

3My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

@Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 19

5:30 pm For Joseph Governale by Draghi Family

Sunday, March 20

8:00 am For Francis Botti by Draghi Family

9:30 am For Joseph Stypulkoski by Cucinella office Staff

11:00 am For Werna Dalrymple by Fania Family

Monday, March 21

8:45 am For Anna Niwinski

Tuesday, March 22

8:45 am For Forgiveness of Sins

Wednesday, March 23

8:45 am For Peace

Thursday, March 24

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper – For Parishioners of St. Mark's

Good Friday, March 25

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion –For Parishioners of St. Mark's

Holy Saturday, March 26

8:00 pm Easter Vigil – For Parishioners of St. Mark's

Sunday, March 27 Easter Sunday

6:40 am Sunrise Easter Service

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

9:30 am For Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:00 am For Parishioners of St. Mark's

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 26, 27 2016

At this time all celebrants are on "to be determined" basis.

Saturday, 8:00 pm Easter Vigil

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Fred McQuaid

Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Easter Sunday, 8:00 am

Greeter: Kathy Yates

Lector: Amy Barron

Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed

Altar Servers: Tyler Redmond

Easter Sunday 9:30 am

Greeter: Anne Ronceray

Lector: Sarah Murray

Eucharistic Minister: Help Needed

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Easter Sunday 11:00 am

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Sharon Donovan

Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed

Altar Servers: Help Needed

FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

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

At this time all celebrants are on "to be determined basis".

Saturday, March 26 Easter Vigil

8:00 pm

Sunday, March 27

7:45 am

9:15 am

10:45 am

12:15 pm

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

Current Year	Last Year 2014
March 13, 2016: \$2,285 Envelopes Used: 56	March 15, 2015: \$4,807 Envelopes used: 67
Supermarket Gift Cards March 15, 2016 Sales: \$3,600 Profit: \$180 YTD Profit: \$1,488 # of families: 18	St. Mark's Faith Direct church code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

The Lord is risen! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. 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. You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code NJ484 or mail in an enrollment form from the parish office.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Joe





HOLY WEEK 2016...

Today on this Palm Sunday we come together as a Catholic Community of Faith to walk into Jerusalem with Jesus. He was welcomed that day as a great prophet, some even thought he was the Messiah. People waved their palm branches as a sign of honor and respect. How soon would the tide turn against him. It almost reads like a modern day saga of the presidential candidates. The only thing that did not change during Holy Week was the consistency that Jesus had to fulfill the mission that was given to him by his father. He was to suffer and die on the cross for the sins of humankind. God so loved us he sent his beloved Son to save us from sin and death. During this season of Lent we have attempted to be renewed in our commitment to Jesus and his Gospel. It is not always easy with all the temptations of the world around us to remain fixed and committed to our mission as Jesus was, but he is there to help us. It is not easy to be a disciple of Jesus today when so many do not accept his message of love, peace and justice, especially for the poor. But like Jesus we have to continue our mission and not get distracted by all the things that are going around us. Be consistent in your faith. Be consistent in your words and actions and let others know that we are proud to be Catholic. So many deserted Jesus in the difficult times of life. Jesus will not desert us he will support us. Easter tells us it is all worth it. Walk with Jesus this week. Come to the Holy Week Services. And celebrate with Joy the resurrection of next Sunday...Fr. Joe

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES | CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA - Rice Bowl at work...

When Cyclone Haruna hit Vaviroa's family farm in Madagascar in 2013, her fields flooded and crops died. But she knew she could get her farm operating once more if she just had the tools and seeds she needed. That's where Catholic Relief Services came in—by providing Vaviroa with these necessary items, she was able to start anew. To learn more, please visit: crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-5

RICE BOWL... TO RETURN.

Many thanks to all who are participating in Operation Rice Bowl this year. Please leave your Rice Bowl or Rice Bowl envelope on the table in the gathering space between now and the Sunday after Easter.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY DEC. 2015 TO NOV. 2016...

"God is joyful. This is interesting: God is joyful! And what is the joy of God? The joy of God is forgiving, the joy of God is forgiving! The joy of a shepherd who finds his little lamb; the joy of a woman who finds her coin; it is the joy of a father welcoming home the son who was lost, who was as though dead and has come back to life, who has come home. Here is the entire Gospel! Here! The whole Gospel, all of Christianity, is here! But make sure that it is not sentiment, it is not being a 'do-gooder'! On the contrary, mercy is the true force that can save man and the world from the 'cancer' that is sin, moral evil, and spiritual evil. Only love fills the void, the negative chasms that evil opens in hearts and in history. Only love can do this, and this is God's joy!" - Pope Francis

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES ...

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 Prophecy: Psalms 22:14-19 - Like water my life drains away; all my bones are disjointed. My heart has become like wax, it melts away within me. As dry as a potsherd is my throat; my tongue cleaves to my palate; you lay me in the dust of death. Dogs surround me; pack of evildoers closes in on me. They have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones. They stare at me and gloat; they divide my garments among them; for my clothing they cast lots. The Fulfillment: Matthew 27: 31, 35 - And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him... After they had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots. About the Prophecy of Psalms Psalm 22 is a Psalm of David. In this psalm he is describing an execution. The early portion of this psalm describes the Messiah's suffering; the later portion describes the universal deliverance the Messiah makes possible. The Psalm is important in the New Testament. Its opening words occur on the lips of the crucified Jesus (Mk 15:34; Mt 27:46), and several other verses are quoted, or at least alluded to, in the accounts of Jesus' passion (Mt 27:35, 43; Jn 19:24).

