

# This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

## Mass Intentions

*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

*Monday, March 28*

8:45 am For Peace in the Holy Land

*Tuesday, March 29*

8:45 am For the sick and the hungry in the world

*Wednesday, March 30*

8:45 am For Pope Francis

*Saturday, April 2*

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village

5:30 pm For the Poor

*Sunday, April 3*

8:00 am For the sick

9:30 am For Peace

11:00 am For Robert Froetscher by Leo Barron

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

*April 2, 3, 2016*

*At this time all celebrants are on “to be determined” basis.*

*Saturday, 5:30 pm*

**Greeter:** Help Needed

**Lector:** Tom Morley

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joanne, Lee, Mary Scarda, Barbara Burke

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

*Sunday, 8:00 am*

**Greeter:** Help Needed

**Lector:** Tony Cretella

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sue Clark

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

*Sunday 9:30 am*

**Greeter:** Help Needed

**Lector:** Katie Van Woert

**Eucharistic Minister:** Terri & Bob Baffuto, Steve Beggin

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

*Sunday 11:00 am*

**Greeter:** Help Needed

**Lector:** Emily & Gabriella Nowak

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Andrew Mount, Eileen Labue, Nick Arro

**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, April 2*

8:00 pm

*Sunday, April 3*

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 2015
March 20, 2016: \$3,276.76 Envelopes Used: 72	March , 2015: \$2,749.50 Envelopes used: 69
Extended Catholic Obligation: \$701 Envelopes used: 31	Extended Catholic Obligation: \$626 Envelopes Used: 35
On line for March \$8,346	On line for March: \$8,625.75
<b>Supermarket Gift Cards</b> March 20, 2016 Sales: \$1,650 Profit: \$82.50 YTD Profit: \$1,570.50 # 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](http://www.faithdirect.net) using our church code NJ484 or mail in an enrollment form from the parish office.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Fr. Joe





### **EASTER 2016...**

Easter dawns this year amidst the backdrop of recent terror events in Belgium. There are families this Easter mourning the death of loved ones so suddenly taken from them through violence and hatred. What do Christians, like us, who are celebrating Easter, have to say about these events and to such families? This is the challenge of Easter right before us today. Easter challenges us to believe in Jesus who walked among us and was suddenly and cruelly take from us on the cross. His death for people of faith has great meaning and gives us hope that no matter how bad others might treat us and hate us and persecute us Jesus does not forget us. He said to the repentant thief who only asked to be "remembered" "This day – you will be with me in paradise." Jesus does forget those whom he died for on the cross. Jesus died on the cross for the sins of humankind including the grave injustices of our day. Easter challenges us to be hopeful for we carry with us the promise of Jesus that in the end his way will conquer all evil. The proclamation of Easter joy may not heal the broken hearts of those who have lost loved ones this week, but we can pray for them, that the power of Jesus' promise given through his resurrection will strengthen them now. Easter reminds us that when the disciples felt everything was lost there was a promise of new life with Jesus that would last forever. This Easter may you be united in prayer for those who are our suffering brothers and sisters in the world and may you have a blessed and joy-filled Easter and cherish those who are close to you. Fr. Joe

**FATHER DAN UPDATE...** Fr. Dan continues to recover from his recent back surgery. He wishes he could be us this Holy Week and Easter but his recovery will take time. Please keep him in your prayers. If you wish to send him a card there is a basket in the lobby where you can leave it and it will be delivered to him. We wish him a speedy recovery.

**VISITING PRIESTS...** There have been several visiting priests who have helped during the last month and each of them spoke very favorable of their first experiences at St. Mark's. I had no doubt. Thank you for your hospitality you extended to them. Several of them will be with us for masses in April as Fr. Dan continues to recover.

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY...**"In the Gospel the essential thing is mercy. God sent his Son, God made himself man in order to save us, that is, in order to grant us his mercy. Jesus says this clearly, summarizing his teaching for the disciples: 'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful' (Lk 6:36). Can there be a Christian who isn't merciful? No. A Christian must necessarily be merciful, because this is the center of the Gospel. And faithful to this teaching, the Church can only repeat the same thing to her children: 'Be merciful', as the Father is, and as Jesus was. Mercy." — Pope Francis

### **AN IMMEDIATE NEED FOR HOUSING...**

**A senior citizen couple is need of a two bedroom apartment that allows pets. If you have such as they are looking for or know some leads for them please call Patricia at 908-832-2644.**

### **THE CHAIRS...DONATE A CHAIR FOR MORE 60**

**MORE...**This is the first weekend that we are officially using our

new chairs to supplement seating in the church for Easter. We purchased 60 new chairs to replace some of the 30+ year old green chairs that have been at St. Mark's since its beginning. 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. If you would like to donate a chair(s) please make out a check to St Mark's Church. We will deposit the money in a separate fund until we have enough to cover the cost of an additional 60 chairs. We use these chairs in the parish center for various activities and an additional 60 would be very useful... Can we raise the amount by the summer?

