

Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble.

February 14, 2016

First Sunday of Lent

@Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 13

5:30 pm For Longo & Mazzullo Families by Mazzullo Family

Sunday, February 14

8:00 am For Married Couples

9:30 am For Ravi by Fania Family

11:00 am For Faustino Gonzales by Stokes Family

Monday, February 15

8:45 am For Government Leaders

Tuesday, February 16

8:45 am For forgiveness of sins

Wednesday, February 17

8:45 am For Peace

7:30 pm For Refugees

Saturday, February 20

5:30 pm For Bill Dondiego by Fania Family

Sunday, February 21

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

9:30 am For Janet Noll by Stokes Family

11:00 am For Donald Dobbings by McDermott Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE February 20, 21, 2016

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Kevin O'Shea

Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne Lee

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Greeter: Carmen Veras

Lector: Susan Vetterl

Eucharistic Ministers: Carmen Veras, Austin Harvey

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday 9:30 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Sarah Murray

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Tom Gibbins, Gina & Paul

Tupaczewski

Altar Servers: Hannah Tupaczewski

Sunday 11:00 am

Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

Greeter: Dan Haurey

Lector: Emily Nowak, Gabriella Nowak

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Jim Jones, Claire Liskiewicz

Altar Servers: Help Needed

FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

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 20

5:00 pm Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

7:00 pm Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

Sunday, February 21

7:45 am Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

9:15 am Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chakowski

10:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Peter McHugh

12:15 pm Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

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

Current Year	Last Year 2015
February 7, 2016: \$2,883 Envelopes Used: 70	February 8, 2015: \$2,654 Envelopes used: 78
Parish Debt Reduction: \$1,109.80 Envelopes used 35	Parish Debt Reduction: \$3,166 Envelopes used: 26
Supermarket Gift Cards February 7, 2016 Sales: \$3,100 Profit: \$155 YTD Profit: \$792 # of families: 13	St. Mark's Faith Direct church code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with *Faith Direct* will provide St. Mark the Evangelist with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season!

You can quickly sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: **NJ484**, or by mailing an enrollment form available in the parish office.

God Bless!

Fr. Joe





“LIFE IS NOT ABOUT GETTING WHAT YOU WANT”

...Matthew Kelly (Rediscovering Jesus)

In the gospel today Jesus is offered bread, kingdoms and power.

Jesus rejects them because he knows even as tempting as they might be there is something more important that he needs to possess. Jesus rejects these temptations of the devil in order to be true to the mission for which he came into the world. Jesus' mission was to teach people about sacrifice, unselfish love and service. His followers have to think of others first. His followers have to be people of sacrifice. His followers have to be people who love unselfishly. His followers have to be like him. Isn't this the challenge of Lent?

As we enter into the Lenten Season we might think what it is that we are tempted to want that we know is not good for us. Then consider the things that are life giving for us and will lead us along the way of holiness this Lent. Whatever Lenten practices we undertake should be done with the attitude that they will change us for the better and help us live as Jesus wants us to live. Jesus is our model in times of temptations. Jesus is our model on how we should live. Jesus is among us in his Word and Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist to encourage us along the way.

I hope you will find time to spend some time with the Word of God this Lent. Read the scriptures and let God speak to you. Jesus refuted the temptations of Satan with the Word of God. Jesus knew he was grounded in God's word and this is a good example for us to follow. Enter into Lent and let God into your heart and be open to his Word...Fr. Joe

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC...

Matthew Kelly offers a brief reflection each day of lent that you receive by e mail... Sign up don't miss out go to www.DynamicCatholic.com/Lent

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE...

Today on this St. Valentine's Day our thoughts turn to those we love. Today is also World Marriage Day on the Catholic Church calendar and we acknowledge the many signs of love that we see in the married couples of our church communities. When the members of the church community see couples who exhibit a true love for others and their families you actually show forth the love of God in our midst. By living out your sacrament in the midst of the church you help all of us to remember the loving relationship that we have with God. May the Lord Jesus continue to bless our married couples and continue to give you the gifts you need to continue to be a great sign to us of God's presence.

A THOUGHT FOR A LENTEN DAY

"Justice requires us to remember that when any citizen denies his fellow, saying, 'His color is not mine,' or 'His beliefs are strange and different,' in that moment he betrays America ..." -- President Lyndon B. Johnson

LENT AT ST MARK THIS WEEK...

Daily Mass M-T-W--- 8:45 a.m. --- Monday. --- Reconciliation 7-8:30 p.m. --- Lenten Mass Wed. @ 7:30 p.m. followed by Scripture Reflection on next Sunday's readings ... you might also like to know about two Lenten experiences at OLM this week...

LENT AT OLM THIS WEEK... Monday prayer in church 4-7 seeking mercy of God... silent prayer time...

Friday 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross.

YEAR OF MERCY... "I think we too are the people who, on the one hand want to listen to Jesus, but on the other hand, at times, like to find a stick to beat others with, to condemn others. And Jesus has this message for us: mercy. I think—and I say it with humility—that this is the Lord's most powerful message: mercy." — Pope Francis

CATHOLIC CHARITIES... Stephan* is a senior in a wheelchair, the result of surgery. The hospital staff recommended a nursing home. But he didn't want to go, and he couldn't afford it. He called his local Catholic Charities agency which has a Homecoming program that helps people restart after surgery. The Homecoming service provided Stephan with lifts to doctors' appointments, blood tests, and grocery shopping. Without the service, Stephan's life would have been more complicated. He is grateful for Catholic Charities. Last year, Catholic Charities agencies provided 876,931 health services by 153 agencies across 53 states and territories. To learn more, visit www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org...

