



**PARISH  
INFORMATION**

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturdays: Msgr. Ryan Hall - 4:00 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 2:00 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 (516) 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**

Kathleen Capuano  
Jessica Clementelli  
Rebekah Cole  
Victoria Colozzi  
Kevin Cronin  
Paul Cronin  
Joseph V. Danbusky  
John Damiano  
Jessica Dawson  
Linda De Stio  
John Paul DiNonno  
Kieran Doran  
James Dougherty  
Eric DuBois  
Members of Ferreira  
Family  
Noel Glen  
Stephen Grabher

Roberta Greco  
Christine Kenney  
Frank Krukowski  
John LaPreziosa  
Janet Levchuck  
Richard Malon  
Marilyn Manning  
Stuey Manzione  
Joseph Nakelski, Sr.  
Justin Paradine  
Diana Pearce  
Karen Petrik  
Marion Prendergast  
Gregory Racaniello  
Jaxon Rivera  
Ronald Webb  
Anne Wright  
Mary Wybaillie



**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, April 14: 3rd Sunday of Easter**

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
  
9:00 a.m. George Anastos  
by Cathy Vanatta  
  
11:00 a.m. James J. Byrne  
by The O'Neil Family  
Owen Smith - 1st Anniversary  
by Bernadette Smith  
Filippo Tiberio  
by Maria G. Ferri  
  
12:30 p.m. Anthony Arena  
by His Sisiter

**Monday, April 15: Easter Weekday**

9:00 a.m. Ciris Kohler  
by Reinhard Kohler

**Tuesday, April 16: Easter weekday**

9:00 a.m. For the Intentions and in Thanksgiving for  
Palmer Catherine Welles  
by Matt & Karen Doherty

**Wednesday, April 17 : Easter Weekday**

9:00 a.m. Cornelia Massimo  
by Carmela Massimo

**Thursday, April 18: Easter Weekday**

9:00 a.m. Valerie Lighter  
by Cathy Vanatta

**Friday, April 19: Easter Weekday**

9:00 a.m. Ashley Paredez  
by Lisa Gormley

**Saturday, April 20: Easter Weekday**

5:00 p.m. For the Intentions of Joseph Nakelski, Sr.  
by His Family

**Sunday, April 21: 4th Sunday of Easter**

7:30 a.m. Special Intention  
  
9:00 a.m. Joseph Keane & Msgr. Vincent Keane  
by David & Anne Joyce  
  
11:00 a.m. Donald E. Byrne  
by The O'Neil Family  
Edwin Hess - 2nd Anniversary  
by His Family  
Deceased Members of the Muller &  
McNichol Families  
by Lorraine & Gail Muller  
  
12:30 p.m. People of the Parish

## The Pastor's Page

Dear Friends:

“Gravity: it’s not just a good idea: it’s the LAW!” So reads my favorite T-shirt. It’s funny, of course, because most people think of “law” as a rule that we can choose to follow...or ignore. The laws of physics, however, *must* be obeyed, no matter what we think about them. And so, I can say that I choose not to “obey” the law of gravity, but if I jump out of a 5-storey window on the assumption that I have a choice, I’m in for a hard landing.

Such is the essence of “natural law,” which is central to Catholic ethics. It means that God’s will is imprinted within the very structure of his creation, from material things to living beings, and finally, to the human person. In the case of the material world, there is no such thing as “choice”: the planets orbit the sun because *that’s what they do*. As the song goes, “Fish gotta swim and birds gotta fly...” But when it comes to human beings, natural law means that we are intrinsically rational and social; we do have a choice, because we can discern moral principles of right and wrong, applying reason to human behavior, and discovering how voluntary actions affect human flourishing. As I have mentioned before, natural law thinking is fundamental to the founding documents of the United States, specifically that “all men are created equal, and are endowed with unalienable rights...including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” This is certainly compatible with Catholic morality, but a distinction must be made. I have often cited Charles Taylor, the Catholic philosopher, on the subject of secularism, which has been developing since before the Enlightenment. The Catholic view is that Natural Law requires people to observe stable principles they discover in nature.



