

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

March 4, 2018

Third Sunday of Lent



Saturday, March 3

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village
5:30 pm For Eileen Olson by Gruby Family

Sunday, March 4

8:00 am For Harry Johanson by McGuire Family
9:30 am For Glen Guzik by Woelfel Family
For Bernie Cho by Cho Family
11:00 am For Charles Thielitz by Fania Family
For Jack Merritt by DelGuercio Family

Monday, March 5

8:45 am For Thomas P. Nichuck by Bob Uccardi

Tuesday, March 6

8:45 am

Wednesday, March 7

8:45 am For Joseph Thomas by Solecki Family

Thursday, March 8

8:45 am For Mary June Sullivan by Nancy Sullivan

Saturday, March 10

5:30 pm For Lebo Barbaglio by Lennon Family

Sunday, March 11

8:00 am For William Draper by Gruby Family
9:30 am For Bernie Cho by Cho Family
11:00 am For Alfred Stepien by Schmitt Family
For Josefa Silfa by her sisters

REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS 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: In loving memory of Joseph F. Casey III by Mitchell Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE February March 10, 11, 2018

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno
Lector: Tom Morley
Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Burke
Altar Servers: Lea Nowak

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno
Lector: Piper Heike
Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Vetterl
Altar Servers: Help needed

9:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno
Lector: Kevin O'Shea
Eucharistic Ministers: Eric & Sharon Woelfel
Altar Servers: Maura O'Shea

11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno
Lector: Isabella DiLizia
Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Michonski, Lorraine Fleming
Altar Servers: Giuliana Rolli

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, March 5

8:45 am Mass
4:30 pm CEC K-5
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by confessions and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with JYM students

Tuesday, March 6

8:45 am Mass
4:30 pm CEC K-5
7:30 pm Choir

Wednesday, March 7

8:45 am Mass
JYM class cancelled.
9:30 am Women's Bible Study
7:30 pm Building and Grounds Meeting

Thursday, March 8

8:45 am Mass

Friday, March 9

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, March 10

8:00 am Men's Bible Study
5:30 PM mass – Family Celebration & Catechesis

Sunday, March 11

Masses, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am
Hospitality after all masses provided by the Knights of Columbus
7:00 pm Parish Advisory Council Meeting

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2016
February 25, 2018: \$2,317.51 Envelopes used: 45 Online for February: \$8,380	February 26, 2017: \$2,439 Envelopes used: 60 Online for February \$9,067
Supermarket Gift Cards: February 25, 2018 Sales: \$3,430 Profit: \$172.50 YTD Profit: \$1,290 # of Families: 22	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

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 and use our church code: **NJ484**. God Bless You, Fr. Marcin

FOOD PANTRY...Don't (Just) Give Up

Lent shouldn't be *just* about giving up – it should also be about giving. One great way to give this Lent would be to donate Supermarket Gift Cards to the Long Valley Food Pantry for their Easter Baskets. What's so great about that? Well, it provides needed food for families in this area (plus some Easter treats for the children in those families), and, it fulfills the very first Corporal Work of Mercy, "To Feed the Hungry." "It also happens to be very convenient. Just stop by the Supermarket Gift Card table in the gathering space and tell the nice person there, "I'd like to give!" What could be more convenient? You were going to buy gift cards for yourself anyway, weren't you?

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Catherine of Bologna – March 7

Abbess (1413 – 1463)

St. Catherine was born into a noble family in Bologna and raised in luxury. Yet at fourteen she persuaded her family to let her join a community of Franciscan tertiaries. From an early age she had experienced visions of Jesus, “who would enter into her soul like a radiant sunshine to establish there the profoundest peace.” But there were also demonic thoughts that sometimes plunged her into despair. Through constant prayer she vanquished such doubts, and one night during the Christmas vigil she was rewarded by an encounter with the Blessed Mother, who offered her the great privilege of holding her infant Son.

