

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

March 19, 2017

Third Sunday of Lent



Saturday, March 18

5:30 pm For Mary Morley by Morley Family

Sunday, March 19

8:00 am For Frances Botti by Draghi Family

9:30 am For Thomas Scerbo by Eufrasia Conca

11:00 am For Joan Pirolo by St. Luke's Pre-School Staff

Monday, March 20

8:45 am For Caroline Bozza

Tuesday, March 21

8:45 am For Forgiveness of sins

Wednesday, March 22

8:45 am For Thelma Reck

Saturday, March 25

5:30 pm For Wanda Slomion by Fania Family

Sunday, March 26

8:00 am For Joan Johnson by Draghi Family

9:30 am For Forgiveness of Sins

11:00 am For Joan Pirolo by St. Mark's CEC Staff

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 25, 26 2017

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Fred McQuaide

Eucharistic Ministers: Holly Zimmerman, Barbara Burke

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski, Deacon Tom Gibbon

Lector: Susan Vetterl

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Gebbia, Mark Vetterl

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 9:30 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode, Deacon Jim Jones

Lector: Help Needed

Eucharistic Minister: Eric Woelfel, Marylee Terpstra

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

Lector: Dina Carmelengo

Eucharistic Ministers: Trish Mitchell, Mark Marschall, Sue Reilly

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 25

5:00 pm Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski, Deacon Bob Head

7:00 pm Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

Sunday, March 26

7:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky

9:15 am Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

10:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode, Deacon Nick Ardito

12:15 pm Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

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

Current Year	Last Year 2016
March 12, 2017: \$2,639 Envelopes used: 60	March 13, 2016: \$2,285 Envelopes used: 56
Supermarket Gift Cards Sales: \$3,660 Profit: \$183 YTD Profit: \$1,558 Food Pantry Donations: \$20 # of families: 20	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 WOMAN AT THE WELL...

One of the best ways to get to know the Jesus of the Scriptures is to place yourself in the position of the people he encounters. Today's gospel is a great way to do this. Imagine you are the woman at the well and you encounter this stranger "who tells you everything about you". Jesus recognizes the need for this woman to receive the mercy of God in her life. He challenges her to become more aware of God's presence and she is one of the few people of the Gospel who Jesus tells he is the messiah. "I am he, the one speaking with you." She goes off filled with new hope and leads others to Jesus. Isn't this what we all hope for from God? We need to come before the Lord, as we are this Lent and speak with the Lord and allow ourselves to be transformed by his grace and mercy. This week we might ask ourselves what needs to be transformed in my life?...Fr. Joe

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

Thoughtfulness and generosity come from a meek and humble heart. This is the contradiction of what the devil says: "I will not serve" and what Jesus says: "I have not come to be served, but to serve!"

THIS WEEK FOR LENT I WILL...

Get up early to pray or I will stop being negative or I will give up Facebook.

WELCOME HOME TO HEALING...

"Welcome Home" is a diocesan initiative to invite all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. See lent schedule page. Go to www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org

RICE BOWL – ENCOUNTER INNOVATION

Keep filling up your Rice Bowl by sacrificing a bigger meal each week. Pray each day for the hungry of the world. Rice Bowls can be returned any time before Easter.

In the insert from the Rice Bowl for this third week, we encounter Fernando in El Salvador where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, youth are pursuing their dreams of building businesses to better the lives of their families. How have you worked to better the lives of others this Lent? . Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more information.

ST. PAUL'S INSIDE THE WALLS...

Go to this website: <https://insidethewalls.org/> and find the many opportunities open to our parishioners for programs, talks, conferences at our Evangelization/catechetical center of the Diocese of Paterson.

WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC...

We are Catholic because we believe: Jesus does not reveal the Holy Spirit fully, until he himself has been glorified through his Death and Resurrection. Nevertheless, little by little he alludes to him even in his teaching of the multitudes, as when he reveals that his own flesh will be food for the life of the world. He also alludes to the Spirit in speaking to Nicodemus, to the Samaritan woman, and to those who take part in the feast of Tabernacles. To his disciples he speaks openly of the Spirit in connection with prayer and with the witness they will have to bear. The Catechism of the Catholic Church 728

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT/ADOPTING PARENTS...

