



Saint Mary Parish



Keeping Us Connected Newsletter

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Msgr. Royal's Video Reflection

Dear Saint Mary's Friends,

A great day today: The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord by the Angel Gabriel to Mary! A good day to remind ourselves we are more than the possessions, worries and duties of the day, and that we are beings called to communion with God, himself, the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the angels and saints. We are created for, and point toward, eternity. As Pope Francis recently (and bluntly) said, in times like these the devil wants to annihilate our spiritual lives. We know that the opposite is even more impactful: in times like these, the Lord graces us more than ever – especially when we must pick up our cross and follow him.

For a primer on the Annunciation in art, [CLICK HERE](#).



[Click here to learn more about the Annunciation of the Lord](#)

Our video reflection treats of Our Lady, the Lord, and us, but please also read this full newsletter. Every issue now will have a written reflection from one of our clergy. Today Father Damian provides an interesting and holy offering on “quarantines.”

[Fr. Damian’s Reflection](#)

Father Lourderaj will continue his daily written homilies that can be easily found on our Parish website, and parents with young children will find some helpful ideas in the Faith & Family section.

Lastly, I know most Parishioners have received letters from me regarding the Annual Catholic Appeal. Those letters were assembled by the Diocesan Development Office in early February and mailed out by them this month. Many pastors questioned the wisdom of mailing those letters at this time. It’s important that you know this.

Blessings for Health and Holiness,

Msgr. Kevin Royal

Praised be Jesus Christ!

UPCOMING TIMES FOR PRAYER AND SACRAMENTS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

TODAY! 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.

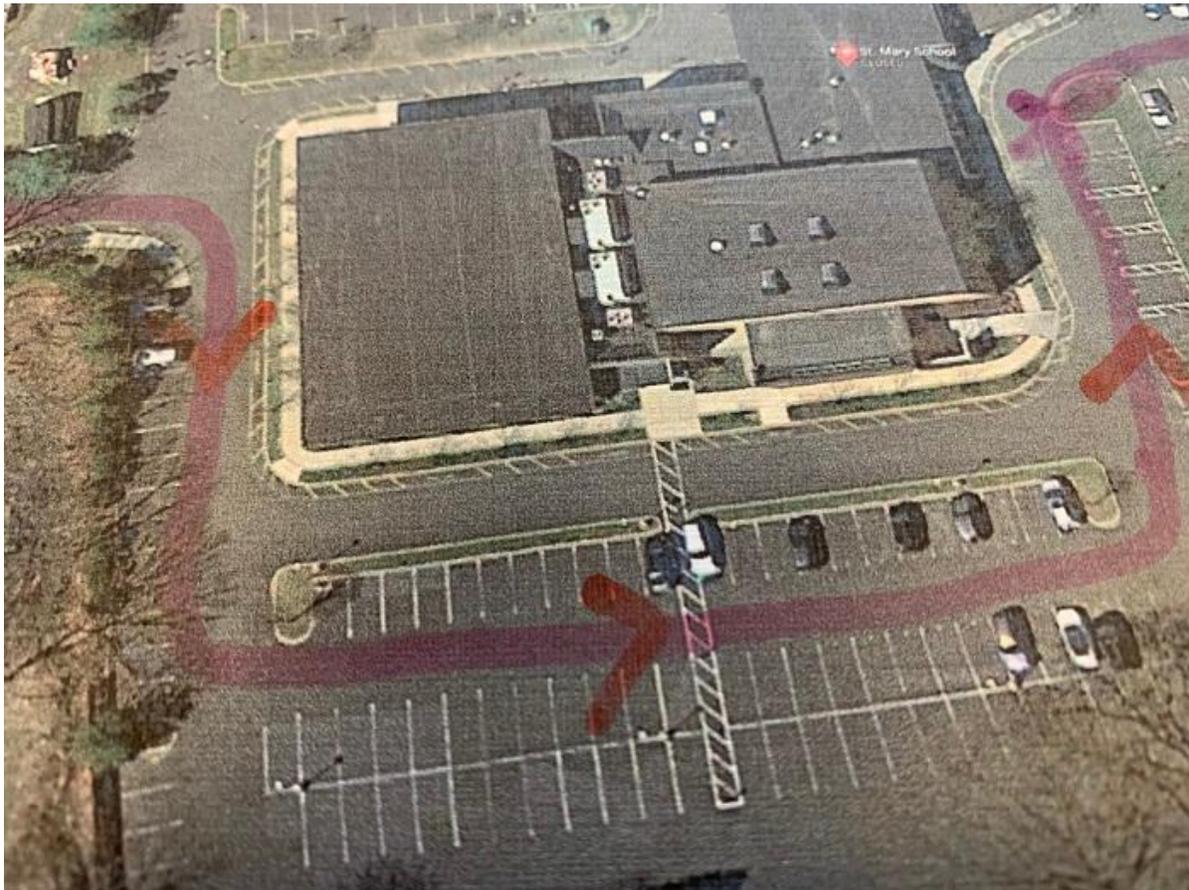
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· Sacrament of Confession

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](#)).

Our Church is open daily 8 AM - 6 PM for Private Prayer

It is sanitized daily at 7 AM

FAITH & FAMILY



SWEET FUN!

This week we're about mid-way through Lent -- not at all too late to add in some prayer, fasting, or almsgiving to your daily routine!

Go to [our Faith & Family page](#) for a link to a fun activity with your kids!

YOUTH MINISTRY

From Brennan LeCompte, Youth Minister...

It's precisely in moments of trial that we can use the support of one another and the strength of prayer. It's often said that you don't know what you have until it is taken away and I think we are all experiencing how much we have in our Church community. No one knows if these unusual times will last for days, week or months so we wanted to let you know what we will be doing to help keep our youth connected along the way. [Click here to find what we have planned.](#)

LINKS

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

[Making a Spiritual Communion](#)

[Word on Fire Daily Mass - 8:15 AM](#)

[Diocesan Website](#)

[Bishop Suspends Masses Until April 3](#)

[Coronavirus Resources & Information](#)

[Online Daily Mass](#)

[TV Mass Schedule](#)

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

[CDC Website](#)

[How to say the Rosary](#)

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

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.

**FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK:
SALVATION**
