

# Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

## November 27, 2016

## First Sunday of Advent



### *Saturday, November 26*

5:30 pm For Dorothy & Leo Villari by Skoczylas Family

### *Sunday, November 27*

8:00 am For Charles Eichler by Madaras Family

9:30 am For Alfred Stepien by Nyman Family

11:00 am For Deacon John Meyer by Fania Family

For Dorothy LaMalsa by McDermott Family

### *Monday, November 28*

8:45 am For Peace

### *Tuesday, November 29*

8:45 am For GERALYN, JUDITH, THOMAS JR. VANCO by Vanco Family

### *Wednesday, November 30*

8:45 am For Deacon John Meyer by Stokes Family

### *Saturday, December 3*

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village

5:30 pm For Connor Mullin by McGrath Family

### *Sunday, December 4*

8:00 am For Josefa Silfa-Herrera by Madaras Family

9:30 am For Deacon John Meyer by Nyman Family

11:00 am For Peter Silvain, Sr. by Schmitt Family

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

#### *December 3, 4, 2016*

#### *Saturday, 5:30 pm*

**Celebrant:** Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

**Greeter:** Help Needed

**Lector:** Fred McQuaide

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joanne Lee, Mary Scarda

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

#### *Sunday, 8:00 am*

**Celebrant:** Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

**Greeter:** Help Needed

**Lector:** Bill & Amy Barron

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sue Clark

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

#### *Sunday 9:30 am*

**Celebrant:** Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

**Greeter:** Help Needed

**Lector:** Kevin Mullin

**Eucharistic Minister:** Teri and Bob Baffuto, Steve Beggin

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

#### *Sunday 11:00 am*

**Celebrant:** Msgr. Joseph Goode

**Greeter:** Help Needed

**Lector:** Dina Carmelengo

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kevin Ramos, Eileen Labue, Nick Caruso

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

### **FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

**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, December 3*

5:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

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#### *Sunday, December 4*

7:45 am Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

9:15 am Celebrant: Msgr. Peter McHugh

10:45 am Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

12:15 pm Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

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

Current Year	Last Year 2015
November 13, 2016: \$2,072 Envelopes used: 43	November 15, 2015: \$2,483 Envelopes used: 65
<b>Supermarket Gift Cards</b> November 13, 2016 Sales: \$3,400 Profit: \$170 YTD Total: \$5,846.50 # of families: 16	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

### **FAITH DIRECT...**

With the busy times of Thanksgiving and the Season of Advent coming up, enrolling in Faith Direct today is a great way to ensure your gifts to St. Mark the Evangelist are received even while you are traveling for the holidays. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account this fall. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: NJ484 Thank you for your continued support of our parish family! God Bless You, Fr. Joe





## THE SEASON OF ADVENT

The first readings for Advent come from the prophets of old who proclaimed that when God comes among his people there would be a revival of spirit. They very often used the analogies of how a desert would blossom and be filled with water so too would the hearts of all people be renewed by God's love.

We enter into Advent this week and it is a time for us to remember that the coming of the Lord into our world at Christmas was very special. It is also a reminder that one day Jesus will come again at the end of time.

For us who live in this in between time it is important for us to recognize the presence of God among us in the people who love us and also the people who challenge us. As Christians living in the world who await the return of Jesus, we are responsible to live as he wishes us to live. The challenges to love all people even those who we feel we cannot love will show that we have learned the lesson of the Gospel that Jesus shows no partiality.

Pope Francis last week gave us a great example. As he closed the Jubilee year of Mercy he met with the poor and with prisoners and he apologized for the times that people have looked the other way when they encountered a poor person or a person in prison.

This is a great example for us to reflect upon as we enter Advent this year. Ask God to come again into our hearts and help us see his presence in each person who crosses the path of our lives...Fr. Joe

## FIRST RECONCILIATION...

Please remember our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday evening December 2<sup>nd</sup>. They are looking forward to receiving this special sacrament of God's love, mercy and peace.

