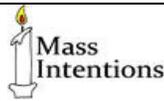


# Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

April 8, 2018

Second Sunday of Easter- Divine Mercy Sunday



**Saturday, April 7**

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village  
 5:30 pm For Kenneth Godlash by Lennon Family  
 For Ana Lozano by Magdaleno Family

**Sunday, April 8**

8:00 am For Eleanor Lamont by Monteverde Family  
 9:30 am For Bernie Cho by Cho Family  
 11:00 am For William Cisko by DelGuercio Family  
 For Josefa Silfa by her sisters

**Monday, April 9**

8:45 am For

**Tuesday, April 10**

8:45 am For Kathy Yavor by Stokes Family

**Wednesday, April 11**

8:45 am For

**Thursday, April 12**

8:45 am For Elvira Griffin by Labue Family  
 10:45 am Mass at Heath Village

**Saturday, April 14**

5:30 pm For Georgene Wyker by Lennon Family

**Sunday, April 15**

8:00 am For Brone Chalamaskas by Stokes Family  
 9:30 am For Lawrence Parkin by Joseph Campilonga  
 11:00 am For Bernie Cho by Cho Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS  
 FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL**

**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  
 April 14, 15, 2018**

**Saturday, 5:30 pm**

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski  
 Lector: Joanne Lee  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Burke  
 Altar Servers: Shaeleigh & Shane Fleidner/Book

**Sunday, 8:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski  
 Lector: Tony Cretella  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Vetterl  
 Altar Servers: Piper Heike

**9:30 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski  
 Lector: Tom & Sarah Hanifin  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Eric & Sharon Woelfel  
 Altar Servers: Maura O'Shea, Annalina Jonkoski

**11:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski  
 Lector: Sharon Donovan  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine Fleming, Ed Michonski  
 Altar Servers: Giuliana Rolli

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S**

**Monday, April 9**

8:45 am Mass  
 4:30 pm CEC Grades K-5

**Tuesday, April 10**

8:45 am Mass  
 4:30 pm CEC Grades K-5  
 7:30 pm Choir

**Wednesday, April 11**

8:45 am Mass  
 9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
 6:00 pm JYM

**Thursday, April 12**

8:45 am Mass

**Friday, April 13**

Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, April 14**

5:30 pm Mass

**Sunday, April 15**

Masses, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am  
 Communion Banner Sunday after 11:00 am mass for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Current Year	Last Year 2017
April 1, 2018: Figures not available	April 1, 2017: \$2,794 Envelopes used: 54 Parish Debt Reduction: \$650 Envelopes used: 37
Supermarket Gift Cards were not sold last week.	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

**THE FOOD PANTRY HAD A HAPPY EASTER...**

Thanks to Angel Nowak and St. Mark's CEC 5<sup>th</sup> graders! On March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, they brought many bags of groceries to the Long Valley Food Pantry. That was the easy part – they also sorted the products and stacked the shelves. **A JOB WELL DONE!!!**

In addition, St. Mark's parishioners contributed \$875 worth of supermarket gift cards to the Long Valley Food Pantry's Easter Basket drive, along with several bags of groceries. We should all be proud of our generous parish. Now, let's keep that Easter spirit alive for the rest of the year.

**GIFT CARD SELLERS NEEDED...**

If you are looking for a way to get involved with St Marks, the Gift Card Program, our biggest fund raiser, needs sellers for the following time slots; 4th Saturday of month at 5:30pm, any week for the Sunday 8:00am Mass and the 2nd Sunday of the month at 9:30. Volunteering for this program will not interfere with work or school schedules, we simply need 15 minutes of your time once a month after Mass. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mary Hanifin at [marykhanifin@yahoo.com](mailto:marykhanifin@yahoo.com)

My dear parishioners,



Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, the feast of Divine Mercy. St. Mary Faustina Kowalska was privileged to receive apparitions from Jesus emphasizing his mercy, and especially his mercy today. Jesus promised that those who go to Confession and receive Holy Communion today will receive not only forgiveness of their sins, but the total remission of all temporal punishment for their sins. It is like a second baptism, all sin and punishment is wiped out.

