

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 2nd 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.

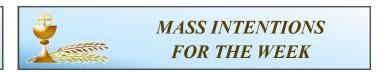
PLEASE PRAY



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



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

Monday, April 22: *Easter Weekday* 9:00 a.m. Richard A. Gibbons

by Virginia Ianniello

Tuesday, April 23: Easter weekday 9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Wednesday, April 24: Easter Weekday 9:00 a.m. Arthur C. Vogt III by His Family

Thursday, April 25: *St. Mark, Evangelist* 9:00 a.m. Msgr. Daniel E. Fagan

by Parishioners of St. Mary's

Friday, April 26: *Easter Weekday* 9:00 a.m. John Zambanini

by The Zambanini Family

Saturday, April 27: Easter Weekday

5:00 p.m. Lucy Porcelli beloved Aunt of Jo Dimino

Sunday, April 28: 5th Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. Carol Jecklin

by Sister, Joanne Zollo

11:00 a.m. Rocco Antonia & Antonia D'Aguanno

by Maria & Frank Rullo Bryant & Frances Piontkowski

by The Family

12:30 p.m. For the Intentions and Healing of

Victoria Colozzi

by Zachary Abbondandelo

The Pastor's Page

Dear Friends:

In college, the faculty (Fr. Lauder) exposed my classmates and me to many approaches to "truth." While these addressed many of the same questions (Who am I? Where have I come from? Where am I going? What are good and evil?), the answers they provided were strikingly different, and often contradictory. One of our teachers quoted the German thinker Friedrich Nietzsche, who held that all philosophy is largely "autobiographical," in the sense that it reflects the experiences, worldview, and biases of the philosopher in question. Nietzsche himself, beset by infirmity, and driven by his insistence that God does not exist, proposed the idea of a human being unrestrained by conventional morality. (It is worth noting that he went insane.) Thomas Hobbes, the English philosopher, is thought to have been born during the invasion of the Spanish Armada in 1588, an event that instilled

within him an all-consuming dread of violent death. His idea of the social contract aims at reducing that anxiety, although at the price of individual autonomy. The point: it is impossible to separate one's history from one's thought.

The same can be said for the Scriptures. If we begin with the assumption that the Gospels are merely biographical accounts of Jesus' life and death, then each is, at best, inaccurate, and at worst, deceptive. The Catholic understanding of the Bible, however, is more nuanced. All four Gospels agree on the basic details of Jesus' earthly life and ministry, but they interpret these through the lens of faith, and within the collective experience of the individual Christian community that produced each one. For example, St. Matthew writes for a predominantly Jewish community, for whom Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies. St. Luke, by contrast, writes for a largely Gentile community, in which case, Jewish customs and beliefs have to be explained.

This week, the Church honors St. Mark, to whom is attributed the shortest—and probably earliest—of the Gospels, most of whose material is found, and adapted, in the others. Evidence in the Gospel and in other New Testament writings suggests the influence of both St. Peter and St. Paul. It hints at an "apocalyptic" worldview, according to which a

cosmic battle pitting the forces of good and evil would give way to the eventual victory of the eternal Kingdom of God. Its relatively simple language, the natural emotions of Jesus, and even the awkward passages (e.g. that "Jesus' family [those around him] thought he was out of his mind" Mk. 3:21), suggest to the modern reader that the Evangelist did not extensively edit or soften difficult aspects of his personality. Moreover, for St. Mark's Gospel, the decision for or against Jesus, i.e. faith, reveals an individual's acceptance of the Kingdom of God. On this subject, St. Mark is unrelenting in his judgment of those whose faith is imperfect or wavers. Even his closest disciples come under blistering criticism for their lack of understanding: even after the resurrection!

All of which is to say that, the "Gospel of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God (Mk 1:1)" is also the story about St. Mark's own Christian community, and...

about *ourselves* as well. It is quite unrealistic to think that the average Christian leaps from a state of total disbelief to that of perfect faith all at once. Faith grows only gradually, with fits and starts, even setbacks and betrayal. People broken by spiritual infirmity can relate to the man who is possessed by a "legion" of demons

(5:1-20), and those of immature faith, to the "half-cured" blind man who at first sees people "like walking trees" before his full recovery (8:22-26). Even genuine faith can be partial, and we find ourselves says, "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief" (9:24). We discover, only by painful experience that our faith can wither like a fig tree (11:20) if it is does not bear fruit in action. Our faith will be tested by the treachery of supposed allies (13:12); indeed, the demands of faith are so all-encompassing that when put in the crucible of suffering, some would rather wriggle out of their clothing (14:51-52) rather than be associated with Christ.

St. Mark's is a Gospel for our day, for it tells us who Christ is, and who we are called to be, both individually and collectively: disciples of the crucified, yet risen, Son of God.

Faithfully,

Fr. Valentine

READINGS FOR SUNDAY

April 21, 2024 4th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12 Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-2

Gospel: Jn 10:1-18

FOCUS: Respond to the Lord's sacrificial love with

gratitude, trust, and love.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that he suffered and died for us because of the depth of God's love for us, because this is what a Good Shepherd does for those in his care. How should we respond to such love? With gratitude, trust, and love; by listening to his voice in our lives and being obedient to his commands. This is not always an easy task, but one with which the Lord is happy to assist us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Peter testifies that a disabled man has been healed in the name of Jesus Christ, the One through whom salvation comes. In the second reading, John reflects on the Father's love for us, through which he has made us his children. In the Gospel, Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep and freely lays down his life for them.

