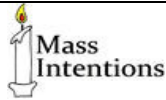


The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

April 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Saturday, April 21

5:30 pm For Daniel Dong Yeon Cho by Schwint Family

Sunday, April 22

8:00 am For Sam Tufts by Nugent Family

9:30 am For Joseph Forlini by Draghi Family

For Bernie Cho by Cho Family

11:00 am For Pasquale Clemente by Van Hoorebeke Family

For Craig Allan Davidson by Del Guercio Family

Monday, April 23

8:45 am For

Tuesday, April 24

8:45 am For

Wednesday, April 25

8:45 am For

Thursday, April 26

8:45 am For

Saturday, April 28

5:30 pm For Virginia Kadri by St. Mark Eucharistic Ministers

Sunday, April 29

11:00 am For

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL**

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: In loving memory of Joseph F. Casey III by Mitchell Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 28, 29, 2018

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno

Lector: Fred McQuaide

Eucharistic Ministers: Holly Zimmerman, Nancy Lennon

Altar Servers: Jeremy Timog

11:00 am

Celebrant: Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli

Lector: TBD

Eucharistic Ministers: TBD

Altar Servers: TBD

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 8:00, OR 9:30 AM MASS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 29TH. JOIN US AT THE 11:00 AM FOR OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY MASS.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, April 23

8:45 am Mass

4:30 pm CEC Grades K-5 Last Class

Tuesday, April 24

8:45 am Mass

4:30 pm CEC Grades K-5 Last Class

7:30 pm Choir

Wednesday, April 25

8:45 am Mass

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

6:00 pm JYM Last Class

Thursday, April 26

8:45 am Mass

Friday, April 27

Parish Office Closed

7:00 pm Reconciliation for CEC students

Saturday, April 28

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, April 29

11:00 am St. Mark's 30th Anniversary Mass, luncheon to follow

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2017
April 15, 2018: \$4,054 Envelopes used: 50 Extended Catholic Obligations: \$447.75 Envelopes used: 21	April 16, 2017 Figures not available
Supermarket Gift Cards Sales: \$2,550 Profit: \$127.50 YTD Profit: \$2,275 # of families: 13	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

THE FOOD PANTRY HAD A HAPPY EASTER...

St. Mark's parishioners contributed \$875 worth of supermarket gift cards to the Long Valley Food Pantry's Easter Basket drive, along with several bags of groceries. We should all be proud of our generous parish. Now, let's keep that Easter spirit alive for the rest of the year.

FAITH DIRECT...

Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Mark the Evangelist with electronic donations through Faith Direct. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code **NJ484**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God Bless you, Fr. Marcin

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,



In today's Gospel Jesus proclaims that he is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.

We all know how popular pictures of Jesus the Good Shepherd are. When we see this image our minds obviously begin to wander and we realize its personal meaning for us. We are that sheep who is being carried by Jesus on his shoulders. Jesus is our support on our journey through life. When crosses and problems come our way or some personal disasters occurs, this image of Jesus the Good Shepherd assures us that we are not abandoned, that Jesus is supporting and holding us up.

We need to be reminded as Peter reminded his listeners in our first reading, that it is only in Jesus' name we are saved. There is no salvation through anyone else, there is no any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.



Since Jesus is the Good Shepherd, he does not run away when the wolf comes, instead he lays down his life for his sheep. Jesus the Good Shepherd shepherded to the point of giving his life for his sheep, dying on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. The Good Shepherd became the Lamb of God. The Good Shepherd loves you and your love for the Good Shepherd drives you to lay down your life to bring others to Jesus the Good Shepherd. True love is not just emotional but makes sacrifices for the sake of the beloved.

As we listen words of Jesus in today's Gospel they take on added meaning because we are in the Easter season. We have celebrated Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus had to die to himself to live his new life. Jesus has shown us how to live life to the fullest; we must die to ourselves in order to rise to new life. Our secularized world thinks it has the answer to our needs but what it offers only leads us into deeper despair.

Only dying to ourselves as we follow Jesus will lead us to the happiness we seek. Jesus teaches us that the way to happiness lies not in filling up each of our wants and needs and desires. The way to happiness lies in a very different choice of life; the way to happiness may be found in sacrificing and taking up our cross with Jesus, reproducing the life of Jesus in our own lives. Pope John Paul encouraged people many times to find life to the full by following Jesus. He was telling to us "Do not be afraid to open the doors to Christ.

Saint Pope John Paul II declared the fourth Sunday of Easter a Day of Prayer for Vocations. Let us pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, that many will be inspired to show true love, to the point of sacrificing many other attractive options to become priests of Jesus, to follow him in religious life. May Jesus the Good Shepherd raise up many shepherds after his own heart to lay down their lives and carry his sheep on their shoulders.



*OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PRAY FOR US...
ST. MARK PRAY FOR US...
GOD BLESS YOU,
FR. MARCIN*



A Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Next Sunday is our BIG DAY-30th Anniversary of our parish. Join us for mass with our bishop at 11am (next Sunday – only mass at 11am, NO mass at 8am and 9:30 am). On Wednesday (April 25) we celebrate the Feast Day of our patron St. Mark. St. Mark-pray for us...

