

# Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned

March 5, 2017

First Sunday of Lent



**Saturday, March 4**

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village  
5:30 pm For Theresa Ellen Brady by Fania Family

**Sunday, March 5**

8:00 am For Deacon John Meyer by Gebbia Family  
9:30 am For Joan Pirolo by Marschall Family  
11:00 am For Elvira Griffin by Fania Family

**Monday, March 6**

8:45 am For Pope Francis

**Tuesday, March 7**

8:45 am For Peace

**Wednesday, March 8**

8:45 am For Deacon John Meyer by Knights of Columbus  
7:30 pm For the Poor

**Saturday, March 11**

5:30 pm For Catherine Mary Draghi by Dowiak Family

**Sunday, March 12**

8:00 am For Forgiveness of Sins  
9:30 am For Joan Bannon by Nyman Family  
11:00 am For Alfred Stepien by Fania Family

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE  
March 11, 12, 2017**

**Saturday, 5:30 pm**

**Celebrant:** Msgr. Joseph Goode  
**Lector:** Tom Morley  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Nancy Lennon  
**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

**Sunday, 8:00 am**

**Celebrant:** Msgr. Joseph Goode  
**Lector:** Tony Cretella  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rick Gebbia, Mark Vetterl  
**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

**Sunday, 9:30 am**

**Celebrant:** Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski, Deacon Jim Jones  
**Lector:** Sarah Murray  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Eric Woelfel, Tony Piombino  
**Altar Servers:** Annalina Jonkoski

**Sunday, 11:00 am**

**Celebrant:** Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski  
**Lector:** Tom & Sarah Hanifin  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lorraine Fleming, Andrew Marley, Saige Mitchell  
**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**

**Saturday, March 11**

5:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky, Deacon Bob Head  
7:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky

**Sunday, March 12**

7:45 am Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski  
9:15 am Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode, Deacon Nick Ardito  
10:45 am Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski  
12:15 pm Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

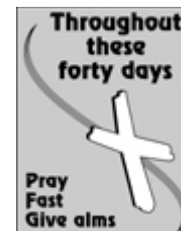
**ST. MARK'S NEEDS \$5,280 PER WEEK TO MEET  
OUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATION**

Current Year	Last Year 2016
February 26, 2017: \$2,439 Envelopes used: 50	February 28, 2016: \$1,989 Envelopes used: 56
Online for February: \$9,067	Online for February: \$8,464
<b>Supermarket Gift Cards</b> February 26, 2017 Sales: \$2,100 Profit: \$105 YTD Profit: \$1,205 # of families: 11	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! Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: NJ484

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!  
God Bless You, Fr. Joe





### **GOD'S LIFE IS WITHIN YOU...**

"The Lord God blew into the nostrils of the man the breath of life..."

From this one line from the early book of Genesis we realize that God is our creator and the one who gifts us with life and the one who asks us to use our life for goodness and not evil, and to respect the lives of all the creatures he created especially our fellow human beings.

The story of the serpent shows that humankind did not always follow the way of God and thus sin entered the world. The second reading from St. Paul to the Roman teaches us that through one man sin entered into the world and the hearts of all humankind. But God so loved us that he did not abandon us but through one man Jesus we are saved from our sinfulness.

Jesus fully God and fully human came among us. As we heard he was tempted three times by the devil (symbolized by the serpent) but encountered each temptation with the powerful word of God and finally casts Satan away "Get away, Satan"!

As we listen to these words from the Scriptures today keep in mind that Jesus gives us an example of not turning to the things of the earth: bread, power, and fame to find satisfaction. Get away from the things that lead us along the way of Satan and can harm us. Turn to the Lord this Lent. Seek from the Lord the mercy of God. Seek to be reconciled with God and your neighbor. Seek to do good things. Seek to be the person God created you to be. Remember God breathed the gift of life into you. Respect it. Use it for goodness. Know that you are not alone for God is always with you to support you like the angels supported Jesus...Fr. Joe

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...**

If we don't take time to reflect on the ways we have been forgiven, it will be hard to be merciful to others. And yet we set this as our goal each time we pray the Our Father: "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."

### **THIS WEEK FOR LENT I WILL...**

I will not take the best spot in the parking lot or I will make my bed up each day.

