

Lord, let your face shine on us.

April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter



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

Monday, April 16

8:45 am For

Tuesday, April 17

8:45 am For

Wednesday, April 18

8:45 am For Vita Simonaites by Stokes Family

Thursday, April 19

8:45 am For

Saturday, April 21

5:30 pm Daniel Dong Yeon Cho by Schwint Family

Sunday, April 22

8:00 am For Sam Tufts by Nugent Family
 9:30 am For Joseph Forlini by Draghi Family
 For Bernie Cho by Cho Family
 11:00 am For Pasquale Clemente by Van Hoorebeke Family
 For Craig Allan Davidson by Del Guercio 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 21, 22, 2018**

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno
 Lector: Rhianna Smith
 Eucharistic Ministers: Marylee Terpstra
 Altar Servers: Kaitlyn Buchanan, Libby Masterson

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski
 Lector: Jim Scott
 Eucharistic Ministers: Carmen Veras
 Altar Servers: Piper Heike

9:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski
 Lector: Kevin O'Shea
 Eucharistic Ministers: Gina & Paul Tupaczewski
 Altar Servers: Hannah & Sarah Tupaczewski

11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski
 Lector: Tom & Sarah Hanifin
 Eucharistic Ministers: Angel Nowak, Nick Caruso
 Altar Servers: Ryan Arrambide

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, April 16

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

Tuesday, April 17

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

Wednesday, April 18

8:45 am Mass
 9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Thursday, April 19

8:45 am Mass

Friday, April 20

Parish Office Closed
 K of C Federation Meeting

Saturday, April 21

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, April 22

Masses, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am
 Senior Youth Ministry

WEEKLY COLLECTION

| Current Year | Last Year 2017 |
|---|---|
| April 8, 2018: Figures not available | April 9, 2017: Figures not available |
| Supermarket Gift Cards Sales: \$4,300 Profit: \$215 YTD Profit: \$2,147.50 # of families: 17. | 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 5th graders! On March 19th and 20th, 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.

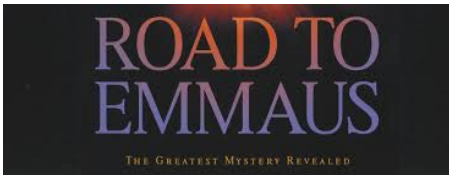
FAITH DIRECT...

The Lord is risen! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Mark the Evangelist with electronic donations through Faith Direct. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code **NJ484**.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.
 God Bless you,
 Fr. Marcin

FROM FR. MARCIN,

My dear parishioners,



Today's Gospel reading about the risen Christ begins with the account of the two disciples who encountered Jesus on their way to Emmaus and who recognized him in the breaking of bread: "Then the two told what had happened on the road and how Jesus made himself known when he broke bread with them." The two disciples recognized Jesus when he repeated what he had done before; the disciples remembered him in the breaking of bread.

In the Gospel account of the appearance of the risen Jesus to his followers, he tried to show that it was indeed he himself before them: "Look at my hands and feet and see that it is I myself. Touch me and see for yourselves that a ghost has no flesh and bones as I have. As he said this, he showed his hands and feet." It was the same Jesus they knew who was before them.

The Gospel reminds us to be mindful of the things that we do and the words we say and the things we see. For all these contain memories of events and people of the past and of other things yet to unfold. These actions and words can hold other information about ourselves and of events which could contribute to our growth and the development of others around us.

The Gospel also reminds us to be aware of the things happening to us and around us. It is often said that God speaks to us at times in ways we can understand and at times in ways we may not be able to understand. Yet we can only hear God speaking to us in whatever way if we listen, if we are attentive, if we are purposeful in our words and deeds.

Each Sunday we listen to readings from Scripture in order to learn how the Spirit was with Jesus, and how the Spirit wishes to inspire us. In our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see a new Peter speaking through the power of the Spirit. Now he and the other disciples are no longer paralyzed by fear. They speak, often in unfriendly situations, with the confident, joyful honesty and boldness of Christ himself. It is the Spirit who enables us to know Christ and to live as he lived. In the second reading, John tells us we can be sure that our knowledge of Christ is true faith if we keep his commandments—essentially to love others as he has loved us.

The Spirit enables us to share in the Easter joy of Christ. The complete joy of the Spirit's presence is anticipated in the disciples' experience of the Risen Lord: They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy. Today in our breaking of bread with the Lord, we pray for the grace to accept the gift of the Spirit, the promise of his Father, with all our heart so that we might live and act as Christians without fear—in freedom, in truth, in love, in joy.

