



# St. Mary & St. Mark Roman Catholic Church

Holley & Kendall NY

May 2 – May 10, 2020



## From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear Parishioners,



Wishing you all a very Happy Rosary Month and Vocation Sunday with strong confidence that we are at the arms of our dear Mama Mary who is our sure help at all times. She is our hope to bring heavenly blessings upon earth as she did with Jesus who was born and lived among us. We dedicate this month and our family to the Blessed Mother for the heavenly blessings to imitate her family, pray and work together to strengthen the family bond and learn to appreciate each other very specially the mother for her unconditional love and care for the family.

Easter season is a very special season in a year which is much bigger and longer in preparation and celebration of Easter. We see in Jesus' preparation of the Apostles for the future world mission of the church. We see the enkindled spirit of Jesus in the early church as the Apostles took up the mission to go out to preach, teach, heal and baptize. St. Peter passionately spoke of Jesus as our Lord and Messiah and we all need to repent for our sins and be baptized in Spirit and Truth to be truly belonging to our Shepherd Jesus, for He ransomed and healed us through His wounds and blood.

As we watch the Holy Mass and prayers in and through TV media each time our hearts long to be in the church. Yes, it will not be too long until we are in the church again but within certain conditions. We will hear our Shepherd's voice again speaking to us. We will surely, in short time, walk in and out again through the gate of the Jesus' church. Jesus clearly mentioned to be our true Sheep-gate of the world who protects sheep from wandering, from robbers and from wild animals as well as one who loves us more than Himself and provides its needs both physical and spiritual by leading us to everlasting life. He will heal and wipe away our tears as we sing and glorify Our Risen Christ. On this 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, known as Good Shepherd Sunday, we acclaim Him to be our Shepherd Lord and place our trust in His hands who is our Alpha and Omega and sets us free.

I wish and pray that you all stay safe and healthy until lockdown is over and be able to spend the time with the family qualitatively cherishing in faith and love. May the risen Christ bless us all as we pray for our young men and women to opt for the vocation to priesthood and religious life to serve and proclaim the goodness of the Lord Jesus Christ. As we recite the Rosary during this month let us ask her to increase our devotion and faith and seek her powerful intercession for eradication of coronavirus from the world and bring back true joy, prosperity and peace among people.

Poem: East or West, home is the best. Take some rest, don't call any guest. Enjoy your home fest, don't have an outgoing zest. This is our life saving test. So, be in your nest, this is the entire world's request.

Jesus said: "I am the Gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved." (John 10:9)

*Father John*



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## Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 2 <i>Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	Stanley Passarelli by Jeanne & Jim Sheffer
Sunday, May 3 <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepard Sunday Vocations Sunday</i>	First Communion Class by Sue & Jeff Miller 40th Wedding Anniv of Mr. & Mrs. Mark Spychaliski by Parents
Monday, May 4	Ann Friga by John & Barb Girvin
Tuesday, May 5	Ennis Family by Family
Wednesday, May 6	Thomas Widzinski Sr. By Tom & Eileen Widzinski
Thursday, May 7	Father's Day Intentions
Friday, May 8	Mother's Day Intentions
Saturday, May 9 <i>Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	Mother's Day Mass for all Mothers
Sunday, May 10 <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	Mother's Day Mass for all Mothers

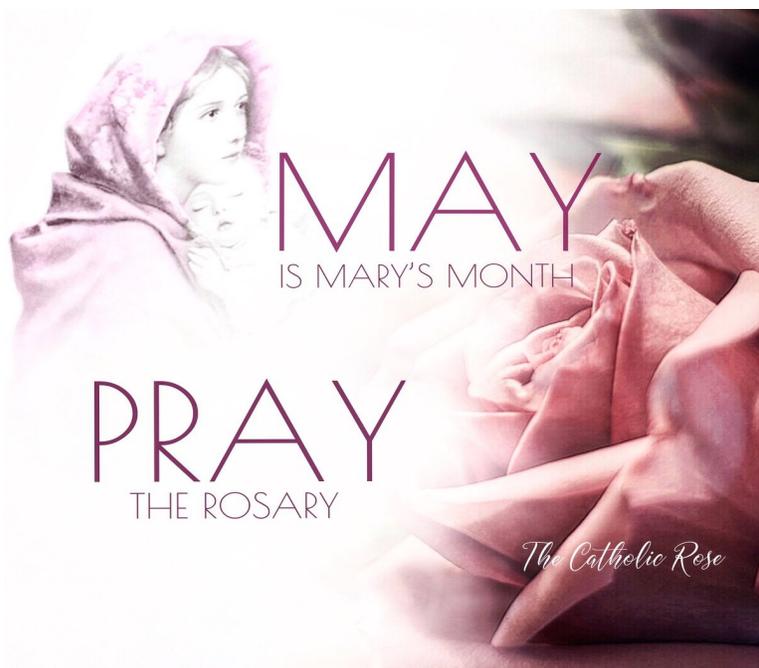
*Please pray for the faithfully departed that they may rest  
in peace in the eternal light of Christ:  
Joseph Stazie*



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

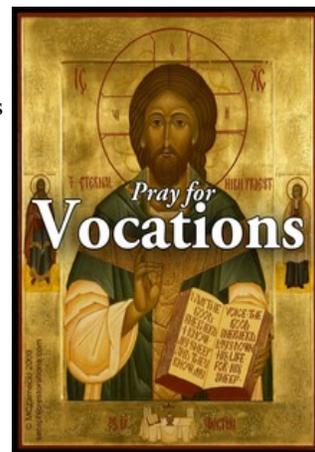
Rosie Albano, Arlene Bowen, John Dellaquila,  
Tina DiPonzio, Jane Doran, Brenda Emery, Paul Farrelly, Jacqueline  
Ferris, Buffie Gleason, John Krizan, Marge Kruger, Josephine  
Paduano, Cindy Piedimonte, Suzy Pratt, Nylene Reitz, Chic Semple,  
Al Sorochty, Glen Spellan, Denise Swift, Michael Swift, 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.)*



### **VOCATION SUNDAY!**

Father in heaven, you sent us your only Son to redeem us and to build your kingdom on earth. Please give us the wisdom and strength we need to follow His call. Grant to the faithful a spirit of generosity, that Church vocations may flourish. Bless our priests with holiness and courage, that they may lead your people to Christ. Help all sisters and brothers to fulfill their sacred promises and so be effective signs of your kingdom. Lord, invite more men and women to your service. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



### Catholic Charities

Haven't donated yet to the 2020 Appeal? Now is a great time! The annual Appeal supports many of Catholic Charities' programs and services, like basic needs assistance and counseling, and a number of ministries through the Fund for the Faith, including campus ministries, Apostolate for the Deaf and the Hospital Apostolate. If you're ready to make a positive impact in Western New York, think of all those served by Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith and make a contribution today. No matter the amount, your gift makes a difference. Make a secure donation online at [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation) or by calling (716) 218-1400. Last years statements are available for pick up in both St. Mary's and St. Mark's Church.

*Sincere thanks to all who have continued to send in their weekly offertory envelopes. Since we are not celebrating Mass, we are not taking up our Sunday collection, which does cause financial hardship for our Parish. Although we have suspended as many financial obligations as we can, there are still bills to pay. It is very important for EVERYONE to please send in their envelopes and help support the church.*

*Thank You!*

### 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

*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.*

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.**