After some years Catherine was directed to take charge of a convent of Poor Clares in Bologna. Her reputed gifts of healing and prophecy – as well as her deep kindness – attracted many novices. Whenever she had to correct a young sister, she would insist on sharing her punishment. When one of the novices was tempted to leave, Catherine pledged to take her place in purgatory until the end of time if only she would remain.

Catherine died on March 9, 1463. Among her last instructions, she said, “If you would have all, you must give all.”

“It means little to wear a worn habit and walk with bowed head; to be truly humble one has to know to bear humiliation. It is the touchstone of Christian discipleship.”

St. Catherine of Bologna

FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery. “You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart”.

My dear brothers and sisters, let us continue our learning from the catechism of the Catholic Church.

The expression "free union" is fallacious: what can "union" mean when the partners make no commitment to one another, each exhibiting a lack of trust in the other, in himself, or in the future

The expression covers a number of different situations: concubinage, rejection of marriage as such, or inability to make long-term commitments. All these situations offend against the dignity of marriage; they destroy the very idea of the family; they weaken the sense of fidelity. They are contrary to the moral law. The sexual act must take place exclusively within marriage. Outside of marriage it always constitutes a grave sin and excludes one from sacramental communion.

Some today claim a "right to a trial marriage" where there is an intention of getting married later. However firm the purpose of those who engage in premature sexual relations may be, "the fact is that such liaisons can scarcely ensure mutual sincerity and fidelity in a

relationship between a man and a woman, nor, especially, can they protect it from inconstancy of desires or whim." Carnal union is morally legitimate only when a definitive community of life between a man and woman has been established. Human love does not tolerate "trial marriages." It demands a total and definitive gift of persons to one another.



“FAMILY CELEBRATION & CATECHESIS EVENING” SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH...

5:30 pm mass begins with Induction of Altar Servers. As mass continues, we will be stopping briefly during parts of the mass to explain what is happening, why we do what we do and clarify the use of the sacramental items used during the mass. Who doesn't want things clarified and explained in order to exact clearer understand? Mass takes on a deeper meaning and a more essential place in our lives, when we take a closer look! After mass we will gather in the parish hall for activities and learn more about our faith. Let's spend some time together during this Lenten season.

Easter Flower Memorials

If you would like to make a donation for our Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one either living or deceased, there are Easter Flower Offering envelopes on the center table in the gathering space.

ST. MARK'S DAY OF REFLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS...

Saturday, March 24TH from 10:00 am-11:30 am. We will start with the rosary, followed by mass, and a short meeting.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS AT ST. MARK'S SAVE THE DATES...

- April 6 – Winetasting
- April 29 – St. Mark's 30th Anniversary Mass and Luncheon. Bishop Arthur Serratelli will be our celebrant at the 11:00 am mass.

ST. MARK'S WINE TASTING/DINNER – FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH

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 6th 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Sign up in the gathering space. Cost is \$30/person (\$25/person if paid by April 1st.) Place checks payable to St. Mark's in the box in the gathering space.

DO YOU HAVE ANY ST. MARK'S PHOTOS?

The fundraising committee is looking for any photographs you may have of events held at St. Mark's over the past 30 years for a slide show at the anniversary luncheon. Please send to stmarkspac@gmail.com or you can drop them off in the parish office Attn: Melissa Heike. Photos will be digitized and returned to you.

ENGRAVED BRICK FUNDRAISER...

ORDERS AND PAYMENT ARE DUE BY MARCH 10th...

April 29th we will be celebrating St. Mark's 30th Anniversary. We are excited to welcome our parishners and families as Bishop Serratelli joins our priests both past and present to celebrate our anniversary mass. As you may have noticed time and weather have taken a toll on the brick pavers, leaving them broken and in distress. In an effort to renovate our walkway in time for our celebration, the Fundraising Committee will be selling Engraved Memorial Bricks to be incorporated in a new walkway. Please see the display in the gathering space. Orders with payment can be left in the Parish Office. Questions? Contact STM30@comcast.net.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Through Moses, God passed on the commandments he wished all people to follow. He tells us not to worship idols or take the name of the Lord in vain. All the laws God gave to us, if followed, would ensure that we could live in peace and harmony with one another as he had planned.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. Although they claimed to possess wisdom, "God's folly is wiser than men, and his weakness is more powerful than men."

