

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

January 14, 2018

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, January 13

5:30 pm For Mary Kuhl by Burke Family

Sunday, January 14

8:00 am For Robert Higgins by Dave Donlon

9:30 am For Bernie Cho by Corry Family

11:00 am For Vincenzo DiTrollo by Cannallon

For Joann Leone Eades by DelGuercio Family

Monday, January 15

8:45 am For

Tuesday, January 16

8:45 am For

Wednesday, January 17

8:45 am For Francesco Patrino by Maria & Mario Pirrello

Saturday, January 20

5:30 pm For James Doran by Madaras Family

Sunday, January 21

8:00 am For Mark Zeliff by Susan Reilly

9:30 am For Bernard Cho by Heim Family

11:00 am For Theresa Dobbings by McDermott Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

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:

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 20, 21, 2018

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski, Deacon Bob Head

Lector: Joanne Lee

Eucharistic Ministers: Marylee Terpstra

Altar Servers: Shaeleigh & Shane Fleidner-Book

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Tony Cretella

Eucharistic Ministers: Carmen Veras

Altar Servers: Marian Rolli

9:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski, Deacon Tom Gibbon

Lector: Kevin O'Shea

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul & Gina Tupaczewski

Altar Servers: Maura O'Shea

11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski, Deacon Jim Jones

Lector: Gabriella & Emily Nowak

Eucharistic Ministers: Angel Nowak, Nick Caruso

Altar Servers: Kelly Morgan

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, January 15

Parish Office Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

8:45 am Mass

7:30 pm Building & Grounds meeting

Tuesday, January 16

8:45 am Daily Mass

7:30 pm Choir

8:00 pm Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, January 17

8:45 am Daily Mass

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

6:30 pm Sarah's Fight for Hope Bunco Night

Thursday, January 18

Parish Office Closed

Friday, January 19

No events planned

Saturday, January 20

8:00 am Elizabeth Ann Seton Retreat

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 21

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am

Senior Youth Ministry

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2016
January 7, 2018: \$2,333 Envelopes used:42	January 8, 2017: \$2,970 Envelopes used: 57
Parish Debt: \$583.00 Envelopes Used: 25	Parish Debt: \$419 Envelopes used: 18
Supermarket Gift Cards: January 7, 2018 Sales: \$2,690 Profit: \$134.50 YTD Profit: \$134.50 # of Families: 11	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

I am thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish, but I realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* will automatically process any offertory or second collections donation of your choosing. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **NJ484**. Thank you for your continued support. God Bless You, Fr. Marcin

FOOD PANTRY – 2018...

Have you made any New Year's resolutions yet? (Have you broken any yet?) Whether it's your first, or one of many, here's a good resolution to consider: Donate something to the Food Pantry every month during 2018. You'll be sure to have a blessed year, and you'll be helping others at the same time. And, you don't have to worry that you'll forget – the Bulletin will remind you every month! For January, consider stews or hearty soups, hot cereals, canned fruits/vegetables, and medicine cabinet items such as Tylenol, cough drops, etc. As always, anything you donate will be appreciated.

FROM FR. MARCIN...

My dear parishioners,

Christmas time is over. Welcome in the Ordinary Time. In today's Gospel John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." **Who is Jesus for you?** John calls Jesus the Lamb of God and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins.

When Jesus notices that John's disciples are following him, he says to them: What are you looking for and they reply, Rabbi, where are you staying. **Jesus responds, Come, and you will see.** Jesus invites each of us to "come and see" for ourselves that his word is true and everlasting. "Come and see" is God's invitation for fellowship and communion with the One who made us in love for love.

When we discover something very important and valuable it's natural to want to share it with those closest to us. Andrew immediately went to his brother Simon and told him the good news of his discovery of Jesus. And it didn't take much to get Simon to "come and see" who this Jesus was. Jesus reached out to Simon in the same way he did to Andrew earlier. He not only addressed Simon by his personal name, but he gave him a new name which signified the call God had for him. "Cephas" or Peter literally means rock. Through faith Peter grasped who Jesus truly was -- the Anointed One (Messiah and Christ) and the only begotten Son of God.

To be in communion with Christ means to pray, always and everywhere. The second reading of today's Mass shows us that a disciple's personal union with Christ through his Spirit is the foundation of choices about moral behavior.

The Church teaches that the faithful cannot be silenced, that the impulse to spread the Gospel, to proclaim Christ as Messiah, is not an option, but rather an obligation. From the beginning authentic Christians did not hesitate to proclaim Christ as Lord in word and action.

Jesus invites us, in turn, to open the eyes, to begin to see in a true way; He says: "Come and you will see". Every day He repeats this to us, without getting tired of addressing this tender and strong invitation, overflowing with promises and with gifts. Preach, teach and live Christ. Do not keep the Messiah a secret. **If you truly have his love, you will speak of him. You will not be able to keep silent. Come and see; we have found the Messiah!**

Faith in Jesus Christ makes us into rocks or spiritual stones. The Holy Spirit gives us the gift of faith to know Jesus personally, power to live the gospel faithfully, and courage to witness to others the joy and truth of the gospel. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to draw us near to himself. **"What are you looking for?" Do you seek to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ?**

*GOD BLESS YOU,
FR. MARCIN*

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION – OLM CHURCH – FRIDAY, JANUARY 19 – 3PM.