Readings for next week, Sunday April 28, 2024

1) Acts 9:26-31

2) 1 Jn 3:18-24

3) Jn 15:1-8

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† Celebrants for the Weekend of **† April 27/28, 2024**

	Celebrants*	Lector	
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Fr. Valentine	Phyllisann Kalenka - L Louise McCann - EM	
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Fr. Valentine	Mary Doran - L	
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Lauder	Lorraine Czarniak - L Cathy Quinn - EM Charlie Dellavecchia - EM	
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Valentine	Shirley Tansiongco - L Dennis Tansiongco - EM	
12:30 p.m.	Fr. Valentine	David Cabrera - L Phil Kirk - EM	

Subject to last minute changes.

FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Remember that the Holy Name of Jesus is powerful. This week (and throughout your whole life), invoke the name of Jesus when faced with temptation, fear or worry. Silently call upon His name in faith and trust.

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Sunday Offering ~ April 14 \$5,661.00* Same Week Last Year \$5,415.00*

Mass Attendance for ~ April 14 603 Same Week Last Year 510

FAITH DIRECT

The most convenient and secure way for your weekly offering to fund and support our parish's ministries is eGiving through Faith Direct. To enroll, go online to www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code NY559, or fill out an enrollment form from the parish office and mail the form to Faith Direct.

Please note that because it takes time for the envelope company to process changes, you may still receive weekly envelopes for a while after signing up with Faith Direct. And you will continue to receive special mailings and mailings at Christmas and Easter.

A REMINDER REGARDING **DONATIONS TO ST. MARY'S**

All checks should be made payable to St. Mary's **Church.** If the check is for a special purpose, please indicate that on the memo line. For example: Human Concerns, 300 Club, Religious Education, Diocesan Collection, etc.

We thank you for your generous support of our Parish and its activities.



You like Just a reminder all St. Mary's Masses are on Youtube link

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

^{*}Does not include Faith Direct



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

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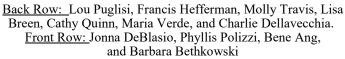






Many thanks for a wonderful morning of planting around our beautiful church!







Molly Travis hard at work!



Congratulations to the Following *Winners*

Final drawing of \$1000 for 2023/2024 year

#71 Richard DiNonno

For 2024/2025 year month of April

1st place \$250.00 # 9 Irwin & Monica Baker

2nd place \$100.00 # 24 Matt & Karen Doherty

> 3rd place \$50.00 # 923 Jean Zekraus



Human Concerns

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

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

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

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel



Michael the Archangel. The cathedral icon of the Archangel Cathedral in the Moscow Kremlin, dated to the 1410



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)

APRIL 21ST 2024

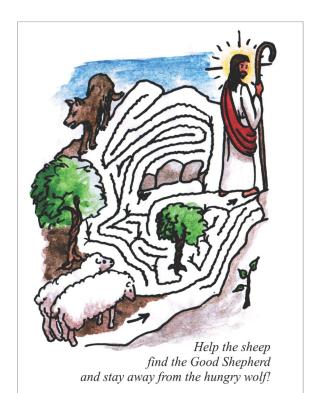
2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR | RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RENEWAL & REGISTRATION



Fall registration is now open!

See our website for all registration documents. Currently enrolled families will receive their forms in class, *please be sure to check your student's folders*. Classes start Tuesday 9/17/24

NO CLASS TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD 2024 ENJOY YOUR SPRING BREAK!



Good Shepherd Word-Find



FOCONCERNLM SCATTERSGLA FJTLAYSNOTN AECSOWHWOLF TSHEPHERDEW HUEEAIEUMAO ESSSYRPNIVR RJLIFEESNEK SKNOWDUSESS

Try to find the words in CAPITALS. The left-over letters will tell you what Jesus wants you to do.

JESUS said: "I am the GOOD Shepherd. A good shepherd LAYS down his life for the sheep. A HIRED MAN, who is not a shepherd, and whose sheep are NOT his own, SEES a WOLF coming and LEAVES the sheep and RUNS away, and the wolf CATCHES them and SCATTERS them. This is because he WORKS for PAY and has no CONCERN for the SHEEP. I am the Good SHEPHERD, and I know mine and MINE know me, just as the FATHER knows me and I KNOW the Father; and I will lay down my LIFE for the sheep.

LET US PRAY

FOR OUR FIRST COMMUNION + CONFIRMATION STUDENTS WHO ARE IN THEIR FINAL WEEKS OF PREPARATION FOR THESE BEAUTIFUL SACRAMENTS.



Text: 77 77 D; Ad regias Agni dapes; Latin, 4th cent.; tr. by Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt. Music: Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; adapt. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750.

Gloria

Heritage Mass

Responsorial Psalm



The stone re-ject-ed by the build-ers has be-come the cor-ner stone.

Acclamation Gospel

Celtic Alleluia

Offertory

Good Shepherd, You Know Us



Holy, Holy, Holy Mass

Acclamation

Great Amen

Mass

Heritage

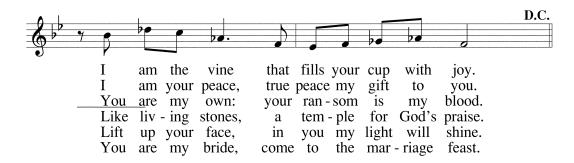
Save Us Savior of the World

Heritage

Communion

Take and Eat





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Recessional Alleluia! Alleluia Let the Holy Anthem Rise



Text: 87 87 D; Anon.; probably American, ca 1887, alt. Music: St Basil's Hymnal, 1889.