Secular society, however, even when it recognizes the existence of God—operates on a different basis. John Locke (who influenced Thomas Jefferson), believed that the human being is a *tabula rasa*—a blank slate—that government can shape, even “re-make”—in order to “maintain peace and civility among its *diverse* and potentially rival agents.” (It is worth noting Taylor’s observation that this way of thinking developed at a time when Catholic-Protestant tensions ran high.)

Does that word “diverse” ring a bell? It presently underlies almost every discussion of public morality, education, and government. It presumes that there is no such thing as “objective” truth—

truth as such—but rather *your* truth or *my* truth or *his* truth or *her* truth. It leads to the notion that authorities may legitimately impose pressure upon individuals to accept practices that violate nature: and, when it chooses, to endorse contradictory practices just as easily. Consider the ramifications of this view for a proper understanding of the human being, the family, the sexes, and how we understand good and evil. Cultures may influence the minds of its citizenry to devalue certain segments of the population. This begs the question: can the stroke of a pen change human nature? The real result is the splintering of societal cohesion. The Church, however, teaches the opposite. We take our cues from nature, not the other way around, in which case reason, not emotion or personal ideology, binds us to a clear, intelligible, and common set of moral principles. Let us pray that we may always seek the truth in whatever way it manifests itself, and lovingly put it into practice.

Faithfully,  
*Fr. Valentine*  
Fr. Valentine

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY

April 14, 2024

*3rd Sunday of Easter, Sunday of Divine Mercy*

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Second Reading: 1 Jn 2:1-5a

Gospel: Lk 24:35-48

**FOCUS:** [We] look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Jesus is the fulfillment of God’s promises of salvation, and he has come to save us – body and soul. Our physical and spiritual realities are infused with one another, integrated within our creation as Imago Dei – made in the image of God. Christ was raised, body and soul, by the Father, and his glorified body was seen by the Apostles and many others. Through him we will be reunited to God, our Father and Creator, on the last day. As we profess in our creed, we look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading, Peter witnesses that Jesus, who was handed over out of ignorance, was raised from the dead and is the fulfillment of the prophets. In the second reading, John exhorts his community not to commit sin and to keep God’s commandments. In the Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples, shows them his hands and feet, and eats in front of them.

Readings for next week, Sunday April 21, 2024

1) Acts 4:8-12

2) 1 Jn 3:1-2

3) Jn 10:1-18

*From Liturgical Commission Publishing, Lansing, MI*

## ✠ Celebrants for the Weekend of ✠ April 20/21, 2024

	Celebrants*	Lector
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Fr. Valentine	David Cabrera - L Louise McCann - EM
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Fr. Lauder	Joe Castellano - L Mary McHale - L Charlie Dellavecchia - EM
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Valentine	Barbara Betkowski - L Marie Papiro - EM
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Valentine	Lora Lofaro - L Cathy Vanatta - Em
12:30 p.m.	Fr. Valentine	Phyllisann Kalenka - L Ray Montessarto - Em

\* Subject to last minute changes.

## FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

### PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

As Catholics, we are called to spread the Good News. Perhaps this week, you can invite a friend to say grace with you before a shared meal or to accompany you to Mass. Your invitation may be the catalyst for something great in their lives.

#### Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Sunday Offering ~ April 7	\$7,935.00*
Same Week Last Year	\$5,415.00*

Mass Attendance for ~ April 7	618
Same Week Last Year	510

Easter Offering to date	\$26,192.00*
Easter Offering Last Year	\$30,442.00**

*\* Does not include Faith Direct*

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## 2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEL

St. Mary’s Parish Assessed Goal	<b>\$66,300.00</b>
Amount Raised to Date	<b>\$17,725.00</b>
Number of Gifts and/or Pledges	<b>46</b>
Percentage of Goal	<b>26.73%</b>

### CHURCH HANDICAPPED RAMP

There is a ramp for handicapped access at the Church. It can be found off the parking lot, and goes around to the back of the building. We encourage you to use it if you have difficulty with the front steps.



Just a reminder all St. Mary’s Masses are on Youtube link

<https://tinyurl.com/St-Marys-Roslyn>



## MASS RELOCATION ANNOUNCEMENT



Dear Friends:

I regret to inform you that, contrary to our guidance this past Sunday, we will be unable to accommodate parishioners in the upper Church on Bryant Avenue for the next several Sundays.

