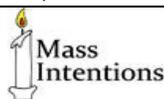


# I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

## February 25, 2018



**Saturday, February 24**  
5:30 pm For Donald Dobbings by McDermott Family

**Sunday, February 25**  
8:00 am For James Bono by Draghi Family  
For Dave Woeste by Woeste Family  
9:30 am For Dave Cleaver by Woelfel Family  
For Bernie Cho by Cho Family  
11:00 am For Marie Louise Chang by Koproski Family

**Monday, February 26**  
8:45 am For James Bono by Draghi Family

**Tuesday, February 27**  
8:45 am For Michael Granich by David Donlon

**Wednesday, February 28**  
8:45 am For

**Thursday, March 1**  
8:45 am For

**Saturday, March 3**  
10:45 am Mass at Heath Village  
5:30 pm For Eileen Olson by Gruby Family

**Sunday, March 4**  
8:00 am For Harry Johanson by McGuire Family  
9:30 am For Glen Guzik by Woelfel  
For Bernie Cho by Cho Family  
11:00 am For Charles Thielitz by Fania Family  
For Jack Merritt by DelGuercio Family

### REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS 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:** In loving memory of Joseph F. Casey III by Mitchell Family

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE February March 3, 4, 2018

**Saturday, 5:30 pm**  
Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski  
Lector: Fred McQuaide  
Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne Lee  
Altar Servers: Libby Masterson

**Sunday, 8:00 am**  
Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski  
Lector: Susan Vetterl, Amy Barron  
Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Gebbia  
Altar Servers: Help needed

**9:30 am**  
Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski  
Lector: Kevin Mullin  
Eucharistic Ministers: Terri & Bob Baffuto, Steve Beggin  
Altar Servers: Maura O'Shea

**11:00 am**  
Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski  
Lector: Sharon Donovan  
Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Labue, Diane Herzog  
Altar Servers: Ryan Arrambide

## Second Sunday of Lent

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

**Monday, February 26**  
8:45 am Mass  
4:30 pm CEC K-5  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by confessions and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Tuesday, February 27**  
8:45 am Mass  
4:30 pm CEC K-5  
7:30 pm Choir

**Wednesday, February 28**  
8:45 am Mass  
9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
6:00 pm JYM  
8:00 pm K of C Meeting

**Thursday, March 1**  
8:45 am Mass

**Friday, March 2**  
Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, March 3**  
8:00 am Men's Bible Study  
CYO Banquet

**Sunday, March 4**  
Masses, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am  
Pot Luck Lunch following the 11:00 am Mass

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2016
February 18, 2018: \$1,593	February 19, 2017: \$2,620
Envelopes used: 32	Envelopes used: 57
Extended Catholic Obligations: \$220	Extended Catholic Obligations: \$339
Envelopes used: 8	Envelopes used: 24
Supermarket Gift Cards: February 18, 2018 Sales: \$4,050 Profit: \$202.50 YTD Profit: \$1,117.50 # of Families: 15	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

### FAITH DIRECT...

Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! 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**. God Bless You, Fr. Marcin

### FOOD PANTRY...Don't (Just) Give Up

Lent shouldn't be *just* about giving up – it should also be about giving. One great way to give this Lent would be to donate Supermarket Gift Cards to the Long Valley Food Pantry for their Easter Baskets. What's so great about that? Well, it provides needed food for families in this area (plus some Easter treats for the children in those families), and, it fulfills the very first Corporal Work of Mercy, "To Feed the Hungry." It also happens to be very convenient. Just stop by the Supermarket Gift Card table in the gathering space and tell the nice person there, "I'd like to give!" What could be more convenient? You were going to buy gift cards for yourself anyway, weren't you?

## FROM FR. MARCIN...

My dear parishioners,



Today marks the second Sunday of Lent. Today's Gospel shows us the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain. What a grace for Peter and James and John to see Jesus transfigured. They got a preview of the glory of Jesus risen from the dead and his glory in heaven. It was also a preview of the glory we all hope to share in heaven. God's grace has been granted to us before the beginning of time. Imagine, since the beginning of time God had us in his plan and had his grace planned for us. Since the beginning of time God planned to transform us through his Son Jesus.

