

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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| Bob Boeshore        | Anne Krukowski     |
| Lillian Boeshore    | Frank Krukowski    |
| Kathleen Capuano    | Richard Malon      |
| Barbara Coe         | Jonathan Mannina   |
| Rebekah Cole        | Stuey Manzione     |
| Kevin Cronin        | Tom McCormack      |
| Paul Cronin         | Brendan Miles      |
| John Damiano        | Freida Navarro     |
| Linda De Stio       | Victoria Oxer      |
| John Paul DiNonno   | Justin Paradine    |
| James Dougherty     | Marion Prendergast |
| Eric DuBois         | Jenna Reggio       |
| Christopher Emanuel | Anna Sambucci      |
| Natalie Finamore    | Elizabeth Stein    |
| Noel Glen           | Charles Strecker   |
| Kamlesh Gupta       | Elizabeth Sympson  |
| Ida Kelly           | Clotida Vecchione  |
| Christine Kenney    | Jacqueline Verde   |
| Maria Kim           | Anne Wright        |
| Douglas Knehr       | Mary Wybailie      |



**THE MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, June 7: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

- 7:30 a.m. Mark Trantel  
by Tom & Diane Halton
- 9:00 a.m. Robert Weppler - 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
by his Wife, Debby
- 11:00 a.m. Frank Della Ratta  
by Daughter, Kathy & Angelo Grande  
For the Recovery of Marion Prendergast  
by her Family  
Marge Tucholski  
by the McVeigh Family
- 12:15 p.m. People of the Parish

**Monday, June 8: Weekday**

- 9:00 a.m. Antonette & William Friend  
by Kathleen & Michael Friend

**Tuesday, June 9: Weekday**

- 9:00 a.m. Madeline & Vincent O'Hara  
by Dolores & Richard O'Hara

**Wednesday, June 10: Weekday**

- 9:00 a.m. Sr. Eileen & Sr. Agatha Shanahan  
by Family

**Thursday, June 11: Saint Barnabas, Apostle**

- 9:00 a.m. Jean Brebeny  
by Alice & Chris Gunther

**Friday, June 12: Weekday**

- 9:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Rev. John McCartney  
by Friends of St. Mary's

**Saturday, June 13: Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

- 5:00 p.m. Martha Biasi  
by Family  
Kathy Leising  
by the Dellavecchia Family  
Thomas Maniscalco  
by his Children  
Cornelia Massimo  
by her Daughter

**Sunday, June 14: THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)**

- 7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 9:00 a.m. Nicholas J. Daley  
by Your Loving Family
- 11:00 a.m. Dino Messina  
by Pat & Annette Lanotte  
The Shanahan Family  
by Family
- 12:15 p.m. Eileen & Lou Brown  
by Dolores & Richard O'Hara

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020  
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**First Reading: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9**  
**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**  
**Gospel: John 3:16-18**



**FOCUS:** God is one and yet three – a Trinity of pure love.

Today’s feast is a celebration of God’s self-revelation to us through the mystery of the Incarnation. For it is in Christ that we come to know that within the Godhead there is a Trinity of three divine persons to whom belong all glory, praise, and honor, and from whom all life flows.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

On Mount Sinai, Moses encounters the God of Israel as a God of compassion and kindness. Saint Paul urges the Corinthians to live in fellowship and peace as brothers and sisters, children of the one God. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that his mission is grounded in the total love of the Father for all of creation.

Readings for next week, June 14: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi): Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

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**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 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](mailto: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 who 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.

**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.



## THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends:

I would be remiss if I didn't address, if not the details, at least the impact of what has happened over the past week. It wasn't enough that our country should be hit by the dual tragedies of a worldwide pandemic and the subsequent havoc it has wreaked on our economy and culture. No: we then witnessed a heinous act of cruelty by one human being against another, as well as the violence that ensued, whereby the very fabric of society is being torn asunder. Little of the commentary that followed has been very insightful, much less constructive. I'm reminded of a line that my mentor and friend, Fr. Charlie Kohli, frequently used: "Tim, deep down, that person is *shallow*..." I don't claim to know the answers. Still, it occurs to me that most public statements, even those that refer generically to God or the spiritual life, do not connect our present trials to the basic truths of Catholicism, and the light they shed on our situation. Friends, we today are front-row witnesses to the mystery of original sin, that is, the fallen state of humanity. Men and women, created in the image and likeness of God—his great masterpiece—abused their freedom and preferred themselves to the source of all goodness (*Catechism*, par. 398). This had disastrous implications; through sin, death "entered" the world, obscured the senses, weakened the will, dimmed the mind, created enmity between people, and transformed human engagement with the world from one of joy into misery. What's more, every precious child is born into a situation not of his own making that mars the divine image within him. How does our faith help us make sense of this?

