

Rest in God alone, my soul.

February 26, 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, February 25

5:30 pm For Donald Dobbings by McDermott Family
For Dave Woeste by Kathy Woeste

Sunday, February 26

8:00 am For Frank Kotasek by Draghi Family
9:30 am For Parents by Eufrasia Conca
11:00 am For Elvira Griffin by Dhuyvetter Family

Monday, February 27

8:45 am For Persecuted Christians

Tuesday, February 28

8:45 am For those who are in need of healing

Wednesday, March 1 - Ash Wednesday

8:45 am For the forgiveness of sins
7:30 pm For the forgiveness of sins

Saturday, March 4

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village
5:30 pm For Theresa Ellen Brady by Fania Family

Sunday, March 5

8:00 am For Deacon John Meyer by Gebbia Family
9:30 am For Joan Pirolo by Marschall Family
11:00 am For Elvira Griffin by Fania Family

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
March 4, 5, 2017**

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski, Deacon Bob Head
Lector: Joanne Lee
Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne Lee, Mary Scarda
Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski
Lector: Bill & Amy Barron
Eucharistic Ministers: Sue Clark
Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 9:30 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode
Lector: Kevin Mullin
Eucharistic Minister: Steve Beggin
Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski, Deacon Nick Ardito
Lector: Emily & Gabriella Nowak
Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Labue, Kevin Ramos, Nick Caruso
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, March 4

5:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode
7:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Sunday, March 5

7:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky
9:15 am Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski, Deacon Jim Jones
10:45 am Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski
12:15 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode, Deacon Tom Gibbon

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

Current Year	Last Year 2016
February 19, 2017: \$2,620 Envelopes used: 57	February 21, 2016: \$2,928 Envelopes used: 60
Extended Catholic Obligations: \$339 Envelopes used: 24	Extended Catholic Obligations: \$551 Envelopes used: 28
Supermarket Gift Cards February 19, 2017 Sales: \$2,550 Profit: \$127.50 YTD Profit: \$1,100 # of families: 14	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





ENTERING INTO LENT...

“Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself.” Matthew 6:34

These words of Jesus present a daily challenge to us. As we awake to a new day given to us by God do we really place our lives in God's hands? There are many things that we cannot control and the more we try the further we get from following the advice of Jesus to let God take care of us.

This week we begin the season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, ashes will be placed on our heads and we will be reminded that our life is in God's hands. Perhaps this week we might take a few minutes to prepare for Lent by looking at the things that are important in our lives. What are our real needs? Who are the people most important to us? What are the gifts from God that I really should appreciate? “Do not worry” Jesus tells us. Placing our lives in God's hands each day through a brief prayer might help us focus on what is important to us...Fr Joe

MOVING FORWARD WITH FAITH...

Our parish increased offertory campaign has included an announcement of the campaign, our first commitment Sunday Feb. 12 along with a witness talk on the importance of regular giving. The icy weather of Feb. 12 and the President's holiday did not help our mass attendance on these two weeks. So please put your commitment card in the collection basket during the next couple of weekends.

I hope that you will consider what you can do in terms of regular support for the parish community of St. Mark's. It is important to be able to meet our regular financial obligations as well as plan for the future. Faith Direct is the on-line giving program that is used by many families. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NJ484Fr. Joe

LENTEN SCHEDULE...

See the full Lenten schedule in the bulletin. There are a number of activities. Check the bulletin each week for upcoming activities for the next week. **You are welcome also to OLM on Fridays of Lent at 7:30 for the Stations of the Cross.**

SIGNS AND WONDERS...check the Lenten schedule in the bulletin ... note on Wednesday evening beginning with Ash Wednesday this week there will be a special 7:30 p.m. Lenten Mass. After mass stay and join in a group for reflections on the popular Miracles of Jesus and see how they can guide our lives today.

PREPARE FOR LENT: Your Best Yet?

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/>

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

Jesus showed us the ultimate mercy on the cross when he suffered and died to forgive our sins and welcome us into heaven, as Saint Paul says, “While we were still sinners” (Romans 5:8). Jesus didn't wait for us to become saints before he made this consummate act of love. -from *The Church Is Our Mother*

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES – RICE BOWL

This project offers us an opportunity this lent to help support the efforts of CRS to feed the hungry in our world. The rice bowls are available at the doors of the church. Please take one and put your donations in the Rice bowl. It is suggested each family eat a lesser meal each week and put the savings in the rice bowl as you pray for those who are hungry in our world. Download the app ([Http://www.crs.org/resource-center/crs-rice-bowl-app-ios-android](http://www.crs.org/resource-center/crs-rice-bowl-app-ios-android)) daily reflections and much more. Learn more about human hunger in the world and how you can help.

WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC...We are Catholic because we believe:

Jesus Christ himself is the Amen. He is the definitive Amen of the Father's love for us. He takes up and completes our Amen to the Father: For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, God, forever and ever. AMEN. - The Catechism of the Catholic Church 1065

RESPECT LIFE...

Join with others who respect life for 40 Days for Life as we peacefully pray outside of the Planned Parenthood in Morristown, 196 Speedwell Avenue. We pray for all those who have created a child, for each life is a joyous gift from God. Please come singularly or in groups, to pray or meditate. If you wish to register for particular hours please visit 40 Days for Life and register for the Morristown vigil or call [973-933-2800](tel:973-933-2800) or email 44lifeus@gmail.com.

KATHY DIFIORE; FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR OF SEVERAL SOURCES SHELTERS...