Christ's mission to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins is extended to all nations. Jesus knew that without his Spirit the disciples and those who would follow them would be totally unable of fulfilling his command.

Let us not forget that we are Christ's missionaries in the world of today and unless we speak out the Good News will not be heard and mankind will be the less for it. Jesus says in the last line of the Gospel that the forgiveness of sins will be preached to all the nations. Who will do this preaching if it is not us?



OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PRAY FOR US...

ST. MARK PRAY FOR US...

GOD BLESS YOU!!!

FR. MARCIN

**JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION
– FRIDAY – APRIL 20 – OLM CHURCH – 3PM – HOUR OF
MERCY**



The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

Next Sunday is a World Day of Prayer for Vocations – Please pray:

A Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord, **Amen**

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Bernadette Soubirous – April 16

Visionary of Lourdes (1844 – 1879)

St. Bernadette was born in Lourdes, a small town on the northern slopes of the Pyrenees. A sickly child, she lived with her family in a basement hovel. One morning in 1858, when she was fourteen, Bernadette and two other children were gathering firewood near a remote cave. Passing the grotto, Bernadette looked up to see a beautiful young woman holding a rosary. The other children saw nothing. But as word spread of the apparition, crowds began to follow Bernadette as she returned and conversed with the Lady, who identified herself as "the Immaculate Conception." In one of her encounters, the Lady instructed Bernadette to drink from the waters in the cave. Although there was no visible sign of water, when Bernadette scratched in the ground she unearthed a growing stream.

Before long it became a gushing spring, which continues to the present.

Far from rushing to embrace these miraculous events, Church officials were initially reserved, subjecting Bernadette to interminable interviews and cross-examinations. To escape the attention, both positive and negative, Bernadette entered an order of nursing sisters and was sent to a convent in Nevers. There her health deteriorated, and she died after great suffering in 1879 at the age of thirty-five. By that time Lourdes had become the most popular pilgrimage site in Europe, famous for its healing miracles. The Church embraced this cult, erecting a Basilica. Bernadette was canonized in 1933.

"I shall spend every moment loving. One who loves does not notice her trials; or perhaps more accurately, she is able to love them."

- St. Bernadette

FROM FR. JAVIER...

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

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. It was said to the men of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn."

My dear brothers and sisters according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church The eighth commandment forbids misrepresenting the truth in our relations with others. This moral prescription flows from the vocation of the holy people to bear witness to their God who is the truth and wills the truth. Offenses against the truth express by word or deed a refusal to commit oneself to moral uprightness: they are fundamental infidelities to God and, in this sense, they undermine the foundations of the covenant.

The Old Testament attests that God is the source of all truth. His Word is truth. His Law is truth. His "faithfulness endures to all generations." Since God is "true," the members of his people are called to live in the truth.

Also the Catechism says: *In Jesus Christ, the whole of God's truth has been made manifest. "Full of grace and truth," he came as the "light of the world," he is the Truth. "Whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness." The disciple of Jesus continues in his word so as to know "the truth [that] will make you free" and that sanctifies. To follow Jesus is to live in "the Spirit of truth," whom the Father sends in his name and who leads "into all the truth." To his disciples Jesus teaches the unconditional love of truth: "Let what you say be simply 'Yes or No.'*

Man tends by nature toward the truth. He is obliged to honor and bear witness to it: "It is in accordance with their dignity that all men, because they are persons . . . are both impelled by their nature and bound by a moral obligation to seek the truth, especially religious truth. They are also bound to adhere to the truth once they come to know it and direct their whole lives in accordance with the demands of truth. God Bless You.

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 about the program and application forms are located in the gathering space, parish office the deadline for receiving applications is May 31, 2018. Contact Patrick Gibbons for a copy of the application at 908.414.0963 (patgibb@gmail.com).

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 Danilczuk, Krish Dharra, 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, 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

LIFELINE SCREENING a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at St. Marks on **April 18th**. Screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems.. There are three ways to register for this even 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.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION AT ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL, MENDHAM...

Come join the SJS principal, faculty, and parents for an Information Session on Tuesday, April 24. Learn about the outstanding academics in our PRE-K-8 programs, new Makerspace where creativity is stimulated, numerous extracurricular activities, and after care program. Early Childhood Session pre-K-K and 1st, begins at 6 pm and transfer Student Session Grades 2-8 at 6:45 pm. For details go to www.sjsmendham.org or contact Lori Arends, Principal, 973-543-7474, ext. 7. St. Joseph School-National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence; AdvancEd Accredited.