Today the Church celebrates the central dogma of Christianity, namely, the mystery of the Holy Trinity, our belief in one God in three persons. God is by his nature a community of love, both within himself, and in his dealings with creation, as St. Paul writes to the Corinthians. As the reading from Exodus puts it, "steadfast" love, or *hesed*, in Hebrew, is the closest human beings come to describing the experience of God, who is entirely gracious to his creatures, and who receives no profit in return. Finally, St. John relates what is rightly called the "little gospel": the Good News in a nutshell. God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn it, but so that it might be saved through him. Like the mystery of one God in three Persons, or the mystery of Christ, true God and true man, Catholicism gives us yet another paradox: creation is good *and* fallen, sinful *and* saved.

Friends, the Catholic writer Flannery O'Connor once remarked that "human nature vigorously resists grace because grace changes us, and the change is painful." For her, Catholics are the ultimate realists because we understand deep down the conflicted human heart, and we reject the shallow thinking that demands perfection right here, right now. For her, such thinking is to leave out "the terrible radical human pride that causes death." Pulling up pride from its roots is, for all intents and purposes, impossible: *for us*. But this is precisely why we come here, to the foot of the Cross. As Pope Benedict puts it, prayer is the experience of walking with Jesus so that the disciple is "caught up with [Christ] into communion with God...redemption is stepping beyond the limits of human nature, which had been there in man, God's image and likeness, since the moment of creation." If we would reach out to our neighbor, let us first look to the presence of Christ within our hearts and minds. Then we will love as we should.

Faithfully,  
Fr. Valentine

## What Happened to the Cross?

If you look above St. Mary's Church you will see there is something missing...the Cross that for nearly 150 years has stood majestically and adorned the steeple of our beautiful Church. An obvious question is "where did it go"? The more important questions are why was it removed and what will happen to it?

This past week a few adventurous parishioners and our Pastor, Fr. Tim Valentine met to discuss a very important and time sensitive issue. We found that the steeple of the Church had two extremely precarious situations. A drone photo above the top of steeple revealed a light fixture that used to illuminate the Cross had fallen from its housing and, untethered, landed two feet from the edge of the steeple; nothing preventing it from falling to the ground. The second issue and as critical, the Cross and support beams had degraded to such an extent that the base and bracing wood frames of the Cross could no longer support it. In fact, the Cross was ready to fall.

Ed Escoffier, Grand Knight of the St Mary's Mackay Council organized a group of volunteer parishioners to address the problem. Ed brought in Matt Doherty, who is an expert in architectural structure renovation and John Dussel to review our options. There was really only one option, to immediately remove the hazardous light fixture and to remove the Cross. Matt Doherty, Ed Escoffier and Jon Darling, a master Carpenter who is also an OSHA professional climbed the steeple and with proper harnesses removed both the light and Cross. Assisting with ground safety was Phil Kirk and John Dussel. The Cross is now safely stored away.

So what next? Matt will lead the restoration campaign where the Cross will be reconstructed to the exact specifications of the original Cross. Assisting Matt with the task will be restoration experts from Massachusetts. It will probably take three or four months to complete the restoration process. The Cross will then be painted and reinstalled in its rightful place, high above St. Mary's Church shining brightly on Hempstead Harbor and the Village of Roslyn Harbor. A beautiful sign of God's love for the people of St. Mary's Parish.



Drone Photo of Steeple



The Cross is Down



Cross Base and Supporting Framework



## 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](mailto: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

**SISTER BARBARA GERARDI, OP**

Sister Barbara Gerardi, OP served in the Parish of Saint Mary's as Coordinator of RCIA, Human Concerns and Confirmation preparation for eight years under Msgr. Fagan and Msgr. Bauhoff. She went to her eternal rest on May 25, 2020.

Sister Barbara's life was her preaching, she lived out her call to be a sign of joy and hope. She inspired us here at St. Mary's when she was part of our parish family. We offer our condolences to her family and the Sisters of St. Dominic, Amityville.

**COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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](http://www.TheSundayMass.org).

**FATHER LAUDER'S LECTURES**

Fr. Lauder's Catholic Novel lectures are being shown on the Catholic Faith Network (formerly Telecare) on Mondays at 7:15 p.m. and Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. The Catholic Faith Network channels: 29/137 for Optimum and 296 for Verizon FiOS. All 40 lectures are also on U-Tube.

**SAINT ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL  
FRANCISCAN BROTHERS**

**ONLINE VIRTUAL TOURS  
AND INFORMATION SESSIONS**

PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES ARE INVITED  
TO JOIN THE BROTHERS AND THE  
ADMISSIONS STAFF FOR A WEBINAR EVERY  
THURSDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

PRAYER  
VIRTUAL TOUR  
Q & A

REGISTER BY E-MAIL AT  
[ADMISSIONS@STANTHONYSHS.ORG](mailto:ADMISSIONS@STANTHONYSHS.ORG)

**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 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