The disciples who experienced Jesus' transfiguration had to come down the mountain and return to normality but they remembered the transfiguration. Like them we live in normality but we believe and know that God has prepared great things for us. Celebrating Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent reminds us of what comes after the cross because it reminds us of the glory of Jesus risen from the dead. In our worst moments of pain may we not think negatively but remember the encouragement we receive in Sacred Scripture and that God has prepared the glory of the transfiguration for each of us in the next life.

The good times take us through the bad times. When our cross is heavy or when we are tempted to despair about the meaning of life, let us look beyond the pain of the present moment and remember those times when God sent us his consolations. Let us look beyond the pain of life and see the presence of God in our world, and the offer of life that God wants to make to each of us. Let us look beyond the illusion of happiness that this life offers to the real happiness that God offers us. Let us look beyond this world to eternal life with God.

During Lent, we have to die to ourselves and rise to new life with Jesus, we make sacrifices and do things we do not normally do. The focus of Lent is on renewing our lives in service of the Lord, becoming more like Jesus. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an important part of Lent because as we die to ourselves we realize that we need to come before the Lord confessing the times when we didn't die to self in order to rise to new life with him.

As we enter the heart of the Lenten season, let's take some time to reflect on how Jesus is calling us to transformation and ask ourselves, what are we withholding from God? What is keeping us from being open to the love of Christ which will transform us if let it?



The appearance of Moses and Elijah during the transfiguration and the Father saying "This is my beloved Son"

confirms that Jesus is indeed the expected Messiah. The Father commanded, "Listen to him." John is a model disciple; he was faithful to Jesus to the end. Peter and James for a short while did not listen to Jesus, but just as Peter, James and John became great witnesses to Jesus, we too can become great witnesses to Jesus during this special time of repentance.

On the mountain Peter, James and John looked beyond the appearance of Jesus and saw his future risen glory. Let us look beyond, and see that God is really with us. God has not left us on our own, God is with us.

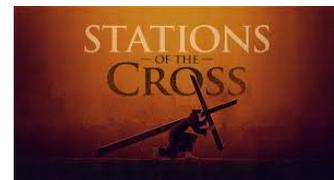
OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PRAY FOR US...

ST.MARK PRAY FOR US...

GOD BLESS YOU,

FR. MARCIN

## LENT IN OUR PARISH



**OLM STATIONS OF THE CROSS!!!** Every Friday morning at 10am, and in the evening at 7:30

**ST. MARK'S CHURCH** every Monday night at 7.

Try to come at least once, bring your family, children, and friends and walk with Jesus his last journey.

- Lenten reflection with Fr. Marcin – every Tuesday night (7-8) OLM Parish Center.

- Sacrament of Penance and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday night (7-8:30).

## FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St Francis of Assisi.

Was one of the most venerated religious figures in the history of Christianity. He was the founder of the Order of Friars Minor, more popularly known as the Franciscans. Born sometime in early 1180s to a prosperous silk merchant in Assisi, he led a very high spirited life in his early youth; but on receiving a call, he gave up everything to lead a life in poverty. He lived only for 44 years; but within such short period, he gathered around him thousands of men and women, who gave up everything to follow the path of Christ. For men, he founded the Order of Friars Minor; for women, the Order of Saint Clare; and for the householders, the Third Order of Saint Francis. Around two years before his death, he received the stigmata in a religious ecstasy, becoming the first recorded person to do so. Shortly after his death, he was canonized by the Pope and was also designated Patron Saint of Italy.



## FROM FR. JAVIER...

### TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ...

#### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

##### The Sixth Commandment

**You shall not commit adultery. "You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart".**

My dear brothers and sisters, the catechism of the Catholic Church says:

*The predicament of a man who, desiring to convert to the Gospel, is obliged to repudiate one or more wives with whom he has shared years of conjugal life, is understandable. However polygamy is not in accord with the moral law." [Conjugal] communion is radically contradicted by polygamy; this, in fact, directly negates the plan of God which was revealed from the beginning, because it is contrary to the equal personal dignity of men and women who in matrimony give themselves with a love that is total and therefore unique and exclusive." The Christian who has previously lived in polygamy has a grave duty in justice to honor the obligations contracted in regard to his former wives and his children.*

Also *Incest* designates intimate relations between relatives or in-laws within a degree that prohibits marriage between them. St. Paul stigmatizes this especially grave offense: "It is actually reported that there is immorality among you . . . for a man is living with his father's wife. . . . In the name of the Lord Jesus . . . you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh". Incest corrupts family relationships and marks a regression toward animality.

