

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

December 30, 2018

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Saturday, December 29

5:30 pm For

Sunday, December 30

9:00 am For Guendolyn Delong by Tomczyk Family

11:00 am For Pasqualina Carbone by Maureen DelGuercio & Family

Monday, December 31

8:45 am For

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary – Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, January 1

9:30 am For Robert Gordon by Parishioners of St. Mark's

For Patty McCarthy by Fania Family

Wednesday, January 2

8:45 am For

Thursday, January 3

8:45 am For

Saturday, January 5

5:30 pm For Thomas Dugan by Monteverde Family

Sunday, January 6

9:00 am For Gregg & Margery Tonkin by Rich & Marianne Nyman

11:00 am For Raymond Anthony McCarthy, Jr. y Monteverde Family

REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Altar Breads & Wine: In loving memory of Aeneas and Genevieve Corry by Corry/Benardone family

Sanctuary Lamp: In loving memory of Vito and Marie Benardone by Corry/Benardone family

Mass Candles:

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 5, 6, 2019

**NEW SCHEDULE TO BE DETERMINED
NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME**

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant:

Lector:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Altar Servers:

Sunday, 9:00 am

Celebrant:

Lector:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Altar Servers:

11:00 am

Celebrant:

Lector:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Altar Server:

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, December 31

8:45 am Mass

5:00 pm Vigil Mass – Solemnity of Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, January 1 - New Year's Day

9:30 am Mass- Solemnity of Mary – Holy Day of Obligation

5 K Race – Registration opens at 9:30 am – Race starts at 11:30 am

Wednesday, January 2

8:45 am Mass

Thursday, January 3

8:45 am Mass

Friday, January 4

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, January 5

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 6

SYM

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2017
Figures not available	Figures not available
Supermarket Gift Cards: Figures not available.	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

By supporting St. Mark the Evangelist, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season.

Signing up is easy! Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **NJ484**, or **text the word ENROLL** to (Text-to-Give Phone Number).

Already using Faith Direct? Log in to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account, or text a dollar amount to (Text-to-Give Phone Number) to make a one-time gift today!

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



MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

The Holy Family of Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Joseph are put before us by the Church this weekend as a model for our families. The family is part of God's plan for us. God wants our families to be holy. The family is the basic unit of society and the Church; we could say the family is a little church. It is in the family that we first learn to communicate. It is in the family that we learn what love is. It is in the family that we first learn to forgive and to pray. It is in the family that we first learn about God and Jesus and Our Lady. It is in the family that first we learn our values and what is good and bad. The future of humanity depends on the family because it is through families that society continues. There are many attempts to destroy the family in our times but if the family will be destroyed in our society, the world will crumble because all humanity comes through the family. There are many attempts today to redefine the family but they do not reflect God's plan for the family.

I believe that the greatest threat facing families now is simply that we don't spend enough time together. We are so busy working, or socializing, or watching TV that we have less and less time for each other. When we love our family we want to sacrifice ourselves by spending time with them, and all the more so when we realize that by not spending time with them we are depriving them of our love and hurting them.

The letter to the Ephesians says that if we want to know what a family should be like, just look at how Christ loved the Church. Christ gave his life in sacrifice on the cross for the Church and that is how families are to be, loving each other to the end in a sacrificial way.

God wants your family to be holy. The Holy Family had many trials as does every family and overcame them through prayer and faith. Our families also overcome challenges through prayer and faith remaining united in love as did Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Jesus came as a member of a family, The Holy Family of Nazareth. God chose a family to show us how all families are to find their way to him. We pray that our families fulfill God's plan because that is the only way to be happy families. The love in a family is really a reflection of the love of God. The vocation of families is to show God, to let God's light shine through.

"Family, believe in what you are; believe in your vocation to be a luminous sign of God's love"....Family, be for the people of our time a "sanctuary of life". Christian family, be a "domestic church", faithful to your evangelical vocation." *John Paul II.*



JANUARY 1ST – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD.

On January 1st in the liturgy of the church we celebrate Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil mass in our church will be celebrated at 5:00pm (December 31st) and on January 1st at 9:30am.

