

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
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

...AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Donald B. Dawson
Bernard H. Murtagh

**THE MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday, May 17: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 a.m. The Shanahan Family
by Family
9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving and for the Intentions of
Oliver Althoff and Family
by Drs. Rudolfo & Esmeralda
Magpantay
Rita DiMare-4th Anniversary
by Family
Concetta Gibilaro-19th Anniversary
by the DiMare Family
12:15 p.m. Deceased Members of the Muller &
McNichol Families
by Lorraine Muller

Monday, May 18: Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m. Brendan Cronin
by Fred & Patti

Tuesday, May 19: Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m. Norma Lucarelli
by Michael Lucarelli

Wednesday, May 20: Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m. Patricia Tomasone
by Lora Lofaro

Eve of the Ascension

5:00 p.m. For all those who have died from the
coronavirus and those who mourn them

Thursday, May 21: The Ascension of the Lord

7:30 a.m. For healthcare workers who have served
the sick

9:00 a.m. Thelma Scharrer & James Laidler
by the Lau Family

12:15 p.m. Helen & James O'Hara
by Dolores & Richard O'Hara

7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Friday, May 22: Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m. Louis (Gene) Canadeo on his birthday
by Mary Ann & Thomas Infantino
& Family

Saturday, May 23: Easter Weekday

5:00 p.m. Pasquolina Calo & Frances Belfiore
by their Daughter

Cornelia Massimo
by her Daughter

George Ranaldo
by the Kenney Family

Olga Sinovic
by the Sharkey Family

M/M Anthony Tomaselli
by M./M Luis Lara-Rivas

Sunday, May 24: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 a.m. Mario Fischetti, Sr. - 4th Anniversary
by the Fischetti Family

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. John Thomas Ahearn
by Friends from "Giving Each
Other Hope"

Keith Coleman
by Family

Nicholas P. DiNapoli-4th Anniversary
by Thomas & James DiNapoli

Yvonne Carroll Parente
by Kathleen Friend

Lorraine Buckland-2nd Anniversary &
Sr. Kiernan Hartigan

by Dolores & Richard O'Hara

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel: John 14:15-21



FOCUS: If we do not speak and act for Christ, who will?

Saint Teresa of Ávila once wrote that Christ has no body on earth but ours. This 16th-century mystic understood what Jesus meant when he said, *If you love me, you will keep my commandments*. She believed we meet Jesus' expectation by becoming a voice for the voiceless, as Philip did in Samaria – where his preaching, signs, and deeds brought great joy.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, Philip proclaims the Gospel in Samaria and many people are cured. Peter and John follow and lay hands on the newly baptized there, and *they received the Holy Spirit*. In the second reading, Peter encourages the community to always be ready to give reason for their hope, and be willing to suffer for doing good. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that those who love him will follow his commandments.

Readings for next week, May 24: Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a

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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 12:00 Noon.

FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

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

2020 Easter to Date:	\$24,823.00**
Easter Last Year:	\$31,322.00**

* Does not include Faith Direct

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Faith Direct ~ April, 2020	\$8,268.00 ***
(3 Sundays at \$2,756.00 per week)	

Faith Direct - same month last year	\$8,558.00 ***
(3 Sundays at \$2,853.00 per week)	

***excludes Easter



CHURCH HOURS

The Church will be open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for private prayer. Eucharistic Adoration has been discontinued.

Please remember that no more than 10 people are permitted in the Church at any one time and all must maintain social distancing and wear a mask or face covering.



FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

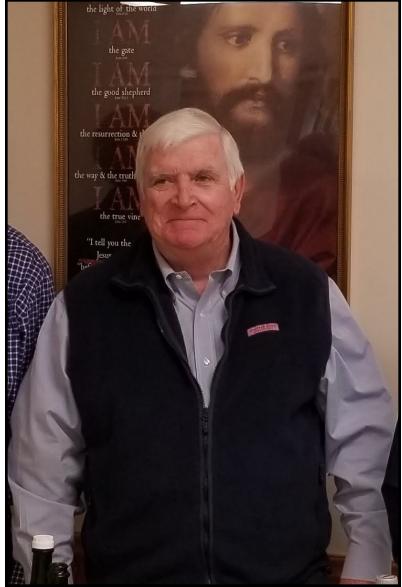
Thursday, May 21st, is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. In observance of the Holy Day, the Rectory Office will be closed on Thursday, May 21st.



THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends:

This past week St. Mary's suffered a terrible loss. Mr. Don Dawson, a member of our community for fifty years, became the first parishioner we know of to succumb to the corona virus. He leaves behind his wife Moira, daughter Shannon, and the rest of the wonderful Doran family. A professional in the financial world, Don served his country in the military, and made invaluable contributions to St. Mary's as a Knight of Columbus, Religious Education Teacher, Usher, Eucharistic Minister, and volunteer who counted the weekly collection. In all this he demonstrated integrity and trustworthiness as a steward of parish resources. Don was one of a very small number of EMs who were utterly faithful in bringing the Eucharist to our friends at Sun Harbor Nursing Home here in Roslyn. His Brother Knights remember him as a friendly, generous man who was always willing to help those in need, and who showed a quiet, dry sense of humor. As it happened, Don came to the rectory at the beginning of the national lockdown, and we had a good talk. His love for our parish family was evident in virtually every word he spoke. I'm sure you can appreciate that his own lack of access to the sacrament of the Eucharist, and his inability to bring it to his suffering brothers and sisters, weighed heavily upon Don. This was a man of God whose ardent love of Christ's Real Presence was at the center of his life. His fidelity to God and kindness to his neighbor serve as a challenge to us all, but particularly to his pastor. Would that we were all so good.



Normally, I speak at length of the weekly readings, but today I would simply call attention to the gospel, which continues from last week. We heard Jesus assure his disciples that he is going away to prepare a place for them, so that we can be with him forever. This week we hear that, in the meantime, Jesus will ask the Father to send another Advocate, or Paraclete, to be with us, so that we can bear witness to him. This, of course, is the Holy Spirit, the bond of Love between the Father and the Son. By keeping Christ's commandment of love, the believer reflects the very life of God in this world, and experiences here below a glimpse of the Kingdom where there will be only peace, salvation, and eternal happiness in the Lord.

True, we Catholics acknowledge that human beings are body *and* soul, and so the touch of divine grace is not simply an interior experience. We need the sacramental life of the Church, as it strengthens our will, enlightens our mind, and softens our heart with God's love and wisdom. Right now, however, circumstances dictate that we refrain from gathering in the house of God, and we rightly feel the pain of that separation. What are we to make of this?

St. Thomas Aquinas, when discussing Purgatory said the following: "The least pain of Purgatory surpasses the greatest pain of this life. For the more a thing is desired, the more painful is its absence" (Appendix 1, 2). If at present we experience pain, whether at the loss of our friend Don, or our inability to receive the sacraments, I'd like to think that this is the shadow side of something quite beautiful, namely, our love for God, and a profound faith that we will be united with each other, and with the Lord, in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Faithfully,

BISHOP BARRES TO CELEBRATE SPECIAL MASS IN RECOGNITION OF LONG ISLAND HEALTH CARE WORKERS

On Sunday, May 17, 2020, in the Cathedral of Saint Agnes, Bishop Barres will celebrate a White Mass, offering prayers for the safety and well-being of all Health Care workers. Named for the white coats and uniforms worn by many health care professionals, White Masses are special opportunities to ask God's blessings for all those serving in the health care field.

The White Mass will be broadcast on Catholic Faith Network (CFN) beginning at **11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 17**. CFN is found on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296 and spectrum channel 162/471. The Mass can be viewed any time after 11:00 a.m. on cfntv.org, drvc.org and on Diocese of Rockville Centre social media platforms. You can also watch CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV and Android or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app at the app store by searching for "Catholic Faith Network" or "CFN". In the tri-state area, the Mass will also air at 11 a.m. on WLNY-TV 55, Ch. 10 and on select CBS stations nationally, check local listings.

"On behalf of the People of God the Diocese of Rockville Centre, I thank each and every one of our first responders, our doctors, nurses, health care workers, health care chaplains, volunteers at our Catholic Health Services hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, Catholic Home Care and Hospice, Maryhaven and all of the hospitals across Long Island," said Bishop Barres. "God has blessed our diocese with incredible health care workers for this battle against COVID-19."

HUMAN CONCERNS MINISTRY

FOOD PANTRY:

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.

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.

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

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.

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 Hytti
CAPT David Jacobs
SK1 John D. Klick
PFC Michael P. Lanciki
MAJOR Eric W. Lipp

LCpl 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



AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM FR. VALENTINE

Many parishioners are rightly concerned about when St. Mary's Parish will celebrate the Sacraments of Penance, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation for our young people. Please be assured that every possible effort will be made to schedule them before the summer vacation. As guidelines from the State and Chancery governing the reopening of businesses and institutions become clarified, we will re-schedule these events, and announce the dates and times in the Bulletin, at Mass, and through Constant Contact. In the meantime, many thanks for your patience.

