

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

March 6, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Lent

@Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 5

5:30 pm For Mary Pannuto by Santorelli Family

Sunday, March 6

8:00 am For Peace

9:30 am For Lorraine Barron by Barron Family

11:00 am For Sophie Rurak by Ciniewicz Family

Monday, March 7

8:45 am For the sick

Tuesday, March 8

8:45 am For June Sullivan by Sullivan & Leyson Families

Wednesday, March 9

8:45 am For Peace

7:30 pm For Refugees

Thursday, March 10

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village

Saturday, March 12

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village

5:30 pm For Thomas John Liebman by Lennon Family

Sunday, March 13

8:00 am For Angela Bifulco by Dave Donlon

9:30 am For John Latin Schwint Family

11:00 am For Parishioners of St. Mark's Parish

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 12, 13, 2016

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: To be determined

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Isabella DiLizia

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Nancy Lennon

Altar Servers: Sarah Hanifin

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: To be determined

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Jim Scott

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Gebbia, Mark Vetterl

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday 9:30 am

Celebrant: To be determined

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Emily Wu

Eucharistic Minister: Steve Beggin, Eric Woelfel, Tony Piombino

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday 11:00 am

Celebrant: To be determined

Greeter: Dan Haurey

Lector: Al Escudero

Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Michonski, Allison Dunn

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

Saturday, March 12

5:00 pm Celebrant: To be determined

7:00 pm Celebrant: To be determined

Sunday, March 13

7:45 am Celebrant: To be determined

9:15 am Celebrant: To be determined

10:45 am Celebrant: To be determined

12:15 pm Celebrant: To be determined

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

Current Year	Last Year 2014
February 28, 2016: \$1,989 Envelopes Used: 57	March 1, 2015: \$2,860 Envelopes used: 54
Faith Direct for Feb.: \$8,464	Faith Direct for Feb.: \$7,484
Supermarket Gift Cards February 28, 2016 Sales: \$2,470 Profit: \$143.50 YTD Profit: \$1,159.50 # of families: 15	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 at www.faithdirect.net using our church code NJ484 or mail in an enrollment form from the parish office.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Joe





UPDATE ON FR DAN...

As of Wednesday morning Fr. Dan was still in the hospital. He hopes to be released soon and might even be out by the time you read this bulletin. We will update you at mass on the weekend.

THE STORY OF THE PRODIGAL SON or THE FORGIVING FATHER...

What is your favorite title for this parable of Jesus that we hear proclaimed in today's gospel? I remember reading sometime ago that according to a Catholic survey in a magazine that this parable was the favorite parable of the majority of those who took the survey. What does that say to us? I think it says that in our hearts we know that we are sinners. It says that if we honestly face ourselves we know we are not perfect. It says that we know in order to put things right in our lives we need to put ourselves before the Father and seek his mercy. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy called for by Pope Francis we have the opportunities to reflect upon the need for mercy in our lives and also to see how well we show mercy to others in all that we do. I think this parable today presents to us a good image of the mercy of God, a God who watches out for us when we leave but a God who is always ready to embrace us in his loving arms.

Pope Francis has called us to a year in which we can grow in holiness by reflecting the mercy of God to others. His call is a universal call to show mercy. We are not to limit our mercy to those around us but to keep in mind those far off in other parts of the world who suffer unjustly by the sins of others. Perhaps during the 4th week of Lent we can consider our need for God's mercy and plan to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We might also consider those people we know we must forgive and show mercy to in our own life. The father in the parable forgives the Son. I like to think that the son spends his life extending to others the love and mercy the father showed to him. We should do the same...Fr. Joe

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY...

"In the Gospel the essential thing is mercy. God sent his Son, God made himself man in order to save us, that is, in order to grant us his mercy. Jesus says this clearly, summarizing his teaching for the disciples: 'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful' (Lk 6:36). Can there be a Christian who isn't merciful? No. A Christian must necessarily be merciful, because this is the center of the Gospel. And faithful to this teaching, the Church can only repeat the same thing to her children: 'Be merciful', as the Father is, and as Jesus was. Mercy." - Pope Francis

LENT AT ST MARK THIS WEEK...

