

# O bless the Lord, my soul.

January 10, 2016

The Baptism of the Lord

## @Mass Intentions

*Saturday, January 9*

5:30 pm For Joe Dauber by Lennon Family

*Sunday, January 10*

8:00 am For Alan Howe by Ortiz Family  
9:30 am For Joseph Donato by Eufrasia Conca  
11:00 am For Valerie Sheerer by McGrath Family

*Monday, January 11*

8:45 am For Mary Kuhl by Burke Family

*Tuesday, January 12*

8:45 am For Peace

*Wednesday, January 13*

8:45 am For Bishops

*Thursday, January 14*

10:30 am Mass at Heath Village

*Saturday, January 16*

5:30 pm For Peter Graham by Santorelli Family

*Sunday, January 17*

8:00 am For Rachel Marie Saris by Redmond Family  
9:30 am For Christian Unity  
11:00 am For James Matthew Totin by Stokes Family

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

*January 16, 17, 2016*

*Saturday, 5:30 pm*

**Celebrant:** Msgr. Joseph Goode  
**Greeter:** Help Needed  
**Lector:** Daniel Dilizia, Isabella Dilizia  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Tom Gibbons, Mary Scarda, Barbara Burke  
**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

*Sunday, 8:00 am*

**Celebrant:** Msgr. Joseph Goode  
**Greeter:** Help Needed  
**Lector:** Jim Scott  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Carmen Veras, Carne Purwin  
**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

*Sunday 9:30 am*

**Celebrant:** Msgr. Joseph Goode  
**Greeter:** Help Needed  
**Lector:** Kevin Mullin  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Deacon Jim Jones, Paul & Gina Tupaczewski  
**Altar Servers:** Hannah Tupaczewski

*Sunday 11:00 am*

**Celebrant:** Rev. Daniel Chajkowski  
**Greeter:** Help Needed  
**Lector:** Dina Carmelengo  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sue Reilly, Claire Liskiewicz, Austin Harvey, Allison Kowlewski, Kevin Ramos  
**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 16*

5:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky  
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*Sunday, January 17*

7:45 am Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski  
9:15 am Celebrant: Msgr. Peter McHugh  
10:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode  
12:15 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky

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

Current Year	Last Year 2014
January 3, 2016: \$2,657.40 Envelopes Used: 54	January 4, 2015: \$4,521 Envelopes used: 66
Parish Debt Reduction: \$548.54 Envelopes used: 23	Parish Debt Reduction: \$549.25 Envelopes used: 29
<b>Supermarket Gift Cards</b> January 3, 2016 Sales: \$1,800 Profit: \$90 YTD Profit: \$90 # of families: 9	St. Mark's Faith Direct church code is NJ484
<b>Total Profit for 2015: \$6,467</b>	

### 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 collection donations of your choosing.

You can sign up online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) using our church code: NJ484, or by mailing a paper enrollment form available in the parish office.

God Bless You, Fr. Joe





### THANK YOU...

The Christmas season at St. Mark's was filled with generosity and love. Each of you added to this season by your presence at our liturgies. Our church decorators, cleaners, liturgical ministers and music ministers all contributed to help make our celebrations joyful. There were a lot of nice comments passed on by visitors to our parish about its spirit. Your generosity as a parish to the needs of the poor through the Angel tree shows again the spirit of helping others in need. Thank you also for the many items of food etc. that arrived at the parish offices these past few weeks. Everyone is grateful. As we enter into the New Year pray for each other that God's blessings continue to be upon us as a community of faith...Fr. Joe

### FURTHER THANKS...

Thanks to everyone who helped at the Epiphany Pot Luck Lunch last weekend...the Pastoral Advisory Council members and parishioners who contributed to the lunch made it a great day to just celebrate who we are as members of the St. Mark's family...Fr. Joe

### BAPTISM OF THE LORD...

Today's feast officially ends our Christmas Liturgical Season. We enter back into Ordinary time only for 5 weeks. Lent is early this year Feb. 10 is Ash Wednesday. This feast day reminds us that the power of the Trinity Father, Son and Spirit shone forth as Jesus in his human nature was baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. For Jesus this moment was significant and he goes forth to accomplish the mission of redeeming humanity. Our Baptisms signify for us that we share in the life of Jesus as adopted Sons and Daughters. How privileged you are to be called "children of God now" St John tells us. Celebrate your baptism too. Make a commitment to be the person that God wants you to be. Be a person of faith who lives out their faith in Jesus each day by your words and actions.