**Daily 9 AM Mass will continue to be celebrated in the lower Church  
but**

**ALL weekend Masses (English and Spanish) will be celebrated at  
Msgr. Ryan Hall at 440 Round Hill Road in East Hill.**

Although I made this decision based on safety issues, I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this will cause.

Fr. Valentine

### MEETING HAS BEEN RELOCATED

# 300 Club Members

*Please join us*

**Sunday April 14th at 3:30 pm**

**In Msgr. Ryan Hall**

For the final drawing of  
**\$1000** for 2023/2024 year

and

**1st Drawing** for 2024/2025 year  
Light refreshments will be served

*You will also have the  
opportunity to join the 300 Club*



### Human Concerns

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

Paper Goods	Coffee	Crackers
Peanut Butter	Tea	Rice
Jelly	Pasta Sauce	Snacks
Spaghetti	Tuna Fish	Juice
Cereal	Cookies	Soup

Please bring your donations to Msgr. Ryan Hall at  
440 Round Hill Road, Roslyn Heights  
between 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
or contact Elis Calderone at the number below.

*Those in need of food or other supplies may call  
Elsie Calderone at (516) 626-1097  
or send her an e-mail at  
[outreachstmary7@gmail.com](mailto:outreachstmary7@gmail.com)*



*Do you have a few hours to spare  
to help plant  
our Easter Flowers around  
St. Mary's Church?*

***Planting Date: Mon. April 15th\****

***Time: 10:00 AM  
(after the 9 AM Mass)***

***\*Rain Date: Tues. April 16th***

**Meet at the garage area behind the  
church and please bring gardening  
gloves, clippers, shovels, etc. We  
would love your assistance!  
Help us make St. Mary's look  
beautiful!**

**An Invitation**

*Do you like to Sing?*



New members are always welcome to join our choir. This might be the ministry for you. It's a very warm welcoming group with whom you will enjoy singing. We rehearse *Thursdays at 7 PM* in the lower church. If you are interested see Paul Eschenauer after Mass or call the Rectory.



**San Miguel Arcángel,  
defiéndenos en la batalla.**

***Prayer to St. Michael  
the Archangel***

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our protector against the  
wickedness and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him,  
we humbly pray;  
And do Thou,  
O Prince of the Heavenly Host,  
by the power of God,  
cast into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.

**Amen**  
*(Prayer by Pope Leo XIII)*

# Religious Education at St Mary's 4/14/2024

**Renew now for 2024-2025  
School Year!**

Registration & Re-registration for  
September is starting soon.

**NEW Families**, please see the website  
for the necessary documents.

**Returning families**, your children will receive  
them in class, please check their folders!

**Save the Date:**  
**Classes start September 17th**

## Cookies and Catechists:

Please join us in the cafeteria  
after the 11am Mass this week of  
**Cookies and Catechists!** We hope to  
see you there!

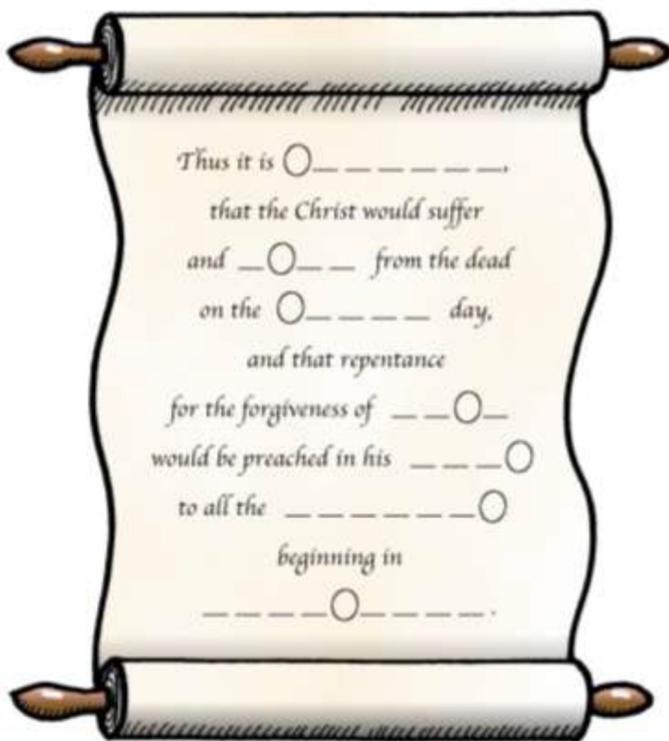
Please pray for our  
First Communion &  
Confirmation students  
who are in their  
final weeks of preparation  
for these beautiful  
sacraments!



