

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
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
Marion Prendergast
Jenna Reggio
Anna Sambucci
Elizabeth Stein
Charles Strecker
Clotida Vecchione
Jacqueline Verde
Anne Wright
Mary Wybailie



THE MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, June 15: Weekday

9:00 a.m. Linda Ziomba
by Janet & Family

Tuesday, June 16: Weekday

9:00 a.m. Henry Krukowski
by his Wife, Anne

Wednesday, June 17: Weekday

9:00 a.m. Therese P. Scharrer
by the Lau Family

Thursday, June 18: Weekday

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

Friday, June 19: THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

9:00 a.m. Yvonne Carroll Parente
by Kathleen Friend

Saturday, June 20: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 p.m. Keith Coleman
by Family
Rocco Calo & Rocco Belfiore
by Daughter
Carmin Dellavecchia
by Linda & Charles Dellavecchia
In Thanksgiving & for the Intentions of
Glenn Magpantay on his Birthday
by Dr. Rodolfo & Esmeralda
Magpantay
Stephen Wierzbicki
by his Family

Sunday, June 21: THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

...AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Elizabeth Simpson



**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND
BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)**



First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58

FOCUS: Through the Eucharist, Jesus gives us the strength we need on our journey through life to heaven.

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ and honor Jesus as the Bread of Life. Just as God led Moses and the Israelites out of Egypt and through 40 years of hardship and danger in the desert, so Jesus gives us the strength we need as we follow him through the spiritual dangers of this life.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In Deuteronomy, Moses reminds the people of how God brought them out of Egypt and through 40 years in the desert. Saint Paul writes of our unity as Christians, *for we all partake of the one loaf*. Jesus tells the Jewish crowds that he is *the living bread that came down from heaven* so that eternal life may be found through him.

Readings for next week, June 21: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

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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 who continue to remember our Food Pantry
with your donations.**



CONGRATULTIONS FR. LAUDER!

This June marks the 60th anniversary of Fr. Robert Lauder's ordination. We congratulate him, and feel blessed that he's been a part of St. Mary's for 40 of those years!

Fr. Lauder, we are grateful to you for sharing your faith, your wit and your love of literature and film with us over these many years. Ad multos annos!



THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends:

This being the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, I suppose I should be speaking at length of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist: or of the mystery of transubstantiation, by which the elements of bread and wine change, by God's grace, into his Flesh and Blood. I fervently believe these things, and promise I will address them. For the moment, however, I face the heartbreaking, indeed unprecedented, situation in which I may not distribute communion to the People of God. And so, I'd like to consider with you the mystery of Christ's Body, but from another perspective, that is, the mystery of the Church, the *Mystical* Body of Christ. That is how Pope Pius XII referred to the People of God in his encyclical 77 years ago this month. In it we hear the echo of St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, that "by participation in the body of Christ...we who are many are one." The beautiful sequence by St. Thomas Aquinas tells us: "Thousands are, as one, receivers, one, as thousands of believers, eats of him who cannot waste." And the Gospel tells us Jesus is the source of life for those who feed on his Body. In the Church, therefore, we see the mystery of the whole Christ, God *and* man. The paradox of the sacraments is that we behold the divine presence—which is invisible—in the human, which is visible. Pope Pius reminds us that at the moment of Mary's free submission to God's will, there came about a "marriage" between divinity and humanity. As Catholics, we must believe that God's grace has a real, transforming effect within us, and leads us to union with him and with our neighbor. Still, as we are creatures of time and space, the effect of grace on the mind and heart is not instantaneous. God does not violate the natural law of which he himself is the author. The natural law, not to mention the eternal law, recognizes the processes of growth, development, nourishment, and healing, whereby God's children come to attain the perfection of holiness. Two things we must keep in mind: first, try as we may, we will never attain that perfection this side of eternity. Second, we only find the presence of God by looking beyond appearances, going below the surface to find that invisible, divine reality.

As your pastor, I recognize, and share, your frustration at not being able to receive Holy Communion in a time of infirmity and injustice. But I do you no service if I adopt, as many religious figures have, secular political categories, like power, privilege, and preference, to frame the discussion. I refuse to allow others to set the terms of dialogue. Let us use the language and wisdom of the Scriptures. The first reading reminds us: "one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Ask yourselves, throughout the present turmoil when, if at all, does the word of God enter the discussion? The Evil One divides us by setting up mutually exclusive camps, demanding absolute perfection from others, humiliation and dominance over others, empty gestures, and silly slogans.

No.

My favorite "spiritual writer," whom I quoted last week, is Flannery O'Connor. In her essay, "The Sins of the Church," she argues that an adolescent view of the world demands "the kingdom of heaven on earth right here, right now." The adult, on the other hand, is far more patient and realistic. As she says, a mature person "knows the consequences of sin, (and) knows how deep you have to go to find love."

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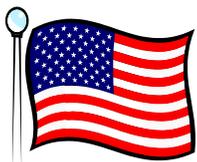
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Does not our Lord turn our lives upside down when he says, "Love your enemies; pray for your persecutors"? Of the Church, O'Connor says: "You don't serve God by saying: the Church is ineffective, I'll have none of it...To expect too much is to have a sentimental view of life, and this is a softness that ends in bitterness. Charity is hard and endures..." Let me emphasize: love, we Catholics know, is *not* a feeling; it is an act of the will. At a moment like ours, it is difficult, even impossible, to love as God would have us love. Why? Because it demands that people calm down, show mutual respect, act upon the Commandments and Beatitudes, and keep in mind that there is a constant struggle throughout human life to cooperate with the grace of God. Whatever course of action human beings adopt, it will always...*always*...fall short. We must constantly reevaluate our values and actions in light of the Gospel challenge.

And so today we revere the Body of Christ in its Mystical Reality, the Church. The good news today is that the Church, once again, has become a visible presence, here at home, in our nation, and throughout the world. By receiving the Body of Christ, we become the Body of Christ more and more. Let us start by turning our minds and hearts to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. St. Thomas tells us of the sacrament: "Sight has failed, nor thought conceives, but a dauntless faith believes, resting on a power divine." From first to last, Christians look beyond appearances to find the hand of God at work. So let us put ourselves in his hands, and be instruments of his peace in our world today.

Faithfully,
Fr. Valentine

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

RE-OPENING OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Dear Friends:

I want to be the first to share with you the happy news that Bishop Barres has ordered the re-opening of Churches in the Diocese of Rockville Centre as of this weekend, June 13-14th. Please let me outline for you some of the features of the re-opening, as well as the restrictions that will be in place during this period of transition.

Mass Schedule

Weekdays: As of June 15, 2020, we will resume the 9 AM Mass Monday through Friday in St. Mary's Church on Bryant Avenue, and of course, we will follow social distancing requirements.

Weekends: All weekend Masses, for both English and Spanish-speaking communities, will be held in Msgr. Ryan Hall on Round Hill Road. The Saturday schedule remains the same: 5 PM for the English speaking community and 7 PM for the Spanish speaking community. The Sunday Mass schedule will be 9 AM and 11 AM, again at Msgr. Ryan Hall. The 7:30 AM and 12:15 PM Masses are canceled for the summer.

We remind you that the dispensation from weekend Mass attendance is still in effect. I want to point this out, in a particular way, to our wonderful senior parishioners who, though they want to return to Mass, are still a vulnerable population. Please know that we will continue to provide the opportunity to observe Mass through the link on Constant Contact, but strongly urge you to stay home until we assess the health concerns of returning to Church in person.

Mass Restrictions

Friends, I begin with the most disappointing news for you to hear, and for me to deliver: under the orders of the Bishop, for the foreseeable future, we will *not* be distributing communion at any of the daily or weekend Masses. This is, no doubt, a tremendous sorrow for our parish family, even more so because this weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. I simply ask that you consider the extraordinary circumstances in which we find ourselves at present, and trust that these measures are undertaken solely to ensure the health and well being of our parishioners. We will include on the St. Mary's website the instructions for making a Spiritual Communion, so that we may still experience the blessings that attend communion in person.

As for social distancing, we are required to restrict the size of our congregation to 25% of our seating capacity. This means that we must close off access to 2 out of every 3 rows of pews. We ask all parishioners to wear face masks, and maintain a six-foot distance between members of different families. Given our limited access to hand sanitizer, we will make our supplies available as long as they last. We ask you to bring your own supply.

To reduce any risk of infection, there will be no procession at the beginning or conclusion of Mass, no access to holy water, no use of hymnals or bulletins, and no exchange of peace. In addition, seats will be sanitized after each Mass.

Friends, I realize that these measures will seem rather draconian to most of us. I hasten to add that they are temporary, and we will make every effort to return to a more normal celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as soon as possible. In the meantime, let us pray for our parish, our Church, our nation, and our world, that our Good Lord will see us through this difficult time. God bless you all, and I look forward to seeing those of you who can return to Church this weekend.

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, 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

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

The Rectory office is open from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Effective Wednesday, July 1st, and through September 4th, the Rectory Office will be open from 9:30 am. through 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Beginning on Friday, July 3rd, the Rectory Office will be closed on Fridays through September 4th.