



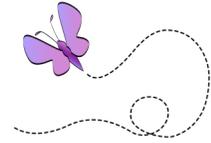
St. Mary & St. Mark Roman Catholic Church

Holley & Kendall NY

May 9 – May 17, 2020



From the Pastor's Desk...



Dear Parishioners,

I wish you a very Happy Rosary Month and Mother's day. It is not a yearly celebration but rather it is to remind us ourselves, at least once a year, to express our gratitude and thanks to our dear mother who gave us birth and status of life to live in this world. Like our heavenly Mother Mary who did not take any credit to herself for being the mother of Jesus the Son of God, but only offered her love and sacrifices so too our physical mother offer their life for the good of the family and children. So let us take this day of opportunity to thank and appreciate her works whole heartedly for her self-giving love in the given family. May God bless her health, prayers, happiness and peace.

We are also blessed with the Mother Church given by the Lord to love and serve everyone. At the beginning of the church there was a need of taking care of the widows and orphans of both spiritual and physical food. As the confusion and problem arose in the community to feed the widows of Jews and Gentiles equally, the Apostles created a new ministry of service by ordaining men to be deacons to take care of them, and kept themselves for the ministry of prayer and preaching. As the time went by they also explained that we are called to the common priesthood in the holy Name of Jesus to offer our life as sacrifice in the service of others. Therefore they explained that the 'divine call' is common to all to serve but as we choose to be. Jesus who said that He is the Good Shepherd of the World calls us to be shepherds of the world as well as to remain His faithful sheep of His flock. Today we have various ministries in the church for people to participate and serve according to their interests. Now responding to this divine call of the Lord let us pray for the vocations to the priesthood and religious life from our parish. For this purpose we have a ministry of prayer called 'travelling chalice' to pray and recite our Rosaries to Blessed Mother who is the guardian of all priests seeking her blessings.

As Jesus encouraged His disciples in today's gospel saying 'do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God, have faith also in me' let us have our faith in Him who alone is the answer to our troubled situations, for He is our Way, the Truth and the Life who said, 'Father and I are one.' We pray that the Covid19 be gone, peace and happiness prevail in the world. We wait for the changes to come soon and people are able to return to their jobs. Let us pray for all especially the sick and encourage one another. I would like to thank on behalf of our parish for your continued contributions and some have even sent additional sum of money to support during this time of hardship. We pray in our daily Mass for all our Parish members and encourage each other that time will soon turn around in our favor to reopen our nation and engage in our normal life. Mama Mary will protect, guide and re-ignite our spirit, love and faith. JMJ bless us. Wish you Happy and Blessed Mother's Day.



Father John

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Mass Schedule

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 Mother's Day</i>	Mother's Day Mass for all Mothers
Monday, May 11	Rosemarie Moranz by John & Barb Girvin
Tuesday, May 12 <i>St. Nereus & St. Achilleus</i>	Father's Day Intentions
Wednesday, May 13 <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	Valentine Family Mothers By Family Children
Thursday, May 14 <i>St. Matthias, Apostle</i>	Mother's Day Intentions
Friday, May 15 <i>St. Isidore</i>	Deceased Members of the Ennis Family By Family
Saturday, May 16 <i>Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	Rev. Angelo Bovenzi by John & Barb Girvin
Sunday, May 17 <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	Patricia Murphy by the Wahl Family Martha Valentine Monacelli by Candace and Dave Carroll

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!



CEMETERY NEWS

When decorating graves for the spring/summer season, please keep these Cemetery Rules in mind. If you have any questions, please call the office at 638-6718.

- It is strictly forbidden to plant flowers, trees or shrubbery of any kind on cemetery property, including all lots and gravesites.
- All flowers must be in urns or removeable pots
- NO glass containers or artificial wire stick-ins are permitted
- All funeral flowers will be removed within one week of interment
- Statues, personal articles and trinkets of any kind are NOT permitted and will be removed.
- Christmas wreaths must be removed by March 31; all other flowers must be removed by October 15
- These rules will be strictly enforced by the Holy Cross Cemetery Committee

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

Theresa Cary



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.)

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.**



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

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram!

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 and Adoration*

Stay home, stay well and God Bless.

A Prayer for All Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

