



Saint Mary Parish

Holy Week



Keeping Us Connected Newsletter

April 6, Issue IX

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff comfort me. (Psalm 23:4)**

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Dear St. Mary's Friends,

We're now getting into the heart of our Faith – Holy Week – the mystery of profound moments and powerful events that have a graced impact on our eternities. Simultaneously, we're also into the heart (or surge) of the Covid-19 virus with different, but still, great impact on our lives. The two do go together. The Son of God came as Man to enter into the human realities of sin, sickness, suffering, and death – and as God, to enter into those realities for all people and at all times. We can depend on this. So please this week, above all weeks of the year, do not be distracted from walking with the Lord in his Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Marvel at his love for you – a love that walks “through the valley of the shadow of death.”

A Special Request to Nurses, Doctors, First Responders, Pharmacists, and all Health Care Workers. You are under great duress these days. I invite you to submit your names to us for strengthening prayer, and I invite those in healthcare who would like to talk things out and pray together, to feel free to contact me via the Parish office, 203-438-6538 or email, jbrown@smcr.org or kmacko@smcr.org.

Lastly, a **Parish Video Retreat and Bible Study for Holy Week** will be sent Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 3:00 PM. Please prepare by prayerfully reading chapters 22 and 23 of Luke's Gospel and watch it in as prayerfully and recollected as you can.

Peace and Health,
Monsignor Kevin Royal

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

Also in today's Newsletter:

- A written reflection by Deacon Salvestrini

**Deacon Salvestrini's
Reflection**

- Our regular Faith & Family Section
- A video tour of some of the great cathedrals of the world
- Listen live to Veritas Catholic Radio
- Prayer Intercession Form to submit names of the sick and deceased

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

The living: Tara Julia Minchik RN, Marlys Rizzi's 4 children, and Mary Tulipani

Those who have died in Christ: Jane Dempsey, Angelina Falotico, Alfred Tulipani, and Patrick Charles Minchik

[complete list of prayer requests](#)

Sacrament of Confession

Tuesday - 12:30 to 1:30 PM

Good Friday - 3:00 to 4:30 PM

Holy Saturday - 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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.



Please note the start time change to 12:00 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, April 8 - 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Church

As always while praying in the Church, please observe social distancing directives. Please note, if all hours are not covered, we will have to stop Adoration, but the church will still be opened for prayer before the Lord in the Tabernacle.

Sign Up
Adoration



April 9 - Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 PM

April 10 - Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM

April 11 - Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 PM

April 12 - Easter Sunday Mass at 10:00 AM

These Liturgies will be available to watch LIVE and afterwards (anytime) 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.

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](#)

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

Many thanks for your continued support of our Parish!

WAYS TO CONTINUE YOUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY

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