

Lord, send out your spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

May 20, 2018

Pentecost Sunday



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 19

5:30 pm For Virginia Kadri by Cronin Family

Sunday, May 20

8:00 am For

9:30 am For Mary Sperling by Woelfel Family

11:00 am For Bernie Cho by Cho Family

Monday, May 21

8:45 am For

Tuesday, May 22

8:45 am For

Wednesday, May 23

8:45 am For

Thursday, May 24

8:45 am For

Saturday, May 26

5:30 pm For

Sunday, May 27

8:00 am For

9:30 am For Bill and Joan Pirolo by Masterson Family

11:00 am For Bernie Cho by Cho Family

REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

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

May 26, 27, 2018

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Fred McQuaide, Sarah Hanifin

Eucharistic Ministers: Holly Zimmerman, Nancy Lennon

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Susan Vetterl

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Gebbia

Altar Servers: Piper Heike

9:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Kevin Mullin

Eucharistic Ministers: Eric & Sharon Woelfel

Altar Servers: Maura O'Shea

11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Sharon Donovan

Eucharistic Ministers: Trish Mitchell

Altar Servers: Jordan Roehrig

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, May 21

8:45 am Mass

6:30 pm Adoration and Catechist Appreciation Night

Tuesday, May 22

8:45 am Mass

7:30 pm Choir

Wednesday, May 23

8:45 am Mass

Thursday, May 24

8:45 am Mass

Friday, May 25

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, May 26

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, May 27

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2017
May 13, 2018: \$2,962	May 14, 2017: \$2,000
Supermarket Gift Cards: May 13, 2018 Sales: \$1,300 Profit: \$65 YTD Profit: \$2,598.75 #of families: 7	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

May can be a busy month. Are you booking travel for Memorial Day? Gearing up for summer vacation? Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct to make sure your gifts reach St. Mark the Evangelist when you cannot, and our ministries can continue uninterrupted. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **NJ484**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION...

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Thank you.

CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE POOR...

Due to the unprecedented requests for assistance from Catholic Charities' food pantries and in order to fulfill our obligations to the poor, Bishop Serratelli has authorized a Diocesan-wide food collection in all parishes and agencies on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Saturday/Sunday, June 2-3, 2018. We are all being asked to bring assorted food products on that day. We have been asked to provide **Rice (1-5 lb)**. Cash/Check donations will be accepted made payable to Catholic Charities. Please mark Saturday and Sunday, June 2-3 as the food collection day in order to help those in need in our Diocesan communities of Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties.

My dear parishioners,



Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. It is the last day of Easter Season. I hope that we all had a chance to go to confession and receive Holy Communion during this time. Church teaches us that every Catholic at least once a year should go to confession and receive Holy Communion during Easter Season. From the Canon Law: Can. 989 After having reached the age of discretion, each member of the faithful is obliged to confess faithfully his or her grave sins at least once a year.

Imagine how the apostles and disciples felt after Jesus ascended. We can imagine they felt emptiness and maybe even fear. But they gathered in prayer, praying for the coming of the Comforter or the Advocate as Jesus called the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit came and transformed them. After receiving the Holy Spirit they had the power of Jesus and had the courage to continue the ministry of Jesus.

Without the Holy Spirit we have no life in us, with the Holy Spirit we have the life of Jesus. Without the Holy Spirit we become closed in but with the Holy Spirit we reach out in mission to others. Without the Holy Spirit we return to the Upper Room in fear and anxiety but with the Holy Spirit we leave the Upper Room and witness to Jesus to the ends of the earth.

Through baptism and confirmation we received the Holy Spirit just as fully as did the disciples on Pentecost. Like them, we received from the Holy Spirit the mission to continue the work that Jesus began. We received the mission to complete God's kingdom on earth. This is our mission; this is our calling; this is what we celebrate today. People's lives can really be changed if we really take seriously the fact that we are sent out into the world just as Jesus was, to be light, to be healer, to be men and women of compassion and forgiveness. **"As God sent me, I send you." That is what Jesus said to the first disciples and that is what Jesus says to all of us today.**

Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to come upon us today, to open our hearts. May the Spirit of Jesus change us, so that we can go forth more ready than ever before, to become true disciples of Jesus and to choose Jesus over everything.



Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

What is Pentecost?

For Christians, Pentecost is a holiday on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church." Thus, from an historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the church was started. This is also true from a spiritual perspective, since the Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens it. Thus Pentecost is the church's birthday.

What does the word "Pentecost" mean?

The English word "Pentecost" is a transliteration of the Greek word pentekostos, which means "fifty." It comes from the ancient Christian expression pentekoste hemera, which means "fiftieth day."

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

.The Crucifix at the Center of the Altar.



The centrality of the crucifix in the celebration of divine worship was more evident in the past, when the normative custom was that both priests and faithful would turn and face the crucifix during the Eucharistic celebration. The cross was placed in the center above the altar, which in turn was attached to the wall, according to the norm. For the present custom of celebrating the Eucharist "facing the people," often the crucifix is located to the side of the altar, thus losing its central position.