In the year 2000, the Second Sunday of Easter occurred on April 30th. On that day, the Holy Father, St. John Paul II, canonized Sr. Mary Faustina Kowalska. St. Faustina was only 33 years old when she died in 1938. She spent most of her life in convents in Poland. Yet her life has made an impact upon the entire world.

St. John Paul II said in his canonization homily that St. Faustina was told that the two rays coming from Jesus' heart represented blood and water. Blood referred to the sacrifice of the cross, and the gift of the Eucharist. Water referred to the gifts of baptism and the Holy Spirit. Jesus told her, "My daughter, tell people that I am love and mercy personified." St. John Paul II said that this was a needed message for the people who had witnessed the sufferings of millions during the last century.

Jesus Christ is the source of our peace. He is love. He is mercy. We go before Him in the face of the horrible attacks of evil upon the world and say to Him, "I trust in you." We go before Him recognizing our own sinfulness and say to Him, "I trust in you."

There are hundreds of thousands, if not millions still suffering the attacks of others. We recognize their pain and we call upon Jesus who is Love and Mercy and say, "I trust in you." There are many who have committed the most unspeakable sins, particularly sins against life who need to bring their sinfulness before the Lord and say, "Jesus, I trust in you." We need to bring our own sins before the Lord and say, "Jesus I trust in you."

St. John Paul II concluded the canonization homily by saying: "And you, Faustina, a gift of God to our time, a gift from the land of Poland to the whole Church, obtain for us an awareness of the depth of divine mercy; help us to have a living experience of it and to bear witness to it among our brothers and sisters.

God is like a father who comes out of the house to welcome us back his sons and daughters. Today God has thrown a party during which we can receive God's infinite mercy. Let us go to the party and receive God's mercy.

A number of times in St. Faustina's diary we see the power of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Jesus said it is a very powerful prayer at the time of death and at the bedside of a dying person. The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by my mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death.

Ponder, today, the image of The Divine Mercy. Ponder, especially, the fact that no image will even come close to expressing the full

depth of love pouring forth from the Heart of our Savior. Grow in a desire for that Mercy as you ponder this sacred image.

*Lord, You have poured out upon the world Your infinite Mercy coming forth from Your divine Heart. May I bask in that Mercy now and always. Jesus, I trust in You*

**HAPPY EASTER SEASON**  
**FR. MARCIN**

Come to **OLM CHURCH** at **3PM** for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and Divine Mercy Chaplet.



**To celebrate properly the Feast of Divine Mercy and receive the forgiveness of all sins and punishment,**

You must go to Confession to a Catholic priest within 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday. If you are in the state of very serious or mortal sin, you must confess them before receiving Holy Communion or you will also commit a sacrilege which is a very serious sin. If you haven't been going to Sunday Mass without any good reason, you may be in a state of serious sin and you must confess before receiving Jesus in Communion.

I would like to say THANK YOU to all those who helped us prepare church for Holy Triduum and Easter celebration especially our two good priests Fr. Javier and Fr. Slawek and Joe Tamburro, and our parish choir for beautiful music.

Thank you to all of you for your faith, prayers and offerings. May Resurrected Jesus be with you now and forever!!! GOD BLESS YOU

**THANK YOU...**To the Women's Bible Study Group who donated the picture of Divine Mercy to our parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...**

**St. Stanislaus – April 11**

Bishop and Martyr (1030-1079)

The role of the Polish Church in hastening the downfall of communism has been widely told. But in their stand against tyranny and injustice, the recent generation of Polish Catholics upheld an ancient tradition. One of the most revered saints in Poland is St. Stanislaus, a bishop of Cracow, who died as a martyr in the eleventh century.