### **WELCOME HOME TO HEALING...**

"Welcome Home" is a diocesan initiative to invite all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. See lent schedule page. Go to [www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org](http://www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org)

### **RICE BOWL – ENCOUNTER INNOVATION...**

Read the enclosure in your rice bowl each week...this week we encounter the Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

### **ST. PAUL'S INSIDE THE WALLS...**

Go to this website: <https://insidethewalls.org/> and find the many opportunities open to our parishioners for programs, talks, conferences at our Evangelization/catechetical center of the Diocese of Paterson.

### **WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC...**

We are Catholic because we believe:

Jesus' temptation reveals the way in which the Son of God is Messiah, contrary to the way Satan proposes to him and the way men wish to attribute to him. This is why Christ vanquished the Tempter for us: For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning. By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert. The Catechism of the Catholic Church 540

### **LENTEN DISPENSATION – ST PATRICK'S DAY... from Bishop Serratelli**

"I hereby grant a dispensation from the laws of fast and abstinence to all Roman Catholics living in or visiting this diocese on Friday, March 17, 2017. This dispensation is given with the strong recommendation that the faithful honor both Saint Patrick and this holy season of Lent by some special work of charity or exercise of piety in place of abstinence"...Bishop Arthur Serratelli

### **OLM BOOK CLUB...**

Join us Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, in the parish conference room as we discuss this psychological thriller "*The Dinner*" by Herman Koch *A darkly suspenseful, highly controversial tale of two families struggling to make the hardest decision of their lives—all over the course of one meal - serving up everything from compromised family values to political convictions.* This month's pick is from book club member, Rosa-Marie Solomon. For more book club info email: [jcmariem.192@gmail.com](mailto:jcmariem.192@gmail.com) or [solomoja@me.com](mailto:solomoja@me.com)

### **BLESSING OF EXPECTANT/ADOPTING PARENTS...**

Later this month on the weekend of March 25-26 at all the masses we will be offering a blessing for expectant/adopting parents. Please let your family members and friends know they are welcome to come for this blessings.

### **MOVING FORWARD WITH FAITH...**

Our parish increased offertory campaign has included an announcement of the campaign, our first commitment Sunday Feb. 12 along with a witness talk on the importance of regular giving. The icy weather of Feb. 12 and the President's holiday did not help our mass attendance on these two weeks. So please put your commitment card in the collection basket during the next couple of weekends.

I hope that you will consider what you can do in terms of regular support for the parish community of St. Mark's. It is important to be able to meet our regular financial obligations as well as plan for the future. Faith Direct is the on-line giving program that is used by many families. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: NJ484...Fr. Joe

### **LENTEN SCHEDULE...**

See the full Lenten schedule in the bulletin. There are a number of activities. Check the bulletin each week for upcoming activities for the next week. **You are welcome also to OLM on Fridays of Lent at 7:30 for the Stations of the Cross.**

### PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP SERRATELLI...

If you are a young man in high school or college, or even older, come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and of course, pizza. Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 7-9 pm at Pope John XXIII High School, Sparta. For more information, contact the Vocation Office at 973-777-8818, ext. 711.

### SPRING CLEAN UP DAY AT ST. MARKS...

Please join us on Saturday, April 8 from 9am – Noon to clean up the gardens surrounding the church. While those who have committed to care for an island are requested to attend, we would love for others to show up as well. Please bring gardening tools and gloves. We will provide a generator with an electric hedge trimmer to cut down tall grasses. Any interested in donating rather than helping, please call Kim Dunn at (908) 813-2495 as we will need donations of mulch as well as plants. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MARCH MADNESS RAFFLE...

The Long Valley K of C announce our annual March Madness Raffle. First Prize is an Apple iPad 9.7 Pro tablet, and Second Prize is a \$200.00 Best Buy gift card. Raffle Tickets will be sold after all masses on March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, as well as March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The drawing will be held at 5 pm, March 12<sup>th</sup>, in the OLM gathering space. All proceeds of the auction will be shared among the three Long Valley parishes.

### FLEA MARKET VENDORS WANTED...

The Long Valley Columbiettes are holding a **FLEA MARKET** on May 20<sup>th</sup> in the parking lot of St. Mark's. The cost for a 16 x 27 foot space is \$25. For information, please call Marge Sanders (908) 852-3091.

### THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY...

Tuesday, March 7 at 7:15 pm. The evening starts with praying the rosary, attending Mass, then refreshments and meeting. But most of all fellowship with other women of all generations. Come reconnect with friends, come make new friends, just come and see what the society is all about. No commitment. Come spend an evening with Eleanor Roosevelt. Linda Kenyon will be portraying her in a small vignette. For more information call **Linda Richartz, President (908) 876-9601**.

