

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturdays: Msgr. Ryan Hall - 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.  
Also by appointment

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

The Church provides certain times and preparation for weddings. Please contact the Rectory at least six months in advance to begin the process.

**REGISTRATION**

Every family and person within the parish is encouraged to register with the Parish.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. In July and August Baptism will be celebrated at 12:30 p.m. A required Baptism preparation meeting for parents meets on the first Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m. Godparents are welcome. Please register in advance for the class and Baptism. Godparent Pre-Requisites: Godparents must be practicing Catholics in good standing, 16 years of age or older, Baptized and Confirmed Catholic.

**ON BECOMING A CATHOLIC**

Those seeking information about the Catholic Faith are invited to contact Fr. Valentine at the Rectory at 621-2222.

**CARE OF THE SICK**

Please notify the Rectory and Human Concerns Ministries if there is anyone seriously ill so that we can provide spiritual care.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

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| Bob Boeshore      | Anne Krukowski    |
| Lillian Boeshore  | Frank Krukowski   |
| Ted Burger        | Richard Malon     |
| Kathleen Capuano  | Jonathan Mannina  |
| Barbara Coe       | Stuey Manzione    |
| Rebekah Cole      | Tom McCormack     |
| Kevin Cronin      | Brendan Miles     |
| Paul Cronin       | Freida Navarro    |
| John Damiano      | Victoria Oxer     |
| Linda De Stio     | Justin Paradine   |
| John Paul DiNonno | Jenna Reggio      |
| James Dougherty   | Anna Sambucci     |
| Eric DuBois       | Elizabeth Stein   |
| Natalie Finamore  | Charles Strecker  |
| Noel Glen         | Elizabeth Sympson |
| Kamlesh Gupta     | Clotida Vecchione |
| Ida Kelly         | Jacqueline Verde  |
| Christine Kenney  | Anne Wright       |
| Maria Kim         | Mary Wybaillie    |
| Douglas Knehr     |                   |



**THE MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, March 29: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 9:00 a.m. Nicholas J. Daley  
by Your Loving Family
- 11:00 a.m. Joseph DiCamillo  
by Robert Sluka  
Franciszka Rozek  
Patricia Tomasone  
by Edwin & Florence Hess
- 12:15 p.m. Lorraine Mulligan  
by Dolores & Richard O'Hara

**Monday, March 30: Lenten Weekday**

- 9:00 a.m. Nina Rubenstien  
by Maureen & Nurhan Hamarat

**Tuesday, March 31: Lenten Weekday**

- 9:00 a.m. Sr. Eileen & Sr. Agatha Shanahan  
by Family

**Wednesday, April 1: Lenten Weekday**

- 9:00 a.m. Patricia Tomasone  
by Timothy Cronin

**Thursday, April 2: Lenten Weekday**

- 9:00 a.m. Desmond Gallagher  
by his Wife, Annette

**Friday, April 3: Lenten Weekday**

- 9:00 a.m. Ellen Rizzatti Lopez  
by Carol Daley

**Saturday, April 4: FIRST SATURDAY; Lenten Weekday**

- 9:00 a.m. Ethel & James Cunningham  
by Dolores & Richard O'Hara
- 5:30 p.m. Martha Biasi  
by Family  
The Shanahan Family  
by Family

**Sunday, April 5: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

- 7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 9:00 a.m. Norma Lucarelli  
by Michael Lucarelli
- 11:00 a.m. George Berardinelli  
by Tom & Diane Halton  
Bianca Giovini  
by Your Friends at Autentico Restaurant  
Patricia Tomasone  
by Phyllis Dunseath
- 12:15 p.m. Maryann & Richard O'Hara  
by Dolores & Richard O'Hara

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14**

**Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11**

**Gospel: John 11:1-45 or**

**11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45**



**FOCUS:** Those who believe in Jesus and walk in his ways will never die.

Our worldly desires bind us up in burial cloths fashioned from our sins that block the will of God from our sight. By putting aside selfish ways and trusting in God's love and mercy, we allow Christ to call us forth from death so that we might lead a resurrected life in the Spirit.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

In the first reading, God promises life and liberty to the Israelites. In the second reading, Saint Paul reminds the Romans that they must strive to overcome their sinful natures so as to live in union with Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead and makes the bold proclamation that those who believe in him will never die.

Readings for next week, April 5: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: Procession with the Palms: Matthew 21:1-11; Mass Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

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**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

During these challenging times, the Rectory staff will be available by telephone and e-mail only. **We ask that no one come into the office.** If you wish to speak with us, or to schedule a Mass Intention, please call the office at 516 621-2222, and we will be happy to help you.

