

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

April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Holy Saturday, April 15

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 16

8:00 am For Parishioners of St. Mark's
 9:30 am For Joan Bannon by Nyman Family
 11:00 am For Parishioners of St. Mark's

Monday, April 17

8:45 am For Peace

Tuesday, April 18

8:45 am For the Dying

Wednesday, April 19

8:45 am For Refugees

Saturday, April 22

5:30 pm For Carmen Lastenia Jimenez by Madaras Family

Sunday, April 23

8:00 am For Parishioners of St. Mark's
 9:30 am For Charles Thielitz by Marge & Tom Sanders
 11:00 am For Joan Pirolo by Mary Monteverde

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 22, 23, 2017

Saturday 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode
Lector: Fred McQuaide
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Scarda
Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode
Lector: Sue Vetterl
Eucharistic Ministers: Carmen Veras, Austin Harvey
Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 9:30 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode, Deacon Tom Gibbon
Lector: Joanne Lee
Eucharistic Minister: Tony Piombino
Altar Servers: Annalina Jonkoski

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski, Deacon Jim Jones
Lector: Al Escudero
Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Michonski, Elizabeth Jasek, Angel Nowak
Altar Servers: Help Needed

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

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, April 22

5:00 pm Msgr. Martin McDonnell, Deacon Bob Head
 7:00 pm Msgr. Martin McDonnell

Sunday, April 23

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

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

Current Year	Last Year 2016
April 9, 2017: \$4,628 Envelopes used: 79	April 10, 2016: \$4,086 Envelopes used: 70
Supermarket Gift Cards Sales: \$1,900 Profit: \$95 YTD Profit: \$2,138 Food Pantry Donations: \$235 # of families: 11	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 by visiting www.faithdirect.net using our church code: **NJ484.**

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



BEAUTIFUL EASTER FLOWERS HAVE BEEN DONATED IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:

Cho Family, Miriam Bennett, Theresa & Donald Dobbings, Jean Redmond, Charles & Ellen Eichler, Russ & Terry Yates, Joseph & Marian Donald, Donation made from St. Mark's 8th Grade CYO basketball team, Raymond & Alice Korpanty, Thomas Korpanty, Stanley & Anna Solecki, Bill & Mary Kuhl, Johnny & Margaret Burke, Mrs. Mary Ann Prudden, Mr. Herbert Prudden, Joseph Callaremi Sr., James & Elvira Griffin, Stokes, Grieve & Totin Families, Thomas and Julia Dugan, Patricia Barone, Anthony & Anna Monteverde, Fleidner-Book Family, Heike Family, John McQuaide



EASTER 2017 – April 16

I recently found myself reflecting on a lot of experiences and people who have been in my life going back many years. I think, as I look forward to retirement in a couple of months, I am having these memories come to me sort of as security for things to come. These memories assuring me that even though I will have different experiences and new people in my life when I retire, I will have just as rewarding ones as in the past. One of these experiences was remembering how each Easter my extended family always gathered in Eastside Park in Paterson and had a picture taken in front of some great big flowering tree. I am not sure I made the picture the year I was born because Easter was April 6, 1947 and I was only 12 days old and in those days no one took a child out of the house until it was baptized. Memories of Easter that were preserved in pictures over years brought a sense of continuity.

The point of the message today is - we need to celebrate Easter each year with our Christian family in the world so that we continue the continuity of the message of Easter. The heart of the message is that Jesus is our Risen Lord and no matter what changes in our lives from year to year, the power of the Risen Lord is what continues to fill our lives with meaning and purpose. Easter is our most important feast day and just like yearly photos in families, it is important to celebrate it again to remind ourselves of who we are a God's people. We are God's people because Jesus fulfilled his promise to suffer, die and rise again and promises us the same hope that we will live with him forever.

Today we, as a Catholic Family in this community, come to church to show up for the picture. We come to form new memories and to remember again the great love that God has for us. The message is that nothing in this world can defeat us because Jesus has conquered the world, sin and death and gives us new life forever...Fr Joe

THE BEST LENT EVER...and other things we did for lent...

The video program that many of you told me you viewed throughout the 40 days of Lent was encouraging us to be the best person we can be. Hopefully all of us had the best lent ever this year and can now celebrate the weeks of Easter with a joyfulness of spirit.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY...

Next weekend at OLM church at 3 p.m., we will celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy with prayers and adoration. Please join us.

GIFTS FROM BETHLEHEM...

Next weekend April 22-23 there will be representatives of Christians in the Holy Land who are offering some very nice gifts, many of them made of olive wood. Your support of them helps Christians in Bethlehem and other areas who are committed to keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land despite the turmoil that often exists in that area.

A COUPLE OF DATES THIS COMING WEEK...

"Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's..." ---Tax payment due this year Tuesday, April 18...

Also honor and respect the things that are God's --- do something to praise God's creation and protect our natural resources - preserve the things of Creation... Earth Day is Saturday April 22.

WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC...

