

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

January 24, 2016

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

@Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 23

5:30 pm For Bill Dondiego by Fania Family

Sunday, January 24

8:00 am For Peace

9:30 am For Janet Noll by Stokes Family

11:00 am For James Urban by McGrath Family

Monday, January 25

8:45 am For Unity of all Christians

Tuesday, January 26

8:45 am For Bishops

Wednesday, January 27

8:45 am For Religious Sisters

Saturday, January 30

5:30 pm For Elizabeth LaMassa by Scarda Family

Sunday, January 31

8:00 am For the sick

9:30 am For Catholic School Staff & Students

11:00 am For George Karabin by Monteverde Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 30, 31, 2016

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Fred McQuaide

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Jim Jones

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

Greeter: Sarah Zelif

Lector: Amy & Bill Barron

Eucharistic Ministers: Austin Harvey

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday 9:30 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Katie Van Woert

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Tom Gibbons

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday 11:00 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Greeter: Kathy Yates

Lector: Sharon Donovan

Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed

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 30

5:00 pm Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

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Sunday, January 24

7:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Peter McHugh

9:15 am Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky

10:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

12:15 pm Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

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

Current Year	Last Year 2014
January 17, 2016: \$2,566.25 Envelopes Used: 69 Extended Catholic Obligations: \$581.65 Envelopes used: 29	January 18, 2015: \$2,258 Envelopes used: 26 Extended Catholic Obligations: \$604 Envelopes used: 26
Supermarket Gift Cards January 17, 2016 Sales: \$3,940 Profit: \$197 YTD Profit: \$367 # of families: 17	St. Mark's Faith Direct church code is NJ484

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 using our church code: NJ484, or by mailing a paper enrollment form available in the parish office.

God Bless You, Fr. Joe





READING IS GOOD FOR YOU

I read "professional" books, articles and papers on a regular basis centering on things of a religious nature, but I really like to find a good mystery book. I have always enjoyed the adventure of such heroes as certain spies, police officers etc. I read a couple of the more famous forensic novelists who use their abilities to solve crimes. Over the years I have progressed in how I read books. Paperbacks were common in college and afterward into my early years as a priest. Then I progressed in the Hardcover book. I guess I grew to like the feeling of having a real book in my hands and it was something to look forward to returning to. Now however, I have to admit over the past several years I have become a digital reader. I download my favorite books and read them from my mini tablet computer. I noticed when I started to read books that I download that I read them faster and that I read more books a year than previously. I attribute this to the fact that I usually have my mini tablet with me and whenever I have some minutes I like to catch up with what is going on with these fictional characters that become part of my life for a few weeks. I also like the digital format because I learn almost immediate when one of my favorite authors has a new book out and I put that on my list.

This is not an article to invite you to rediscover the joy of reading but more importantly this is a challenge to you to rediscover the books of the past like Nehemiah did in the first reading for this weekend. He discovered this scroll in the ruins of a former Jewish temple and as you hear in the reading he calls the people together and the words that he proclaims touches their hearts. It causes change in their attitude. They are truly touched by the word of God that is proclaimed. Some scripture scholars believe that Nehemiah discovered the "Torah" the books of Jewish law that were written to guide the people to holiness by following the commandments to love God and your neighbor above all things in every instant.

Rediscover the Word of God for yourselves in the books of the bible. Take a few moments each day to open the bible and read a passage and let it speak to you. Look forward to reading this Word of God. God's Word is ageless. God's Word is living. God's Word is ever renewing. Look forward as much as you would to reading your favorite author. In fact God should be our favorite author. "Your words Lord are Spirit and Life"...F. Joe

YEAR OF MERCY...12/8/15 – 11/20/16

The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life. Life itself is a pilgrimage, and the human being is a viator, a pilgrim traveling along the road, making his way to the desired destination. Similarly, to reach the Holy Door in Rome or in any other place in the world, everyone, each according to his or her ability, will have to make a pilgrimage. This will be a sign that mercy is also a goal to reach and requires dedication and sacrifice. May pilgrimage be an impetus to conversion: by crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, we will find the strength to embrace God's mercy and dedicate ourselves to being merciful with others as the Father has been with us." - Pope Francis

When we think about pilgrimages, we probably think about medieval people walking great distances to awe-inspiring churches. Pope Francis encourages each of us to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Door(s) in our diocese some time during the Jubilees of Mercy. Being committed to the journey of pilgrimage helps us focus our attention on our spiritual journey and walk closer with God.