Later this month on the weekend of March 25-26 at all the masses, we will be offering a blessing for expectant/adopting parents. Please let your family members and friends know they are welcome to come for this blessing.

MOVING FORWARD WITH FAITH...

Our parish increased offertory campaign has included an announcement of the campaign, our first commitment Sunday Feb. 12 along with a witness talk on the importance of regular giving. Please put your commitment card in the collection basket during the next couple of weekends.

I hope that you will consider what you can do in terms of regular support for the parish community of St. Mark's. It is important to be able to meet our regular financial obligations as well as plan for the future. Faith Direct is the on-line giving program that is used by many families. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NJ484...Fr. Joe

LENTEN SCHEDULE...

See the full Lenten schedule in the bulletin. There are a number of activities. Check the bulletin each week for upcoming activities for the next week. **You are welcome also to OLM on Fridays of Lent at 7:30 for the Stations of the Cross.**

FOOD PANTRY...

The Easter Bunny wants you . . .



to help other families in the area have a happy Easter. Fortunately, the best way to do that is also the easiest way here at St. Mark's. Just go to the Supermarket Gift Card table in the Gathering Space and donate gift cards for the Long Valley Food Pantry Easter Baskets.

'Whatever you do for your brethren, you do for me.' Happy Easter to all!

AND/OR, you can donate non-perishable food items, as usual. The Food Pantry is currently in need of peanut butter, sugar/flour, coffee/tea, and oil/vinegar/salad dressing, but anything you can contribute will be greatly appreciated.

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY AT ST. MARKS...

Please join us on Saturday, April 8 from 9am – Noon to clean up the gardens surrounding the church. While those who have committed to care for an island are requested to attend, we would love for others to show up as well. Please bring gardening tools and gloves. We will provide a generator with an electric hedge trimmer to cut down tall grasses. Any interested in donating rather than helping, please call Kim Dunn at (908) 813-2495 as we will need donations of mulch as well as plants. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

WINE TASTING/DINNER...

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 21st 7:00 to 10:00 pm at St. Marks. 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 16 to receive a \$5 discount/per person. Seating is limited – Register **NOW!**

FLEA MARKET VENDORS WANTED...

The Long Valley Columbiettes are holding a **FLEA MARKET** on May 20th in the parking lot of St. Mark's. The cost for a 16 x 27 foot space is \$25. For information, please call Marge Sanders (908) 852-3091.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir...". Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.

Community News 

RACKS VALLEY BOUTIQUE...

(28 Schooley's Mountain Rd, LV) is a non-profit thrift shop run by the LVJWC (Long Valley Junior Women's Club) to support community programs. The boutique offers name-brand clothing and accessories for men, women and children at greatly discounted prices. Donations are accepted anytime in the white bin located behind the shop. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering please contact Michelle Barron at bmkc2@yahoo.com. For more info visit: <https://www.facebook.com/RacksThriftBoutique>

FLOWERS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES...

The Long Valley Garden Club would like to acknowledge parishioners of St. Marks who have family members in military service. A beautiful flower arrangement will be sent to each family in May. Please call the parish office if you would like to be included.

LONG VALLEY INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOU...

Long Valley Food Pantry has openings for several positions. LVCAP Coordinator, Food Drive Coordinator, Communications/Social Media Specialists, Emergency Fund Coordinator and Food Pantry Shoppers. For job description information please pick up a flyer in the gathering space or contact Susan Spina at susanspina@comcast.net or (cell) 908-229-1836 (home) 908-852-0689. We are looking to fill positions by April 15.

FISH & CHIPS DINNER...

March 28 at St. Jude's 17 Mt. Olive Road, Budd Lake, Take Out 5-6 pm, Sit Down 6-9 pm Adults \$15, Kids 9 and under \$8, Family discount \$1 per family member. 50/50 raffle, Call (973) 691-1061 or (908) 691-1561

VILLA WALSH ACADEMY...