We are Catholic because we believe:

The first element we encounter in the framework of the Easter events is the empty tomb. In itself, it is not a direct proof of Resurrection; the absence of Christ's body from the tomb could be explained otherwise. [493] Nonetheless, the empty tomb was still an essential sign for all. Its discovery by the disciples was the first step toward recognizing the very fact of the Resurrection. This was the case, first with the holy women, and then with Peter. [494] the disciple "whom Jesus loved," affirmed that when he entered the empty tomb and discovered "the linen cloths lying there", "he saw and believed". [495] this suggests that he realized from the empty tomb's condition that the absence of Jesus' body could not have been of human doing and that Jesus had not simply returned to earthly life as had been the case with Lazarus. The Catechism of the Catholic Church 640

THANK YOU VERY MUCH...

We had a great number of volunteers come out to help with the gardening around the church last Saturday. The idea came from one of our parishioners Kim Dunn and it was great to see so many respond and help keep our area looking great. We really appreciate the help and donations to cover the cost of the mulch. Thanks again to all.

OPERATION RICE BOWL...

Please return your rice bowls to help feed the hungry of the world.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND SOUTHERN SPAIN...

Bishop Serratelli will be the Spiritual Director of a trip this summer to *Fatima and Southern Spain*. The Pilgrimage will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions in Fatima and then continue on to Spain. The Pilgrimage will be from July 16 to 24.

For more information or to make reservations, please contact Great Experiences at 201-825-3725 or email them at greatexinc@verizon.net.

WINE TASTING/DINNER...

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! Friday, April 21st 7:00 to 10:00 pm at St. Marks. 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 16 to receive a \$5 discount/per person. Seating is limited – Register NOW!

DAY OF RECOLLECTION...ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY –

The Rosary Altar Society is having a Day of Recollection on Saturday, April 22nd at 9:30 am – 3:00 pm in the parish center of OLM. Our guest speaker is Fr. John Andrew. Bagels and coffee will be provided. Please bring a bagged lunch and desserts will be served. The cost is \$10.00. Please contact Helene Dellasandro at 908-850-5462 to sign up. All ladies of OLM & St. Marks are invited



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

In this passage, Peter testifies that he and his followers saw the miracles performed by Christ, witnessed His death, and believe in His resurrection. Now they will proclaim to all that Christ is the Son of God.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul tells the Colossians that they will appear with Christ in glory. They should be mindful of things above rather than things on earth.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

In vivid detail, John tells us that when Mary Magdalene visited Christ's tomb, the tomb was empty. She told the apostles, who ran to the tomb, and saw the "wrappings" on the ground. The disciple who entered first "saw and believed."



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, Annette Boenzi, Luz Bracero, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Bernie Cho, Arlene Cichlar, Hannah Clark, Emily Condit, Kaitlin Cross, Natalia Danilczuk, Krish Dharia, Catherine DiPasquale, 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, Betty Meyer, 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, Margi Schuelke, 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.

Community News

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE FOR SISTERS...

Position Available immediately. Part time RN 10-12 hours/week. Days and hours are flexible. Please send resume to Sister Joseph spring at president@acs350.org.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL VETS TRICKY TRAY...

Friday, April 21 at Vasa Park Hall, 1 Vasa Drive, Hackettstown. Doors open at 5 pm. First ticket will be drawn at 7:30 pm. Door admission \$10 and one free sheet of yellow tickets. Teaser glimpse: Tory Burch bag, Nambe, water park tickets and much more! Refreshments will be available for purchase. Music provided by local firehouse DJ.

LIFE LINE SCREENING...

Life Line Screening a leading provider of community based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. Marks on April 27th. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems. Register for a wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screenings. Flyers with complete details are available in the gathering space. To register and to receive a \$10 discount, call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle

A TASTE OF THE TOWNS: A FOOD TASTING FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT RAYMOND A. MCCARTHY, JR.

Nearly two years ago, suddenly and without warning, "Little" Ray McCarthy, a spunky and adventurous six year old Star Wars enthusiast, found himself battling an alien creature called Glioma. Glioma isn't an imaginary character in a fictional galaxy on a movie screen. Unfortunately, it is a very real and very devastating brain stem tumor, medically known as Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG). Now eight years old, "Little" Ray continues to be in and out of hospitals. He and his family shouldn't have to fight this battle alone. That's why we are asking you to become a warrior for "Little" Ray by praying, sharing his story, and showing your support by attending this fundraiser.

St. Luke's Parish, 265 West Mill Road, L.V. Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6:30 pm-9:30 pm B.Y.O.B. Tickets \$50.00 per person

Email little-raytot@gmail.com to purchase tickets.

(Your support of this event is considered a gift to Raymond A. McCarthy, Jr. to help defray the cost of his care. Please note that gifts to an individual do not qualify as a charitable deduction, and the IRS does not allow a deduction.) If you cannot join us, please consider a donation, no matter how big or small, to help defray the astronomical expenses related to his medical care. Become a part of the "Little" Ray Empire and strike back at Glioma today...

Visit Little Ray's Battle Fund at www.gofundme.com to donate to this cause.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY...

Saturday, May 27th in Rock Spring Park at 12 pm (rain or shine) at the War Memorial Site. Key note speaker is Commander Martin "Marty" Fleischer who is Commander of WT American Veterans Post 1776. Come join us as we salute our brave veterans and our fallen heroes. Rock Spring Park is dedicated to this program and will be closed to all other activities on this day. No dogs allowed in Township parks. Questions?? Call recreation office (908) 876-5941.