Community News

### FISH & CHIPS DINNER...

March 28 at St. Jude's 17 Mt. Olive Road, Budd Lake, Take Out 5-6pm, Sit Down 6-9 pm Adults \$15, Kids 9 and under \$8, Family discount \$1 per family member. 50/50 raffle Call (973) 691-1061 or (908) 691-1561

### VILLA WALSH ACADEMY...

Presents – “Thoroughly Modern Millie” Saturday, March 25 @ 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 26 @ 3 p.m. \$12.00 (973)538-3680 call for information and tickets.

### 2017 VILLA WALSH ACADEMY...

Summer Camp for girls entering Grades 4-9. Week 1 – June 26-June 30, Week 2 – July 10-14. Morning session 9am-12pm. Afternoon session 1pm-4 pm. For more information or to register contact Camp Director Denise Wendorff, [summercamp@villawalsh.org](mailto:summercamp@villawalsh.org). or visit website [www.villawalsh.org](http://www.villawalsh.org) under athletics tab



### First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

This passage from Genesis narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

### Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Paul tells the Romans that Adam's disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ's dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.

### Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. There He is tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, "Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore."



*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, Tony Atkins, Charlie, Natalie Rose Bassett, Kenneth Bernisky, Luz Bracero, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Bernie Cho, 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, Elaine 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 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, Elizabeth Tomaszewski, 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



## ENTER INTO THE SEASON OF LENT...2017

*Enter this Lenten Season with prayer and hope that the Lord Jesus will work his wonders once again in our hearts. Stand firm in the ways of the Lord this Lent. Accept the invitation of the Spirit of God and enter this Lent and build a closer relationship with God and our brothers and sisters.*

**FAST** - The church asks us to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

**ABSTAINENCE** - Abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent \*Bishop has granted a dispensation for Catholic of our Diocese on Friday March 17 – St. Patrick's day...do some other personal show of repentance instead of faith and abstaining from meat.

**PERSONAL PRACTICES** - of prayer and penance are encouraged for all so that we purify our hearts to be better able to reflect upon the Suffering and Death of Jesus and its meaning for us in our live. See the bulletin each week for suggestions. "This week for Lent I will..." "The following are some events taking place at St. Mark's during the forty days of Lent. Rice Bowls are a good Lenten practice.

**SAINT MARK'S WEEKDAY MASS:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:45 a.m.

**Wednesday Evenings during Lent Special Lenten mass @ 7:30 p.m. - Mar 8, Mar 15, Mar 22, Mar 29**

**SIGNS AND WONDERS...**-This Lenten Program is presented on 6 Wednesday evenings of Lent **Mar 8, Mar 15, Mar 22, Mar 29 Apr 5\*\*\*** following the 7:30 p.m. Lenten mass... \*\*\*exception on April 5 the program will follow the 7 p.m. Parish Penance/Reconciliation Service. Each week we will look at one of the popular miracles of Jesus and we see how we can incorporate their lessons into our lives. There is a book for each participant and it is very user friendly. Make a commitment to be part of this program.

**FREE ON LINE LENTEN PROGRAM - BEST LENT EVER...** there is still time to sign up. Each day you will receive a video and reflection and prayers on your computer/phone. This is an ideal way to give yourself some prayerful time at home and do something positive for Lent. Just go to [www.BestLentEver.com](http://www.BestLentEver.com) and sign up today! Dynamic Catholic presenter Matthew Kelly well known Catholic Speaker and writer and others lead us each day on our Lenten journey in these short reflections.

**DIocese OF PATERSON SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION INITIATIVE...WELCOME HOME...**On five (5) Mondays of Lent the Diocese of Paterson has a special Reconciliation initiative – a priest is available in any church of the diocese of Paterson from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Dates are Mar.6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3. Please let others know.

**SAINT MARK'S SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION...**We will have a parish celebration of Reconciliation on **Wednesday April 5 at 7:00 p.m.** There will be at least three (3) priests available for individual confession and the celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation with you.

**OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN** - Daily mass at OLM 9:30 a.m. Mon to Fri

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – 7:30 p.m. every Friday of Lent at Our Lady of the Mountain Church - Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Apr 7 and Apr 14 Good Friday living stations presented by the parish youth group.

**A PRAYER FOR ALL OF US:** Loving Father who sent Jesus among us as our savior, bless us this Lent and help us make good use of the time you have given to us. Amen.

