



St. Mary & St. Mark Roman Catholic Church

Holley & Kendall NY

May 23 – May 31, 2020



From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear Parishioners,

I wish you all a very Happy Feast of Ascension of our Lord into Heaven. It was the Ascension of our Lord that gave fullest hope in Eternal Life to the whole world. The Apostles looking up to the sky watching as Jesus Ascended brought new experience in their life to be longing to be with the Lord and share in His glory one day. It was a unique experience which they never had before but had heard about few prophets in Old Testament scripture was taken up to heaven. This experience brought into them much greater strength and conviction to go out to preach and teach as their life mission about Jesus and His teachings.

Last Sunday St Peter (3:15) called us to Sanctify Christ as Lord in our hearts. Exactly that is what they did after the Ascension and when the Holy Spirit came upon them. From that time on they lived only for Christ, nothing frightened them or bothered them but rather empowered their words, actions, faith, wisdom, love and healing works. So too it is our time now to Sanctify Christ in our hearts, families, nation and life to experience the unique Christ's Spirit in us. We hear in today's gospel that the Apostles after witnessing Jesus' Ascension went into the upper room to pray for faith and strength to bear witness to the Risen Christ. As a result they rejoiced to suffer for their Lord's sake both physically and mentally. And this is what we need to learn from today's readings, learning to Pray at all circumstances.

Jesus in today's gospel expresses His deepest concern for His disciples and the rest of the world by offering His prayers and teaches the true meaning of Eternal Life. It is to know the only true God and to know the one whom He sent, Jesus Christ. Jesus said how He glorified God by committing to God's mission and seeks God to glorify Him by accepting His completion of work entrusted to Him. Thus Jesus has taught us the importance and value of the Prayer in our life and also equally doing God's will through our humble works in obedience.

We keep praying during this time of lockdown for the better days and future to come. In this circumstance we only pray for eradication of covid-19 from the world and for safety of every human life on earth. We also pray for the scientists, researchers, doctors and national leaders to find out ways and means to come out of this illness and for peace and economic growth in the nations. We very specially pray for our nation, people, diocese, parishioners and family that Jesus who ascended to Heaven may intercede for us sitting at the right hand of the Heavenly Father and may He bless us all with healing and strength to pass through this lockdown period.

I thank all our parishioners who help us with their contributions and others who donate to us. Until next announcement from the state and diocese everything remains the same. I wish you all Happy Feast and blessings of Ascension. JMJ bless us all.

Father John



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Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 23 <i>Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	Mother's Day Intentions
Sunday, May 24 <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	Father's Day Intentions
Monday, May 25 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII,</i> <i>St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi</i>	Mother's Day Intentions
Tuesday, May 26 <i>St. Philip Neri</i>	Father's Day Intentions
Wednesday, May 27 <i>St. Augustine of Canterbury</i>	Mother's Day Intentions
Thursday, May 28	Father's Day Intentions
Friday, May 29 <i>St. Paul VI, Pope</i>	Mother's Day Intentions
Saturday, May 30 <i>Vigil: Pentecost Sunday</i>	Mother's Day Intentions
Sunday, May 31 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	Mother's Day Intentions

This week's Holy Hour Special intention is for an increase in vocations and for reparation of the Church.



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 Sorocty, 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.

We would like to take this opportunity to offer our sincere gratitude & appreciation to all of you who have kept your weekly offerings to the parish current and ask that you please continue to do so. You may have noticed that checks are taking a bit longer to cash, this is due to the fact that the office is not open or fully staffed. Banking is being done on a bi-weekly basis. We are grateful for your generosity and appreciate your patience as we continue to operate with limited staff and time.
God Bless You.

In Flanders Fields

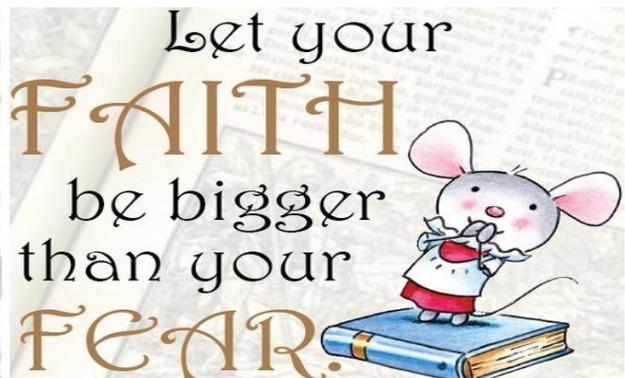


*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

Many thanks to a generous parishioner for the donation of 2 weedwhackers and a push lawn mower to aid in the upkeep of our Parish grounds and cemetery.

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



In observation of Memorial Day, the office will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2020



SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, June 27
St. Mary-St. Mark
Drive-Thru Chicken BBQ
in St. Mary's Parking Lot, Holley
More details coming soon!!