

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

January 7, 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord



Saturday, January 6

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village
5:30 pm For Thomas Dugan by Monteverde Family

Sunday, January 7

8:00 am For Vincent DiTrollo by Cannallon Family
9:30 am For Bernard Cho by McGrath Family
11:00 am For Mark Zeliff by Michonski Family
For Dr. Manuel Isaias Lopez by Lopez Family

Monday, January 8

8:45 am For

Tuesday, January 9

8:45 am For

Wednesday, January 10

8:45 am For Mark Miksic by Stokes Family

Thursday, January 11

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village

Saturday, January 13

5:30 pm For Mary Kuhl by Burke Family

Sunday, January 14

8:00 am For Robert Higgins by Dave Donlon
9:30 am For Bernie Cho by Corry Family
11:00 am For Vincenzo DiTrollo by Cannallon
For Joann Leone Eades by DelGuercio Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
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:

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
January 13, 14, 2018**

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski
Lector: Tom Morley
Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Burke
Altar Servers: Jeremy Timog

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno
Lector: Tony Cretella
Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Vetterl
Altar Servers: Help Needed

9:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno
Lector: Tom & Sarah Hanifin
Eucharistic Ministers: Eric & Sharon Woelfel
Altar Servers: Kaitlyn Buchanan

11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno
Lector: Dina Carmelengo
Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine Fleming, Ed Michonski
Altar Servers: Lea Nowak, Jordan Roehrig

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, January 8

8:45 am Mass
4:30 pm CEC K-5
7:30 pm Parish Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 9

8:45 am Daily Mass
4:30 pm CEC K-5
7:00 pm Fundraising Meeting
7:30 pm Choir

Wednesday, January 10

8:45 am Daily Mass
6:00 pm JYM

Thursday, January 11

Parish Office Closed

Friday, January 12

Antioch Retreat

Saturday, January 13

8:00 am Men's Bible Study
5:30 pm Mass
Antioch Retreat

Sunday, January 14

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am
11:00 am is Antioch Retreat's closing mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2016
December 31, 2017: \$2,346 Envelopes used:32	December 25, 2016: \$2,528 Envelopes used: 31
Supermarket Gift Cards: Dec. 31, 2017 Sales: \$2,650 Profit: \$132.50 YTD Profit: \$8,495 # of Families: 12	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FOOD PANTRY – 2018...

Have you made any New Year's resolutions yet? (Have you broken any yet?)

Whether it's your first, or one of many, here's a good resolution to consider: Donate something to the Food Pantry every month during 2018. You'll be sure to have a blessed year, and you'll be helping others at the same time. And, you don't have to worry that you'll forget – the Bulletin will remind you every month!

For January, consider stews or hearty soups, hot cereals, canned fruits/vegetables, and medicine cabinet items such as Tylenol, cough drops, etc. As always, anything you donate will be appreciated.

FROM FR. MARCIN...

My dear parishioners,

Jesus came for everyone. **Today we celebrate what we call the Epiphany of Jesus that is the revelation or manifestation of Jesus for everyone.** Jesus was revealed by the Father to the world as its Savior when the light of a star guided the wise men from the East to worship him, when the Father spoke from heaven at Jesus' baptism declaring Jesus to be his beloved Son, and when Jesus performed his first miracle at Cana.

Today we celebrate the light of a star leading and revealing Jesus as the Savior of the world to wise men. The body language of the wise men before Jesus spoke of their attitude. They prostrated themselves before Jesus. They worshipped him, and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh; gold because Jesus is king, frankincense because Jesus is divine and myrrh prefiguring his Passion.

There is another attitude in today's Gospel, the attitude of Herod. He does not have an attitude of reverence and respect for Jesus. Herod pretends that he is just as respectful to Jesus as the wise men. He tells them, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." However his thoughts were not thoughts of homage, he merely wanted to trick the wise men into telling him where Jesus was so that he could have him murdered. Herod did not want to lose power and control to somebody else, so he rejected the baby Jesus even though Jesus would be no threat to his kingly power. Herod's problem was not Jesus but Herod himself, and some peoples' problem is not Jesus or the Church but rather that they have rejected Jesus and the Church, particularly by their lifestyles.

