

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Saturday, May 5

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village
5:30 pm For Virginia Kadri by Mauriello Family

Sunday, May 6

8:00 am For Jeff Matthews by Ortiz Family
9:30 am For Rev. George Kuzhippallil
For Bernie Cho by Cho Family
11:00 am For John F. Zampese by Long Valley K of C

Monday, May 7

8:45 am For Norman Hazell by Dave Donlon

Tuesday, May 8

8:45 am For

Wednesday, May 9

8:45 am For

**Thursday, May 10 Ascension Thursday
Holy Day of Obligation**

8:45 am For
10:45 am Mass at Heath Village
7:00 pm For

Saturday, May 12

5:30 pm For George Stolte by Draghi Family

Sunday, May 13

8:00 am For Elaine Gebbia by Gebbia Family
9:30 am For Bernie Cho by Cho Family
11:00 am For Phyllis D. Fania by Fania Family
For Josefa Silfa by her sisters

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY**

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:

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
May 12, 13, 2018**

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski, Deacon Bob Head
Lector: Joanne Lee
Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Burke
Altar Servers: Help needed

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski
Lector: Tony Cretella
Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Vetterl
Altar Servers: Help needed

9:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski, Deacon Jim Jones
Lector: Katie Van Woert
Eucharistic Ministers: Eric & Sharon Woelfel
Altar Servers: Help needed

11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski, Deacon Tom Gibbon
Lector: Al & David Escudero
Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine Fleming, Ed Michonski
Altar Servers: Help needed

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, May 7

8:45 am Mass
7:00 Parish Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 8

8:45 am Mass
4:00 pm First Eucharist Rehearsal
7:00 pm Peer Information Night
7:30 pm Choir

Wednesday, May 9

8:45 am Mass

Thursday, May 10

8:45 am & 7:00 pm Mass Ascension Thursday
10:45 am Mass

Friday, May 11

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, May 12

8:00 am Men's Bible Study
11:00 am First Eucharist
5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, May 13 Mother's Day

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am Masses
May Crowning after 11:00 am mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2017
April 29, 2018: \$2,950	April 30, 2017 Figures not available
Supermarket Gift Cards were not sold last weekend	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

May can be a busy month. Are you booking travel for Memorial Day? Gearing up for summer vacation? Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct to make sure your gifts reach St. Mark the Evangelist when you cannot, and our ministries can continue uninterrupted. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **NJ484**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



FOOD PANTRY....What is THE best gift for Mother's Day?

Flowers? Jewelry? Nutritious food? There are mothers in our area who would consider nutritious food for their family the most precious gift possible! So this Mother's Day, in addition to flowers or jewelry for *your* mother, consider donating some non-perishable food items to the Long Valley Food Pantry. Other mothers will thank you. And so will yours! Anything you can donate will be appreciated, but this month you might want to consider infant formula, baby food, diapers, cereal, and shelf-stable milk. Spoiler alert: Next month – similar idea for Father's Day.

My dear parishioners,

Congratulations once again!!! Our 30th anniversary was a happy and successful event in our parish life.

I was very happy to see many parishioners and friends of our parish in the church and at the reception.

You all did a fantastic job!!!

I would like to say thank you very much to Pastoral Advisory Council, Fundraising committee and many others who worked very hard to prepare this celebration. Music at Holy Mass was excellence. Joe Tamburro with our choir did amazing job. I cannot say enough about how thankful I am for all you do for our parish. Your work, faith and enthusiasm is a sign that you truly love our church, our parish, and what is the most important our Lord Jesus.

REJOICE AND BE GLAD BECAUSE THIS TIME THE LORD HAS MADE FOR US.

In today's Gospel Jesus is talking of a very special kind of love, love that does not think of oneself but sacrifices for the sake of the other. To make sure we would not confuse this very special type of love with other types of love, which often are more lust than love, the writers of the New Testament used a very special word to describe the love of Jesus for us and the love of God for us. They said Jesus loved us with agape love. That is love that does not think of oneself but sacrifices for the sake of the other. Jesus is our model for loving with this sacrificial love, agape love, loving the other for their benefit without putting ourselves first. When does Jesus show us that agape love most of all? When he died on the cross for us. That is why in the Gospel today Jesus also says: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Every Mass is a celebration of this special love of Jesus giving himself for us on the cross. In the second reading today, John says: "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God."

John uses the word (agape) for love; let us love one another with this agape sacrificial love of Jesus because this agape sacrificial love comes from God. Then John says something very challenging. He says: "Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love." If we do not love with this agape sacrificial love we do not know God because God is this agape sacrificial love. We have seen this agape sacrificial love most of all in Jesus on the cross.

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."



God's love has power to transform and change us so that we can be like him – merciful, kind, gracious, and forgiving. In God's love we find the fullness of grace, peace, life and joy. That is why Jesus came to give us abundant life through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit. Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment – a new way of loving and serving one another. Jesus' love was completely directed toward the good of others.

So let us love one another since love comes from God and anyone who fails to love can never have known God because God is love.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

NEXT THURSDAY (MAY 10) WE CELEBRATE THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. HOLY MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED IN OUR CHURCH ON THURSDAY AT 8:45AM AND 7:00PM.

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to all creation." (Mark 16:15)

After Jesus' ascension if you are looking for Jesus the place to look for him is in his Church. During his life on earth Jesus was present in one way, and after his ascension Jesus is present with us in another way, in the Church. To help the Church continue his mission he pours out his gifts on individuals in the Church. Let us pray that the Church will more and more become what Jesus calls it to be that all may come to find Jesus.