Daily Mass M -T-W @ 8:45 a.m. --- Monday. --- Reconciliation 7-8:30 p.m. ---

Lenten Mass Wed. @ 7:30 p.m. followed by Scripture Reflection on next Sunday's readings in our daily mass chapel.

LENT4.2 – Are you reading the insert each week in the bulletin? Last week's issue was on 'Water'. Extra copies for each previous week's topic are on the table in the gathering space...take and share with others.

LENT AT OLM THIS WEEK...

Daily Mass M-F 9:30 a.m. --- Monday prayer in church 4-7 ... silent prayer time...and communal prayer seeking mercy of God ---

Wednesday March 9. "Catholicism" Bishop Barron's - refreshments

--- 7 p.m. Part One of two part series with Deacon Jim and Cindy Jones --- program begins 7:30 p.m. - Thursdays 7:30 p.m. bible study --- Fridays 7:30 p.m. the Stations of the Cross.

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3 LENTEN THOUGHTS...

"When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. If you ask for yourself what you deny to others, your asking is a mockery." -Saint Peter Chrysologus

"I not that I want merely to be called a Christian, but to actually be one. Yes, if I prove to be one, then I can have the name." - St. Ignatius of Antioch

MATTHEW KELLY FROM BEST LENT EVER DAY 16...

How will your key relationships improve if they are free from judgment? Count how many times you judge yourself today. Count how many times you judge others. Ask God to liberate you from making judgments. Jesus, make me aware just before I am about to fall into judging someone, and give me the grace to stop myself.

THE SHROUD OF TURIN...

You are invited to a presentation on the Shroud of Turin on Wednesday March 9th 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Inside the Walls, Madison NJ register at www.insidethewalls.org

CATHOLIC CHARITIES... Gloria* was living on the streets. Her addiction to drugs had left her with nothing, and she had no hope. Catholic Charities gave her a place to stay and helped her get sober. A sign of her success was renewing her driver's license. Now she helps other women toward healing and wholeness. She said, "Catholic Charities made me feel I was worthy of love." Is there anyone who isn't?

Catholic Charities agencies administered 406,571 behavioral health services in 2014 including addiction treatment, group and family counseling and other mental health services. To learn more, visit www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 5-6...IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Luke 24:44

The Prophecy: Zechariah 11:12-13 - Then I said to them, "If it seems good to you, give me my wages; but if not, withhold them." And they counted out my wages, thirty pieces of silver. Then the LORD said to me, Throw it in the treasury—the handsome price at which they valued me. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the treasury in the house of the LORD.

The Fulfillment - Matthew 26:14-15 & Matthew 27:3-4: Then one of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver... Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned in betraying innocent

blood.” They said, “What is that to us? Look to it yourself.” Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself. The chief priests gathered up the money, but said, “It is not lawful to deposit this in the temple treasury, for it is the price of blood.” After consultation, they used it to buy the potter’s field as a burial place for foreigners.

About the Prophecy of Zechariah - Zechariah went to those he worked for and asked them to pay him what they thought he was worth. They gave him thirty pieces of silver, which he sarcastically calls a “handsome price” because it was such a small amount - the price paid for a slave’s accidental death (Exodus 21:32). The employers meant to insult Zechariah with this amount of money. Returning the insult, God tells Zechariah to “throw it to the potter,” and Zechariah tossed the money into the house of the Lord to be given to the potter. When Judas Iscariot bargained with the leaders of Israel to betray the Lord Jesus, he asked, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?” The murderous cabal then counted out for Judas “thirty pieces of silver”. That’s all they considered Jesus to be worth. Later, Judas was overcome with guilt for betraying Jesus, and, fulfilling Zechariah’s vivid prophecy, he threw the thirty silver coins into the temple. The Jewish leaders used the thirty pieces of silver to buy a field from a potter, again as Zechariah had predicted. It was in that field that Judas hanged himself.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC...

