

The Lord is kind and merciful.

February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, February 18

5:30 pm For Claire Murphy by Fania Family

Sunday, February 19

8:00 am For St. Mark's Confirmation Candidates

9:30 am For Jack Hulme by Monteverde Family

For Kimberly Lewis by Daniel & Ann Marie Huntz

11:00 am For Elvira Griffin by Cathy & Rob Litkenhaus

Monday, February 20

8:45 am For the Hungry of the World

Tuesday, February 21

8:45 am For Peace

Wednesday, February 22

8:45 am For James Bono by Draghi Family

Saturday, February 25

5:30 pm For Donald Dobbings by McDermott Family

For Dave Woeste by Kathy Woeste

Sunday, February 26

8:00 am For Frank Kotasek by Draghi Family

9:30 am For Parents by Eufrasia Conca

11:00 am For Elvira Griffin by Dhuyvetter Family

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
February 25, 26, 2017, 2016**

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

Lector: Fred McQuaid

Eucharistic Ministers: Holly Zimmerman

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Lector: Susan Vetterl

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Gebbia, Mark Vetterl

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 9:30 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode, Deacon Nick Ardito

Lector: Help Needed

Eucharistic Minister: Eric Woelfel, Marylee Terpstra

Altar Servers: Hannah & Sarah Tupaczewski

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Daniel Chajkowski, Deacon Bob Head

Lector: Sharon Donovan

Eucharistic Ministers: Trish Mitchell, Mark Marschall, Sue Reilly

Altar Servers: Help Needed

FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

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, February 25

5:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky

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Sunday, February 26

7:45 am Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

9:15 am Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski,

10:45 am Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

12:15 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode, Deacon Jim Jones

Deacon Bob Head

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

Current Year	Last Year 2016
February 12, 2017: \$1,893 Envelopes used: 47	February 14, 2016: \$3,314 Envelopes used: 60
Supermarket Gift Cards February 12, 2017 Sales: \$3,170 Profit: \$158.50 YTD Profit: \$972.50 # of families: 14	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 continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You, Fr. Joe





THE PATHWAY TO GOD...

The three readings for mass this Sunday each hold what I think are three things we have to do in order to be the person God created us to be.

- “Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.” – Book of Leviticus
- “Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” – 1st Letter of Paul to the Corinthians
- “For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Gospel of Matthew

We are called to be holy to become like God here and now. The call to holiness is a part of our life’s mission. God created us for goodness. God wants us to grow in holiness so that one day we can share in the joy of all the saints who have gone before us. Paul reminds us that the Spirit of God dwells within us and makes us holy and therefore we should never do anything that would take away the Spirit of God from within us. Jesus teaches us that by loving all people we continue on the way to being perfect like God himself. The outline of what we are to do as Christians is given to us through these words: Be Holy – Possess God’s Spirit – Love all. Am I a holy person? Do I recognize the Spirit of God within me? Do I love each person as God loves them? ... Fr. Joe

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"Our lives genuinely improve only when we become better people today than we were yesterday; the destiny of the world is wrapped up in this deeply personal quest." - Matthew Kelly

CATHOLIC CHARITIES...

Wanda* graduated from a Catholic Charities’ financial literacy program that gives participants the opportunity to work on personal change and move toward self-sufficiency. She had been selling drugs, but she was arrested. With no income, no diploma, and a felony on her record, she made a call to Catholic Charities. They helped Wanda secure a part-time job, work toward finishing her education, and even get her felony expunged. Wanda believes God set her on a “new journey,” and she intends to stay on it. In 2015, Catholic Charities agencies provided 165,015 clients financial literacy services. To learn more, visit www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org

FEBRUARY INSIDE THE WALLS...

St. Paul’s Inside the walls is our diocesan catechetical and evangelization center and each month there are several programs open to all. Go to the website: insidethewalls.org to find the offerings of programs for this month.

PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP SERRATELLI...

If you are a young man in high school or college, or even older, come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and of course, pizza. For more information, please contact the Vocation Office at 973-777-8818, ext. 711.

WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC...

We are Catholic because we believe: Our Lord often used the word Amen, sometimes repeated, to emphasize the trustworthiness of his teaching, his authority founded on God’s truth. Thus the Creed’s final Amen repeats and confirms its first words: I believe. To believe is to say Amen to God’s words, promises and commandments; to entrust oneself completely to him who is the Amen of infinite love and perfect faithfulness. The Christian’s everyday life will then be the “Amen” to the “I believe” of our baptismal profession of faith. The Catechism of the Catholic Church 1063, 1064

OLM BOOK CLUB...

