

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
Christopher Emanuel
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 Sympson
Clotida Vecchione
Jacqueline Verde
Anne Wright
Mary Wybaillie



THE MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 3: *FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. Sr. Eileen & Sr. Agatha Shanahan
by Family
11:00 a.m. Eileen & Lou Brown
by Dolores & Richard O'Hara
Edward & Stella Sendlenski
by Family
12:15 p.m. Cynthia Jo Price
by Gina DeLucia

Monday, May 4: *Easter Weekday*

9:00 a.m. Sylvia O'Hara
by Dolores & Richard O'Hara

Tuesday, May 5: *Easter Weekday*

9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Wednesday, May 6: *Easter Weekday*

9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving
by Anne Krukowski

Thursday, May 7: *Easter Weekday*

9:00 a.m. Paul Lofaro on his Birthday
by his Wife, Lora

Friday, May 8: *Easter Weekday*

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

Saturday, May 9: *Easter Weekday*

5:00 p.m. Martha Biasi
by Family
Andrew Concilio, Sr.
by Phyllis & Andrew
Mary Dellavecchia
by Linda & Charles Dellavecchia
Linda M. Fahrer
by her Family
Jean Hogan
by Nina Hogan
Mary Ann O'Sullivan
by Mr. & Mrs. Luis Lara-Rivas

Sunday, May 10: *FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

7:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish
12:15 p.m. Mother's Day Novena

...AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Frank C. Sokolski
Rose Marie Lucariello



**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25
Gospel: John 10:1-10



FOCUS: The Shepherd is calling us. Let us heed his voice.

Turmoil enters our lives and even enters our Church, but we are called to persevere and keep our eyes focused on the risen Christ. Through repentance and living for righteousness, we are united with him who is the heart and core of our faith. The Shepherd is calling us. Let us heed his voice.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, Peter tells the community that their Savior was indeed the one whom they crucified. They are *cut to the heart*, they repent, and are baptized – adding *about three thousand persons* to the community. In the second reading, Peter calls the community to patient suffering when they know what they are doing is right. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks about the shepherd and the sheep who know the sound of his voice.

Readings for next week, May 10: Fifth Sunday of Easter: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

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**FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP
AS A WAY OF LIFE**

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

The Gospel today reminds us that Jesus is always there to love, protect and help us. Though we are sinners, God loves us with a love we cannot begin to imagine. He calls us to repentance and true love with him.

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Thank you for your continued sacrificial gifts to St. Mary's.

2020 Easter to Date:	\$23,993.00**
Easter Last Year:	\$31,322.00**

* *Does not include Faith Direct*

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Faith Direct ~ March, 2020	\$9,835.00
(5 Sundays at \$1,967.00 per week)	
Faith Direct - same month last year	\$10,500.00
(5 Sundays at \$2,100.00 per week)	

HUMAN CONCERNS MINISTRY

FOOD PANTRY:

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



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| 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 the back of the Church or Hall after Mass.

**We thank all of you who have donated,
and continue to remember our Food Pantry
with your donations.**

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 12:00 Noon.



THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends:

Are you ready for life to go back to normal? Whoever would have guessed that rush hour, or a line at the DMV or a restaurant might come as a *relief*? And as we return to the hustle and bustle of real life, what do we bring with us? What has God taught us?

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, commonly known as Good Shepherd Sunday, we would normally focus on the Gospel reading. This year, somewhat surprisingly, the passage with the clearest description of Jesus as a shepherd is...the second reading, from the first letter of Peter. Lest we over-romanticize the life of shepherds in the ancient world, it is worth noting that these individuals were hardly the “Downton Abbey” crowd; on the contrary, they were rough, uneducated men living on the outskirts of town, accustomed to harsh living conditions and deprivation. Their mostly solitary life (read: *boring*) could be punctuated by moments of sheer terror. (As we read in 1Sam. 17:34, young David had to fight a *lion* to protect his flock.) All this: simply to protect a herd of foul-smelling, defenseless, witless creatures. And yet, the shepherd is the typical job description of the people’s Champion, whether human or divine.

There is also a beautiful, intimate quality to the relationship between sheep and shepherd. The sheep recognize his voice and do not follow others, and the shepherd does virtually everything for them: lead, protect, feed, and heal. In short, they utterly depend upon him. Little wonder that the Good Shepherd is, for Pope Benedict XVI, the great image of Jesus in the New Testament, one that subsumes all the others: preacher, wonder-worker, healer, law-giver, rabbi, etc. Human beings, powerless to extricate ourselves from the “thicket” of sin that ensnares us, follow the Word made flesh, who carries us “home” to God. The Holy Father writes that for the Christian “sacrifice takes the form of the Cross of Christ, of the love that in dying makes a gift of itself... [It] has nothing to do with destruction. It is an act of new creation, the restoration of creation to its true identity...a participation in this ‘Pasch’ of Christ...”

This is the connection between the Shepherd and the second reading from 1 Peter. Word for word, this short letter, which calls Jesus the “Shepherd and Guardian of (our) souls,” refers more to “suffering” (or “endurance”—*pascho* [πάσχω in Greek])—than any other book of the New Testament. In early Christianity, suffering results from persecution of the faith or from doing what is good. In the current pandemic, likewise, the Church suffers along with the rest of the world. While we admit that suffering brings us to our knees, it nevertheless has its place. To use another metaphor from 1 Peter, the trials we endure purify our “faith, which is more precious than fire-tried gold.” Ask yourself: have my love for God and gratitude for his blessings grown over the past six weeks? Have I discovered sources of strength and endurance that I never knew existed? Have I become more patient, loving, and attentive to my family and friends? The Christian recognizes all things—even those that appear to be setbacks—as opportunities for greater holiness and wisdom in the Lord. Let us follow in the footsteps of the Shepherd, by whose stripes we are healed.

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 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



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.



DURING THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH ...

St. Mary's welcomed the following new parishioners:

- Mr. Joaquin Banos*
- Ms. Maria Cadorniga*
- Mr. & Mrs. Elder (Teresa) Manzares*
- Mr. Dolores (Aide Pereira) Joya*
- Ms. Maria Nataren*
- Ms. Cristela Majano Pereira*
- Ms. Maria Granados Reyes*
- Mrs. Jacqueline Warren*

The following received the Sacrament of Baptism:

- Michael Anthony Composto*
- Declan Robert Danbusky*
- Brianna Sophia Pesantez*
- Jeremy Alfred Pesantez*

And may those who died live with Christ forever,

- Michael Aufiero*
- Donald Weil*
- Jerome Trimboli*



NEWS FROM DOMINICAN VILLAGE

Our Residents remain essential during these unprecedented times!

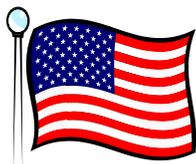
Dominican Village staff continues to keep our residents active and engaged. "Connected Living", SKYPE and Print Budii are resources that facilitate information sharing and warm sentiments from family and friends in new and innovative ways.

Dominican Village offers a level of connection that allows seniors to "age in place" with dignity and respect.

Call us for information about our programs and services - (631) 842-6091.

TELEVISED MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND - Each week through television, Passionist Communications brings *The Sunday Mass* to the sick and homebound. It can be seen in the New York area (Long Island) on WLNY - Ch. 10 or 55 at 9:00 AM on Sunday; WNYW - Ch. 5 at 5:30 AM on Sunday. Closed captioning is available for each Mass. In addition to this Mass schedule *The Sunday Mass* is now airing on ABC from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. For information consult the website at www.TheSundayMass.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