

# Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

## March 12, 2017

## Second Sunday of Lent



### *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

### *Monday, March 13*

8:45 am For Patricia Heraghty by Varano Family

### *Tuesday, March 14*

8:45 am For Elzbieta Bialas

### *Wednesday, March 15*

8:45 am for Grandma Arias by Fanny Magdaleno

7:30 pm For Forgiveness of Sins

### *Saturday, March 18*

5:30 pm For Mary Morley by Morley Family

### *Sunday, March 19*

8:00 am For Forgiveness of Sins

9:30 am For Thomas Scerbo by Eufrasia Conca

11:00 am For Joan Pirolo by St. Luke's Pre-School Staff

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

*March 18, 19, 2017*

#### *Saturday, 5:30 pm*

**Celebrant:** Rev. Daniel Chajkowski, Deacon Bob Head

**Lector:** Daniel & Isabella DiLizia

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Scarda

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

#### *Sunday, 8:00 am*

**Celebrant:** Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

**Lector:** Jim Scott

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Carmen Veras, Austin Harvey

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

#### *Sunday, 9:30 am*

**Celebrant:** Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

**Lector:** Kevin O'Shea

**Eucharistic Minister:** Gina & Paul Tupaczewski

**Altar Servers:** Hannah & Sarah Tupaczewski, Lily Alai

#### *Sunday, 11:00 am*

**Celebrant:** Msgr. Joseph Goode

**Lector:** Al Escudero

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ed Michonski, Elizabeth Jasek, Angel Nowak

**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**

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5:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

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Rev. Daniel Chajkowski,

Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

#### *Sunday, March 19*

7:45 am Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski, Deacon Tom Gibbon

9:15 am Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky, Deacon Jim Jones

10:45 am Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

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

<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Last Year 2016</b>
March 5, 2017: \$3,481 Envelopes used: 67	March 6, 2016: \$2,550 Envelopes used: 54
Parish Debt Reduction: \$904 Envelopes used: 31	Parish Debt Reduction: \$739 Envelopes used: 25
Supermarket Gift Cards Sales: \$3,400 Profit: \$170 YTD Profit: \$1,375 # 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! 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





### HOW WE TRY TO MANIPULATE THINGS...

Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> 2 a.m. --- We turn our clocks ahead. Was it really the farmers who wanted to do this as we often hear? Or was it to give more light to school children on their way to school? Was it just a government idea to save money? I am sure you have heard a lot of reasons over the years, some true and some just one of those "legends" that seem to always float around.

We try to control the Sun but in reality the Sun is the Sun and never changes we just make believe that it does to affect us in our little world.

How about the Oroville Dam in Oroville, California? People wanted to control the flow of water and a few weeks ago put themselves in danger because of the weakening of the earthen dam and they had to let the water rush out of spillways. Water likes to go where water likes to go.

I am just using these two examples to point out that when we try to manipulate things there is always a danger that something can go wrong if we are not careful. In regard to Lent one of the things we should reflect upon is how do and who do we manipulate? It is obviously wrong to manipulate people into situations that are wrong. It is wrong to not respect the freedoms of others. Manipulation often seems to imply a selfish desire to obtain something for ourselves instead of things for the good of others.

How is your lent progressing?

...Fr. Joe

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

Seeing things from God's perspective takes time and a readiness to question conventional wisdom. By prayer, fasting, and works of mercy, we learn to look at life from God's viewpoint.

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

I will refrain from not wearing my favorite color or I will list 5 things I am grateful for 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 Evelinna in Zambia as she and other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their growing children and families. How do we ensure that those who are hungry have not only food by true nourishment? 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: From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things. . . and be killed, and on the third day be raised. Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem. A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" The Catechism of the Catholic Church 554

### 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: [jmariem.192@gmail.com](mailto:jmariem.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 blessing.

### 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. 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.**

### FOOD PANTRY...

The Easter Bunny wants you . . .



to help other families in the area have a happy Easter. Fortunately, the best way to do that is also the easiest way here at St. Mark's. Just go to the Supermarket Gift Card table in the Gathering Space and donate gift cards for the Long Valley Food Pantry Easter Baskets.

'Whatever you do for your brethren, you do for me.' Happy Easter to all!

AND/OR, you can donate non-perishable food items, as usual. The Food Pantry is currently in need of peanut butter, sugar/flour, coffee/tea, and oil/vinegar/salad dressing, but anything you can contribute will be greatly appreciated.

### 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 this weekend 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.

*Community News*

### RACKS VALLEY BOUTIQUE...

(28 Schooley's Mountain Rd, LV) is a non-profit thrift shop run by the LVJWC (Long Valley Junior Women's Club) to support community programs. The boutique offers name-brand clothing and accessories for men, women and children at greatly discounted prices. Donations are accepted anytime in the white bin located behind the shop. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering please contact Michelle Barron at [bmkcpc2@yahoo.com](mailto:bmkcpc2@yahoo.com). For more info visit: <https://www.facebook.com/RacksThriftBoutique>

### FLOWERS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES...

The Long Valley Garden Club would like to acknowledge parishioners of St. Marks who have family members in military service. A beautiful flower arrangement will be sent to each family in May. Please call the parish office if you would like to be included.

### FISH & CHIPS DINNER...

March 28 at St. Jude's 17 Mt. Olive Road, Budd Lake, Take Out 5-6 pm, 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.

### FREE MEDICARE ANNUAL WELLNESS DAY AT THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER...

Wednesday, March 29, 2017 9am-2pm bring your Medicare card, ID and list of medications. We offer services that are covered by Medicare with no co-pay & no deductible. No caffeine 1 hour prior to testing. Free brunch pizza party 12:30 pm-1:30 pm. A free \$10 Walgreens gift card for those with Medicare & certain other insurances. Register with Gail Johnson RN, Public Health Nurse Washington Township Health Dept. (908) 876-3650. Offered in Association with the Mayor's Wellness Campaign.



*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, 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 Koenig, Jean Koenig, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris,, Margaret Leon, Maryann Litori, Ann Loughney, 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





## 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 lives. 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 15, Mar 22, Mar 29**

**SIGNS AND WONDERS...**-This Lenten Program is presented on 6 Wednesday evenings of Lent **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 March 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 - March 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.

