

Lord, come and save us.

December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent



Saturday, December 10

5:30 pm For Richard Steen by Madaras Family

Sunday, December 11

8:00 am For Mary Darter by Eileen Stokes

9:30 am For Stephen Nichols by Paula Field

11:00 am For Mass of Thanksgiving by Skoczylas Family

Monday, December 12

8:45 am For Mexican People

Tuesday, December 13

8:45 am For Health for the sick

Wednesday, December 14

8:45 am For Alfred Stepien by Stokes Family

Saturday, December 17

5:30 pm For Peter Jurusik by Zimmerman Family

For Linda Alianza by Alianza Family

Sunday, December 18

8:00 am For Kathleen Cunningham by Ronceray Family

9:30 am For Deacon John Meyer by Nyman Family

11:00 am For Robert DiClemente & Grazia Marchesani by
DiClemente & Cresi Families

For Faustino Gonzalez by his wife & children

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 17, 18, 2016

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski, Deacon Jim Jones

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Dan & Isabella DiLizia

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Scarda, Holly Zimmerman

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode, Deacon Tom Gibbons

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Jim Scott

Eucharistic Ministers: Carmen Veras, Austin Harvey

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday 9:30 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Katie Van Woert

Eucharistic Minister: Paul & Gina Tupaczewski, Marylee Terpstra

Altar Servers: Hannah & Sarah Tupaczewski, Ryan Weber

Sunday 11:00 am

Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Tom Hanifin

Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Michonski, Elizabeth Jasek

Altar Servers: Help Needed

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

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, December 17

5:00 pm Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

7:00 pm Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Sunday, December 18

7:45 am Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski, Deacon Bob Head

9:15 am Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

10:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Peter McHugh, Deacon Nick Ardito

12:15 pm Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

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

Current Year	Last Year 2015
December 4, 2016: \$3,222 Envelopes used: 68	December 6, 2015: \$2,851 Envelopes used: 59
Parish Debt Reduction: \$805 Envelopes used: 25	Parish Debt Reduction: \$1,103 Envelopes used: 29
Supermarket Gift Cards December 4, 2016 Sales: \$3,380 Special sale \$1,000 Profit: \$219 YTD Total: \$6,290.50 # of families: 17	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting St. Mark the Evangelist through Faith Direct, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NJ484 Thank you for your continued support of our parish family! God Bless You, Fr. Joe



FOOD PANTRY STATUS...

The Long Valley Food Pantry is about to enter the critical winter season - - in very good shape, thanks to the generosity of St. Mark's (and the other churches that participate). Now let's try our best to keep it that way. Hearty soup, hot cereal, baby food, pasta/sauce, etc. would be especially helpful at this time of year. But as always, anything you can donate will be appreciated.



THE CHALLENGE OF JESUS....

Jesus tells the disciples of John the Baptist, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them..." These words of Jesus are also words of challenge for us because as disciples of Jesus we are to carry on these works. There are people who are blinded by the things of this world which will not guarantee them happiness. There are people disabled in spirit and depressed because they have lost focus in life, there are people who need to be cleansed of sin so they can be renewed in God's life, there are people who feel spiritually lost who need to be raised up to a new hope and then there are the poor who need to hear the good news proclaimed to them again. We do all these things when we reach out to those in need with a loving attitude of heart. We should see others in need in the face of Jesus as Pope Francis so often reminds us. Caring for others, proclaiming the good news in word and action can be a small transformation in the lives of other but that is what Jesus did. Each person what special to him. Each person's needs were met. As we enter into this third week of advent and light our pink candle of joy let us remember our blessings and accept the responsibility of sharing the Good news with other in word and deed...Fr. Joe

REMINDER: TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AND PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE...

Join us at 6:45 P.M. WEDNESDAY DEC., 14 ---- tree lighting ceremony with song and lighting by our JYM 6, 7, 8 graders at 7 P.M. then please join us for the parish advent reconciliation service.

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...*I thought this appropriate for this time of year...*

"Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset."
— St. Francis de Sales"

"BE RICH IN GOOD WORKS" – UPDATE --- \$18,460

I heard from the Diocese this week on the status of our campaign for the Bishop's Appeal. We currently have \$18,460 pledged towards the parish goal of \$10,000. Thank you very much. If you haven't yet made a pledge this year please do so because it will not only help those in need but since we have made our goal ½ of what you pledge will come back to St. Mark's which will be a great help to our parish this year.

Take a pledge envelope from the table in the gathering space and complete it and put it in the collection basket or you can help our Bishop's Appeal and help St. Mark's through your On-line gifts go to www.2016appeal.org. Thank you. Fr. Joe

WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC...

We are Catholic because we believe: The whole of Christ's life was a continual teaching: his silences, his miracles, his gestures, his prayer, his love for people, his special affection for the little and the poor, his acceptance of the total sacrifice on the Cross for the redemption of the world, and his Resurrection are the actualization of his word and the fulfilment of Revelation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church 561

SAVE THE DATE – POT LUCK LUNCH...

