

# The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent



**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 Pirollo by St. Mark's CEC Staff

**Monday, March 27**

8:45 am For Peace

**Tuesday, March 28**

8:45 am For Pope Francis

**Wednesday, March 29**

8:45 am For Forgiveness of Sins

**Saturday, April 1**

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village

5:30 pm For Parishioners of St. Marks

**Sunday, April 2**

8:00 am For Ellen Eichler

9:30 am For Refugees and Exiles

11:00 am For Teresa Dobbings by Yonki Family

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**April 1, 2, 2017**

**Saturday, 5:30 pm**

**Celebrant:** Msgr. Joseph Goode, Deacon Nick Ardito

**Lector:** Tom & Sarah Hanifin

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

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

**Sunday, 8:00 am**

**Celebrant:** Msgr. Joseph Goode, Deacon Bob Head

**Lector:** Bill and Amy Barron

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sue Clark

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

**Sunday, 9:30 am**

**Celebrant:** Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

**Lector:** Kevin Mullin

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

**Altar Servers:** Lily Alai

**Sunday, 11:00 am**

**Celebrant:** Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

**Lector:** Emily & Gabriella Nowak

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

**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, April 1**

5:00 pm Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

7:00 pm Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

**Sunday, April 2**

7:45 am Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

9:15 am Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski, Deacon Tom Gibbon

10:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode, Deacon Jim Jones

12:15 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky

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

Current Year	Last Year 2016
March 19, 2017: \$2,460 Envelopes used: 48	March 20, 2016: \$3,276 Envelopes used: 72
Extended Catholic Obligations: \$536 Envelopes used: 28	Extended Catholic Obligation: \$626 Envelopes used: 35
Online for March \$9,365	Online for March: \$8,625
Supermarket Gift Cards Sales: \$2,830 Profit: \$143 YTD Profit: \$1,701 Food Pantry Donations: \$375 # of families: 15	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](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



**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 appreciate



### **OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OTHERS IN NEED...**

The story of the curing of the blind man that we heard from the Gospel of John has many aspects for reflection. The one I am thinking of as I write this reflection is about how Jesus always responded with mercy, compassion and healing to the sick that came to him and as in this case to those whose path he crossed. The burden of sickness, illness or long-term disabilities is part of our human condition but that being said it is not easy for anyone to accept. Each week in our Catholic Churches we pray for those who are sick. There is a human being in need of our prayers behind the names we hear read out. Like the blind man Jesus saw and cured we are called to react in the face of illness too. Suffering is a part of our lives. There is a very old belief that God only gives us what we can bear for our cross. For some people it is the cross of physical illness, others bear mental or emotional illnesses, still others suffer from the continue effects of broken relationships, others carry burdens of the past that prevent them from walking into the future. Perhaps this week we can do two things. First, recognize that we share in the sufferings of Jesus in some way and acknowledge that in our prayer to God. Second in some small way we can help those whose sufferings we see before us as Jesus did...Fr Joe

### **MOVING FORWARD WITH FAITH...**

Thank you to all who have responded to the recent parish increased offertory campaign. I appreciate your response to help St. Mark's. I am sure whoever my successor as pastor will be he will appreciate your generosity as he gets to know you as a parish family...Fr Joe

### **A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

A thought for the day: Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love. -- Mother Teresa

### **LENTEN REFLECTION...**

Pope Francis reminds us that prayer is the best way to overcome blind spots in our attitudes toward others. He doesn't say it will be easy. But neither does he let us off the hook. If we search our hearts, we know that we've all been guilty of that desire to hold someone accountable long after we think we've forgiven him or her.

### **LENTEN SCHEDULE...**

Please check the printed schedule of event in the bulletin for further activities.

### **THIS WEEK FOR LENT I WILL...**

Stop comparing myself to others or read a chapter of the gospel of St. Mark each day.

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES...YOU DID IT FOR ME**

Fernando dreams of becoming a businessman—and of a better future for his family. That's what led him to YouthBuild, a CRS-sponsored program that trains young people in business. "YouthBuild is a family because families help you realize your dreams," Fernando says. Thanks to the support of his wife throughout his YouthBuild experience, he knows this to be true. Learn more at: [crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-3](http://crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-3)

### **RICE BOWL REMINDER...**

Rice Bowls can be dropped off in the church office or gathering space any time before Easter.

