



Saint Mary Parish



Keeping Us Connected Newsletter

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Msgr. Royal's Video Reflection

Dear Saint Mary's Friends,

Our video reflection is grounded in Saint Paul's First Letter to Saint Timothy (2:2). It also contains some information about prayer opportunities in the next few days, but please also read the full newsletter. Today's clergy-written reflection is from Deacon Rick.

DEACON RICK'S REFLECTION

And as you are aware, [Father Lourderaj's daily homilies](#) are posted on our website. Also, please keep checking the Faith & Family section as well as the additions and changes in the events section below. Lastly, there's a brief humorous video from Catholic comedian Jim Gaffigan. Not posted because he's Catholic, but because it hopefully will make us all laugh a bit. Only those who have a deep hope can truly laugh, even in difficult times.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so

that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

--Romans 15:13

Peace and Blessings,

Msgr. Kevin Royal

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Now and Forever. Amen

UPCOMING EVENTS

· Pope Francis Urbi et Orbi Blessing (televised)

Friday, March 27- 1:00 pm est

A plenary indulgence may be gained from the
Urbi et Orbi blessing, subject to the appropriate condition

[Read More](#)

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday, March 28, from 3:30 to 4:30 P.M

at the entrance to St. Mary's School

Confession will be available in a way that abides by the directives of the Bishop and civil authorities. Those wanting to confess should drive in the Greenfield Avenue entrance by the Bossidy Recreation Center, drive to the right (keeping the building on your left), then pull up in front of the school entrance and park your car there. Walk into the school entrance to make your confession and then return to your car, driving out using the High Ridge Avenue exit.



**Livestreamed Mass
from St. Mary Church**

5th Sunday of Lent - Sunday, March 29 at 10:00 A.M.

Please go to our [Facebook page](#) or [website](#) to watch Mass live.
This Mass will also be available to watch at any time afterwards.

Church Bells Ring Noon Each Day for the Angelus.

Whether you can hear them or not, let's try as one community in the Lord to pray the Angelus together at that time, wherever we are. If you don't know the Angelus, you can pray 3 Hail Mary's (or take this opportunity to learn it [here](#)).

Our Church is open daily 8 AM - 6 PM for Private Prayer

It is sanitized daily at 7 AM

FAITH & FAMILY



MEALTIME INSPIRATION!

Who can't use a little mealtime inspiration now and again?! Take advantage of the Lenten meat restriction to plan something new for your family this week. Add in a prayer or bit of scripture for reflection before you dig in and you've got a recipe for a great Catholic

MOVIE NIGHT!

Whether you want a religious experience or prefer bunnies, check out these links to some of the best Easter movies!

[The Best Easter Movies to watch this Spring - Town & Country](#)



[25 Best Easter Movies to Keep the Entire Family Entertained - Oprah](#)

Go to our [Faith & Family](#) page for more family-friendly ideas!

CHUCKLE OF THE DAY



WATCH

Family-friendly (and Catholic!) comedian Jim Gaffigan shares what it's like to be under lockdown. :))

Jim Gaffigan under lockdown

MUSIC MINISTRY

Brennan Orie, our Youth Music Minister, has been recording Sunday worship music each week to share with Parishioners.

LISTEN

LINKS

[Bishop Extends Mass Suspension to April 30](#)

[St. Mary Parish Youth Offerings](#)

[Ridgefield Social Services Update - ATTN](#)

[Making a Spiritual Communion](#)

[Word on Fire Daily Mass - 8:15 AM](#)

[Coronavirus Resources & Information](#)

[Online Daily Mass](#)

[TV Mass Schedule](#)

[Online Sunday Mass with Bishop Caggianno and Msgr. Powers](#)

[CDC Website](#)

[How to say the Rosary](#)

[How to recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy](#)



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A Warm & Welcoming Family of Catholic Faith



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

WAYS TO CONTINUE YOUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary Parish!

Your support helps maintain our Parish facilities and bring the Eucharist and God's Word to our community - plus it helps those in need through our many ministries.

Online Giving is an easy way to give with a click of a button.
[Online Giving](#)

You may mail your offertory to the Parish office as well; mail is picked up

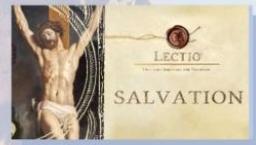
PARISH-WIDE STUDY

At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven “for us men and for our salvation.” We’ve been journeying with Lectio: Salvation this Lent as a parish and diving into what salvation really means. **It’s never too late to join!** You can watch the whole series with our free parish subscription by simply selecting our Parish’s name during registration at formed.org/signup. [watch now](#)

Week 5

Not Just a Legal Transaction

After the Fall, each person is born with the stain of sin on their soul and a fallen human nature. God’s gift of salvation frees us from Original Sin and transforms us from the inside out, healing our hearts. As we will see this week, salvation is not just a legal transaction by which we are declared righteous, but a gift of God’s Spirit where we are made righteous.



This week, go to FORMED and watch *Lectio: Salvation* Session 5

FORMED

formed.org/signup



This week’s Gospel shows us Jesus wants us to let Him into all those places that have been rendered dead by sin. He wants to weep with us in his humanity, but also to reveal his divinity and bring about a total healing. [Watch now](#)

ADORATION:

Once the Chapel is open again, **sign up** to become a regular Adorer (for one hour per week).

Open Adoration Hours:

Monday	7 am, 1 pm, 2 pm
Tuesday	8 am
Thursday	1 am, 10 pm
Friday	7 am, 3 pm and 4 pm
Saturday	3 pm and 10 pm
Sunday	5 pm



PRAYERS:

Please remember our sick in your prayers and those who care for them, especially **Bill Brown, Evelyn Burns, Thomas Castellani, Carol Dalessio, Roula Lee, Scott McCaughey, Fabiola Rincon, Ira Rothman, and Stephen Smith.**

PLEASE NOTE: Only immediate family members may add someone to our prayer list. Individuals will be removed monthly unless we are otherwise notified.

Funerals