The Rectory staff will be available to take calls and e-mails on Monday-Thursday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**CHURCH HOURS**



The Church will be open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for private prayer, with Eucharistic Adoration each day from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. without Benediction. If you wish, please stay for a short prayer.

**HUMAN CONCERNS MINISTRY**

**FOOD PANTRY:**

Those in need of food or other supplies may call Elsie Calderone at 626-1097, or send her an e-mail to [outreachstmary7@gmail.com](mailto:outreachstmary7@gmail.com), in order to sign up with Human Concerns. After registration is complete, they may come to Msgr. Ryan Hall to pick up supplies from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The Human Concerns Food Pantry is in particular need of the following items:



Soup	Cookies
Peanut Butter	Crackers
Jelly	Cereal
Pasta	Assorted Beans
Pasta Sauce	Corn
Macaroni & Cheese	Vegetables
Tuna Fish	Paper Goods

Gift Cards from Stop and Shop or other food stores will also be helpful. Please bring your donations to Msgr. Ryan Hall at 440 Round Hill Road, Roslyn Heights.



**CHURCH  
HANDICAPPED RAMP**

Please know that from Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, through Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, the railing in the back of the Church will be blocked off so that necessary repairs may be completed for the safety of our parishioners. The staircases in the front and back of the Church, however, will be open. Individuals are strongly advised to avoid the stairs altogether if they cannot safely ascend them without assistance. Your cooperation in this matter is much appreciated.



## THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends:

Over the years, I've read my share of student essays; some are wonderful, some execrable, and the vast majority, well...“extremely mediocre.” (How's that for an oxymoron?) Besides grammatical mistakes and poor syntax, there is the question of style. I would like to mention two (among many) ways of speaking and writing that, according to the classic *Elements of Style* by Strunk and White, are not so much incorrect as they are weak. The first is the use of the “passive” voice instead of the “active.” (E.g., “The ball *was thrown*” instead of “Jimmy *threw* the ball”); the other is the use of the subjunctive mood (“*If I were* a rich man”) instead of the indicative (“*I am* a rich man”). The passive voice not only seems anemic, but it allows the speaker to omit important information if he so wishes. (*Who* threw the ball?) Likewise, the subjunctive mood is indefinite in contrast to the indicative because the situation it describes is not actually the case. Something *may* be, *could* be, *ought* to be, or *would* be, but as of right here, right now, it *is* not so.

In today's passage from St. John's Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, characters use both forms of vague phraseology. Martha and her sister Mary declare to Jesus: “Lord, *if you had been* here, my brother *would not have died*...” Earlier, Jesus' disciples use the passive voice: “Master, if he is asleep, he *will be saved*.” Fine: but in the first case, Jesus was *not* with Lazarus when he died. What then? As for Lazarus *being* saved, *who* exactly will do the saving?” Contrast this with God's word in the first reading from the prophet Ezekiel: “*I will* open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel...” Likewise, St. Paul tells the Romans: “Those who *are* in the flesh cannot please God. But *you are not* in the flesh; you *are* in the spirit...” It is arguable that the tentative words of the disciples and the sisters call our attention to the divine power Christ wields over the forces of this world, and to the confidence we disciples are to put in his saving will.

Friends, if ever we were living in a time of uncertainty, as though we were subject to forces beyond our control, it is now. As I listen to the news briefings by the most well-informed, powerful people in the country, to say nothing of our parishioners' stories, it occurs to me that hollow words of reassurance that “everything will be OK” only diminish the sense of upheaval that presently grips our national family. Evil, whether moral (when it is intentional) or natural (when it is no one's fault) makes us respond: *this should not be, and yet it is*. We Catholics are realists, but we heed the Lord's call to the perfection of holiness in an imperfect world. We recognize the creative tension that lies between the divine *and* the human, grace *and* nature, time *and* eternity, the spirit *and* the flesh. In both good times and bad, we place our ultimate confidence, not in earthly treasure (which Jesus says passes away), but in the Lord alone. In the meantime, concrete acts of charity that alleviate the suffering of our neighbor do not escape the notice of our Lord, who tells the just: “*I am* the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, *will* live.” The most powerful evidence of our faith in Christ is our love for our neighbor. Forget the subjunctive (what *if?*); let us live in the indicative (God *is* with us).