Saint Mark was born in Cyrene, Libya but his date of birth is unknown. He traveled with Saint Barnabas and Saint Paul on many religious missions, during which he founded the Church of Alexandria.

Mark was converted by Peter and accompanied him to Rome acting as his secretary. The roman people asked Mark to put in writing the accounts of Peters talks on Jesus' life. This Mark did under Peter's direction some time before the year 60ad. Therefore, the first gospel written is a record of Jesus' life through the eyes of Peter.

He died circa April 25, 68 A.D. in Alexandria, Egypt. In the 9th century, his relics were relocated to Venice.

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Mark – April 25

Evangelist (First Century)

Who was St. Mark? A disciple of Jesus and thus a witness to the story recounted in his Gospel? Perhaps the John Mark who appears in the book of Acts as a companion to Paul in his missionary journey? Regardless of his sources or his identity there is no doubt that in writing the first Gospel narrative, sometime around the year 70, Mark had a decisive influence on the subsequent shape of Christianity. Previously the teachings of Jesus circulated in the form of sayings. Paul's letters contain almost no reference to the actual life story of Jesus. But for Mark, the authority of Jesus' message was rooted in his paradoxical identity as the suffering and crucified Messiah. For Mark, this was best communicated in the form of a story.

His Gospel ends on a curiously dynamic and open-ended note. In place of an explicit account of the resurrection, he ends with the discovery of an empty tomb and the words of an angel: "Go tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, as he told you." Thus Mark addresses contemporary disciples. Jesus is no longer in the past or confined to Mark's story. He has gone ahead to Galilee. Mark's readers must write their own conclusion by taking up the cross of discipleship and going forth to meet him for themselves.

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." "

-Mark 8:29

FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. It was said to the men of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn."

Dear's brothers and sisters let us continue our learning from the Eighth Commandment. *The duty of Christians to take part in the life of the Church impels them to act as witnesses of the Gospel and of the obligations that flow from it. This witness is a transmission of the faith in words and deeds. Witness is an act of justice that establishes the truth or makes it known.*

All Christians by the example of their lives and the witness of their word, wherever they live, have an obligation to manifest the new man which they have put on in Baptism and to reveal the power of the Holy Spirit by whom they were strengthened at Confirmation.

Also Martyrdom is the supreme witness given to the truth of the faith: it means bearing witness even unto death. The martyr bears witness to Christ who died and rose, to whom he is united by charity. He bears witness to the truth of the faith and of Christian doctrine. He endures death through an act of fortitude. "Let me become the food of the beasts, through whom it will be given me to reach God."

God bless you

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM...

The Long Valley Knights of Columbus College Scholarship Program is now taking applications for 2018. Information about the program and application forms are located in the gathering space and parish office. Deadline for receiving applications is May 31, 2018. You may also contact Patrick Gibbons for a copy of the application at 908.414.0963 (patgibb@gmail.com).



Randi Alloway, Richard Alvarez, Tony Atkins, Kenneth Bernisky, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Emily Condit, Naalia Danilczuk, Krish Dharia, Catherine DiPasquale, Elizabeth, Connie Elliott, Larry Fine, Tracey F, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Jerry Green, Barbara Gotterdam, Louie Gutierrez, Helen Greenly, Harper Lynn Granito, Regina Hague, William Heimsly, Bob Hodiern, Maria Dougherty Jante, Donna Jennings, Laurel Jilek, Joey, Claudia Kallmeyer, Jim Karpinski, Kevin Kay, Russell H. Keller, Mary Koenig, Jean Koenig, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris,, Margaret Leon, Maryann Litori, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Madelyn Maruggi, Raymond McCarthy Jr., Jonathon McClelland, Meghan McDonough, Harold & Mary McKay, Edward Michonski, Sr., Kathy Minichini, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Marilyn O'Connor, Josh Olsen, Jim Owens, Arlene Parikh, Nicky Pilosi, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Jeff Schpiner, Ann Senftinger, Bill Siegrist, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, Cindy Sullivan, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau,, Patricia Villano, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

COMMUNITY NEWS

ACADEMY OF ST. ELIZABETH...

7TH GRADE FUTURE PANTHER DAY!

Friday, April 27th 8:30 am-12:30 pm 2 Convent Road, Convent Station, NJ. 973-290-5225. Spend the morning attending classes to experience being an Academy of St. Elizabeth Panther. Go to aosenj.org and click on the 7th Grade Panther Day link to register by April 24th. The Academy is the oldest Catholic girls school in NJ.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION AT ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL, MENDHAM...

Come join the SJS principal, faculty, and parents for an Information Session on Tuesday, April 24. Learn about the outstanding academics in our PRE-K-8 programs. Early Childhood Session Pre-K-K and 1st, begins at 6 pm and transfer Student Session Grades 2-8 at 6:45 pm. For details go to www.sjsmendham.org or contact Lori Arends, Principal 973-543-7474, ext. 7 St. Joseph School –National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence; AdvancEd Accredited.

1ST ANNUAL SARAH CROWLEY MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING...

Monday, May 14, 2018 at the Black Oak Golf Club in Long Valley. Registration at 11am, shotgun start 12:30 pm. \$170 per person For info www.sarahsfightforhope.org Questions? info@sarahsfightforhope.org

