

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 2nd 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

Bob Boeshore
Lillian Boeshore
Ted Burger
Kathleen Capuano
Barbara Coe
Rebekah Cole
Kevin Cronin
Paul Cronin
John Damiano
Linda De Stio
John Paul DiNonno
James Dougherty
Eric DuBois
Natalie Finamore
Noel Glen
Kamlesh Gupta
Ida Kelly
Christine Kenney
Maria Kim
Douglas Knehr

Anne Krukowski
Frank Krukowski
Richard Malon
Jonathan Mannina
Stuey Manzione
Tom McCormack
Brendan Miles
Freida Navarro
Victoria Oxer
Justin Paradine
Jenna Reggio
Anna Sambucci
Elizabeth Stein
Charles Strecker
Elizabeth Sympton
Clotida Vecchione
Jacqueline Verde
Anne Wright
Mary Wybailie



THE MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, April 6: Monday of Holy Week

- 9:00 a.m. Nicholas P. DiNapoli
by Thomas & James DiNapoli

Tuesday, April 7: Tuesday of Holy Week

- 9:00 a.m. The Shanahan Family
by Family

Wednesday, April 8: Wednesday of Holy Week

- 9:00 a.m. Alexander Levchuck & Michael & Gertrude Hochla
by Janet & Family

SERVICES AND MASSES FOR THE TRIDUUM AND EASTER SUNDAY WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE (stmarysroslyn.com). PLEASE LOG ON AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.

Thursday, April 9:

HOLY THURSDAY

Morning Prayer

Holy Thursday Evening - Mass of the Lord's Supper

People of the Parish

Friday, April 10:

GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Prayer

Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord

Good Friday Evening

Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 11:

HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Prayer

Holy Saturday Evening - Easter Vigil

People of the Parish

Sunday, April 12:

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD

Easter Memorial

Easter Memorial

People of the Parish

Easter Memorial

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020
PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD**



Procession with the Palms: Matthew 21:1-11
First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

FOCUS: We recall and commemorate the events of our salvation as we begin Holy Week.

As we remember the suffering and death of Jesus, we are drawn more deeply into the mystery of God's steadfast love for all humanity: God so loved the world that he sent his only Son that all may be saved.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Saint Matthew writes of Jesus' celebrated entry into Jerusalem, where some of *the very large crowd ... cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road.* Isaiah prophesies of one who will *speak to the weary a word that will rouse them.* Paul writes to the Philippians about the total self-giving of Christ and his exaltation by the Father. In the Gospel, Matthew gives his account of the last hours of Jesus, including their Passover meal, his betrayal, and his passion, death, and burial.

Readings for next week, April 12: *EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD:* Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10

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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, 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 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.

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.



THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends:

For most of the past 20 years, I've moved in military circles. These days, it's impossible to get the image of a soldier out of my mind, partly because our President has designated our fight against COVID-19 as a war. But there is another reason. You see, I have a dear friend who attended my installation here at St. Mary's last October. Brian Cadet, a combat veteran from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, of whom I am very proud, just became a colonel in the U.S. Army Signal Corps a week ago, though his promotion was subdued in the wake of our national crisis. When we think of soldiers, we usually think of the infantry or the cavalry, soldiers who directly engage the enemy. Signal soldiers, by contrast, are the eyes and ears of the Army who communicate over large stretches of land to provide vital information to their Commanders. Their descendants today employ computers and satellites where once they used flags and telescopes. But did you know that these behind-the-scenes warriors were responsible for one of the most decisive victories of the Civil War? After General Lee had forced the Union Army into retreat near a small Pennsylvania town in July of 1863, he decided to mount a full scale assault, hoping perhaps to bring an end to the war. I can't exactly grasp the particulars, but suffice it to say that the Union Army left a strategic observation post called Little Round Top largely unguarded and vulnerable, but for a small group of signal soldiers. Yet their very presence prevented Confederate troops from moving into a position for a surprise attack, and when the ordinary use of flags to communicate was no longer possible, an officer, Captain James Hall, bravely evaded enemy fire to deliver crucial intelligence to General George Meade. It was a turning point in the war, in what history now refers to as the Battle of Gettysburg, immortalized by the short, eloquent speech by President Abraham Lincoln.

Over the past couple of weeks, we've witnessed a different kind of heroism at work in our nation. The enemy is unseen and the weapons of war are ventilators and medication. Today's warriors are doctors, nurses, custodians, grocers, drivers, police, firefighters, and emergency workers who put themselves at risk for the rest of us; we owe them a great debt of gratitude. But what about the rest of us, who serve best by isolating ourselves to prevent the spread of disease? Can we American Catholics find a spiritual lesson from the example, the attitude, the priorities of the warrior, even in unexpected places? I believe we can.

The first reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah comes from the song of God's Suffering Servant. The prophet may have imagined himself as the Servant who communicates God's word to the people in all its undiluted power, a thankless job that brings with it mortal danger. But like the Signal Captain who runs through enemy fire to deliver a vital message, the Servant accepts the responsibility of his station, and pays whatever price is necessary to complete his mission. For modern people, there are so many ways to avoid the terrifying specter of their own mortality. They deny it, domesticate it, and tiptoe around it. We Catholics, however, make the crucifix—with the sacred body of Jesus hanging from it—the very center of our religion. We learn the lesson that faith—complete confidence in God—is *a matter of life and death*. And so we embrace the cross of Christ. Perhaps it is a good thing to behold the possibility of death and not fear it, for it is not annihilation, but rather our pathway to life in Christ.

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Toward the end of the very long Passion story, St. Matthew mentions that a centurion—an officer in charge of 100 soldiers—stands guard over Jesus with his men. He hears Jesus pray on the cross, using the words of Psalm 22: “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” The Lord Jesus speaks for all suffering human beings who, apart from their anguish, have no idea when, or if, it will end. Likewise, the soldier stands watch for the dawn, always awake, always alert and ready. We too must be alert to the call of God, and stand ready to respond to him at our own station.

Finally, the evangelist tells us that, at the moment of Jesus' death, the veil in the sanctuary was torn in two, the earth quaked, rocks split, tombs opened, and the bodies of saints were raised and appeared in the city. The centurion and his men—not the religious authorities, not the ordinary people, not even Jesus' disciples—declared “Truly this was the Son of God!” What do we take from this? In the military, we often talk about “situational awareness,” that is, the ability to observe and connect seemingly unrelated occurrences and react accordingly. Perhaps it is ironic that this scene, which recalls the OT vision of the resurrection of the dead, would resonate in an outsider, a pagan. But remember that earlier, Jesus praised a centurion as a model of faith in his power to heal simply by speaking his word. Friends, you and I must, with God's help, look deeply into the events of our time—some wonderful, some frightening, some even tragic, to see the hand of God at work. It may be too facile to conclude that our present circumstances are a form of divine punishment—I don't believe that—but it is fair to say that he is trying to get our attention.

Friends, this Holy Week, may we, like good soldiers, appreciate the seriousness of this moment, pay attention to the voice of the Lord, and point out his presence in a turbulent, wounded world.

Faithfully,
Fr. Valentine



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross with Fr. Valentine are available online at: https://youtu.be/HkFv_H5KTW8

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 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.

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