



Saint Mary Parish



Keeping Us Connected Newsletter

April 3, Issue VIII

**Msgr. Royal's Video
Reflection**

**Man does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

Matthew 4:4

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Dear St. Mary's Friends,

Given the recent modelling for the course of the Covid-19 virus in the United States, the above words of Jesus are important for us to take to heart and mind. The projections are not comforting. If they bear out, some of our practices in these last 2 weeks may become more restrictive or even shut down. In keeping with that possibility, here are some directives from the Diocese that will affect us in the weeks to come.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

Baptisms, weddings and funerals may continue, **but only outside of Mass**. The number of people present must **be limited to immediate family and close friends only**. This week we have had two graveside ceremonies and burials, and the families are planning for a Memorial Mass once restrictions are limited and a wider number of people can be invited. If you have questions, please speak with the priest or deacon directly involved, and please understand these policies may soon change depending on various factors.

Masses Intentions and Mass Cards

Masses are still being said for the intentions of the day. Parishioners can still arrange for Masses and receive Mass cards by either calling or emailing the Parish Office.

The recent changes in our lives are a share in the Lord's Passion, and as such offer great graces to us all. And so, I remind you in the next few days, to prayerfully read chapters 22 and 23 of Luke's Gospel in preparation for our bible study on the Passion next week.

No, we do not live by bread alone. We are more than just our bodies, so we ask the Lord to protect our bodies and to strengthen our souls in faith, hope and love.

Peace and Blessings,

Monsignor Kevin Royal

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

Also in today's Newsletter:

- A written reflection by Father Damian Pielesz

**Fr. Damian
Reflection**

- **[Pew Research Center Survey](#)** mentioned in today's video reflection
- Faith & Family: **[new blog entry](#)**
- Link for an App or to listen live to Veritas Catholic Radio **[-LISTEN](#)**

- [Prayer Intercession Form](#) - Submit names of the sick and deceased

Please lift up to the Lord in prayer the following people:

Pauline Almgren, Digby Barrios, Tony Girardi Sr., Toni C. Maiolo, and Mary Plant

And those who have died in Christ:

Angelina Falotico, Thomas Plant, Jr., Ira Rothman, and Ruben Velasco

[full list of prayer requests](#)

PRAYER AND SACRAMENTS

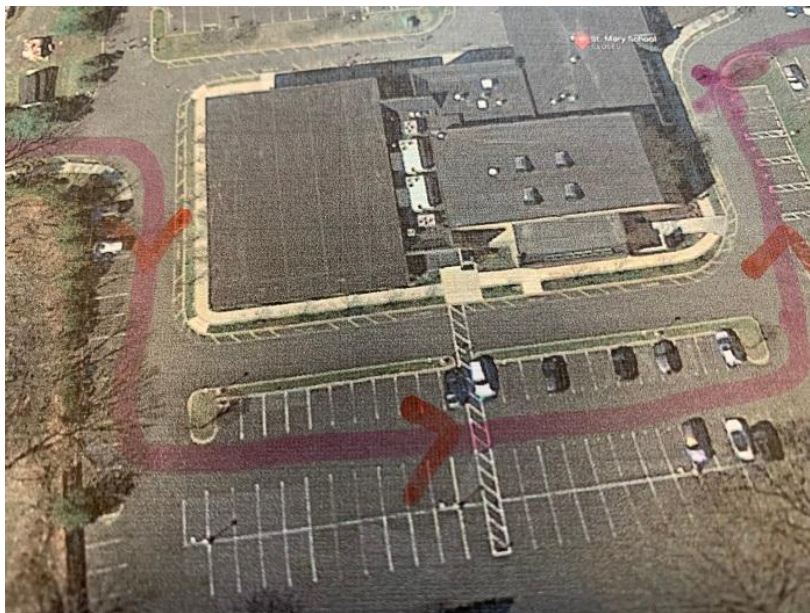
Sacrament of Confession

Every Tuesday from 12:30 to 1:30 P.M.

Every Saturday 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.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, April 5 - 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Church

Since the Blessed Sacrament exposed should never be left unattended, it would be helpful if most Parishioners would let us know when they will be present. All others many come at any time. **PLEASE NOTE: All hours were not covered during Adoration on Wednesday. If we have to stop Adoration for this reason, the Church will still be opened for prayer**

before the Lord in the Tabernacle. As always while praying in the church, be aware of keeping the appropriate separation according to health directives.

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Palm Sunday Mass
Live streamed from Saint Mary Parish
Sunday, April 5 at 10:00 AM

This Mass will be available to watch LIVE at 10 AM and afterwards (any time) on our [Facebook page](#) and [website](#),

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 Monday - Saturday, 8 AM - 6 PM
Sunday - 11 AM - 6 PM

The Church is sanitized daily at 7 AM

FAITH & FAMILY

Go to [our Faith & Family page](#) for our latest blog entry.

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](#)

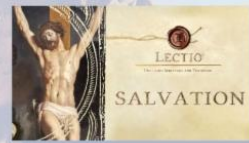
You may mail your offertory to the Parish office as well; mail is picked up every day.

Week 6

Not a Spectator Sport

As we continue our study, we look at how grace moves us to cooperate and participate in the work God is doing in us. What role does good works play in our standing with God and our transformation as his sons and daughters? Relying heavily on Jesus's own teachings, this week we will see that God intends for us to make good use of the grace he gives us.

This week, go to FORMED and watch *Lectio: Salvation Session 6*



FORMED

formed.org/signup

What to Watch in April on FORMED

Watch Now



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord- April 5, 2020
Opening the Word Weekly Reflection • 6m 33s

We all are called to love God and do the Father's will, even when it is difficult. But love involves sacrifice—dying to self and making sacrifices for the one we love. We can use the example of Christ in the Garden to accept our crosses well.

Are you sheltering in place?

Services Available for Ridgefield Seniors

**Call Ridgefield Social Services at (203) 431-2754
for services and phone numbers.**

Sign up for Emergency Alerts, go to ridgefieldct.org.

We're Here for You!

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: (203) 431-7000
NHN has over 75 Ridgefielders who want to connect with you.

*To help you stay safe and healthy at home,
call you periodically to check in on you - get your groceries and prescriptions.*

Meals on Wheels: (203) 438-8788

Ridgefield Social Services: (203) 431-2754

Founders Hall: (203) 431-7000

RUOK (Are You OK): (203) 438-6777

Provides a free service of daily telephone calls to check on elderly safety.

Ridgefield Police Non-Emergency: (203) 438-6531

Ridgefield Fire Department Non-Emergency: (203) 431-2724

Emergency Information: Call 9-1-1 only in an emergency

Call Bissels, CVS or Walgreen for delivery instructions.



LINKS

[Prayer Requests](#)

[Bishop: No public Liturgical Celebrations during Holy Week](#)

[VERITAS Catholic Radio Network](#)

[Making a Spiritual Communion](#)

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

[Youth Ministry](#)

[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](#)

