

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

February 12, 2017

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 11

5:30 pm For Donald Higgins by Fania Family

Sunday, February 12

8:00 am For Arline Bomely by Eufrasia Conca

9:30 am For Kathryn Murphy by McGrath Family

11:00 am For Robert Froetscher by Mazzullo Family

Monday, February 13

8:45 am For Peace

Tuesday, February 14

8:45 am For Families

Wednesday, February 15

8:45 am For the Sick

Saturday, February 18

5:30 pm For Claire Murphy by Fania Family

Sunday, February 19

8:00 am For St. Mark's Confirmation Candidates

9:30 am For Jack Hulme by Monteverde Family

11:00 am For Elvira Griffin by Cathy & Rob Litkenhaus

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
February 18, 19, 2017, 2016**

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Lector: Daniel & Isabella DiLizia

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Scarda

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski, Deacon Jim Jones

Lector: Jim Scott

Eucharistic Ministers: Carmen Veras, Austin Harvey

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 9:30 am

Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski, Deacon Nick Ardito

Lector: Kevin O'Shea

Eucharistic Minister: Tony Piombino

Altar Servers: Hannah & Sarah Tupaczewski

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

Lector: Dina Carmelengo

Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Michonski, Angel Nowak, Elizabeth Jasek

Altar Servers: Help Needed

FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

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, February 18

5:00 pm Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

7:00 pm Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

Sunday, February 19

7:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

9:15 am Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode, Deacon Nick Ardito

10:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky

12:15 pm Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski,
Deacon Bob Head

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

Current Year	Last Year 2016
February 5, 2017: \$3,392 Envelopes used: 63	February 7, 2016: \$2,883 Envelopes used: 70
Parish Debt Reduction: \$739 Envelopes used: 26	Parish Debt Reduction: \$1,109.80 Envelopes used: 35
Supermarket Gift Cards February 5, 2017 Sales: \$4,300 Profit: \$215 YTD Profit: \$814 # of families: 16	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide St. Mark the Evangelist with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! 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





WORLD MARRIAGE DAY ...

Sun Feb. 12 is World Marriage Day

World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily-married life. World Marriage day helps couples and the church community to recognize the importance of the family to society. All families are unique and should be respected and honored as such. This basic cell of our society needs to be strengthened so that each of its members might grow together in love. Isn't that what family is all about – Growing in love together? We all know the challenges that society today causes families to face. It might seem an overwhelming task to grow together in love, to form bonds, to teach values. It is extremely important to impart knowledge to children that will help them as they grow up and face some of the challenges in the world. Families come in different sizes and configurations but whether they are two parents or one parent or extended families living together the daily challenge is to be the best family that you can be.

Recognize and respect the importance of each person in the family from the oldest to the youngest. Each person has a unique contribution to make. Perhaps today you might want to have a little family time to thank God for the gifts you are to one another and share your thoughts with each other on how you will continue to be the family that God wants you to be...Oh and Happy Valentine's Day too. ...Fr. Joe

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

— St. Catherine of Siena

NOTE: This week you received the mailing from me about how St. Mark's can continue to prepare for the future through a look at our regular giving. This is important to any parish to know that it can rely upon parishioners who give on a regular basis either by envelope or on line giving. As you know from your budgeting experience the cost of almost everything continues to rise and that presents challenges. I hope you will consider your giving to St. Mark's as we go onto the future with hope...Fr. Joe

PREPARE FOR LENT: go to this website and receive each day a brief video and reflection that will help you through each day of lent... no cost... offered free from Dynamic Catholic (Matthew Kelly) <http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/>

ST PAUL'S INSIDE THE WALLS PRESENTS:

Professor Robert P. George "Conscience and its enemies: why moral truths matter"

Feb 15th 7-8 p.m. Presentation open to the public \$15, Madison Avenue, Madison, NJ. For more information and to register - go to website: /insidethewalls.org/

REMINDER: CATHEDRAL REDEDICATION 10:00 AM, JUNE 24...two people from each parish are invited by Bishop Serratelli. If you would like to go. If you have special family ties to the Cathedral. If you have never seen it before. If for whatever reason you would like to go, I am going to ask you to send me by letter your name phone number and e-mail. Parishioners of OLM mail your request to the office at 2 E Springtown Road, Long Valley

and parishioners of St. Mark's mail your requests to the office at 59 Spring Lane, Long Valley. All the names I get from each parish will go into a drawing on February 18th and I will let everyone know if their names are chosen or not.

WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC:

We are Catholic because we believe...The Creed, like the last book of the Bible, ends with the Hebrew word amen. This word frequently concludes prayers in the New Testament. The Church likewise ends her prayers with "Amen." In Hebrew, amen comes from the same root as the word "believe." This root expresses solidity, trustworthiness, faithfulness. And so we can understand why "Amen" may express both God's faithfulness towards us and our trust in him. The Catechism of the Catholic Church 1061, 1062

OLM BOOK CLUB: FEBRUARY SELECTION...