St. Jude Church in Budd Lake, is hosting Kathy DiFiore; Founder and Director of Several Sources Shelters. Sunday, March 12 at 7 pm. Come and hear Kathy's compelling story of how God has touched her and those she's encountered in founding the Several Sources Crisis Pregnancy Shelters and other "Culture of Life" projects like the Mobile Sonogram Unit, which will be on display. For further information, contact Lou Monteforte on [908-462-4629](tel:908-462-4629).

FEBRUARY INSIDE THE WALLS...

St. Paul's Inside the Walls is our diocesan catechetical and evangelization center and each month there are several program open to all. Go to the website: insidethewalls.org to find the offerings of programs for this month.

PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP SERRATELLI...

If you are a young man in high school or college, or even older, come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and of course, pizza. Tuesday, March 7th 7-9 pm at Pope John XXIII High School, Sparta. For more information, please contact the Vocation Office at 973-777-8818, ext. 711.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MARCH MADNESS RAFFLE...

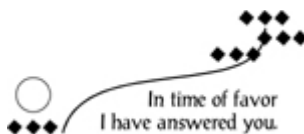
The Long Valley K of C announce our annual March Madness Raffle. First Prize is an Apple iPad 9.7 Pro tablet, and Second Prize is a \$200.00 Best Buy gift card. Raffle Tickets will be sold after all masses on March 4th and 5th, as well as March 11th and 12th. The drawing will be held at 5 pm, March 12th, in the OLM gathering space. All proceeds of the auction will be shared among the three Long Valley parishes.

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.

LONG VALLEY COLUMBIETTES BAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND...

Giving up cakes, pies and other goodies? The Long Valley Columbiettes will be holding a bake sale this weekend 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.



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, Bernie Cho, 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 Zimble

Community News

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION EVENTS...

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON... Friday, March 17th at 11:00 am at the Senior Center in Rock Spring Park. The Valley Restaurant will cater an American-Irish Traditional Luncheon. Entertainment by Michael Popkin. Non-refundable fee of \$9.50 for residents and \$10.50 for non-residents. Send checks to W.T. Recreation, 50 Rock Rd. Long Valley, NJ 07853, deadline is March 10, 2017.

"GIRLS ROCK" Yoga class for girls in grades 5-8, on Monday's from April 3-May 22 - 4:30-5:30 pm at the W.T. Senior Center. Non-refundable fee of \$90 due before March 27th

"AMERICAN GIRL FLOWER CHILD" EVENT... For ages 6-12 on Friday, March 10 from 5-7:30 pm at the W.T. Senior Center. Non-refundable fee of \$15 is due before March 3rd. We are going back to the era of 1970's with American Girl Doll Julie Albright. Fun activities, games and crafts. Don't forget to wear your "Groovy" outfits, and bring your special doll too.

For information on any of these events call 876-5941 or email recreation@wtmorris.net or website www.wtmorris.org

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.



ENTER INTO THE SEASON OF LENT...2017

Enter this Lenten Season with prayer and hope that the Lord Jesus will work his wonders once again in our hearts. Stand firm in the ways of the Lord this Lent. Accept the invitation of the Spirit of God and enter this Lent and build a closer relationship with God and our brothers and sisters.

FAST - The church asks us to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

ABSTAINENCE - Abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent

PERSONAL PRACTICES - of prayer and penance are encouraged for all so that we purify our hearts to be better able to reflect upon the Suffering and Death of Jesus and its meaning for us in our life. See the bulletin each week for suggestions. The following are some events that are taking place at St. Mark's during the forty days of Lent. Rice Bowls are a good Lenten practice.

ASH WEDNESDAY –March 1 Ashes are placed on our foreheads during mass or at the prayer service

8:45 a.m. Mass - 4:30 p.m. Prayer Service. - 7:30 p.m. Mass

SAINT MARK'S WEEKDAY MASS: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings during Lent Special Lenten mass @ 7:30 p.m. - Mar 1, Mar 8, Mar 15, Mar 22, Mar 29

SIGNS AND WONDERS...-This Lenten Program is presented on 6 Wednesday evenings of Lent **Mar 1, Mar 8, Mar 15, Mar 22, Mar 29 Apr 5***** following the 7:30 p.m. Lenten mass... ***exception on April 5 the program will follow the 7 p.m. Parish Penance/Reconciliation Service. Each week we will look at one of the popular miracles of Jesus and we see how we can incorporate their lessons into our lives. There is a book for each participant and it is very user friendly. Make a commitment to be part of this program.

FREE ON LINE LENTEN PROGRAM - BEST LENT EVER... consider signing up. Each day you will receive a video and reflection and prayers on your computer/phone. This is an ideal way to give yourself some prayerful time at home and do something positive for Lent. Just go to www.BestLentEver.com and sign up today! Dynamic Catholic presenter Matthew Kelly well known Catholic Speaker and writer and others lead us each day on our Lenten journey in these short reflections.

DIocese of PATERSON SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION INITIATIVE...WELCOME HOME...On five (5) Mondays of Lent the Diocese of Paterson has a special Reconciliation initiative – a priest is available in any church of the diocese of Paterson from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Dates are Mar.6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3. Please let others know.

SAINT MARK'S SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION...We will have a parish celebration of Reconciliation on **Wednesday April 5 at 7:00 p.m.** There will be at least three (3) priests available for individual confession and the celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation with you.

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN - Daily mass at OLM 9:30 a.m. Mon to Fri

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7:30 p.m. every Friday of Lent at Our Lady of the Mountain Church - Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Apr 7 and Apr 14 Good Friday living stations presented by the parish youth group.

A PRAYER FOR ALL OF US: Loving Father who sent Jesus among us as our savior, bless us this Lent and help us make good use of the time you have given to us. Amen