Similarly, our daily journey to live out the mercy of God "is also a goal to reach and requires dedication and sacrifice" – Pope Francis. Bishop Serratelli has dedicated a Holy Year door in two churches in our diocese. One is in St. Margaret's Church in Morristown and the other is in Holy Rosary Church, Passaic. The passing through the Holy Year door is a sign of our willingness to continue on the journey of faith to God. It is a simple action with great meaning. Plan a trip to visit one of the Holy Year Doors in our diocese. Think about making a personal pilgrimage to one of these two churches or arrange a group visit---St. Margaret of Scotland Sussex and Speedwell Avenues, Morristown, NJ 973.538.0874 --- Holy Rosary 6 Wall Street, Passaic, NJ 973.473.1578

WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC...

We are Catholic because we believe:

At the time appointed by God, the only Son of the Father, the eternal Word, that is, the Word and substantial Image of the Father, became incarnate; without losing his divine nature he has assumed human nature. Jesus Christ is true God and true man, in the unity of his divine person; for this reason he is the one and only mediator between God and men. Jesus Christ possesses two natures, one divine and the other human, not confused, but united in the one person of God's Son. Christ, being true God and true man, has a human intellect and will, perfectly attuned and subject to his divine intellect and divine will, which he has in common with the Father and the Holy Spirit. The Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraphs 479-482.

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 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.

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 or call the parish office. Please let us know by January 31st. Thank you for your support.

MARDI GRAS MADNESS...

Long Valley Columbiettes Bake Sale to be held after all masses on February 6th and 7th at OLM and St. Mark's. All proceeds to benefit Columbiette programs. One last indulgence before the beginning of Lent. Enjoy!

THANK YOU...

To all who cooked, provided food items, provided prayer, good wishes and love...or built a wall...for our Antioch Retreat, **THANK YOU.** To our Kitchen Angels, Peer Ministers, parents and to the Long Valley Columbiettes (for helping with food items), as well as Fr. Joe, Fr. Dan and Fr. Mike...your work was "Love Made Visible". St. Mark's is blessed to have such love and support. God Bless you all, you made quite a difference in the lives of our youth! Sue Reilly

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BARN DANCE...

We are pleased to announce that the Long Valley Knights of Columbus Council 10419 is holding a *Veterans Benefit "Barn Dance"* on Saturday February 20, 2016 from 7:00 to 11:00 PM at St Mark's from 7pm to 11pm. The Barn Dance is a charity event with the net proceeds benefiting our veterans at various VA facilities. Tickets will be sold for \$15.00 per person. The affair will be a **BYOB** (Bring Your Own Beverages and Snacks), adult only event. There will be a professional barn dance caller, Dan Tapper, who will have a repertoire of easy dances, and will provide instructions for all levels of experience, with the aim to provide a relaxed, lively social occasion. This is a great opportunity to come out and have a fun time and also helping our Veterans. For further information contact us on email "koc.barn@gmail.com", or call either John at [908-852-8840](tel:908-852-8840) or Charles at [908-832-5313](tel:908-832-5313).

VESPER SERVICE TODAY (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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

OPEN HOUSE...

You are cordially invited to join us as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. "Come and See" Open House at Pope John XXIII High School, 28 Andover Road, Sparta, NJ, on Sunday, January 31 at 3:00 pm. Faculty-guided tours and light refreshments. RSVP (973) 729-6125 ext.221 or carolsherrier@popejohn.or.

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 or in St. Mark'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

TRICKY TRAY...

Sponsored by Long Valley Presbyterian Church, 39 Bartley Rd. L.V. January 29th (snow date Jan. 30th) 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 or call recreation office at (908) 876-5941 or email recreation@wtmorris.net

TODAY (Jan. 24) ...AN INFORMATIONAL SERIES: "To Help Understand and Care for Our Parents and Ourselves as They/We Age". St. Luke's, Long Valley, 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, 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, Kurt Shubert, Rhonda Soto, Judy Stone, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Debra Vitale, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Julia Wilke, 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.