St. Mark's Annual Pot Luck Lunch Sunday January 22, 12:00 pm. Help us welcome our newest parishioners! Sign-ups on the poster in the gathering space...it is not too early! Plan to be with us for this favorite event.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT... HOLY HOUR

Second Monday --- December 12 from 7 – 8 p.m. at OLM church come and spend some quiet time preparing for Christmas.

YOU DID IT FOR ME...Catholic Overseas Relief Service

The "dry corridor" extends through parts of Central America including Guatemala. With the warming El Nino winds last year, more farmers were left with smaller harvests. Not only that, the warmer temperatures made it easy for a fungal disease known as coffee leaf rust to kill crops. Thanks to Catholic Relief Services' support, farmers are moving crops up the mountain for cooler temperatures and learning new ways of combatting the fungus on their crops. Learn more at: crs.org/you-did-it-for-me

YOU'RE INVITED! Book Club Christmas Social - Wednesday, December 14th, 7:00 pm. - OLM Parish Conference Room In addition to our regular meeting we are hosting a Christmas Wine & Cheese Social - other snacks and refreshments will also be available.

This month we will share our interpretations of William Paul Young's, The Shack! Join us as we come together to grow in mind, spirit and above all community. The book club meets once a month, from 7 - 9 pm in the OLM Parish Conference Room. Each month's selection comes from a participant and newcomers are always welcome. Membership is Free! All we ask is that you come with an open mind and heart and that you read the book. Feel free to bring a friend!

Please let us know if you will be joining us December 14th. Josephine at jcmariem.192@gmail.com or 908-797-1635 and Jason at solomoja@me.com

NEW JERSEY'S ADOPTION LAW HAS CHANGED...

Beginning January 1, 2017, adoptees and certain relatives will be able to obtain a copy of their original birth certificate without a court order. The birth certificate will include the names of the birth parents who placed children for adoption unless a birth parent requests their name be omitted. The New Jersey Catholic Conference has established an "Adoption HELPLINE" for anyone in need of assistance at [609-989-4809](tel:609-989-4809).

COLLEGE AGE RETREAT, MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER, CAPE MAY POINT, NJ...

January 6-8, 2017...This retreat is designed to bring young people together of college age (17-22). So whether you are in college or working come join us to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and to meet new friends. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist, and lots of fun...

Cost: \$130/person, double occupancy. Register at: www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829. Some financial aid is available. Questions, call Anthony Fucci, Center Director, 609-884-3829 or email mfrcc@capemaymarianists.org

THANK YOU...

Thanks to everyone who came out to "Charming Charlies" to support the fundraiser for St. Mark's Parish. Your support is appreciated.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

Community News

CHRISTMAS TREES AVAILABLE...

St. Paul's Abbey, on Route 206 one mile south of Newton, has thousands of Christmas trees ready to choose and cut 7 days a week until December 23rd, 9 am to 4 pm. We also have the Abbey Gift Shop with many items that make ideal Christmas gifts, including books, statues, jewelry and more.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION...

TABATA STYLE STRENGTH & CARDIO...

A high intensity workout protocol with Kim Rainforth. All sessions held at the Senior Center. Class is designed for active ages 14-99. January 9-March 20 from 3-4 pm with a nonrefundable fee of \$100. Deadline date to register is January 4th. For info go to www.wtmorris.org or call office (908) 876-5941 or email recreation@wtmorris.com

LETTERS TO SANTA...

W.T. Recreation has made arrangements with Santa to accept mail for delivery to the North Pole. Township youngsters are encouraged to write a letter to Santa. Parents may either place the letter in the red drop box at the Recreation Dept. at 50 Rock Road or the W.T. Library, or mail to W.T. Recreation Dept. Attn: Santa Claus. All letters should include the child's first and last name and complete return address so that a response may be mailed. **Deadline is December 15** (no exceptions). Questions? Call 876-5941.

NEEDED...

Life Choices Pregnancy Center needs stairway gates, cribs, pack and play, bassinets, carriages, car seats, clothes size infant to size 14. Call Judy 908-399-7305



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, Richard Alvarez, 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, Krish Dharia, Catherine DiPasquale, Ellen Eichler, Connie Elliott, Rick & Nicholas Fania, Larry Fine, Tracey F, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Barbara Gotterdam, Louie Gutierrez, Helen Greenly, Harper Lynn Granito, Nora Goodman, Regina Hague, William Heimsly, Bob Hodiern, Maria Dougherty Jante, Donna Jennings, Laurel Jilek, Claudia Kallmeyer, Kevin Kay, Russell H. Keller, Mary Koenig, Jean Koenig, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris., Margaret Leon, Maryann Litori, Ann Loughney, Helene Mackie, Wayne Marks, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Irene Madelyn S., Maruggi, Raymond McCarthy Jr., Jonathon McClelland, Harold & Mary McKay, Kathy Minichini, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Marilyn O'Connor, Jim Owens, Dennis Paradise, Arlene Parikh, Rev., Raymond Pavlick, Nicky Pilosi, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, , Jeff Schpiner, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, 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.

