

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

March 18, 2018



Saturday, March 17
 5:30 pm For Jaroslav F. Cervenka by Schwint Family
 For Frannie Botti by Draghi Family

Sunday, March 18
 8:00 am For Hal Holcombe by Dave Donlon
 9:30 am For
 11:00 am For Bernie Cho by Cho Family
 For Aeysha Quresha by St. Mark's Kitchen Angels

Monday, March 19
 8:45 am For Deceased member of the Chambers family by Stokes Family

Tuesday, March 20
 8:45 am For

Wednesday, March 21
 8:45 am For Raymond Kielich by Stokes Family
 For Elvira Griffin by Labue Family

Thursday, March 22
 8:45 am For Patrick Bryne by Davidson Family

Saturday, March 24
 5:30 pm For Margaret McQuaide by Lennon Family

Sunday, March 25(Palm Sunday)
 8:00 am For Claire Grieve by Stokes Family
 9:30 am For Bernie Cho by Cho Family
 11:00 am For Bill Perry by Bob Uccardi

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 March 24, 25, 2018

Saturday, 5:30 pm
 Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski
 Lector: Joanne Lee
 Eucharistic Ministers: Holly Zimmerman, Nancy Lennon
 Altar Servers: Jeremy Timog

Sunday, 8:00 am
 Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski
 Lector: Jim Scott
 Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Gebbia
 Altar Servers: Piper Heike

9:30 am
 Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski
 Lector: Kevin O'Shea
 Eucharistic Ministers: Eric & Sharon Woelfel
 Altar Servers: Annalina Jonkoski

11:00 am
 Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski
 Lector: Isabella DiLizia
 Eucharistic Ministers: Trish Mitchell
 Altar Servers: Ryan Arrambede

Fifth Sunday of Lent

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, March 19
 8:45 am Mass
 4:30 pm CEC K-5 – 5th grade retreat
 7:00 pm Penance Service at OLM

Tuesday, March 20
 8:45 am Mass
 4:30 pm CEC K-5 – 5th grade retreat
 7:30 pm Choir

Wednesday, March 21
 8:45 am Mass
 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
 6:00 pm JYM

Thursday, March 22
 8:45 am Mass

Friday, March 23
 Parish Office Closed

Saturday, March 24
 5:30 pm Mass
 8:00 am Men's Bible Study
 10:00 am Day of Reflection Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors
 7:00 pm K of C Adult Barn Dance

Palm Sunday, March 25
 Masses, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2016
March 11, 2018: \$2,257 Envelopes used: 48	March 12, 2017: \$2,639 Envelopes used: 60
Supermarket Gift Cards: March 11, 2018 Sales: \$3,420 Profit: \$171.00 YTD Profit: \$1,571.25 # of Families: 18	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 and use our church code: NJ484. Thank you for your support of our parish family. 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!"

You were going to buy gift cards for yourself anyway, weren't you?

FROM FR. MARCIN...

My dear parishioners,



Today we observe the 5th Sunday of Lent. Our Lenten preparation for the Easter celebration is coming slowly to the conclusion. ONLY TWO WEEKS TO GO!!! Next weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday.

As we continue our journey through Lent and draw near Holy Week, let us ponder on Jesus, the grain of wheat who fell on the ground and died but yielded a rich harvest. As we die to ourselves during Lent through our penance, may we produce a rich harvest and celebrate that harvest during the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. What does it mean to "die" to ourselves? It certainly means that what is contrary to God's will must be "crucified" or "put to death". God gives us grace to say "yes" to his will and to reject whatever is contrary to his loving plan for our lives.

This Lent we have asked God to give us a new mind and heart so we can see the reality of Jesus and his cross. Regarding that new heart today we hear the prophecy of Jeremiah - that God will write his law on our hearts. Instead of following external rules, we will have God's law deep inside. We will know the right thing to do and will do it.



What is the hour of glory for Jesus in John's Gospel? It is his passion and death because through his passion and death he will draw all people to himself. Jesus' glory is not what the world thinks glorious because the world does not see as God sees. Jesus described his willingness to go to the cross as his hour of glory. Jesus saw his death on the cross as triumph over the powers of sin and Satan's forces of darkness. The real enemy that Jesus came to overcome was Satan. Jesus took our sins upon himself and nailed them to the cross to set us free from condemnation to death and destruction, and the eternal consequence of separation from God.

Easter is just two weeks away and I think we should summarize this Lent a little bit. Let us approach ourselves with a few questions. How this Lent is going for me what did I do to be a better person more kind. Do I give alms to the poor and the most needy by using the rice bowl for example. Do I pray more and come to church faithfully. Did I come at least once for beautiful Lenten Devotion which we call Stations of the Cross/ Did I receive the sacrament of the penance already if not yet let us make good examination of the conscious and then go. (PARISH PENANCE SERVICE – MONDAY – MARCH 19 – OLM CHURCH – 7PM)

Lord our God, keep Your Son's disciples from the easy ways of popularity, of cheap glory, and lead them to the ways of the poor and scourged of the earth, so that they may recognize in their faces the face of the Master and Redeemer – JESUS CHRIST.

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PRAY FOR US...
ST. MARK'S PRAY FOR US... WITH PRAYER, FR. MARCIN

LENT AT OLM AND ST. MARK'S

OLM:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS!!! This is the last Friday, last chance to participate in this Lenten Devotion 10am, and 7:30pm – OLM CHURCH

Lenten reflection with Fr. Marcin –Tuesday at 7pm – OLM PARISH CENTER.