## ST. MARK'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT...

Next Sunday December 4 in the church @ 4 p.m. come out and enjoy an afternoon of Christmas music featuring the choirs of St Mark's church, Church of Messiah Bell Choir, St. Theodore's church and the Joyful Silvertones and the Americana Troupe. All of these groups have been with us before and you will enjoy this afternoon. All ages are welcome. Free will donation.

## HOLIDAY PARTY FOR MORRIS COUNTY FOSTER KIDS...

One of our young parishioners is on The West Morris Central Girls Lacrosse team that is sponsoring a service project to raise money for a Holiday party for 220 children in the Morris County Foster program. They are selling car magnets for \$7 each. You can purchase a car magnet from the plastic container on the bulletin table in the gathering area. We are also accepting any cash donations. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly at [\(908\)852-3741](tel:9088523741). Thank you...

## "BE RICH IN GOOD WORKS" –

Thank you to all who made their pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. We are on our way to meeting our goal of \$10,000 to help our diocese ministry to those in need. If you haven't yet made a pledge please take a pledge envelope from the table in the gathering space and complete it and put it in the collection basket or you can help our Bishop's Appeal and help St. Mark's through your On-line gifts go to [www.2016appeal.org](http://www.2016appeal.org). Thank you. Fr. Joe

**A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...**from the top UN human rights official: "The siege and bombardment of Eastern Aleppo (Syria) are 'Crimes of historic proportions'. He accused all parties "of violating international humanitarian law". This Advent week why not make it a priority to pray each day for the victims of this war and pray that the presence of Jesus' peace will come into this very tragic area of the world.

## WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC...

We are Catholic because we believe...The Last Judgment will come when Christ returns in glory. Only the Father knows the day and the hour; only he determines the moment of its coming. Then through his Son Jesus Christ he will pronounce the final word on all history. We shall know the ultimate meaning of the whole work of creation and of the entire economy of salvation and understand the marvelous ways by which his Providence led everything towards its final end. The Last Judgment will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustices committed by his creatures and that God's love is stronger than death. The Catechism of the Catholic Church 1026.

## THANK YOU FOR THE SOCKS...

The Knights of Columbus Sock drive for the needy brought in over 1100 pairs of socks from the three Long Valley parishes. They wish to extend their thanks to all of you.

**YOU'RE INVITED!** Book Club Christmas Social - Wednesday, December 14th, 7:00 pm. - OLM Parish Conference Room

In addition to our regular meeting we are hosting a Christmas Wine & Cheese Social - other snacks and refreshments will also be available. This month we will share our interpretations of William Paul Young's, *The Shack!* Join us as we come together to grow in mind, spirit and above all community. The book club meets once a month, from 7 - 9 pm in the OLM Parish Conference Room. Each month's selection comes from a participant and newcomers are always welcome. Membership is Free! All we ask is that you come with an open mind and heart and that you read the book. Feel free to bring a friend!

Please let us know if you will be joining us December 14th.

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## NEW JERSEY'S ADOPTION LAW HAS CHANGED...

Beginning January 1, 2017, adoptees and certain relatives will be able to obtain a copy of their original birth certificate without a court order. The birth certificate will include the names of the birth parents who placed children for adoption unless a birth parent requests their name be omitted. The New Jersey Catholic Conference has established an "Adoption HELPLINE" for anyone in need of assistance at [609-989-4809](tel:6099894809).



## FUNDRAISER FOR ST. MARKS...

**Saturday, December 3, 2016 – 10 am to 7 pm**

Shop at Charming Charlie's in the Streets of Chester this Christmas season and give twice with one purchase. A percentage of your purchase is paid back to St. Mark's Church. Both men and women can shop smarter by using this uniquely designed store to find a fabulous variety of women's accessories arranged by color making shopping a breeze. Just tell the cashier you are shopping for St. Mark's as you check out. Thank you in advance for making the effort to support this fundraiser. Questions call Barbara Burke 908-876-3557.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY AUCTION...