Presents – "Thoroughly Modern Millie" Saturday, March 25 @ 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 26 @ 3 p.m. \$12.00 (973) 538-3680 call for information and tickets.

BISHOP GEORGE AHR/ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI...

In anticipation of its 50th anniversary, the high school wants to reconnect with all of its alumni. We have a news article on the website www.bhahs.org asking alumni to up their information. You may e-mail dchippendale@bgahs.org the alumni office to be informed of upcoming events.

FREE MEDICARE ANNUAL WELLNESS DAY AT THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER...

Wednesday, March 29, 2017 9am-2pm bring your Medicare card, ID and list of medications. We offer services that are covered by Medicare with no co-pay & no deductible. No caffeine 1 hour prior to testing. Free brunch pizza party 12:30 pm-1:30 pm. A free \$10 Walgreens gift card for those with Medicare & certain other insurances. Register with Gail Johnson RN, Public Health Nurse Washington Township Health Dept. (908) 876-3650. Offered in Association with the Mayor's Wellness Campaign.



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, 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, 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, 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 Pilosi, 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





ENTER INTO THE SEASON OF LENT...2017

Enter this Lenten Season with prayer and hope that the Lord Jesus will work his wonders once again in our hearts. Stand firm in the ways of the Lord this Lent. Accept the invitation of the Spirit of God and enter this Lent and build a closer relationship with God and our brothers and sisters.

FAST - The church asks us to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

ABSTAINENCE - Abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent *Bishop has granted a dispensation for Catholic of our Diocese on Friday March 17 – St. Patrick's day...do some other personal show of repentance instead of faith and abstaining from meat.

PERSONAL PRACTICES - of prayer and penance are encouraged for all so that we purify our hearts to be better able to reflect upon the Suffering and Death of Jesus and its meaning for us in our live. See the bulletin each week for suggestions. "This week for Lent I will..." "The following are some events taking place at St. Mark's during the forty days of Lent. Rice Bowls are a good Lenten practice.

SAINT MARK'S WEEKDAY MASS: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings during Lent Special Lenten mass @ 7:30 p.m. - Mar 22, Mar 29.

SIGNS AND WONDERS...-This Lenten Program is presented on 6 Wednesday evenings of Lent **Mar 22, Mar 29, Apr 5***** following the 7:30 p.m. Lenten mass... ***exception on April 5 the program will follow the 7 p.m. Parish Penance/Reconciliation Service. Each week we will look at one of the popular miracles of Jesus and we see how we can incorporate their lessons into our lives. There is a book for each participant and it is very user friendly. Make a commitment to be part of this program.

FREE ON LINE LENTEN PROGRAM - BEST LENT EVER... there is still time to sign up. Each day you will receive a video and reflection and prayers on your computer/phone. This is an ideal way to give yourself some prayerful time at home and do something positive for Lent. Just go to www.BestLentEver.com and sign up today! Dynamic Catholic presenter Matthew Kelly well known Catholic Speaker and writer and others lead us each day on our Lenten journey in these short reflections.

DIOCESE OF PATERSON SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION INITIATIVE...WELCOME HOME...On five (5) Mondays of Lent the Diocese of Paterson has a special Reconciliation initiative – a priest is available in any church of the diocese of Paterson from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Dates are March 20, 27, and April 3. Please let others know.

SAINT MARK'S SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION...We will have a parish celebration of Reconciliation on **Wednesday April 5 at 7:00 p.m.** There will be at least three (3) priests available for individual confession and the celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation with you.

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN - Daily mass at OLM 9:30 a.m. Mon to Fri

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7:30 p.m. every Friday of Lent at Our Lady of the Mountain Church - March 24, 31, Apr 7 and Apr 14 Good Friday living stations presented by the parish youth group.

A PRAYER FOR ALL OF US: Loving Father who sent Jesus among us as our savior, bless us this Lent and help us make good use of the time you have given to us. Amen.

