



St. Mary & St. Mark Roman Catholic Church

Holley & Kendall NY

April 25–May 3, 2020



From the Pastor's Desk...



Dear Parishioners,

The Lord has truly risen from the dead, Alleluia. The Lord has taught us a lesson to be patient and endure things with good faith. The last two months we have done so for the greater good of humanity. We forwent the Easter celebration, remained behind the closed doors and followed mandate of the state and church. Unlike the Apostles, our faith is not broken with the situation of this virus, but has strengthened. When the Apostles doubts were cleared by the appearance of Jesus individually or collectively sharing the meal with them and after that nothing could stop them from witnessing to the Lord or His messages. They endured everything for the sake of the Lord and for their unshakable faith proclaiming that Jesus is truly the Son of God, He will come again to Judge the world, he is the Light and Healer of the World. The Apostles too, were able to perform many healings and miracles in the Holy Name of the Risen Christ. If we endure the present situation, we too will soon return to normal life, peace and happiness.

Last Sunday's gospel taught us that the first word that Risen Jesus uttered was 'Peace' and empowered the Apostles with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, preparing them in unity of message, strength and setting them on their world Mission of Love, Peace, Forgiveness and Baptism. Jesus thus set an example for the World Leaders that their primary duty is to work for national and international Peace and Love. We all know that it was not an easy mission at all. Therefore knowing the hard mission of the disciples ahead, Jesus appeared at various times before His Ascension, strengthening them at the breaking of the Bread and sharing, and thus established the importance of the Holy Eucharist in their life. Apostles too found the special strength and spirit of Christ at the breaking of the Eucharist whenever they gathered together. Today we are privileged to have daily holy Mass to have His divine Word and the Eucharist to obtain our daily spiritual food and strength for our life journey on earth until His second coming.

This Sunday's gospel is an example of the Apostles and early Christian 'community life and spirit' in the Risen Christ. The appearances of Risen Jesus enkindled disciples' spirit very specially the unique Emmaus experience. The spirit of the Lord blessed their mission wherever they went and people came to the faith in hundreds. Even today in certain parts of the world Christians are persecuted, killed and suppressed for their faith in Christ Jesus. But their life in Christ has never been taken away or the violence against them has never stopped their faith to grow and spread. In the same way, our faith in the Lord cannot be stopped by any pandemic sicknesses but will soon turn around in full strength and vigor. The Lord will be our strength and light to our path. So we all need to pray harder and with full hope in the Risen Christ with patience and endurance. The Risen Lord will turn our sadness into joy very soon.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to the church with prayers and contributions. Mrs. Beth Skehan is working in the office. If you need any assistance to set up "online deposits" please contact her.

"And it happened that while Jesus was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and recognized him." (Luke 24:30-31)

Father John

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Mass Schedule

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| 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 |
| Monday, April 27 | RoseMarie Moranz by John & Barb Girvin |
| Tuesday, April 28 <i>St. Peter Chanel/ St. Louis Grignon de Monfort</i> | Martha Valentine Monacelli by Daughter, Theresa Ann |
| Wednesday, Apr. 29 <i>St. Catherine of Siena</i> | Ennis Family By Family |
| Thursday, Apr. 30 <i>St. Pius V</i> | Father's Day Intentions |
| Friday, May 1 <i>St. Joseph the Worker</i> | Mother's Day Intentions |
| Saturday, May 2 <i>Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> | Stanley Passarell by Jeanne & Jim Sheffer |
| Sunday, May 3 <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> | First Communion Class by Sue & Jeff Miller 40th Wedding Anniv of Mr. & Mrs. Mark Spychalski by Parents |

*Please pray for the faithfully departed that they may rest
in peace in the eternal light of Christ:
Bernadette DeLorm*



Please pray for the following:

Rosie Albano, Arlene Bowen, John Dellaquila,
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



News from the Diocese

A "Sacramental Directive" was issued by the Diocese this week stating that all celebrations (First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation) be rescheduled during this fall's school semester. No dates have been scheduled as of yet but will be publicized when they are. The full directive is available on our website. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

ATTENTION FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES:

Due to the current concern for public health and given that schools are still closed due to the pandemic, our Faith Formation program will conclude as scheduled on May 10. Please continue working on and sending in assignments until then. *New registration forms for next years classes will be coming in July!!*

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is still going on!! Looking for last year's statements?? They are located in the baskets in the back of both churches. Please feel free to stop in for yours as both churches are open daily for private reflection.



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

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.**

