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## Saint Mary Parish



### *Keeping Us Connected Newsletter*

#### **Volume I, Issue III**

#### **Msgr. Royal's Video Reflection**

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Dear Saint Mary's Brothers, Sisters, and Friends,

Strange days. Not just due to social distancing and the shattering of our normal daily routines, but also because the things we're seeing in some other countries have not yet fully come upon us. We hope and pray it will not be as serious here. Clearly the virus has arrived and is spreading, but maybe we have a little more time to prepare both in our homes and in our souls for what's to come. As I mention in the video, I have a sense that in an effort to help, all institutions (including churches) are offering so many things for us to do, watch, and engage in that along with watching too much news, we can miss or avoid a renewed opportunity for self-reflection, solitude and personal prayer.

Also, we've heard from many Parishioners who watched yesterday's Sunday Mass at St. Mary's and from those who could not because we exceeded the number of playbacks allowed – a mistake on our part that we will address. For now, of the many Masses being offered online, one of the best can be found

[here.](#)

## UPCOMING TIMES FOR PRAYER AND SACRAMENTS

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Wednesday, March 25 - The Feast of the Annunciation**

**10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. in the Church.**

Since the Blessed Sacrament exposed should never be left unattended, it would be good for some Parishioners to let us know when they will be present. All others many come at any time, for as long as they like. Let's all simply be aware of keeping the appropriate separation according to health directives.

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### **Sacrament of Confession**

**Tuesday, March 24, from 12:30 to 1:30 P.M.**

**Saturday, March 28, from 3:30 to 4:30 P.M.**

**at the entrance to St. Mary's School.**

Confession will be available in a way that abides by the directives of the Bishop and civil authorities. Those wanting to confess should drive in the Greenfield Avenue entrance by the Bossidy Recreation Center, drive to the right (keeping the building on your left), then pull up in front of the school entrance and park your car there. Walk into the school entrance to make your confession and then return to your car, driving out using the High Ridge Avenue exit.



## **Church Bells Ring Noon Each Day for the Angelus.**

Whether you can hear them or not, let's try as one community in the Lord to pray the Angelus together at that time, wherever we are. If you don't know the Angelus, you can pray 3 Hail Mary's (or take this opportunity to learn it [here](#)).

Last, but not least, Praise God for the baptism of little Mia Nika yesterday in a small ceremony outdoors at home – A story to be told by her and her family for years to come.

May the Lord Bless, Protect and Strengthen All of You,

***Msgr. Kevin Royal***

***Praised be Jesus Christ!  
Now and Forever. Amen.***

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## **FAITH & FAMILY**

Check out our new [Faith & Family page](#) where our Faith & Family Coordinator, and mom of three young children, Laura Danner, will blog a few times a week and share family-friendly tips for keeping the family in faith and having fun. We welcome you to email Laura and share what you are doing with your family to keep sane and happy these days! We will share your ideas. Remember we are all in this together. We have a faith community of made up of many caring families. Let's stick together and get through this difficult time. May we all come out better for it, closer to God and closer to each other!

Go to [our page](#) for a note from Laura and a link to [How to Keep Your Sanity When You're Homebound](#).

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### **LINKS**

[\*\*Ridgefield Social Services Update - ATTN: Seniors\*\*](#)

[\*\*Making a Spiritual Communion\*\*](#)

[\*\*Diocesan Website\*\*](#)

[\*\*Bishop Suspends Masses Until April 3\*\*](#)

[\*\*Coronavirus Resources & Information\*\*](#)

[\*\*Online Daily Mass\*\*](#)

[Online Sunday Mass with Bishop Caggianno and Msgr. Powers](#)

[CDC Website](#)

[How to say the Rosary](#)

[How to recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy](#)

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**Our Church is open daily 8 AM - 6PM**

**It is sanitized daily at 7 AM**

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**Many thanks for your continued support of our Parish!**

### **WAYS TO CONTINUE YOUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

Your support helps maintain our Parish facilities and bring the Eucharist and God's Word to our community - plus it helps those in need through our many ministries.

***Online Giving*** is an easy way to give with a click of a button.  
[Online Giving](#)

You may mail your offertory to the Parish office as well; mail is picked up every day.

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**FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK:  
SALVATION**

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