The next meeting on Tuesday, February 21st in the OLM Parish center conference room on the first floor. Please come and join us for some light refreshments and good-hearted discussions. This month’s book is Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt by Anne Rice. Check out the full list of the books our members have suggested here: <https://goo.gl/RgnIsh> Hope to see everyone there! For more information, please contact Josephine or Jason at jmazzeo192@aol.com or solomoja@me.com

NOTE: Last week you received the mailing from me about how St. Marks can continue to prepare for the future through a look at our regular giving. If you have returned your commitment card thank you, if not you may still do so for the next couple of weeks. This is important to any parish to know that it can rely upon parishioners who give on a regular basis either by envelope or on line giving. As you know from your budgeting experience the cost of almost everything continues to rise and that presents challenges. I hope you will consider your giving to St. Mark’s as we go onto the future with hope...Fr. Joe

PREPARE FOR LENT: go to this website and receive each day a brief video and reflection that will help you through each day of lent... no cost... offered free from Dynamic Catholic (Matthew Kelly) <http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/>

FOOD PANTRY...

Have you seen our beautiful new box for Food Pantry donations? It’s so bright and inviting, it’s hard to miss. But just in case, here’s what it looks like:



Even though it looks very expensive, it didn’t cost St. Mark’s a “red” cent. It was built and donated by two industrious and generous young ladies - Sarah Hanifin and Cheryl Bitecola. They are members of Girl Scout Troop 100 and, lucky for us, they chose this as their silver award project.

These young ladies obviously put a lot of effort into this project. Let’s make sure that their effort was not in vain. In other words, let’s use it *often*. By the way, it’s VERY sturdy, so don’t be afraid to fill it up!

For February, fill it up with pasta/rice, tissues/paper towels, flour/sugar/etc., and coffee/tea. As always, anything you donate will be appreciated.

ST. LUKE CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL PROGRAM...

Registration for the 2017-2018 School Year will be held during the months of January and February 2017 Tuesday through Thursday from 12 to 1 pm at the Preschool. If that time doesn't work, you can bring the Registration to the St. Luke Office. Forms are located in the Gathering Room and can also be accessed on the St. Luke website at www.stlukeparishlv.com. A \$50 non-refundable check is required to reserve your child's enrollment. If you have any questions, please e-mail us at preschool@stlukelv.org

NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY...

The Knights of Columbus will be having an eyeglass recycling container in St. Mark's gathering space beginning February 1 through February 28. **Please** donate your used eyeglasses which will be given to the needy and be sincerely appreciated.

LONG VALLEY COLUMBIETTES BAKE SALE...

Giving up cakes, pies and other goodies? The Long Valley Columbiettes will be holding a bake sale on the weekend of February 25 and 26 in the gathering space after all masses. Indulge your sweet tooth one more time. All proceeds to benefit the veterans, scholarship and other projects of the Columbiettes.

Community News 

SCHOOLEY'S MOUNTAIN FIRE COMPANY ALL-YOU- CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST....

Sunday, February 26, 2017 8 am-12 pm. All you can eat Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs and Pastries. Adults \$8, children 4-10 yrs. \$4, and Senior Citizens \$6. 231 Schooley's Mtn. Road.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION EVENTS...

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON... Friday, March 17th at 11:00 am at the Senior Center in Rock Spring Park. The Valley Restaurant will cater an American-Irish Traditional Luncheon. Entertainment by Michael Popkin. Non-refundable fee of \$9.50 for residents and \$10.50 for non-residents. Send checks to W.T. Recreation, 50 Rock Rd. Long Valley, NJ 07853, deadline is March 10, 2017.

"GIRLS ROCK" Yoga class for girls in grades 5-8, on Monday's from April 3-May 22 - 4:30-5:30 pm at the W.T. Senior Center. Non-refundable fee of \$90 due before March 27th

"AMERICAN GIRL FLOWER CHILD" EVENT... For ages 6-12 on Friday, March 10 from 5-7:30 pm at the W.T. Senior Center. Non-refundable fee of \$15 is due before March 3rd. We are going back to the era of 1970's with American Girl Doll Julie Albright. Fun activities, games and crafts. Don't forget to wear your "Groovy" outfits, and bring your special doll too.

For information on any of these events call 876-5941 or email recreation@wtmorris.net. or website www.wtmorris.org

2017 VILLA WALSH ACADEMY...

Summer Camp for girls entering Grades 4-9. Week 1 – June 26-June 30, Week 2 – July 10-14. Morning session 9am-12pm. Afternoon session 1pm-4 pm. For more information or to register contact Camp Director Denise Wendorff, summercamp@villawalsh.org. or visit website www.villawalsh.org under athletics tab.

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED...

Villa Walsh Academy, located in Morristown is looking for part-time school bus drivers. Interested candidates must possess a CDL with both the passenger (P) and school bus (S) endorsements. Most trips are late afternoon/early evening. There are also some weekend trips available. Please contact Jen Fleury, Athletic Director at fleuryj@villawalsh.org or call (973) 538-3680 Ext 145.



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, Natalie Rose Bassett, Kenneth Bernisky, Luz Bracero, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Bernie Cho, Arlene Cichlar, Hannah Clark, Emily Condit, Kaitlin Cross, Natalia Danilczuk, Krish Dharia, Catherine DiPasquale, 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, 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,, 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, Rev., Raymond Pavlick, Nicky Piloni, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Jeff Schpiner, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, William Thompson, Elizabeth Tomaszewski, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, 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: Rev. John Muschinski, Thelma Reck, Joan Bannon, Deacon Kenneth Weaver