FATHER DAN UPDATE...

Fr. Dan is doing well recovering from his back surgery. It looks right now that it will be at least 3 weeks before he will be back. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

SCHOOL OFFICE ...

The Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Paterson, is seeking applicants for the 2016-2017 school year for the following position: Principal, St. Patrick Elementary School, Chatham, NJ Information and application materials can be found at <http://www.patdioschools.org/administrative-openings>. Mary Baier, Superintendent of Schools

MORRIS CATHOLIC BOOSTERS...

Invites you to their 1st Annual Beefsteak on Saturday, April 16, from 7-10:00 pm in the school's gymnasium. Tickets are \$50 for adults/\$35 for students. Go to MC Homepage for info on how to order tickets or contact Russ Sieb at 973.895.2601. Entertainment provided by: The Sixteen String Band. We look forward to seeing you there!

THE COOKING PRIEST...

The Department of Catholic Studies at Seton Hall University is pleased to invite our community to the Second Annual Monsignor James Cafone Memorial Lecture, featuring Father Leo Patalinghug (Cooking Priest) on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Bishop Dougherty University Center - Registration is strongly encouraged. All are welcome and invited, and admission is free. Donations are appreciated To R.S.V.P., simply do one of the following: Contact Gloria.Aroneo@shu.edu or call (973) 275-2808. Fill out the registration form

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE...

Add to your Easter morning calendar 6:40 a.m. in the daily mass chapel a Sunrise Service for Easter. Stay for some refreshments and join us for 8 a.m. mass

THE CHAIRS...

I hope you noticed the new chairs along the side walls of the side transepts in the church. These 60 chairs were purchased with gifts that we received from the Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes of Long Valley Council. The Parish Advisory Board (PAC) was planning to get new chairs to eventually replace the 30 year old green chairs that were in use from the early days of St. Mark's when was mass celebrated in the hall for many years. The chairs most recently have been used by our CEC students as well as groups in our hall. We have a number of the green chairs left but each week one or two manage to get thrown out due to breakage. They certainly lasted a long time. We actually would like to add 60 more chairs and we are hoping that you will want to donate to a chair. The cost is \$30 a chair if we order another 60 chairs. The color green was no longer available as a standard color so we went with the burgundy. After 30 years I guess it was time for a change even among the chair makers. We hope to be able to raise enough money for the 60 chairs by the summer.

JOIN THE CLUB...

Recently I finished reading what turned out to be a fascinating book: Pope Francis Untying the Knots by Paul Valley. It is a biography of the Pope that carries him from his early days as a Jesuit, through Argentina's Dirty War, and into his early days as our new Pope. The book sheds light on the evolution of Pope Francis' economic and social philosophy. I would like to set up a 'book club' (only a few weeks) to read and discuss the book. At the end, we (anyone interested) can attend a follow up talk, Pope Francis and Capitalism: the Enemy or the Answer, on May 3rd at St. Paul Inside the Wall. If you are interested in the book club and/or the talk, please contact me Janet Corry at (908) 850-9394 or janetcorry@comcast.net. We can pick a day and time for the book club when we know who is interested. Thank you.

HOPE: THE SPIRIT VENTURES FORTH...

This is the theme of a Spirituality Convocation to be held at the College of St. Elizabeth Convent Station, NJ on Saturday April 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a great day. Registration is required fee is \$35 before April 1. After that date \$40 and at the door. For information 973-290-4334 or csespirituality16@gmail.com

LENT4.2 – Are you reading the insert each week in the bulletin? Last week's issue was on "Gratitude & Generosity"... Extra copies for each previous week's topic are on the table in the gathering space...take and share with others.

WINE TASTING / DINNER AT ST. MARK'S...

Friday, April 22, 2016, 7:00 to 10:00 pm

Join us to taste a variety of wines from around the globe. These wines of exceptional value will be paired with a hot and cold buffet worthy of the finest Kings and Queens of Europe! It has been 4 or 5 years since our last tasting! So many wines, so little time... St. Marks Catholic Church, 59 Spring Lane, Long Valley, NJ 07853 [908-850-0652](tel:908-850-0652) WINE!!! — Hot & Cold Buffet!!! Sign up in the gathering space. Cost \$30/person (Must be 21 & over) Place checks payable to St. Marks in the box in the gathering space. **Pay by April 17 to receive a \$5 discount/person!** Seating is Limited – Register NOW!

VENDORS WANTED...for the Columbiettes "**Junk in the Trunk Flea Market**" at St. Marks Church 59 Spring Lane, Long Valley June 4, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; (8:00 setup). \$25.00 per 16 ft. X 17 ft. space. RSVP by April 30th. For more information call Marge at 908-852-3091 or Nancy at 973-219-5199

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Isaiah describes an individual who had been taught by God to reach out to others. He also describes this individual's willingness to be beaten and spit upon, secure that with God's help, he will not be disgraced.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul discusses how Jesus did not declare equality with God, but took on human form. He humbled himself enough to accept dying on the cross. God in turn exalted him and wants us to respect Jesus' name and worship him.

Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56

Luke gives a detailed account of Jesus' last supper with the apostles, where Jesus tells them he will soon suffer in fulfillment of God's will. Then Jesus prayed that he might be spared if it suited God's will. After Judas betrayed Jesus, he was arrested. Although Pilate did not think Jesus was guilty of a crime, he gave in to the will of the people, and sentenced Jesus to death on a cross. Then Jesus was crucified and his body laid in a new tomb.



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, Maria Dougherty Jante, 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, 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.