OLM Book Club will be holding it's next meeting on Tuesday, February 21st in the Parish center conference room on the first floor. Please come and join us for some light refreshments and good-hearted discussions. This month's book is Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt by Anne Rice. Check out the full list of the books our members have suggested here: <https://goo.gl/RgnIsh>

Hope to see everyone there! For more information please contact Josephine or Jason at jmazzeo192@aol.com or solomoja@me.com

SAVE THE DATE: March 23, 2017 - Assumption College for Sisters' 16th Annual Caring Basket Gala!

Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, NJ, is proud to honor Father Brian Plate, Eileen and Les Quick and Terry and Prudence Pigott for their service to Church, family and community.

Assumption College for Sisters, sponsored by the Sisters of Christian Charity, exists primarily to educate women called to consecrated life. The Gala raises scholarship money for the Sisters' education, which equips them with the necessary pastoral and professional skills for ministry. For more information, contact Patricia McGrady [973-957-0188 ext. 101](tel:973-957-0188), or email: gala@acs350.org.

FOOD PANTRY...

Have you seen our beautiful new box for Food Pantry donations? It's so bright and inviting, it's hard to miss. But just in case, here's what it looks like:



Even though it looks very expensive, it didn't cost St. Mark's a "red" cent. It was built and donated by two industrious and generous young ladies - Sarah Hanifin and Cheryl Bitecola. They are members of Girl Scout Troop 100 and, lucky for us, they chose this as their silver award project.

These young ladies obviously put a lot of effort into this project. Let's make sure that their effort was not in vain. In other words, let's use it *often*. By the way, it's VERY sturdy, so don't be afraid to fill it up!

For February, fill it up with pasta/rice, tissues/paper towels, flour/sugar/etc., and coffee/tea. As always, anything you donate will be appreciated.

ST. LUKE CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL PROGRAM...

Registration for the 2017-2018 School Year will be held during the months of January and February 2017 Tuesday through Thursday from 12 to 1 pm at the Preschool. If that time doesn't work, you can bring the Registration to the St. Luke Office. Forms are located in the Gathering Room and can also be accessed on the St. Luke website at www.stlukeparishlv.com. A \$50 non-refundable check is required to reserve your child's enrollment. If you have any questions, please e-mail us at preschool@stlukelv.org

NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY...

The Knights of Columbus will be having an eyeglass recycling container in St. Mark's gathering space beginning February 1 through February 28. **Please** donate your used eyeglasses which will be given to the needy and be sincerely appreciated.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBETTES ADULT BARN DANCE...

The Long Valley Knights of Columbus will hold their second annual adult Barn Dance on Saturday, February 18 at St. Mark's from 7pm to 11pm. The affair will be a BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverages and Snacks). The proceeds from the dance will be used to support our veterans at various Veteran hospitals and facilities. There will be a professional barn dance caller, Dan Tapper, who will have a repertoire of easy dances; he will provide instructions for all experience levels with the aim to provide a relaxed and lively social occasion. Tickets will be on sale after all masses (February 4 & 5, 11 & 12 for \$15 per person. For further information email us at koc.barn@gmail.com, or call John at 852-8840 or Charles at 832-5313. Get your tickets early – we sold out last year.

LONG VALLEY COLUMBIETTES BAKE SALE...

Giving up cakes pies and other goodies? The Long Valley Columbiettes will be holding a bake sale on the weekend of February 25 and 26 in the gathering space after all masses. Indulge your sweet tooth one more time. All proceeds to benefit the veterans, scholarship and other projects of the Columbiettes.

Community News

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS PROGRAM

The Quellen Spiritual Direction Formation Program is accepting applications from those individuals who may be called to the ministry of becoming Spiritual Directors. Our three year program is designed for mature adults seeking to deepen their own spiritual life, learning how to sharpen their skills in offering direction, and becoming a trained spiritual director. Classes are held each week from September to May excluding holidays at the Quellen Spiritual Center Mendham, NJ. A trained staff and other visiting presenters offer a wide range of topics designed to help the person grow in the area of spiritual direction. Applicants must be in spiritual direction themselves for at least one year. For more information visit our website at www.quellenspiritualcenter.org or call Sister Teresa at 973-543-6528 x 217.

2017 VILLA WALSH ACADEMY...

Summer Camp for girls entering Grades 4-9. Week 1 – June 26-June 30, Week 2 – July 10-14. Morning session 9am-12pm. Afternoon session 1pm-4 pm. For more information or to register contact Camp Director Denise Wendorff, summercamp@villawalsh.org. or visit website www.villawalsh.org under athletics tab.

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED...

Villa Walsh Academy, located in Morristown is looking for part-time school bus drivers. Interested candidates must possess a CDL with both the passenger (P) and school bus (S) endorsements. Most trips are late afternoon/early evening. There are also some weekend trips available. Please contact Jen Fleury, Athletic Director at fleuryj@villawalsh.org or call (973) 538-3680 Ext 145.



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, Natalie Rose Bassett, Kenneth Bernisky, Luz Bracero, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Arlene Cichlar, Hannah Clark, Emily Condit, Kaitlin Cross, Natalia Danilczuk, 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 Plosi, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Jeff Schpiner, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, William Thompson, Elizabeth Tomaszewski, 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.