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Jesus went to the temple of Jerusalem to find merchants there selling sheep and doves. He knocked over their tables and drove the animals away. The merchants asked him for a sign that he was authorized to do this. He told them to "destroy this temple (referring to his body) and in three days I will raise it up." The merchants misunderstood, and did not believe he could rebuild in three days what had taken nearly 50 years to build. Still many believed in him, after seeing the miracles he had performed.



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, Kenneth Bernisky, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Emily Condit, Natalia Danilczuk, Krish Dharia, Catherine DiPasquale, Elizabeth, Connie Elliott, Larry Fine, Tracey F, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Jerry Green, Barbara Gotterdam, Louie Gutierrez, Helen Greenly, Harper Lynn Granito, Regina Hague, William Heimsly, Bob Hodiern, Maria Dougherty Jante, Donna Jennings, Laurel Jilek, Joey, Claudia Kallmeyer, Jim Karpinski, Kevin Kay, Russell H. Keller, Mary Koenig, Jean Koenig, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris, Margaret Leon, Maryann Litori, Wayne Marks, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Irene, Madelyn S. Maruggi, Raymond McCarthy Jr., Jonathon McClelland, Meghan McDonough, Harold & Mary McKay, Edward Michonski, Sr., Kathy Minichini, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Marilyn O'Connor, Josh Olsen, Jim Owens, Arlene Parikh, Nicky Piloni, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Jeff Schpiner

Rev. Frank Rodimer, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, Cindy, Sullivan, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Rev. Zbigniew Tyburski, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

Every now and then we try to update our prayer list. Please look over the list and if you requested prayers for a person please call the office to let us know if you wish to continue to be on this prayer list.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD...

Girl Scout Jr. Troop 95641 is working towards earning their Bronze Award. They are collecting donations to create a treasure box for children who are waiting to be seen in the Hackettstown Hospital Emergency Room. They are asking for your help by donating NEW stuffed animals, toys, books, small toy cars, coloring books, art supplies or anything you think would make their wait more bearable. A collection box will be in the gathering space. Thank you for your kind considerations and support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS...

The Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes are holding an open house and hospitality after all masses at St. Marks the weekend of March 10-11. Please stop by for socializing and to learn more about these organizations.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL ADULT BARN DANCE...

Saturday, March 24 at St. Mark's from 7-11 pm. The affair will be a BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverages and Snacks). The proceeds from the dance will be used to support our veterans at various Veteran hospitals and facilities. There will be a professional barn dance caller, Howard Richman, who will have a repertoire of easy dances; he will provide instructions for all experience levels with the aim to provide a relaxed and lively social occasion. Tickets will be on sale after all masses for \$15/person. For information email at koc.barn@gmail.com or call John 908-572-7277 or Charles 908-832-5313 Get your tickets early, we had a near sell-out last year.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING...

All ladies of Our Lady of the Mountain and St. Mark's are invited to join us for our Rosary Altar Society Meeting at OLM on Tuesday, March 6, at 7:15 pm. We begin with the Rosary followed by Mass and the Novena to our Blessed Mother, and end the evening with our meeting. Our guest speaker will be Linda Kenyon performing as Julia Child.

VILLA WALSH ACADEMY

Summer Camp for Girls entering grades 4-8. Week 1: June 25-29; Week 2: July 9-July 13. Morning session: 9am-12.00pm. Afternoon session 1-4 pm. Attend both sessions and participate in a supervised lunch. Evening session: for high school athletes entering 9-12 from 4:30-7:30 pm, For information or to register www.villawalsh.org under athletics tab or Camp Director, Shannon Prisco, sumercamp@villawalsh.org

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