Matthew Kelly offers a brief reflection each day of lent that you receive by e mail... Sign up don’t miss out go to www.DynamicCatholic.com/Lent

BOOK ON POPE FRANCIS AND TALK AT ST. PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS...

Recently I finished reading what turned out to be a fascinating book: *Pope Francis Untying the Knots* by Paul Vallely. It is a biography of the Pope that carries him from his early days as a Jesuit, through Argentina’s Dirty War, and into his early days as our new Pope. The book sheds light on the evolution of Pope Francis’ economic and social philosophy. I would like to set up a ‘book club’ (only a few weeks) to read and discuss the book. At the end, we (anyone interested) can attend a follow up talk, *Pope Francis and Capitalism: the Enemy or the Answer*, on May 3rd at St. Paul Inside the Wall. If you are interested in the book club and/or the talk, please contact me Janet Corry at (908) 850-9394 or janetcorry@comcast.net. We can pick a day and time for the book club when we know who is interested. Thank you.

LVCAP/FOOD PANTRY NEWS...

Have donations for the food pantry but forget to bring to mass each week? The Food Pantry will now be open on the 1st Saturday of each month from 10am-12pm for donations. Donations needed – boxed milk, cereal, pasta, meals in a can (stew/chili etc.), coffee, tea, apple juice, canned fruit and vegetables.



EASTER BASKETS...

This year the Long Valley Food Pantry will be supplementing the Easter Baskets with grocery gift cards. Please consider stopping by the table in the Gathering Space to purchase a gift card from ShopRite or Wise to donate to the Food Pantry. We will also accept monetary donations for purchase of food pantry items. Donations will be collected this weekend and next! Every Easter the LVCAP Organization helps to deliver food and Easter treats to over 60 families in our community. Please remember our less fortunate members of the community during this Lenten season.

WINE TASTING / DINNER AT ST. MARK’S...

Friday, April 22, 2016, 7:00 to 10:00 pm

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! It has been 4 or 5 years since our last tasting! So many wines, so little time... St. Marks Catholic Church, 59 Spring Lane, Long Valley, NJ 07853 [908-850-0652](tel:908-850-0652) WINE!!! — Hot & Cold Buffet!!! 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 17 to receive a \$5 discount/person! Seating is Limited – Register NOW!

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED AT ST. MARK’S...

Any boy or girl in grade 4 and higher is welcome to become an altar server. Just call the parish office at 908 850-0652 and leave your name and contact information (phone or e mail) and Father Joe will be in contact with you. There are three training sessions.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY...

Do you know a new mom or a “seasoned” mom who may need a little help with meals due to giving birth or a recent event that has put them under extra stress? Our Elizabeth ministry would like to help out. This ministry is a group of moms who have found themselves in similar situations and just want to pass on the gift that someone once gave them...a word of encouragement, a hot meal, or a helping hand of some other kind. We are always looking for new people to add to our circle of helpers as well. If interested, please contact Angel angel.stm@comcast.net or call the church office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MARCH MADNESS...

The Knights of Columbus are selling tickets after mass this weekend for chances to win prizes in their March Madness Raffle. You have a chance to win three great prizes:

1. Xbox One with Kinect Bundle (\$430 value)
2. Surface 3 - 10.8" Intel Atom Processor 64 GB and 2GB RAM includes Windows 8.1 and Office 365 (\$427 value)
3. \$100 Best Buy Gift Card

PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP...