It is well known that even before becoming Pope, Benedict XVI advocated the use of a sizable crucifix upon the altar itself as a means of establishing what he called a liturgical east or a means of focusing priest and faithful on the central mystery of redemption made present at Mass and symbolized by the crucifix.

During his pontificate the presence of such a crucifix upon the altar became habitual at papal Masses and thus far has been continued by Pope Francis. In this way, the popes teach through example and good liturgical practice.

YOUTH FROM OUR DIOCESE WILL GATHER WITH OUR BISHOP.

Sunday, June 10, 2018, 2:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Location: Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

Geared to high school students, the event is a unique opportunity to learn about the history and spiritual value of the newly renovated Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

The program includes: tour of the Cathedral, games and snacks, engaging talks and music, and Mass with the Bishop. For more information please ask one of our priests.

RETREAT!!!

"Quo Vadis – Where are you going?"

Vocations Discernment for young men 15-25. "Quo Vadis – Where are you going?" Where is the Spirit acting in your life? Where is the Lord encouraging you to go? Quo Vadis Days is a time of recreation, fellowship, and prayer to help you explore the Lord's call in your life. Activities will include prayer, Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, games, sports, talks, great food, and discussions. It is a time to share our faith and meet other young men seeking God's will. Quo Vadis Days will be held June 27- 29, 2018 at the Saint Mary's Abbey Retreat Center in Morristown, New Jersey. There is no cost. For more information and/or registration, contact the coordinators Fr. Edgar Rivera and David Monteleone in the Vocations Office at (973) 777-8818, ext. #711, by email: revedgar@patersondiocese.org. or ask one of our priests.

NEW FEAST DAY – MONDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of the Church

On February 11, 2018, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments announced, by Decree, that the Supreme Pontiff, Pope Francis, had directed that the **Obligatory Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of the Church be inscribed in the Roman Calendar on the Monday after the Solemnity of Pentecost as an annual feast.** This new Obligatory Memorial takes precedence over other Memorials of Saints that are celebrated on the Monday following Pentecost. Thus, this year, May 21st, the Memorial of Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs, is superseded by the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church.

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Joanna the Myrrh bearer – May 24

Witness to the Resurrection (First Century)

Joanna is named in the Gospel of Luke along with other women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities and now followed Jesus and his other disciples, providing for them “out of their means.” A clue to the evil spirit from whom Joanna was rescued may lie in the remarkable information that she was “the wife of Chuza, Herod’s steward.” In other words, among Jesus’ inner circle was the wife of a man who served at the right hand of Herod, the despot who had killed John the Baptist and who would later conspire in the death of Jesus himself. What a story is concealed in this casual reference!

But her story doesn’t end there. She was surely among “the women who had followed him from Galilee,” who “stood at a distance” and watched Jesus die on a cross, and who later returned to the site of his burial with “spices and ointments” to anoint his mangled body. Joanna is named among these “myrrh bearers” who found the empty tomb attended by angels who proclaimed that he had risen. Though they had borne faithful witness to Jesus, both in his life and in his passion, they were but women, and so their testimony was initially dismissed as “nonsense.”

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 brothers and sisters the eighth commandment talk about the use of the Social Communications Media too. In the numeral 2493 says, “*Within modern society the communications media play a major role in information, cultural promotion, and formation. This role is increasing, as a result of technological progress, the extent and diversity of the news transmitted, and the influence exercised on public opinion*”.

‘It is necessary that all members of society meet the demands of justice and charity in this domain. They should help, through the means of social communication, in the formation and diffusion of sound public opinion’. Solidarity is a consequence of genuine and

right communication and the free circulation of ideas that further knowledge and respect for others.

The means of social communication (especially the mass media) can give rise to a certain passivity among users, making them less than vigilant consumers of what is said or shown. Users should practice moderation and discipline in their approach to the mass media. They will want to form enlightened and correct consciences the more easily to resist unwholesome influences.

Also by the very nature of their profession, journalists have an obligation to serve the truth and not offend against charity in disseminating information. They should strive to respect, with equal care, the nature of the facts and the limits of critical judgment concerning individuals. They should not stoop to defamation.

God bless you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & COLUMBIETTES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM...

Application forms for high school seniors are located in the gathering space and parish office. **Deadline for Columbiettes is May 28th and for K of C May 30th.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY...

St. Luke’s Special Needs Ministry is looking for a “special” registered nurse with an interest in volunteering to work with children and adults with special need. Candidate must be able to have fun! The position would include attending our monthly, Special Needs Sunday Mass and Event, as well as travelling to Lourdes, France for an Easter Pilgrimage during Easter week. Anyone interested, or if you have any questions, please contact Marie Peppas at mariepeppas20@gmail.com for more information.



Randi Alloway, Richard Alvarez, Tony Atkins, Kenneth Bernisky, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Emily Condit, Naalia 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, 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 Piloni, 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