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



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Preparation for the Reopening of Public Mass

May 12, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Coronavirus has affected society and the Church in ways unlike anything we have experienced in our lifetimes. None of us could have imagined the impact on our families, our livelihoods, and our practice of the Faith. As treatments for the sick and potential vaccines are developed, it is important that we act prudently for everyone's wellbeing, body and soul.

What has the Church been doing?

Hospital chaplains have heroically ministered to the sick throughout this crisis and parish food pantries continue to support those most in need. Your priests have adapted as best they can to the limits of "distance ministry" while struggling to manage the devastating impact on our parishes and schools. Catholic school teachers, administrators and Faith Formation volunteers are admirably upholding standards of excellence while keeping our children engaged online. Catholic Charities is addressing the physical and emotional needs of people around the clock.

We know that there is a hunger to return to public Mass and the celebration of the Sacraments. Pray that this hunger spreads among active and inactive Catholics, so that our Churches may soon be filled and experience a lasting renewal when we reemerge.

The challenges facing us:

Much is still unknown about the virus and how best to deal with it. As a result, many decisions are actually judgment-calls based on a review of the information available. What is known is that the virus is deadly, particularly for the elderly and vulnerable. As of this writing, nearly 75,000 have contracted the virus and over 3,500 souls have returned to God, just within the territory of our Diocese. May our Heavenly Father welcome them and comfort their families. Our hospital systems, front-line doctors, nurses and support staffs were very nearly overrun.

All of this leaves us with an enormous challenge: **when and how to reestablish public liturgies in a way that does not irresponsibly place the common good and the health of our people in grave danger.** These are serious moral issues. If we can protect the sanctity of human life and the stability of our healthcare system by cooperating with sensible limitations and safety practices, then we have a moral obligation to do so. This is not a surrendering of our right to practice our Faith. It is an exercise of our moral responsibility for the common good. Therefore, we are carefully forming our plan for the reopening of public Mass in consultation with medical experts and civil authorities who share in our responsibility for the common good.

The Holy Mass

The Holy Mass is the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for our Salvation (Catechism of the Catholic Church – Article 3, Paragraphs 1322 – 1419). The Mass unites us to the sacrifice of Christ, the gift of himself to the Father for us. Spiritual Communion, which has been a continual part of the Church's theology through

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Saints Augustine, Aquinas, John Vianney, John Paul II and others, has allowed us to remain united to the Lord's Body and Blood, offered daily by our priests, even when we are not physically present or do not physically receive Holy Communion.

Considerations for Reopening

The conditions on Long Island are being carefully monitored and preparations are being made. **However, we do not yet have a date for reopening public Masses.** Medical experts and civil authorities have urgently asked that congregate gatherings of any size remain suspended until we better understand the risks and how they are managed.

When it is determined that we can gather for Mass with reasonable safety, it will likely involve precautions that will require everyone to make sacrifices. However, the Mass is not our "personal possession". It is a gift from God entrusted to the Church. Therefore, the dignity of the Mass and the Church's liturgical laws must be respected and observed. Certain elements of the Mass can be adapted while others cannot because we do not have the authority to alter them.

Limitations may involve facial coverings or masks, limits on seating capacity to maintain social distancing, changes to the Mass schedule to allow for cleaning, modified procedures for the distribution of Holy Communion, etc. This will involve tremendous coordination between clergy, parish staffs and volunteers, as well as training and preparation. Guidelines and protocols are being developed that will be shared with pastors. The dispensation from the obligation to physically attend Mass will likely remain in place for a time, especially to protect the elderly and most vulnerable among us.

Other Sacraments

The period of isolation has delayed celebrations of Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations and Weddings. Funeral Masses for loved ones have also been postponed. We understand the sorrow and sacrifice of those awaiting the celebration of Holy Sacraments. Please understand the enormous stress that this will place upon your very limited number of priests, some of whom are older and particularly vulnerable because of health concerns. We ask for your patience, understanding and compassion as your clergy serves you as best we can through these complex and very challenging times.

Our Prayers and our Gratitude

Dear friends, thank you for your prayers and support throughout this crisis. Your parish Church depends on weekly contributions in order to survive and carry on Christ's saving mission. The loss of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday collections is a serious hardship for the functioning of a parish. Likewise, Catholic Charities, our Catholic Schools, and the Catholic Ministries Appeal all rely on support from the Faithful to carry out their missions. We are so grateful for your dedication, especially during these most challenging times. Please know that you are remembered in my prayers and daily Masses.

The risen Christ has won the victory over death. His grace will strengthen us to carry this cross so as to share in his resurrection.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre