

May God bless us in his mercy.

January 1, 2017

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



Saturday, December 31

5:30 pm For Parishioners of St. Mark's

Sunday, January 1

8:00 am For Blessings for the New Year
 9:30 am For Patricia McCarthy by Fania Family
 11:00 am For Joseph Giordano by Ciniewicz Family

Monday, January 2

8:45 am For Blessings for the New Year

Tuesday, January 3

8:45 am For Peace

Wednesday, January 4

8:45 am For Ray Alexander by Stokes Family

Saturday, January 7

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village
 5:30 pm For Claire Murphy by McGrath Family

Sunday, January 8

8:00 am For Richard Edelkraut by Dave Donlon
 9:30 am For Therese DiPaolo by Ronceray Family
 11:00 am For Deacon John Meyer by Madaras Family
 For Lorraine Barron by Barron Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 7, 8, 2016

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode, Deacon Jim Jones
Greeter: Help Needed
Lector: Help Needed
Eucharistic Ministers:
Altar Servers: Ryan Weber

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode
Greeter: Help Needed
Lector: Help Needed
Eucharistic Ministers:
Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 9:30 am

Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski
Greeter: Help Needed
Lector: Help Needed
Eucharistic Minister: Help Needed
Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: Rev. Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski, Deacon Tom Gibbon
Greeter: Help Needed
Lector: Help Needed
Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed
Altar Servers: Help Needed

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Altar Breads & Wine – In loving memory of Patsy & Philip Marchese by Marchese family.

Sanctuary Lamp – In loving memory of Vito and Marie Benardone by Corry and Benardone families **Mass Candles:** For Harmony in the World by Skoczylas Family,

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PARISH

Saturday, January 7

5:00 pm Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski
 7:00 pm Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

Sunday, January 8

7:45 am Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski
 9:15 am Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode, Deacon Nick Ardito
 10:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky
 12:15 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Joe Goode

ST. MARK'S NEEDS \$5,280 PER WEEK TO MEET OUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

Current Year	Last Year 2015
December 25, 2016: \$ 2,528 Envelopes used: 31	December 27, 2015: Figures not available
Christmas: \$11,816.65	Christmas: \$16,681
On Line for December: \$8,194	On Line for December: \$8,288
Supermarket Gift Cards No sales	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

The twelve days of Christmas culminate with the celebration of the wonderful feast of Epiphany. I am thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish, but I realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* will automatically process any offertory or second collections donations of your choosing. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NJ484 Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You, Fr. Joe



FOOD PANTRY STATUS...

The Long Valley Food Pantry is about to enter the critical winter season - - in very good shape, thanks to the generosity of St. Mark's (and the other churches that participate). Now let's try our best to keep it that way. Hearty soup, hot cereal, baby food, pasta/sauce, etc. would be especially helpful at this time of year. But as always, anything you can donate will be appreciated.



NEW YEAR 2017

May the Lord bless you and your families on this New Year's Day as we celebrate the feast day of Mary, the Mother of God. This feast day acknowledges the unique place that Mary holds in our religious history. Her title as Mother of God is the one most honored because it was through her acceptance of God's will to be the mother of Jesus that the whole course of our salvation set in motion. Mary's willingness to do the will of God should be a model for us as we begin this New Year. Resolutions are fine but think about the fact that if we make doing God's will a priority in our life each day many other things that we worry about or get distracted by will also fall into place. The Angel Gabriel told Mary not to fear to become the mother of Jesus. She trusted and her life was completely changed. We need to be open to the wonderful possibilities that God holds out to us. We need to hear the same message: do not be afraid but do be the faithful disciples of Jesus, Mary's son. The world presents many challenges today. I hope that as faithful disciples like Mary we might be able to do our part to bring some of joy and peace that the birth of her son meant to the world and bring a message of renewed hope in 2017...Fr. Joe

JANUARY 22 – POT LUCK LUNCH...

Please sign up on the poster in the gathering space for our annual Pot Luck Lunch. This is a nice way for the community to come together and socialize with one another as we begin the New Year. Just find the first letter of your last name sign up the number of people that will attend and bring the food item listed under the column for about 6 people.

ANTIOCH FOOD SIGN UP...

If you have not signed up to help feed our confirmation candidates who will be on their retreat Jan 13-15, check the available spaces on the sign up in the gathering space.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

The first to help you up are the ones who know what it is like to fall down.

YOU DID IT FOR ME...

Dorothy* has been a widow for 22 years and has struggled with loneliness. She applied to the Catholic Charities Senior Companion Program in her hometown. Now she has a weekly visitor, Cheryl*, with whom she plays cards or enjoys a noontime meal. A senior companion can help with a drive to the doctor or dentist too. The Senior Companion Program helps older adults maintain their independence without suffering isolation. In 2015, Catholic Charities agencies provided 350,539 services to seniors. To learn more, visit www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org

BE RICH IN GOOD WORKS...

The annual Bishop's campaign concludes this month. We have reached our goal but if you have not donated please consider doing so because since we are over our goal 50% of your donations will be returned to St. Mark's for our use to help with our finances... On-line gifts go to www.2016appeal.org.



BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS HAVE BEEN DONATED IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:

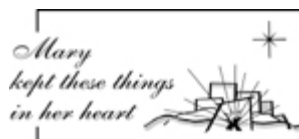
James & Mary June Sullivan, Katherine Hughes, Robert Hughes, Christine Perry, Marilyn Uccardi, Jan Pedlow, Patti Hughes, Huntz and Hayko Families, John Betz, Aloysia Betz, Marie Betz, Ceill Fruhwirth, Don Hogan, Anna Philipsen, Henning Suehrig, Violet Jonkowski, Joseph Callaremi, Sr., Dave Woeste, Cho Family, Julia & Thomas Dugan, Anna & Anthony Monteverde, Patricia Barone, Stanley Guzek, Lefebure Family, Dorothy & Bill Connallon, Culbert Family, Bill & Mary Kuhl, Johnny & Margaret Burke, Dolores Milazzo, Marge & Sam Terpstra, Miriam Bennett, Lennon & Onorevole families, Douglas Lock, Purwin Family, Ray & Joanne Spangler, Lester & Marjorie Rowe, Josephine Mancuso, Olga Sabbagh, William Michaels, Deacon Joh Meyers, Hannah Magistro, Cuozzo Family, Caruso Family, Mr. & Mrs. James Griffin, Cabbage Family, Gold & Jarrett Smith, Helen & Geza Higl, Florence & Louis Mraz, Smith Family, John Bell Jr, Orville & Helen McCarver, Jute Family, Redmond Family, Woelfel Family, Purdy Family

save the date...

The Long Valley Columbiettes are having a "WONDERS OF CHOCOLATE" afternoon celebrating Valentine's Day on Sunday, February 12 from 3-5 pm at St. Mark's. Details to follow.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE RESULTS...

Results of the Augustus J. Rampone Christmas Raffle: Sales for the raffle totaled \$7,526. Monday December 19th at 9:00 pm, Fr. David Pekola, Faithful Friar to the Assembly and Pastor of St. Mary's Church of the Assumption, pulled winning ticket number 0135. The winner, a member of St. Mark's parish, received \$3,763 dollars. Augustus J. Rampone Assembly, Knights of Columbus thanks our Pastors and parishioners for supporting this annual event. Augustus J. Rampone is the Patriotic Degree of the organization and the proceeds from the raffle will go to support local Veteran Organizations in the area.



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord told Aaron to bestow his blessings on the Israelites. God wanted them to know that by invoking his name they would be blessed by him.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Paul describes how through Jesus' birth, we have been delivered from the laws that exiled Gentiles from God's community. Through Jesus, the Gentiles became God's adopted sons and would receive the same blessings that the Jewish converts had been promised.

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds went to Bethlehem to see Jesus and immediately understood all that they had been told about him. They praised God for what they had seen, and Jesus was given the name that the angel had chosen for him.



All- powerful and ever-living God the lasting health of all who believe in you, hear us as we ask your loving help for the sick; restore their health, that they may again offer joyful thanks in your church.

Randi Alloway, Richard Alvarez, John Andaloro, Tony Atkins, Charlie, Baby Natalie Rose Bassett, Kenneth Bernisky, Luz Bracero, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Arlene Cichlar, Hannah Clark, Emily Condit, Kaitlin Cross, Natalia Danileczuk, Krish Dharia, Catherine DiPasquale, Ellen Eichler, Connie Elliott, Rick & Nicholas Fania, Larry Fine, Tracey F, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Barbara Gotterdam, Louie Gutierrez, Helen Greenly, Harper Lynn Granito, Regina Hague, William Heimsly, Bob Hodiern, Maria Dougherty Jante, Donna Jennings, Laurel Jilek, Claudia Kallmeyer, Kevin Kay, Russell H. Keller, Mary Koenig, Jean Koenig, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris,, Margaret Leon, Maryann Litori, Ann Loughney, Helene Mackie, Wayne Marks, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Irene Madelyn S., Maruggi, Raymond McCarthy Jr., Jonathon McClelland, Harold & Mary McKay, Kathy Minichini, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Marilyn O'Connor, Jim Owens, Dennis Paradise, Arlene Parikh, Rev., Raymond Pavlick, Nicky Pilosi, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, , Jeff Schpiner, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

Every now and then we try to update our prayer list of names of the sick and special intentions. We have alphabetized the names in the hopes of making them easier to read. There are some names that we in the parish office cannot associate with a person who made the request to pray for them. Please look over the list and if you requested prayers for a person please either call the office or e mail Fr. Joe to let us know if you wish to continue to be on this prayer list.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Donald Higgins and Elvira Griffin

Community News

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION EVENTS..

TABATA STYLE STRENGTH & CARDIO...

A high intensity workout protocol with Kim Rainforth. All sessions held at the Senior Center. Class is designed for active ages 14-99. January 9-March 20 from 3-4 pm with a nonrefundable fee of \$100. Deadline date to register is January 4th.

DANCE CARDIO....

For everyone including seniors. Tuesdays, Jan. 10-March 21 from 12:30-1:15 pm. Or Thursdays Jan. 12-March 23. Nonrefundable fee of \$56. Classes will be held at the W.T. Senior Center. Register no later than Jan. 6th. For info on any of these classes go to www.wtmorris.org or call office (908) 876-5941 or email recreation@wtmorris.com

NEEDED...

Life Choices Pregnancy Center needs stairway gates, cribs, pack and play, bassinets, carriages, car seats, clothes size infant to size 14. Call Judy 908-399-7305

COPING WITH LOSS GROUP...

This **FREE** ongoing group is designed to provide support, education, and resources to those who are coping with the loss of a loved one.

Where: 41 East Mill Road, Long Valley,

When: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30 pm. No Cost

Pre-register: <http://drpeggydelong.com/services/community-services>

For information: Contact Peggy DeLong (908) 672-6344 or peggydelong@comcast.net or <http://drpeggydelong.com>

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP – SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA CHURCH, SPARTA...

The Bereavement Ministry invites all those who have experienced the loss of a loved one to join our Support Group for prayerful reflection and sharing on the first Wednesday of every month from January to August 2017, from 7:00-8:30 pm. Please call Laura Entwistle at (973) 726-8978 if you wish to attend.





**ST. MARK'S
ANNUAL POT LUCK LUNCH
January 22nd following 11:00 mass**

Bring the whole family and join us as we welcome our newest parishioners with a "pot luck" meal

Get your best appetizers, main dishes, and desserts ready—what you bring will depend on your last name.

Enjoy a fun, stress-free day after the holidays hanging out with friends and family.

Sign-up sheet is in the gathering space