Connected to incest is any sexual abuse perpetrated by adults on children or adolescents entrusted to their care. The offense is compounded by the scandalous harm done to the physical and moral integrity of the young, who will remain scarred by it all their lives; and the violation of responsibility for their upbringing.

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

- March 4 – Annual Pot Luck Lunch sign-up sheet in gathering space
- April 6 – Winetasting
- April 29 – St. Mark's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass and Luncheon. Bishop Arthur Serratelli will be our celebrant at the 11:00 am mass.

#### DO YOU HAVE ANY ST. MARK'S PHOTOS?

The fundraising committee is looking for any photographs you may have of events held at St. Mark's over the past 30 years for a slide show at the anniversary luncheon. Please send to [stmarkspac@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkspac@gmail.com) or you can drop them off in the parish office Attn: Melissa Heike. Photos will be digitized and returned to you.

**ENGRAVED BRICK FUNDRAISER...** April 29<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating St. Mark's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are excited to welcome our parishners and families as Bishop Serratelli joins our priests both past and present to celebrate our anniversary mass. As you may have noticed time and weather have taken a toll on the brick pavers, leaving them broken and in distress. In an effort to renovate our walkway in time for our celebration, the Fundraising Committee will

be selling Engraved Memorial Bricks to be incorporated in a new walkway. Please see the display in the gathering space. Orders and payment are due by March 10<sup>th</sup>. Orders with payment can be left in the Parish Office. Questions? Contact [STM30@comcast.net](mailto:STM30@comcast.net).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST SCHOOLEY'S MOUNTAIN

**FIREHOUSE...** March 4<sup>th</sup>, 8am-12 pm, Cost: Children ages 4-10 \$4, Senior Citizens \$6, Adults \$8. 231 Schooley's Mountain Rd. All-You-Can-Eat pancakes, sausage, eggs & pastries.

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING ...**All ladies of Our Lady of the Mountain and St. Mark's are invited to join us for our Rosary Altar Society Meeting at OLM on Tuesday, March 6, at 7:15 pm. We begin with the Rosary followed by Mass and the Novena to our Blessed Mother, and end the evening with our meeting. Our program for this month will be Linda Kenyon performing as Julia Child. Come join us for cheese, wine and Julia!

### LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION: "To Jesus Through Lent"...

Fr. Jude Salus is presenting an inspirational Lenten message in a 90 minute talk at St. Jude Parish, Budd Lake, on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The day starts with 9am mass, followed by a full hot & cold breakfast and then the presentation from 10:30 am-12:00 pm. Cost is \$15. Tickets can be obtained by mail. Send \$15 check payable to St. Jude Parish to St. Jude Church, 17 Mt. Olive Rd. Budd Lake, NJ 07828 Attn: Lenten Day of Reflection. Include your name, phone number and email address. Questions? Call Mike Sabella 973-945-2822.

### VILLA WALSH ACADEMY ....

Summer Camp for Girls entering grades 4-8. Week 1: June 25-29; Week 2: July 9-July 13. Morning session: 9am-12:00pm. Afternoon session 1-4 pm. Attend both sessions and participate in a supervised lunch. Evening session: for high school athletes entering 9-12 pm from 4:30-7:30. For information or to register [www.villawalsh.org](http://www.villawalsh.org) under athletics tab. Or email Camp Director, Shannon Prisco, [sumercamp@villawalsh.org](mailto:sumercamp@villawalsh.org)



Randi Alloway, Richard Alvarez, Tony Atkins, Charlie, Kenneth Bernisky, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Emily Condit, 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, 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 Plosi, 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