

I will sing of your salvation.

January 31, 2016

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, February 1

8:45 am For Kevin Parisi

Tuesday, February 2

8:45 am For Peace

Wednesday, February 3

8:45 am For the sick

Saturday, February 6

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village

5:30 pm For John Opoulos by Marchese Family

Sunday, February 7

8:00 am For Parishioners of St. Mark's

9:30 am For John Grieve by Stokes Family

11:00 am For Jan Sulkowski by Skoczylas Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 6, 7, 2016

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Tom Morley

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Scarda, Angel Nowak

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Greeter: Carmen Veras

Lector: Tony Cretella

Eucharistic Ministers: Carne Purwin, Sue Clark

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday 9:30 am

Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Emily Wu

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Jim Jones, Terri & Bob Baffuto

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday 11:00 am

Celebrant:

Greeter: Dan Haurey

Lector: Tom Hanifin

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Tom Gibbons, Andrew Mount,

Eileen Labue

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, February 6

5:00 pm Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

7:00 pm Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

Sunday, February 7

7:45 am Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

9:15 am Celebrant: Msgr. Peter McHugh

10:45 am Celebrant:

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 24, 2016: \$998 Envelopes Used: 22	January 25, 2015: \$2,559 Envelopes used: 64
On-Line for January: \$9,340	On Line for January \$7,054
Supermarket Gift Cards January 24, 2016 Sales: \$2,000 Profit: \$100 YTD Profit: \$467 # of families: 9	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





IT IS DIFFICULT TO BE A PROPHET...

Very early in his ministry of preaching the Gospel Jesus realized that not everyone can get beyond their prejudices. The people of his hometown of Nazareth welcomed him into their synagogue. He then did the reading and proclaimed to them that scriptures, the Word of God is filled in their hearing. Some of them were amazed by his knowledge and others found it too much for them to believe that a hometown boy could ever achieve so much. St Luke tells us that Jesus did not back off but he used two examples from their own biblical stories of how God was merciful to the widow of Zarephath and the leper Naaman the Syrian. Jesus used these examples to show that God does not play favorites but blesses and gifts people whose hearts are open to receiving his gifts of healing and mercy. The widow received food through Elijah the prophet and Naaman received healing through Elisha the prophet. Both Old Testament prophets were instruments of God's love and healing.

Jesus came among his own people to offer the same gifts. To those who accepted him he gave the promise of new life with him forever. We are sharers in that promise through our baptisms but we also share in Jesus prophetic mission too. We have to be the ones who proclaim without fear the truth of the Gospel today that God sees others with the eyes of love. God sees those in need and asks us today to help them. The lesson is clear for us too. Do not judge by appearance. Do not judge whole cultures by the actions of some. This is particularly relevant today as our country deals with the crisis in Syria, the same Syria of Naaman of the scriptures who came to Israel to seek healing from Elisha the prophet. We have to be prophets today who speak the truth of God's Word to call others to treat all people with respect and dignity. We cannot be prophets if we only speak what people wish to hear. God calls us to do much more...Fr Joe.

Let us often pray the prayer of Pope Francis that he offered for this Jubilee year of Mercy: "Lord Jesus Christ, send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and you Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaims liberty to captives and the oppressed and restore sight to the blind..." Fr. Joe

WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC...

We are Catholic because we believe...

Many things about Jesus of interest to human curiosity do not figure in the Gospels. Almost nothing is said about his hidden life at Nazareth, and even a great part of his public life is not recounted. What is written in the Gospels was set down there "so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name." The Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph 514

YEAR OF MERCY

"The signs Jesus works, especially in favor of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick, and the suffering, are all meant to teach mercy. Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion." — Pope Francis

LENTEN GUIDE ON THE SUNDAY MASS READINGS...

Please join us for a 6 week Lenten series focusing on the Sunday mass readings. The topics include Hope in the Desert; Listening to God; The First of Freedom: Embracing Forgiveness; Press on Towards the Goal; Jesus, Remember Me. Come enjoy the company of fellow parishioners as we reflect on the readings. It starts on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10th and continues until March 16th. It will be held from 8-9 pm in the chapel (after the 7:30 pm mass). All are welcome, feel free to invite a friend.

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.

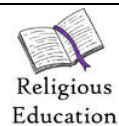
You can also sign up for Faith Direct and become a regular giver by on line contributions or make a one-time donation at any time. You might notice the website has been redesigned over the past couple of months. We are now part of the parishes of the diocese that has joined together in the diocesan initiative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

MARDI GRAS MADNESS...

Long Valley Columbiettes Bake Sale to be held after all masses next weekend 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!

SAVE THE DATE...

Friday, April 22nd – Special Dinner & Wine Tasting at St. Mark's in the Gathering Space from 7:00 pm- 10:00 pm. Mark your calendars. More details to follow.



DISCIPLE DISCO....

Come join us at our next Family Fun Night. Saturday, Feb. 6th, following our K-8 mass at 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm. Admission: a new pair of pajamas and new children's book. To benefit the NJ Chapter of the Pajama Program, a non-profit organization that provides new, warm sleepwear and new, nurturing books to children in need. Come dance, have a snack or 2, and don't forget to wear your pajamas too!!!

THANK YOU...

On behalf of the Dept. of Child Protection and Permanency (DCPP) of Morris County, I would like to thank you and the amazing families of St. Mark's for your generous contributions during the 2015 holiday season. Your gifts to the needy children of DCPP help us continue our mission and assist those in our community. The generous support of individuals like you makes it possible for DCPP to continue to provide a little extra happiness to these children during the holidays. They were all thrilled with their gifts. We hope you all have a truly wonderful and healthy 2016!

Thank you again.
Elena Fletcher

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).

NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY...

The Long Valley Knights of Columbus Council 10419 will be conducting a *New Eyes for the Needy* drive in the month of February. The program's objective is to collect eyeglasses in any condition – new, used, broken, including frames, and have them repaired and distributed to the needy. Please look for old eyeglasses and deposit them in the receptacle labeled *New Eyes for the Needy* that the Knights of Columbus placed in the gathering space. Thank you for your efforts. Remember: The eye is the most precious and useful organ of the human body. It is indeed a masterpiece of God's handiwork; let's help those who need glasses and cannot afford them.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

God tells Jeremiah that he was chosen to be a prophet to the nations before he had even been born. He also promises him strength and protection, providing Jeremiah does as God asks.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:31—13:13

Paul discusses the importance of love and claims that one who possesses any gift, but lacks love, has nothing. He explains that true love never fails, although knowledge or other talents can fail to endure in the same manner. Paul says that three things last: "faith, hope, and love, the greatest of these being love."

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus spoke in the synagogue at Nazareth, at first appealing to all who were present. But he knew that they would be expecting him to do the things he had already done in other towns. He reminded them of other prophets who had preached and gained acceptance in foreign places instead of their home towns. This angered the people, who expelled him from town.



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, 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 Plosi, 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,

Pray for the Deceased: Joseph Forlini

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.