The Long Valley Knights of Columbus announce our 25<sup>th</sup> annual "Share the Season" charity auction, to be held Saturday, December 3, at St. Luke's Parish. To donate, or for information about tickets, please call auction chair Mike Lennon at (908) 246-3188

## SAVE THE DATE...

St. Mark's Annual Pot Luck Lunch, Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 12:00 pm.  
Help us welcome our newest parishioners! Sign-ups to start December 4<sup>th</sup>!!

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

#### Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

#### Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. "You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### W.T. RECREATION - AFTERNOON WITH SANTA...

Be jolly & join W.T. Recreation for a fun filled afternoon with Santa! We will have plenty of activities for the kids. Face painters, balloonist, caricature artist and of course Santa and his Elf. Local Long Valley restaurants will cater this event.

#### Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016 here at St. Marks from 11:00 am-3:00 pm.

Lunch will be served between the hours of 11:30 am-2:00 pm. Cost is \$8.50 per person and children under 1 are free. Walk-ins accepted at \$11 per person. Deadline date to register Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. For information call Rec. Dept. (908) 876-5941 or visit [www.wtmorris.org](http://www.wtmorris.org) and download the registration form.

**LETTERS TO SANTA...** W.T. Recreation has made arrangements with Santa to accept mail for delivery to the North Pole. Township youngsters are encouraged to write a letter to Santa. Parents may either place the letter in the red drop box at the Recreation Dept. at 50 Rock Road or the W.T. Library, or mail to W.T. Recreation Dept. Attn: Santa Claus. All letters should include the child's first and last name and complete return address so that a response may be mailed. Deadline is December 15 (no exceptions) Questions? Call 876-5941.



*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, 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, Krish Dharia, Ellen Eichler, Connie Elliott, Rick & Nicholas Fania, Larry Fine, Tracey F, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Barbara Gotterdam, Louie Gutierrez, Helen Greenly, Harper Lynn Granito, Nora Goodman, 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, Lenore, Margaret Leon, Maryann Litori, Ann Loughney, Helene Mackie, Wayne Marks, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Irene Madelyn S., Maruggi, Raymond McCarthy Jr., Jonathon McClelland, Harold & Mary McKay, Kathy Minichini, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Marilyn O'Connor, Jim Owens, Dennis Paradise, Arlene Parikh, Nicky Piloni, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Rhonda Soto, Jeff Schpiner, Judy Stone, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

#### ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCES

Stanley Guzek, Sr, Mr. Mrs T. Guzek, Mr. & Mrs. L. Lafebre, Muriel McRae, Richard & Pearl, Lefebre, Thomas & Irene Walsh, Mary Walsh, Agnes & Joseph Dondero, Mark McCabe, ruth McCabe, Gertrude Ducey, all deceased members of the Walsh/Dondero Family, John & Aloysia Betz, Marie Betz, James & Mary June Sullivan, Charles Eichler, Jean Redmond, Jean Schleppey, Charles Schleppey, Frank Pinto, Alice & Raymond Korpanty, Anna & Stanley Solecki, Purdy Family, Jute Family, Scott family, Miller family, Draghi Family, Hanifin Family, Bill & Mary Kuhl, Johnny & Margaret Burke, Deceased members of Stokes, Totin, Grieve, Chambers Families, Martha Towne Reilly, Dave Woeste, Dermot Rollison, Paul Woeste, Paul Homan, Mary Ellen Homan, Joseph & Anna Hayko, Peter & Caroline Huntz, Kimberly Lewis, Edward & Annabelle Huntz, Helen Banks, Eleanor & Joseph Konopka, Joseph, Bernard, Betty and Lillian Huntz, Dana, Brian Berry, John Meyer, Timothy Farrell, Thomas Farrell, Tom Dittrich, Frank Roche, John O'Connor, Eileen O'Connor, John Long, Wilma, Annabelle, Lillian Long, Suzanne Goldfarb, Joan Russo, Tom Russo,, Dana Berritto,