The baby Jesus was surrounded in Bethlehem by those who worshipped him but in Jerusalem there was a crowd of liars. They said one thing but meant the opposite. Truth was lacking. In our own time we see this being played out in many walks of life but it is easier to see it in the world of the media and politics.

Anytime I decide that I know better than Jesus or the Church then I have set myself up as a modern day Herod. The faith of the Church is bigger than the faith of any one person. When I celebrate mass, I say the words and prayers of the Roman Missal, not my own words, because the prayers of the Roman Missal reflect the faith of the Church which is bigger than my own faith. I do not have the authority to change the words and prayers of the Roman Missal because if I did then I would be subjecting you to only my faith instead of sharing with you the faith of the Church.

The good news of Epiphany is that Jesus is the revelation of God as one who offers himself to us in love. Jesus is the epiphany of the invisible God in all the events of his life: as a helpless child in a manger, as a young man dying on the cross -- the ultimate revelation that God's glory is love. This feast reminds us that each Sunday's liturgy with its gospel reading is an epiphany of the Lord to be reflected upon in the quiet of faith. Epiphany is the revelation of the purpose of the Incarnation: that God and we, God's sons and daughters, might enjoy each other in the embrace of love.

God has spoken to us, the Word has become flesh. Let us allow God's word to sink into our hearts. The epiphany of the Lord is visible in every celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus reveals himself and identifies himself as the bread of life. **Be wise! Follow the trail of the wise men. Go to Bethlehem. See Jesus and your search will be done.**

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF THE HOME FOR THE NEW YEAR

How to do it??

The entire family gathers at the main entrance of the home.

Leader: peace to this house

All: And to all who dwell within

Leader: We begin the New Year by dedicating our family to Christ. The search of the magi urges us to renew our baptismal call to find Christ in all we do. Our family desires to reveal Christ's light to the world. May everyone who enters here find the comfort, joy and love of the lord living among us.

Reader: Magi from the east came to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they presented him with precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God and myrrh symbolic of his burial. Alleluia!

Reader: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: Both now and forever.

Reader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

The entire family pray Our Father...

Leader: God, who on this day revealed your only begotten Son to all the nations by the guidance of a star, grant that we who know you by faith may finally behold you in your heavenly majesty; Lord we beg you to visit this house and banish from it all the dark power of the enemy. May your holy angels dwell here and keep us in peace, security, love and grace. May your blessing always be upon us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The inscription is made with the blessed chalk over the door.

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*This inscription comes from Latin: Christus Mansionem Benedicat --
- **May God bless this home.***

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PRAY FOR US...

ST. MARK PRAY FOR US...

THANK YOU!!! I would like to say thank you very much for your kindness, beautiful cards, gifts, sweets and for everything what you have done for our church and personally for us, your priests during Christmas time. May God bless you abundantly for your good hearts. Happy and healthy New Year!!!

!!!ST. MARK'S NEW YEAR'S 5K WAS A BIG SUCCESS!!!
I am very happy to say that 5K was a big success. We had over 100 runners. As you know Saturday morning was very cold but runners came. Thank you and God bless you to all runners especially our parishioners who participated in this race. Thank you to all those who helped us to run this race, volunteers, sponsors and many others.

From the depth of my heart I would like to thank Kimberly Dunn, Patrick and Lisa Regan. They have been fabulous. They did all the work. THANK YOU!!!

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND...

We will have a second collection next weekend to help cover the cost of snow and ice removal on our church property. Your help is appreciated.

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not kill. “You have heard that it was said to the men of old, You shall not kill: and whoever kills shall be liable to judgment. But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment”.

My brothers and sisters, let us continue our learning from the The Fifth Commandment.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church the Fifth Commandment teach us that:

“The moment a positive law deprives a category of human beings of the protection which civil legislation ought to accord them, the state is denying the equality of all before the law. When the state does not place its power at the service of the rights of each citizen, and in particular of the more vulnerable, the very foundations of a state based on law are undermined”

As a consequence of the respect and protection which must be ensured for the unborn child from the moment of conception, the law must provide appropriate penal sanctions for every deliberate violation of the child's rights.