Come to the Church on Thursday and celebrate with us the day -
JESUS WENT BACK TO HEAVEN!!!

Next Saturday we will celebrate the Feast of the First Holy Communion in our parish. Our young parishioners will receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. It is a happy event not only for children and their parents but for all of us. It is good to see children receiving our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for them and their parents. May Jesus in the Holy Communion give them strength and help them follow his path and Gospel.

APPOINTED PASTOR – It was a big surprise for me when our Bishop at the reception last Sunday said that I am a pastor now. I am humbled by Bishop's confidence in me and I ask for your prayers that I may be a good pastor in the image of Christ the Good Shepherd.

I am always grateful for your prayers, offerings and for all you do for our parish. **God bless you!!!**

St. Mark pray for us...

Our Lady of the Mountain pray for us...

Fr. Marcia

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - REPORT

Our Goal was \$10,000.00

Pledged: \$22,134.00

Cash received through March 22, 2018: \$19,584.00

Rebate as of March 22, 2018: **\$4,792.00** – THIS AMOUNT WE ALREADY RECEIVED.

From the depth of my heart I want to say thank you very much for your generosity!!!

ANNIVERSARY THANK YOU'S!

What a wonderful celebration we enjoyed last weekend marking our parish's 30th anniversary. Many thanks to the members of the Pastoral Advisory Council, the Fundraising Committee, Mary Monteverde, Joanne Solecki, the Knights of Columbus, the Music Ministry, and the dozens of unnamed parishioners who contributed in some way to the festivities. We could not have done it without you.

We would also like to thank Uncle Sal's in Budd Lake, Chester Floral and Design, and Ort's Farms for their generous contributions to our celebration. Each provided discounted goods or services to help make our day special. Should you ever find the need for their services, please consider giving them your patronage and expressing thanks for their support.

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Mary Mazzarello – May 13

Founder, Salesian Sister (1837 – 1881)

Mary Mazzarello was born to a peasant family in a town near Genoa. After a bout of typhoid left her too weak to work the fields, she took up dressmaking. Over time, she began to take in other girls as apprentices, combining her training with religious education.

Don Bosco, founder of the Salesians, had been looking for a woman to take up with girls the educational work he was doing with boys. Introduced to Mary, he was convinced she was the one. Such was the beginning of the Salesian Sister.

Mary, who was barely literate before the age of thirty, was in some ways a surprising choice for such an apostolate, yet she proved equal to the task. As she liked to say, "Wisdom is justified by her children." In keeping with the spirit of the Salesians, she combined education with vocational training and religious formation. "Laugh and play and dash about as much as you like," she said to the younger children, "but be ever so careful not to do or say anything that would be displeasing to God."

The order spread through Italy, France, and eventually South America. Mother Mary fell ill in 1881. When she asked Don Bosco whether she would recover, he replied, "No; it is the office of a superior to lead, even in death." She died on May 14. Her last words were, "I will see you in Heaven." She was canonized in 1951.

"Have love in your hearts but repress the tendency to appear devout."
St. Mary Mazzarello

FROM FR. JAVIER...TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. It was said to the men of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn."

Dear brothers and sisters let us continue our learning from the Eighth Commandment. According to the catechism "A lie consists in speaking a falsehood with the intention of deceiving." *The Lord denounces lying as the work of the devil: "You are of your father the devil,...there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies."*

Lying is the most direct offense against the truth. To lie is to speak or act against the truth in order to lead into error someone who has the right to know the truth. By injuring man's relation to truth and to his neighbor, a lie offends against the fundamental relation of man and of his word to the Lord.

Also the gravity of a lie is measured against the nature of the truth it deforms, the circumstances, the intentions of the one who lies, and the harm suffered by its victims. If a lie in itself only constitutes a venial sin, it becomes mortal when it does grave injury to the virtues of justice and charity.

By its very nature, lying is to be condemned. It is a profanation of speech, whereas the purpose of speech is to communicate known truth to others. The deliberate intention of leading a neighbor into error by saying things contrary to the truth constitutes a failure in justice and charity. The culpability is greater when the intention of

deceiving entails the risk of deadly consequences for those who are led astray.

God bless you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM...

The Long Valley Knights of Columbus College Scholarship Program is now taking applications for 2018. Information about the program and application forms are located in the gathering space and parish office. **Deadline for receiving applications is May 31, 2018.** You may also contact Patrick Gibbons for a copy of the application at 908.414.0963 (patgibb@gmail.com).

COLUMBIETTES SCHOLARSHIP...

Long Valley Columbiettes College Scholarship Committee is now taking applications for 2018. Details about the program and application forms are available at the parish office or in the gathering space. **The deadline for receiving applications is May 28th.** You may also contact the Long Valley Columbiettes for a copy of the applications at lvolumbiettes@gmail.com.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING –

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018, AT 7:15 PM AT OLM

The evening starts at OLM with the Rosary, Mass and Novena, then refreshments and a 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. All women of Our Lady of the Mountain Church parish and St. Mark's parish are invited. At this May meeting we will also have the crowning of the Blessed Mother and the induction of new members. We'll also be collecting donations of baby clothes going to the Father English Center in Paterson– leave the tags on and any items you may wish to donate for the Moms. For more information, please call our President, Linda Richartz at 908-876-9601.



Randi Alloway, Richard Alvarez, Tony Atkins, Kenneth Bernisky, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Emily Condit, Naalia 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, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Madelyn 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, Ann Senftinger, Bill Siegrist, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, Cindy Sullivan, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau,, Patricia Villano, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