Divine Mercy Devotion is a great opportunity for us to build up our relationship with our Lord Jesus.

Do not be silenced invite somebody to come with you to the church and worship Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and pray Divine Mercy Chaplet.



Jesus gave St. Faustina a special mission, telling her, "I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My merciful Heart." He also said to her, "You are the secretary of My Mercy. I have chosen you for that office in this and the next life."

*OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PRAY FOR US...
ST. MARK PRAY FOR US...*

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Arnold Janssen

Founder, Society of the Divine Word (1837 – 1909) – January 15

Arnold Janssen, the son of a farmer, was born in Germany in 1837. He was ordained a priest in 1861 and spent twelve years teaching science and mathematics. But all the while his heart was stirred by the missionary imperative – to "go and make disciple of all nations." In response he launched a popular magazine, *The Little Messenger of the Sacred Heart*, aimed at stimulating mission consciousness. He followed this with the idea of forming a missionary seminary. The Church in Germany at that time was suffering a wave of anti-Catholic legislation. A bishop with whom he discussed his plan was dismissive, remarking: "He is either a fool or a saint." Janssen was no fool. He moved across the border to Holland and started his seminary in a run-down inn. It was the seed of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD), the mission order he would direct for over thirty years.

Fr. Janssen himself never served overseas. But before long he was sending mission priest to China, Papua New Guinea, and other parts of the world. He also founded an order of lay brothers and two congregations of women before his death on January 15, 1909. Today the members of his SVD family number over ten thousand and serve in more than seventy countries. Janssen was canonized in 2003.

"What you cannot accomplish is not the will of God."

-St. Arnold Janssen

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT...

ST. MARK – Last Monday of each month from 7-8 pm. Next Adoration is on January 29th.

OLM – Second Monday of each month from 7-8 pm. Next Adoration is on February 12th.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS.... If you would like a statement of contributions for 2017, please contact Joanne, our parish bookkeeper at joanne.stm@comcast.net. You can also call her at the parish office. Please do so by January 31, 2018.

**UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS AT ST. MARK'S
SAVE THE DATES...**

- March 4 – Annual Pot Luck Lunch
- April 6 – Winetasting
- April 29 – St. Mark's 30th Anniversary Mass and Luncheon. Bishop Arthur Serratelli will be our celebrant at the 11:00 am mass.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SARAH'S FIGHT FOR HOPE FOUNDATION...

Bunco Night Fundraiser & Designer Bag Raffle. January 17th here at St. Mark's, doors open at 6:30 pm-game start 7:30 pm. Pre-sale donation \$20, at door \$25. Group of 4 \$70, door prizes, coffee/tea and dessert. BYOB & Appetizers ONLY with table Reservation \$20. Ticket purchase: www.sarahsfightforhope.org

ST. LUKE'S SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY PRESENTATION...

All are invited to attend a special free presentation by Kerry Magro on Sunday, February 4 1:00-3:00 pm. "Autism can't define me...I define autism". Kerry is an award winning national speaker and bestselling author. Kerry has become a role model in the disabled community. He overcame countless obstacles to get where he is today, a recent Masters graduate from Seton Hall he currently is Founder and CEO of KFM Making a Difference, a nonprofit corporation focused on disability advocacy and housing.

NURSE-EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY...

Washington Township Schools is in need of a nurse (RN or LPN) to ride the school bus (two hours in the morning 8:00-10:00 am) \$30 per hour. Interested professionals are encouraged to contact Jeff Mohre, Superintendent of Schools, at 908-876-4172 or via email jmohre@wtschools.org.

FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE FOR ALL...

Washington Township Recreation is offering FREE Income Tax Assistance from VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program. VITA offers FREE Federal & State Income tax preparation for simple returns (1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, Schedules A & B). Those who qualify for this program must bring the following, two forms of ID, last year's tax return and forms relevant to you last tax return. On Tuesday, February 27 & March 27, 2018 at the W.T. Senior Center. Appoints are necessary starting at 10:30 am – 2 pm. Call Recreation Office 908-876-5941 or email recreation@wtmorris.net for information and to set your appointment.



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, Bill Betz, Luz Bracero, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Arlene Cichlar, Hannah Clark, Emily Condit, Kaitlin Cross, Natalia Danilczuk, Krish Dharia, Catherine DiPasquale, Elizabeth, Connie Elliott, Larry Fine, Tracey F, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Jerry Green, Barbara Gotterdam, Louie Gutierrez, Helen Greenly, Harper Lynn Granito, Regina Hague, William Heimsly, Bob Hodiern, Maria Dougherty Jante, Donna Jennings, Laurel Jilek, Joey, Claudia Kallmeyer, Jim Karpinski, 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, Meghan McDonough, Harold & Mary McKay, Edward Michonski, Sr., Kathy Minichini, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Marilyn O'Connor, Josh Olsen, Jim Owens, Arlene Parikh, Nicky Pilosi, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Jeff Schpiner, Rev. Frank Rodimer, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, Cindy, Sullivan, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Rev. Zbigniew Tyburski, 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 call the office to let us know if you wish to continue to be on this prayer list.