ST. MARK'S:

NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND CONFESSION ON MONDAY (MARCH 19)

**PENANCE SERVICE FOR OLM AND ST. MARK'S –
MONDAY – MARCH 19 – 7PM – OLM CHURCH
THERE IS NO EASTER JOY WITHOUT GOOD
CONFESSION.**



Everyone count, everyone say "when was the last time I went to Confession?" And if much time has passed, do not lose another day. Go, the priest will be good. Jesus is there, and Jesus is more benevolent than priests, Jesus receives you, He receives you with so much love. Be courageous and go to Confession.

Pope Francis, General Audience, Feb. 19, 2014

O God of compassion, You alone can justify me, and You will never reject me when I, contrite, approach Your merciful heart, where no one has ever been refused, even if he were the greatest sinner
(Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, 1730)

Next Sunday is already



HEATH VILLAGE IS LOOKING FOR MINISTERS OF THE HOLY COMMUNION.

Would you like to do this ministry??

Acts of the Apostles, 20:35 states that "In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He himself said 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'". What a great feeling to see the reaction of others after you have given them something that they truly appreciate.

During this time of Lent when we reflect on our relationship with our Lord and Savior, perhaps we are asking "how else can I give of myself?" Well, we have a suggestion! Heath Village is a retirement community in Hackettstown that serves the needs of our elderly. For many years, we have had a very successful ministry with Heath whereby, each weekend, we provide Holy Communion to the Catholic residents who are unable to make it to Mass. The elderly residents who come to the communion service and are able to listen to that day's liturgy and receive the Body of Christ are incredibly grateful for this opportunity. And you can see their gratitude by their expressions. It is an extremely heart-warming and humbling experience.

So if you feel the call to make a difference in the life of the elderly and want to learn more, please contact the parish office or Rick Gebbia at rgebbia@comcast.net. Thank you!

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Cyril of Jerusalem – March 18

Doctor of the Church (ca. 315 – 386)

St. Cyril was born in Jerusalem, where he was later ordained a priest and became bishop in 350. Almost immediately he found himself embroiled in controversies inherited from his predecessor. Jurisdictional disputes with the bishop of Caesarea resulted in a formal investigation by the local synod. Among the gravest accusations was that Cyril had sold church property namely, gift from the emperor – to give alms to the famine-stricken poor. Cyril was condemned and forced into exile. He returned after some years to find himself caught in new battles over the Arian heresy. Cyril was accused by members of each side of being too sympathetic to the other. He died in 386 at the age about seventy. Of his thirty-five years as a bishop, nearly sixteen were spent in exile.

In 1882 Cyril was named a Doctor of the Church, largely on the basis of his work *The Catechetical Lectures*. These talks, delivered to adult catechumens in the Catholic faith, represent one of the first systematic accounts of Christian theology, centered on the articles of the creed. They underline Cyril's determination to present the faith in a positive light and to maintain a balance between correct belief and holy action.

“Let us, endure in hope. Let us devote ourselves, side by side with our hoping, so that the God of all the universe, as he beholds our intention, may cleanse us from our sins, fill us with high hopes from what we have in hand, and grant us the change of heart that saves”.

- St. Cyril of Jerusalem

FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Seventh Commandment... You shall not steal.

My dear brothers and sisters according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church the seventh commandment forbids theft, that is, usurping another's property against the reasonable will of the owner. There is no theft if consent can be presumed or if refusal is contrary to reason and the universal destination of goods. This is the case in obvious and urgent necessity when the only way to provide for immediate, essential needs (food, shelter, clothing . . .) is to put at one's disposal and use the property of others.

Even if it does not contradict the provisions of civil law, any form of unjustly taking and keeping the property of others is against the seventh commandment: thus, deliberate retention of goods lent or of objects lost; business fraud; paying unjust wages; forcing up prices by taking advantage of the ignorance or hardship of another.

The following are also morally illicit: speculation in which one contrives to manipulate the price of goods artificially in order to gain an advantage to the detriment of others; corruption in which one influences the judgment of those who must make decisions according to law; appropriation and use for private purposes of the common goods of an enterprise; work poorly done; tax evasion; forgery of checks and invoices; excessive expenses and waste. Willfully damaging private or public property is contrary to the moral law and requires reparation. God bless you.

ST. MARK'S DAY OF REFLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS... Sat. March 24, 10-11:30 am

K OF C ANNUAL ADULT BARN DANCE...

Saturday, March 24 at St. Mark's from 7-11 pm. The affair is BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverages and Snacks). \$15/person Proceeds will be used to support our veterans at various Veteran hospitals.

Questions... email at koc.barn@gmail.com or John 908-572-7277 or Charles 908-832-5313

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 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION...

We are assembling a Commemorative Program for our Anniversary Celebration on April 29 and would welcome any parishioner's supportive ad. There are flyers with details in the Gathering Space.

GIFT CARD SELLERS NEEDED...

If you are looking for a way to get involved with St Marks, the Gift Card Program, our biggest fund raiser, needs sellers for the following time slots; 4th Saturday of month at 5:30pm, any week for the Sunday 8:00am Mass and the 2nd Sunday of the month at 9:30. Volunteering for this program will not interfere with work or school schedules, we simply need 15 minutes of your time once a month after Mass. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mary Hanifin at marykhanifin@yahoo.com

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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.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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 Pilosi, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Jeff Schpiner Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, Cindy Sullivan, Matt Terpstra, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Rev. Zbigniew Tyburski, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