### SERVING CHRIST IN OTHERS....

This is the theme of the Bishop's Annual Appeal which began in September and end this month. Thank you for your generous response as a parish to the appeal. I know we went over our goal and will let you know the numbers when I get the final tally. Your support has helped the lives of many people in our diocese. There is still time to make a donation on behalf of St. Mark's you can do this on line by going to: [www.2015appeal.com](http://www.2015appeal.com) to make a donation and name St. Mark as your parish...thanks.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT...

Monday January 11 7-8 p.m. @ Our Lady of the Mountain --- join us: theme is: "Seeing the face of Jesus in others. "

**POPE FRANCIS** ...asks us this month to pray: "That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice."

### YEAR OF MERCY...12/8/15 - 11/20/16

"Heavenly Father, break my heart for what breaks yours. Help me to hear the pain of your children so that I can help set them free" ...  
Dynamic Catholic

### ARE YOU SIGNED UP ON OUR E MAIL LIST?

Just a reminder if you would like to receive any parish e mails that are sent out you need to sign up on the home page of our parish website. [www.stmarksnj.org](http://www.stmarksnj.org) go to the icon and enter your e mail and then acknowledge an e mail confirmation and you will receive any e mails that are sent out.

You can also sign up for Faith Direct and become a regular giver by on line contributions or make a one-time donation at any time. You might notice the website has been redesigned over the past couple of months. We are now part of the parishes of the diocese that has joined together in the diocesan initiative to offer parish website service and more catholic information for our parishioners.

### WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC...

"For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man." The Word became flesh for us in order to save us by reconciling us with God, who "loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins", "the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world," and "he was revealed to take away sins" - The Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraphs 456-457

### LIGHT A CANDLE...

A most popular Catholic Devotion that goes back ages is lighting a candle before a picture or statue of a saint. The candle symbolizes the prayer intention that is made to the saint. In St. Mark's we have a candle stand in front of the Icon (picture) of Our Blessed Mother Mary. It is nice to witness the faith of people who trust in the intercession of the saints. Who is your favorite saint?

### VESPER SERVICE JAN., 24 AT SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY MOTHER HOUSE...

The Year of Consecrated Life will formally close on February 2, 2016. In commemoration of this year-long event, Bishop Serratelli will celebrate **Vespers on Sunday, January 24, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.** at Mallinckrodt Convent, 350 Bernardsville Road, Mendham, New Jersey, the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Christian Charity.

At the same time, the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* Award will be conferred on Sister Mary Edward Spohrer, SCC for her years of dedication and service to the Diocese of Paterson. Following Vespers, there will be a light reception. If you would like to attend this service please contact the parish office by Jan 15th.

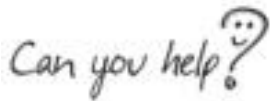
### END OF YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS...

Parishioners who have made contributions to St. Mark's through Faith Direct should be receiving an end of year giving statement directly from Faith Direct. For those who have given directly to St. Mark's and would like a statement, please email our bookkeeper at [joanne.stm@comcast.net](mailto:joanne.stm@comcast.net) or call the parish office. Please let us know by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your support.



**BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS HAVE BEEN DONATED IN MEMORY/HONOR OF...**

Dave Woeste, Bernie Howlett, Billy Howlett, Steven Baron, Jean Redmond, June & James Sullivan, Peg & Donald MacPhee, Elizabeth & Michael Sullivan, Mary & John Bellingham, Jean Spangler, Ray Spangler Sr., Marjorie S. Rowe, Lester Rowe Jr., Mark Favara, Christopher Culbert, Irene Neal, Daniel Murphy, Anthony Renkun, Sr., Cho Family, Jonkoski Family, Thomas & Julia Dugan, Patricia Barone, Anthony & Anna Monteverde, John R. Bell, Jr., Marilyn Uccardi, Guzek Family, Bill & Mary Kuhl, Margaret & Johnny Burke, James Griffin Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Philip Labue Sr., Joseph Callaremi Sr., Jim, Joan & Martin Lynch, Hanifin Family, George A. Steiner, Hannah Magistro, Jan & Amelia Krzywosz, Wladyslaw & Anna Skoczylas, Bertha Van Sickle, Feliksa Hujba, Dorothy & Leo Villari, Romanick Family, Robert & Katherine Hughes, Christine Perry, Marilyn Uccardi, Jane Ryan, Walsh & Dondero Families, Purdy Family, Rosalla A. Caruso, Rosario Caruso, Totin, Grieve & Stokes Families, Bob Smith, Holy Martyrs, Marley Family, Jute Family, Woelfel Family, Cretella Family, Maria Benevento, Mary Verniero, Josephine Mancuso, Paul Mancuso, Olga Sabbagh, Ceasar Sabbagh, William Franco, James Scott, Theresa Voltre, Angelina Tozzo, Carole Tozzo, Martha Scott, Lennon and Onorevole Families,



**ANTIOCH RETREAT IS NEXT WEEKEND  
JANUARY 15, 16 & 17**

**ANTIOCH FOOD SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE POSTED IN THE LOBBY...** We are still in need of several items. .. Your support is very much appreciated! Thank you.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**ST. LUKE CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL PROGRAM...**

Registration for the 2016-2017 school year will be held in January & February 2016. Tuesday through Thursday from 12-1 pm at the Preschool. If that time doesn't work, you can bring registration form to the St. Luke office. Forms can be accessed on the St. Luke website at [www.stlukeparishlv.com](http://www.stlukeparishlv.com) or in the St. Luke's gathering space. A \$50 non-refundable fee is required to reserve your child's enrollment. If you have any questions, please email us at [preschool@stlukelv.org](mailto:preschool@stlukelv.org)

**TRICKY TRAY...**

Sponsored by Long Valley Presbyterian Church, 39 Bartley Rd. L.V. January 29<sup>th</sup> (snow date Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>) Doors open 6:00 pm, drawing 7:30-9:00 pm. Admission \$15 which includes one sheet of tickets! 50/50 raffle, free refreshments. No one under 18. If you would like to donate a basket or gift certificate from a business please contact Carol Roth (908) 507-6523

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION EVENTS...**

W. T. Recreation is offering free income tax assistance from VITA (volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program. VITA offers free Federal and State Income tax preparation for simple returns (1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, Schedules A & B). Those who qualify for this program must bring two forms of ID, last year's tax return and forms relevant to your last tax return. Tax assistance will be at the Senior Center, in Rock Spring Park, on Tues., Feb. 23 and March 29. Program is by appointment only. For information visit our website [www.wtmorris.org](http://www.wtmorris.org) or call recreation office at (908) 876-5941 or email [recreation@wtmorris.net](mailto:recreation@wtmorris.net)

**AN INFORMATIONAL SERIES: "To Help Understand and Care for Our Parents and Ourselves as They/We Age"**

St. Luke's, Long Valley on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 12:15 to 1:30 pm. Last of the series, Taking care financially & legally...Using Foresight to Maximize Care and Financial Security. Guest Speakers: Matt Farley, Financial Planner and Tim Duffy, Attorney.



*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, 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 Danilczuk, Daniel DePaul, Krish Dharia, Charles & Ellen Eichler, Connie Elliott, Larry Fine, George Foehner, Joseph Forlini, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Barbara Gotterdam, Louie Gutierrez, Helen Greenly, Harper Lynn Granito, Regina Hague, William Heimsly, Bob Hodiern, Donna Jennings, Laurel Jilek, Claudia Kallmeyer, Kevin Kay, Russell H. Keller, Mary Anne Kindt, Raymond McCarthy Jr, Mary Koenig, Jean Koenig, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris, Lenore, Maryann Litori, Ann Loughney, Helene Mackie, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Irene Maruggi, Raymond McCarthy, Jr., Jonathon McClelland, Harold & Mary McKay, Kathy Minichini, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Jim Owens, Dennis Paradise, John Parker, Arlene Parikh, Nicky Pilosi, Martha Towne Riley, Clifford Reynolds, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Tommy Scheffler, Ann Senftinger, Kurt Shubert, Rhonda Soto, Judy Stone, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Debra Vitale, 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:** Kevin Parisi and Shirley Fentzloff