Since it must be treated from conception as a person, the embryo must be defended in its integrity, cared for, and healed, as far as possible, like any other human being.

Also prenatal diagnosis is morally licit, if it respects the life and integrity of the embryo and the human fetus and is directed toward its safe guarding or healing as an individual.

It is gravely opposed to the moral law when this is done with the thought of possibly inducing an abortion, depending upon the results: a diagnosis must not be the equivalent of a death sentence.

“It is immoral to produce human embryos intended for exploitation as disposable biological material. Certain attempts to influence chromosomal or genetic inheritance are not therapeutic but are aimed at producing human beings selected according to sex or other predetermined qualities”

Such manipulations are contrary to the personal dignity of the human being and his integrity and identity. Which are unique and unrepeatable.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT...

OLM – Second Monday of each month from 7-8 pm, Next Adoration is on January 8th

St. Mark– Last Monday of each month from 7-8 pm. Next Adoration is on January 29th.

THANK YOU to the sponsors, runners, walkers, volunteers, Pat and Lisa Regan, Lorraine and Kevin Fleming and everyone who prayed or helped in some way to make the St. Mark's New Year's Day 5K a success. Thank you to Fr. Marcin for his faith in this event.

Kim Dunn

ANTIOCH RETREAT FOOD... DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF ANYTIME BEFORE FRIDAY, JAN. 12TH. PERISHABLE ITEMS SHOULD BE WELL WRAPPED AND DROPPED OFF NO LATER THAN NOON ON FRIDAY, JAN. 12TH.

ST. MARK'S FUNDRAISING MEETING... Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 pm. Please join us as we discuss future fundraising events. All are welcome

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS.... If you would like a statement of contributions for 2017, please contact Joanne, our parish bookkeeper at joanne.stm@comcast.net. You can also call her at the parish office. Please do so by January 31, 2018.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:

Cho Family, Hannah Magistro, Culbert Family, Dolores Milazzo, Marjorie A. and Samuel Terpstra, Jean Redmond, Charles & Ellen Eichler, Thomas & Julia Dugan, Anthony & Anna Monteverde, Patricia Barone, Ray Vanderhoof, Sr., Hannah Magistro, Thomas & Irene Walsh, Mary Walsh, Agnes and Joseph Dondero, Margi Schuelke, Judith Sullivan, Bernie Howlett, Billy Howlett, Mary & Bill Kuhl, Margaret & Johnny Burke, Frank & Claire Lankford, Frank & Pauline Pagnani, John, Patricia & Christopher Grace, Janina Klyz, Krzyszof Wilk, Cezary Czapkowski, James & Vera Griffin, Philip & Edna Labue, Joseph Callaremi, Sr., Dave Woeste, Robert & Katherine Hughes, Jane & Jim Pedlow, Patti Hughes, Chris Perry, Bill Perry, Marilyn Uccardi, Cabbage Family, McCarver Family, Josephine Mancuso, Olga & Leasar Sabbagh, Samantha & Connor Mead, Ronald Sabbagh, Donald Family, Huntz & Hayko Families, Helen Guzik, Lennon & Onorevole Families

COLUMBIETTE FUNDRAISER AT MAMA'S...

Please join the LV Columbiettes at Mama's Restaurant in Hackettstown on January 8th and 9th. 10% of your bill will be donated to benefit scholarship program, supplying food pantries, veterans programs & many other community projects. Please bring this ad to the restaurant. A sincere thank you for participating in our event. For information call Marge Sanders 908-852-3091
Happy New Year

COMMUNITY NEWS

SARAH'S FIGHT FOR HOPE FOUNDATION...

Bunco Night Fundraiser & Designer Bag Raffle. January 17th here at St. Mark's, doors open at 6:30 pm-game start 7:30 pm. Pre-sale donation \$20, at door \$25. Group of 4 \$70, door prizes, coffee/tea and dessert. BYOB & Appetizers ONLY with table Reservation \$20. Ticket purchase: www.sarahsfightforhope.org