Among the Polish bishop of his day, Stanislaus was the only one with the courage to stand up to the tyrannical king Boleslaus II and to denounce his cruelty and abuse of power. The last straw came when Boleslaus abducted the beautiful wife of one of his noblemen and carried her away to his castle. Upon hearing of this outrage, Stanislaus went to rebuke the king and to threaten him with excommunication if he did not amend his ways. When all other methods of persuasion failed, Stanislaus carried through on his threat.

Thus, when Boleslaus and his retinue arrived at the cathedral for Mass, he was turned away at the door.

Enraged, Boleslaus ordered his guard to kill the bishop. When they balked at his command, Boleslaus drew his own sword and performed the bloody deed himself. Stanislaus was immediately acclaimed as a martyr. Pope Gregory VII put the country under an interdict, which endured until the death of the unrepentant Boleslaus. St. Stanislaus was canonized in 1253.

*"If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first."*

- John 15:18

#### **FROM FR. JAVIER...**

#### **TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

##### **The Seventh Commandment**

##### **You shall not steal.**

My brothers and sisters, the seventh commandment talks about the Love for the Poor too. *"God blesses those who come to the aid of the poor and rebukes those who turn away from them: Give to him who begs from you, do not refuse him who would borrow from you; you received without pay, give without pay. It is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognize his chosen ones. When the poor have the good news preached to them, it is the sign of Christ's presence".*

*"The Church's love for the poor . . . is a part of her constant tradition."* This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, of the poverty of Jesus, and of his concern for the poor. Love for the poor is even one of the motives for the duty of working so as to be able to give to those in need. It extends not only to material poverty but also to the many forms of cultural and religious poverty.

St. John Chrysostom vigorously recalls this: *"Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs. The demands of justice must be satisfied first of all; that which is already due in justice is not to be offered as a gift of charity":*

When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice.

Also the works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. the corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God. God bless you.

**ST. MARK'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION...**We are assembling a Commemorative Program for our Anniversary Celebration on April 29 and would welcome any parishioner's supportive ad. There are flyers with details in the Gathering Space.

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 8:00 or 9:30 AM MASS ON APRIL 29. JOIN US AT 11:00 FOR OUR ANNIVERSARY MASS AND LUNCHEON.**

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM...**

The Long Valley Knights of Columbus College Scholarship Program is now taking applications for 2018. Information details about the program and application forms are located in the gathering space, parish office] the deadline for receiving applications is May 31, 2018. You may also contact Patrick Gibbons for a copy of the application at 908.414.0963 ([patgibb@gmail.com](mailto:patgibb@gmail.com)).

#### **LONG VALLEY COLUMBIETTES EVENTS...**

Collection of men's, women's, and children's underwear along with women's feminine products to be donated to the Fr. English center and Operation Chillout. A box is in the gathering space today. Thank you so much for your support.

#### **FUNDRAISER AT MAMA'S ...**

Columbiettes are having a fundraiser at Mama's Restaurant on Mountain Ave., Hackettstown for all meals on April 16 & 17. Ten percent of your bill will be donated to benefit programs sponsored by the Columbiettes such as high school scholarships, food pantry, veterans, OLM and St. Mark's Vacation bible Camps. Either give a flyer or tell the server that you are supporting this fundraiser. Please call Marge Sanders with any questions at 908-852-3091. Thank you.



Randi Alloway, Richard Alvarez, Tony Atkins, Kenneth Bernisky, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Emily Condit, Naalia Danileczuk, Krish Dharia, Catherine DiPasquale, Elizabeth, Connie Elliott, Larry Fine, Tracey F, Elaine 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, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Madelyn, 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, Ann Senftinger, Bill Siegrist, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, Cindy Sullivan, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau,, Patricia Villano, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **DARAJA IS A GLOBAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR...**

Join us! Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm at Valley View Chapel, 115 E. Mill Rd. Long Valley in association with The Coffee Potter.

**LIFELINE SCREENING** a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at St. Marks on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems. There are screenings for leading causes of stroke, aneurysms, heart disease and osteoporosis. There are three ways to register for this event and receive a \$10 discount. Call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit

<http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979. Flyers are available in the gathering space.