**YOU ARE INVITED TO EXPLORE...** What do you think? The RCIA Team from Our Lady of the Mountain/St. Marks would like to invite you to join us for a one night seminar entitled "Was Jesus Politically Correct? Why are some people walking away from the faith? What does Scripture say about Jesus' return? April 13, 2016, 7-9 pm, OLM Parish Center

**SPEAKING OF FAITH...**A series of interviews that Fr. Paul Manning has with various persons. A most interesting interview will take place on Wednesday, April 9 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Paul's Inside the Walls, 205 Madison Avenue, Madison, NJ. Fr. Paul will interview Mary Oswald on her physical challenges, her encounter with and response to God, and the integration of faith in her work and life. Event is free but register on line at the website [www.insidethewalls.org](http://www.insidethewalls.org) and sign up under the event.

**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 at (908) 850-9394 or [janetcorry@comcast.net](mailto: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 \$40 and at door. For information 973.290.4334 or [csespirituality16@gmail.com](mailto:csespirituality16@gmail.com)

**2016 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE...** At St. Paul Inside the Walls on Saturday, April 9 from 9:30 to 1 p.m. women of all age and stage of life are welcome. "Feminine, Faithful, Fearless" - Register on line at the website [www.insidethewalls.org](http://www.insidethewalls.org) and sign up under the

**ANNUAL CARING BASKET GALA...** Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, will host their Fifteenth Annual Caring Basket Gala on April 14, 2016, honoring Msgr. Kenneth E. Lasch, Kathleen Ginty Hyland, and Fred and Mary Alice Lawless. The event will be held at the Hanover Marriot from 6:30-10:00 PM. Featured during the event are a 50/50 cash raffle, wine pull, basket raffle along with a silent and live auction. All proceeds are primarily for the support and education of the 20 international Sisters from developing nations who are attending the college. For more information and for the invitation, visit [www.acs350.org/events-2/](http://www.acs350.org/events-2/)

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST....SCHOOLEY'S MTN FIREHOUSE**

April 3, 2016 8:00 am-12:00 pm. All you can eat pancakes, sausage eggs & pastries. Children Ages 4-10, \$4 Senior Citizens, \$6, Adults \$8. 231 Schooley's Mtn. Road.

#### **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

#### **ART AUCTION....**

Marlin Fine Art Auction Sponsored By...  
Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Assumption Parish Center  
Cook & Liberty Streets, Hackettstown  
Saturday, April 30th  
7:00 p.m. Preview - 8:00 p.m. Live Auction  
Tickets Are Free But Required For Admission  
Free Hors D'Oeuvres, Wine and Beverages Served Throughout the Evening  
For Information/Tickets Call Maureen Teye [908-235-6107](tel:908-235-6107) or Rectory [908-852-3320](tel:908-852-3320)  
Major Credit Cards Accepted for Art Purchases  
Art May Include Chagall, Neiman, Delacroix, Borelli and many more. Art Requests Taken In Advance

#### **BEAUTIFUL EASTER FLOWERS HAVE BEEN DONATED IN MEMORY/HONOR OF**

Christopher P. Culbert, Mark L. Favara, Anthony Renkun Jr. & Sr, Jeannie Renkun, Dean Murphy, Cho Family, Hannah Magistro, Bernie Howlett, Billy Howlett, Steven Baron, Dorothy & Charles Scott, Philip & Doraline Abbate, Stokes, Totin & Chambers Families, Russell J. Yates, Terry Yates, Irene Burns, Thomas & Julia Dugan, Patricia Barone, Anthony & Anna Monteverde, Robert & Katherine Hughes, Chris Perry, Marilyn Uccardi, Walsh & Dondero Families, Judith Sullivan, Jean Redmond, Bill & Mary Kuhl, Johnny & Margaret Burke, Eva Mackie, Marie Eade, Miriam Bennett, Jute Family, Family & Friends of Fischer Family, Huntz & Hayko Families, Lynora Armenti, Theresa Michonski, In memory of loved ones of Halko Family, Weiser, Sowa, Zimmerman & McCabe Families, Wanner Family, Zeliff Family, David Bell Family, Tupaczewski Family, Purdy Family



*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.

