sake of God and humanity. Just like Jesus overcame of His sufferings and crucifixion so too Jesus assures us that He will give us strength to endure it and win over it soon with renewed faith, hope and life. We have many examples from the life of the Apostles of Jesus. They thought that all their hopes and expectations were gone with the death of Jesus but the Resurrection of Jesus and His personal appearances brought them back amazing grace, an unexpected and unshakable new future, hope, faith and vision in their life and mission.

So, let us endure it in faith in the Risen Christ that He will make everything better for us and help us to serve one another and teach us how to take care of each other in difficult times. We know that hardships only make us strong and challenges us for tomorrow. Let us kneel before the Lord of Mercy and Mama Mary with folded hands and trust to empower us to believe in His promises that He is the Way and the Truth and the Life, and that He is the Light, Redeemer and Healer of the World who loves us so much and wants us all protected and safeguarded to turn the world to better tomorrow and to be with Him in Heaven. Praise the Lord. Happy Easter, Alleluia, Amen.

"Who shall separate us from the Love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" -Romans 8:35

Father John

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Mass Schedule

Saturday, Apr. 18 <i>Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter</i>	Vincenzo Nicola 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
Monday, April 20	Theresa and Hibbert Girvin by John & Barb Girvin
Tuesday, April 21 <i>St. Anslem</i>	Ennis Family by Famiy
Wednesday, Apr. 22	Father's Day Intentions
Thursday, Apr. 23	Mother's Day Intentions
Friday, Apr. 24 <i>St. Fidelis</i>	Angelo Bovenzi by John & Barb Girvin
Saturday, Apr. 25 <i>Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter</i>	Susan & Debbie Kemp by Jackie & Betty Kemp
Sunday, Apr. 26 <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	Glenn Spellan (LIV) by Erick Spellan Mike DeFilipps by Deb DeFilipps

*Please pray for the faithfully departed that they may rest
in peace in the eternal light of Christ:
Anita Piedimonte, Henry Wagner and Paul Abbey*



Please pray for the following:

Rosie Albano, Arlene Bowen, John Dellaquila,
Bernadette DeLorm, Tina DiPonzio, Jane Doran, Brenda Emery,
Paul Farrelly, Jacqueline Ferris, Buffie Gleason, 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 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



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

CEMETERY NEWS!



Our volunteer grounds crew has begun work at the cemetery for the season. Please take note of the posted rules at the cemetery as they will be strictly enforced.

If you need a copy of the rules for your records, please email
jnau@stmarystmark.org.

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

Please visit our website at 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.

St. Mary's Church will be open daily from 8am-6pm
St. Mark's Church will be open daily from 9am-5pm
Both churches are open for **private devotions only.**