## KID'S CORNER

### An Easter Word Puzzle

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks.  
Then use the letters in circles to fill in the blanks at the end.



Jesus wants you to be His  
\_\_\_\_\_ to the world!

- |           |         |      |
|-----------|---------|------|
| JERUSALEM | THIRD   | NAME |
| WRITTEN   | NATIONS | SINS |
|           |         | RISE |

When Jesus rose from the dead, some of the disciples thought He was a ghost.

To show them that He was really alive, Jesus asked for something to eat. What did they give Him?

Colour the spaces using this code to find out!

grey x  
skin colour .

colour in the blank spaces any colour!



## Entrance

## This Is the Feast



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Based on Revelation 5, © 1978, *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. by Augsburg Fortress  
 Tune: FESTIVAL CANTICLE, Irregular with refrain; Richard Hillert, 1923–2010, © 1975, 1988, Richard Hillert

## Gloria

## Heritage Mass

## Missa Pacem at the 11

## Responsorial Psalm



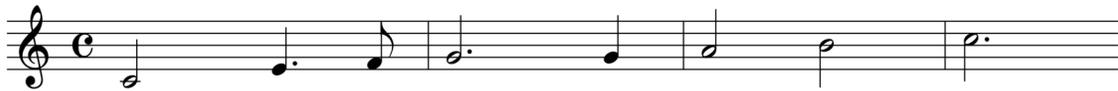
Lord, let your face shine on us.

**Acclamation**  
**Gospel**

**Celtic Alleluia**

## Offertory

## Christ Is Alive



1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing.  
2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound  
3. In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war,  
4. Wom - en and men, in age and youth,  
5. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring



The cross stands emp - ty to the sky.  
To dis - tant years in Pal - es - tine,  
Where col - or, scorn, or wealth di - vide,  
Can feel the Spir - it, hear the call,  
Good news to this and ev - 'ry age,



Let streets and homes with prais - es ring.  
But sav - ing, heal - ing here and now,  
Christ suf - fers still, yet loves the more,  
And find the way, the life, the truth,  
Till earth and sky and o - cean ring



Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
And touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
And lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
Re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
With joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy  
 Acclamation  
 Great Amen  
 Lamb of God

Save Us Savior of the World

Heritage Mass  
 Heritage Mass  
 Heritage Mass

**Communion I Received the Living God**

I re-ceived the liv-ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

I re - ceived the liv-ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

1. Je - sus said: I am the Bread Knead - ed  
 2. Je - sus said: I am the Vine, And my  
 3. Je - sus said: I am the Way; And my  
 4. Je - sus said: I am the Truth; If you  
 5. Je - sus said: I am the Life Far from

1. long to give you life; You who will par - take of  
 2. branch-es you shall be; Come and drink the sav - ing  
 3. Fa - ther longs for you; So I come to bring you  
 4. fol - low close to me, You will know me in your  
 5. whom no thing can grow, But re - ceive this bread and

1. me Need not ev - er fear to die.  
 2. cup, Till the King - dom you shall see.  
 3. home To be one with us a - new.  
 4. heart, And my word shall make you free.  
 5. cup, And my Spir - it you shall know.

## Recessional

## Jesus Is Risen

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



1. Je - sus is ris-en! Let us sing! Praise to the ev - er - liv - ing
2. On this most ho - ly day of days, Let us to - geth - er sing his
3. To God the Fa - ther let us sing, To God the Son, our ris - en



1. King! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise him in song, ye Ser - a -
2. praise! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Raise joy - ful voic - es to the
3. King! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! And e - qual - ly let us a -



1. phim! Praise him with joy, ye Cher - u - bim!
2. sky! Sing out, ye heav - ens, in re - ply: } Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
3. dore The Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more! }



- 1-3. lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: LM with alleluias; Composite.

Music: *Auserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623.