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES...

1st Sunday of Lent

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Luke 24:44

The Messiah Will Be Rejected By His Own People

The Prophecy - Isaiah 53:1, 3 Who would believe what we have heard? To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He was spurned and avoided by men, a man of suffering, knowing pain, like one from whom you turn your face, spurned, and we held him in no esteem.

The Fulfillment - John 1:10-11 He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.

About the Prophecy - The prophet Isaiah lived in Jerusalem in the eighth century B.C. The book of Isaiah is one of the four major prophetic books in the Bible, along with Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel. Chapters 40-55 address the people in exile in Babylon – directly before the time of their return – about 538 B.C. Chapter 53 is known as the great prophecy of the Suffering Servant for it reveals the incredible purpose of God in sending the Messiah to suffer for our sins.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY....

Do you know a new mom or a "seasoned" mom who may need a little help with meals due to giving birth or a recent event that has put them under extra stress? Our Elizabeth ministry would like to help out. This ministry is a group of moms who have found themselves in similar situations and just want to pass on the gift that someone once gave them...a word of encouragement, a hot meal, or a helping hand of some other kind. We are always looking for new people to add to our circle of helpers as well. If interested, please contact Angel at angel.stm@comcast.net or call the church office.

ARE YOU A CAREGIVER?

If you are helping a family member, friend or neighbor please consider attending this Caregiver Conference. This event will include three workshops: • Food and Your Mood: Practical Food Choices for Healthy Bodies, Minds and Finances •Getting Organized: Tips for Financial Caregiving •Are You Legally Prepared? An Ounce of Prevention Is Worth a Pound of Cure Saturday, April 2nd 8:30am - 1pm Ukrainian American Cultural Center, 60 North Jefferson Road Whippany, NJ 07981 A complimentary breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please register in advance! Register by email at Stephanie.Howland@UnitedWayNNJ.org or call 973-993-1160 ex. 534

MORRIS CATHOLIC AUCTION...

Morris Catholic High School will be conducting its' 26th Spring Auction on Saturday March 12, 2016 at Hanover Marriott. Tickets \$75. Msgr Raymond Kupke will be the honoree. For reservations contact ftuite@morriscatholic.org

PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP...

Two nights - Morris Catholic is Tuesday, March 1 at 7 PM. The next Pizza Night with Bishop will still be held on Thursday, March 17 at 7 PM at Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta. All young men of high school age are invited to participate in this evening of prayer, discussion and fraternity with Bishop Serratelli and other young men as well as priests from around the diocese. If you know someone who may be interested, please ask the young man to contact the Vocation Office at 973-777-8818, extension 711 or by email at jbrogan@patersondiocese.org.

OLM BAKED POTATO FUNDRAISER...

Our Baked Potato fundraiser will be held on Friday, February 19th from 5-7 pm in the parish center. Tickets are \$7.00 and are on sale in the office and they will be on sale February 13th & 14th after all masses. We will have non-meat toppings because it's during lent with salad & bread. Why not join us for dinner then stop by Stations of the Cross in the church at 7:30 pm. **This is to benefit our Vacation Bible School this summer!**

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. 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.

PAINTING WITH A TWIST...

Tired of the cold and snow? The Columbiettes will be holding a fund raiser on Sunday, March 6 from 1 to 3 pm at Uptown Art in Denville, NJ. Tickets will be on sale Feb. 20 & 21 and 27 & 28 after all the masses. Only 50 tickets will be sold. Price \$45. So warm up with us and join the fun. All proceeds will benefit the Columbiette programs.

OPEN HOUSE - ST. THERESE SCHOOL ...

On Thursday, February 25th 5:00–7:00 pm. 135 Main St., Succasunna (973) 584-0812. Visit with Faculty, Staff, Home & School Representatives, Fundraising Chairpersons, After School Club Representatives, Watch a Robotics Demonstration!

COMMUNITY NEWS

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION EVENTS...

"American Girl Sock Hop" For ages 6-12 on Friday, March 11th from 5-7:30 pm At the W.T. Senior Center. A non-refundable fee of \$15 is due before March 4th. Don't forget to wear your Poodle Skirts, Special Socks and bring your special American Girl doll.

Ever wonder if you can taste the difference between a **Healthy and Not so Healthy** food? Children from 5th-7th grade can put their Health and Taste to the test. This program is scheduled for 3 consecutive sessions on Tuesdays starting March 8th and ending on March 22. At the W.T. Senior Center from 5:30-7:00 pm and the cost is \$60 per person. Registration deadline is March 1.

Crock Pot Cooking Class... This adult cooking class is on Monday, March 21 at 12:30 pm at the Senior Center. Deadline to register is March 14th.

For information on any of these W.T. Recreation programs email recreation@wtmorris.net or call (908) 876-5941 or website www.wtmorris.org



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, Msgr. Leo Carey, Arlene Cichlar, Hannah Clark, Emily Condit, Kaitlin Cross, Natalia Danilczuk, Daniel DePaul, Krish Dharia, Charles & Ellen Eichler, Connie Elliott, Larry Fine, George Foeher, 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, Rev. Paul Krajewski, 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 Schubert, Rhonda Soto, Judy Stone, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Debra Vitale, Rev. Charles Waller, 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.