### **WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC**

We are Catholic because we believe: Christ stands at the heart of this gathering of men into the "family of God". By his word, through signs that manifest the reign of God, and by sending out his disciples, Jesus calls all people to come together around him. But above all in the great Paschal mystery - his death on the cross and his Resurrection - he would accomplish the coming of his kingdom. "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." Into this union with Christ all men are called. The Catechism of the Catholic Church 542.

### **SAINT MARK'S GARDEN CLEAN UP....**

Attention 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. Anyone interested in donating rather than helping, please call Kim Dunn at [908-813-2495](tel:908-813-2495) as we will need donations of mulch as well as plants. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

### **LIFE PRAYER CAMPAIGN**

You are invited to join the 40 Days for Life prayer campaign from March 1<sup>st</sup> – April 9<sup>th</sup>, to peacefully pray for the end of abortion - the leading cause of death in the world - outside the Planned Parenthood in Morristown, a facility that performs over 1,000 abortions each year. Just as Jesus reached out to the Samaritan woman, so we are called to reach out to our communities in prayer and fasting for God to heal our land. Please join us, and those in over 340 cities around the world, in transforming our culture by praying for the babies and their mothers and fathers, for those who need post-abortive healing, and for those who work at Planned Parenthood. Please register for a time slot at [40DaysforLife.com](http://40DaysforLife.com) and select the Morristown vigil.

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

St. Luke's will be conducting its annual Good Friday Blood drive this year on April 14 -American Red Cross. If you have any questions please contact me directly at [Billcallahan82@gmail.com](mailto:Billcallahan82@gmail.com)

### **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](http://www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org)

### **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.

### **FLEA MARKET VENDORS WANTED...**

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

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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!**

### ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY....

Tuesday, April 4, at 7:15 pm. The evening starts at Our Lady of the Mountain Church with the Rosary, attending Mass, 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. This month we invite you to spend an evening with our guest speaker, Kelly Realmuto, who will be explaining the significance of the foods prepared for a Passover Seder Meal. All women of Our Lady of the Mountain and St. Marks are invited and please feel free to bring a friend. Call Linda Richartz, President (908) 876-9601.

Community News

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, APRIL 2...

8 am-12 pm at the Schooley's Mountain Firehouse 231 Schooley's Mountain Rd. **ALL YOU CAN EAT!!** Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs & Pastries. Children ages 4-10: \$4, Senior Citizens: \$6, Adults: \$8

### POSITION AVAILABLE...

St. Joseph Church, Mendham, is seeking a full-time handyman/maintenance person responsible for the maintenance, cleanliness and repair of the parish and school facilities. Applicants must have the ability to perform various maintenance and repairs including carpentry and plumbing. Must have knowledge of procedures, practices, tools and equipment used in maintenance. Requirements include the ability to lift 50 lbs., work independently with minimal direct supervision, walk long distances, and climb ladders. Please send resume to [JCronin@StJoeseMendham.org](mailto:JCronin@StJoeseMendham.org), or mail to St. Joseph Church, 6 New Street, Mendham, NJ 07945. Attention: Maintenance position.

### 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](mailto:bmkc2@yahoo.com). For more info visit: <https://www.facebook.com/RacksThriftBoutique>

### LIFE LINE SCREENING...

Life Line Screening a leading provider of community based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. Marks on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems. Register for a wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screenings. Flyers with complete details are available in the gathering space. To register and to receive a \$10 discount, call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle)

### L.V. INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOU...

Long Valley Food Pantry has openings for several positions. LVCAP Coordinator, Communications/Social Media Specialists, Emergency Fund Coordinator and Food Pantry Shoppers. Flyers available in the gathering space or contact Susan Spina at [susanspina@comcast.net](mailto:susanspina@comcast.net) or (cell) 908-229-1836 (home) 908-852-0689. We are looking to fill positions by April 15.

### BISHOP GEORGE AHR/ST. THOMAS H.S. ALUMNI...

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

### ASSUMPTION COLLEGE FOR SISTERS...

Summer Session May 30-July 7. The Church: Its Nature and History, and Fundamental Moral Theology. For information call 973-957-0188 Ext. 106 or email [academicdean@acs350.org](mailto:academicdean@acs350.org)



*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 Piloni, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Jeff Schpiner, Margi Schuelke, 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.



## 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 lives. 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 29.**

**SIGNS AND WONDERS...**-This Lenten Program is presented on 6 Wednesday evenings of Lent **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](http://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 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 31, Apr 7 and Apr 14 Good Friday living stations presented by the parish youth group.

**LONG VALLEY CROSS WALK:** Good Friday, April 14, 12:00 pm (sponsored by Long Valley Clergy Association)

**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.