Faithfully,  
Fr. Valentine

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends:

At this most challenging of times for our nation and our parish, I want you to know that while the public celebration of the sacraments cannot continue, Deacon Rafal and I will still offer Masses and prayers for the intentions of our community as scheduled. Several people have shared with me their anxiety over their employment, financial circumstances, and other major concerns. It is heartbreaking, and one cannot diminish the impact of the extreme measures we are taking to combat the corona virus, however necessary they may be. Please know that if you or anyone in the parish is in need of food (or would care to donate it), I encourage you to contact Elsie Calderone at our Office of Human Concerns (516-626-1097) to arrange for a pick up at Msgr. Ryan Hall. I myself am available in the Rectory throughout the day (516-621-2222).

Of course, the well being of our parishioners, spiritually and temporally, is my first concern. As your pastor, though, it is also my duty, both to the Bishop and to the people, to preserve the physical compound of St. Mary's at both its Bryant Ave. and Round Hill Rd. campuses. Thanks to your generosity, we will see our way through the present emergency. Yet operating even a few weeks with a diminished income can be a significant setback for us. After seeing to the demands of this unforeseen situation, I respectfully ask that you keep in mind the needs of St. Mary's as well. If you continue to send your weekly envelopes through the mail or use Faith Direct to make your contributions, I thank you most sincerely. If you do not use one of these methods, might I ask you give this prayerful consideration. You may sign up for Faith Direct easily ([info@faithdirect.net](mailto:info@faithdirect.net) or call 1-866-507-8757 and use code: NY559 for St. Mary's; or simply call the Rectory). If you would prefer to use envelopes and are not currently receiving them, please call the Rectory Office (same as above) to arrange for them.

I realize that there are countless other priorities you have to address in these trying circumstances, and want to be pastorally sensitive to them. If you need to discuss anything with me, please contact me. In the meantime, remember: when one member of the Mystical Body of Christ suffers, all suffer; when one member rejoices, all rejoice. Christ the Head knows and loves us all; we find glory and comfort in his Cross.

Faithfully in Christ,  
Fr. Valentine

## A DIRECTIVE FROM THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

As of March 15, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control announced that it is recommended that all events involving 50 people or more be suspended or postponed. In an effort to promote health and safety of all people, the Diocese of Rockville Centre announces the following measures:

1. ***Beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 at 3:00 PM, all Masses (weekday and weekend), meetings, and non-essential activities in our parishes are suspended or postponed through Tuesday, April 14, 2020.*** This will include all Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. However, these will be televised and available online (see below).

This includes all Confirmations, First Communions, First Confessions, etc. When these events are rescheduled, they will be announced by local parishes. Funerals and weddings may be permitted if necessary, but should be limited to immediate family and remain under 50 people in attendance. Baptisms should be postponed unless absolutely necessary and should observe the same limits.

2. Churches may remain open for private prayer at the discretion of the Pastor. However, they must observe the recommendation of fewer than 50 people permitted.

3. The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will provide televised and online daily Masses, including Holy Week and Easter Liturgies, as well as other devotional and spiritual programs. (Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Spectrum channel 162/471.) CFN is also available on selected cable and satellite systems and through 24/7 live stream at CFNtv.org. You can also watch CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app at the app store by searching “Catholic Faith Network” or “CFN”.

4. Your local parish may also offer live streaming of liturgies. Please check your parish web site for availability.

5. Currently, our Catholic Schools are closed through March 20, 2020, following the measures taken by Nassau and Suffolk public schools. However, we continue to monitor the situation and will adapt and update as needed. Our parish Religious Education programs will remain suspended until Tuesday, April 14, 2020. Again, we continue to monitor the situation and will adapt and update as needed.

6. In an effort to participate in the statewide efforts to halt the spread of the COVID-19 virus, effective on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, the administrative offices of the Diocese of Rockville Centre located in Rockville Centre and Massapequa Park will be closed through Monday, April 13, 2020. Offices are scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 8:30 am. These locations will be thoroughly cleaned during closure. All employees will be working remotely, with business being conducted by email, telephonically or electronically, as best as possible. For the latest information visit [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org).

## REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVE



Lord, hold these men and women in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us and bless them for their self-forgetting acts. We pray for peace in our world and an end to war. Amen.

CAPT Brendan Echausse  
COL Daniel Friend  
PFC Joseph M. Friend  
LCdr Christian R. Foschi  
LT Daniel Grabher  
PFC Steven Hyyti  
CAPT David Jacobs

SK1 John D. Klick  
PFC Michael P. Lanciki  
MAJOR Eric W. Lipp  
Cpl Caitlin Lyons  
LT. Dennis Mackin  
Cpl Tommy Mozer  
SGT Julio Ortiz II

LCpl Jonathan Peres  
GSGT Jonathan Porto  
LT. James Raphael  
PVT Michael Starczewski  
SGT Luke Whitting  
RCT Jordan J. Williams