The next Pizza Night with Bishop will be held on Thursday, March 17 at 7 PM at Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta. All young men of high school age are invited to participate in this evening of prayer, discussion and fraternity with Bishop Serratelli and other young men as well as priests from around the diocese. If you know someone who may be interested, please ask the young man to contact the Vocation Office at 973-777-8818, extension 711 or by email at jbrogan@patersondiocese.org



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Joshua and the Israelites celebrated Passover in Jericho. This was the first time they had eaten the produce of the promised land. After this, there was no more bread sent from heaven because they were able to eat the yield of the land.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul tells us that anyone living in Jesus is a new creation because God has reconciled with us through Christ. As an ambassador for Jesus, Paul implores that the Corinthians be reconciled to God through Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joyful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to him.



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, John Andaloro, Tony Atkins, Charlie, Baby Natalie Rose Bassett, Kenneth Bernisky, Luz Bracero, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Arlene Cichlar, Hannah Clark, Emily Condit, Kaitlin Cross, Natalia Danilczuk, Daniel DePaul, Krish Dharia, Charles & Ellen Eichler, Connie Elliott, Larry Fine, George Foehner, 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 Anne Kindt, Mary Koenig, Jean Koenig, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris, Lenore, Maryann Litori, Ann Loughney, Helene Mackie, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Irene Maruggi, Raymond McCarthy Jr., Jonathon McClelland, Harold & Mary McKay, Kathy Minichini, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Jim Owens, Dennis Paradise, John Parker, Arlene Parikh, Nicky Pilosi, Martha Towne Riley, Clifford Reynolds, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Tommy Scheffler, Kurt Shubert, Rhonda Soto, Judy Stone, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Debra Vitale, 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.

Pray for the deceased:

Frank Sevola, Julia Wilke, Rev. Richard Jacobs

COMMUNITY NEWS

ALL YOU CAN EAT – PANCAKE BREAKFAST...

Sunday, March 13, 8 am to 12 pm. All you can eat pancakes, sausage, eggs and pastries. Adults \$8, children (4-10) \$4, Senior Citizens \$6. Schooley's Mountain Firehouse, 231 Schooley's Mountain Road (St. Hwy. 24/C.R. 517)

FISH & CHIPS DINNER...

Tuesday, March 22nd St. Jude Church Parish Center 17 Mt. Olive Road, Budd Lake. , Take out 5-6 pm, Sit down 6-8 pm. Dinner includes fish or chicken, french fries, coleslaw, applesauce, dessert and a beverage. \$15 adult, \$8 children (9 and under) Family discount \$1 off per family member. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door. 50/50 raffle. Call Kris & Gil (973) 347-2220, or Helena, parish secretary (973) 691-1561 Ext. 10

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAM...

There are several programs available to assist our resident Senior Citizens. Flyers and applications available on the table in the gathering space. If you have questions, call Gail Johnson, Public Health Nurse (908) 876-3315 Ext. 1242 or Donna Daly (908) 876-8623

Well Check Applications – Complete the application and be entered into our database should an emergency situation arise the W.T. Police and Health Dept. will be aware of that senior and their needs.

Senior Transportation Flyer – Rides available to local stores or appointments. Seniors will need to call the number on the flyer to request an application, and check schedule availability.

Stay Informed Flyer – Township posts program information on website, Twitter and Facebook. All residents should be familiar with these resources to learn news in the Township.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP – VILLA WALSH ACADEMY...

Improve individual skills, conditioning, footwork, agility and have fun. Tournament style play every day.

Girls entering grades 9-12 (no need to attend VWA). 4:30 -7:30 pm
June 27 – June 30 Volleyball. July 5 - July 8 Basketball

Girls entering grades 4 – 9.

Week 1; June 27 – June 30

Week 2; July 5 – July 8

Morning Session 9 am – 12:00 pm choose from: Basketball, Soccer, Softball or Track/Cross Country

Afternoon Session: 1 – 4 pm. Choose from Volleyball, Tennis, Lacrosse or Spirit & Dance. Or join us for both sessions and participate in our supervised lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 pm.

To register visit our website www.vilawalsh.org under Athletics tab or call Camp Director, Jamie LoBue at (973) 538-3680 x 170. Villa Walsh Academy, 455 Western Ave., Morristown.