What does the title Mother of God say about Jesus? It means that the humanity and divinity of Jesus are united in Jesus. There is not a

separate human Jesus and a separate divine Jesus, there is one Jesus with a human nature and a divine nature, true God and true man, and because there is one Jesus we say Mary is Mother of God.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS, especially Mary Monteverde, Susan Reilly, Joanne Solecki, Fr. Javier and Fr. Slawek God bless you for taking care of the House of God!

THANK YOU!!! I would like to say thank you very much for your kindness and for everything that you have done for our church and us your priests during this Christmas time. May God bless you abundantly.

Family life is the key component of human society. I am praying for your family and all the families of our parish that the Lord will bless you always!

Happy and Blessed New Year,
St. Mark, our patron – pray for us...
Fr. Marcin

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Genevieve – January 3

Patron of Parish (ca. 442 – ca. 500)

When St. Genevieve was only seven, a traveling bishop, visiting her village outside of Paris, asked her whether she wished to dedicate her life to God. The young girl heartily assented. Eight years later she confirmed this intention by formally putting on a veil and consecrating herself to Christ. Genevieve lived in a time of war, famine, and social conflict. Clovis, king of the Franks, often sought her counsel and also responded to her entreaties on behalf of prisoners and the poor. She earned her reputation as a protector of Paris when her prayers successfully averted a siege by Attila the Hun. Devotion to St. Genevieve steadily increased following her death. Centuries later her relics were credited with ending an epidemic in Paris. Though her shrine was desecrated during the French Revolution, her protection continued to be invoked in times of disaster or national crisis. In 1962 Pope John XXIII declared her a patron of the French security forces.

SIGN UP SHEET FOR FOOD FOR ANTIOCH RETREAT...

There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space for food items that are needed to feed our teens and adults who will be attending the Antioch Retreat on January 25-27. Your support is greatly appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Mark's Annual Potluck Lunch will take place on January 13th after the 11:00 am mass. (Snow Date: January 20th) Sign up in the gathering space.



TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

The Sacramental Sacrifice Thanksgiving, Memorial, Presence

My dear brothers and sisters the Council of Trent summarizes the Catholic faith by declaring: *"Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation."*

The Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist. Christ is present whole and entire in each of the species and whole and entire in each of their parts, in such a way that the breaking of the bread does not divide Christ.

Worship of the Eucharist. In the liturgy of the Mass we express our faith in the real presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine by, among other ways, genuflecting or bowing deeply as a sign of adoration of the Lord. *"The Catholic Church has always offered and still offers to the sacrament of the Eucharist the cult of adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated hosts with the utmost care, exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession."*

God bless you.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF OR IN HONOR OF:

Lennon and Onorevole Families, Joseph Callaremi Sr., Cho Family, Hntz & Hayko Families, Deceased members of Grieve & Totin Families and Claudia Harrington, The Guzek Family, The Lefebure Family, Bill & Mary Kuhl, Johnny & Margaret Burke, Hanifin & Lynch Families, Dave Woeste, John and Letha Bell, Orville and Helen McCarver, Frank & Pauline Pagnani, John, Pat & Chris Grace, Frank & Claire Lankford, Walier & Anna Skoczylas, Jan & Amelia Krzywosz, Rev. Marcin, Rev. Slawomi, Rev. Javier, Bertha Vansicikle, Hannah Magistro, Miriam Bennett, Christopher Wright, Theresa Michonski, Thomas & Julia Dugan, Patricia Barone, Anthony and Anna Monteverde

K OF C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNER...

Thanks to everyone who supported the K of C Augustus J. Rampone 8th annual Christmas Raffle. 1,140 tickets were sold for a total of \$5,700. The winning ticket #1316 was purchased at St. Joseph's parish in Washington NJ and the winner received a check for \$2,850. Proceeds from the raffle will go to supporting local and national veteran organizations. AJR wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENTS

AMAZON SMILES-YOU SHOP AMAZON DONATES...

Buy your gifts and essentials at smile.amazon.com during the Christmas season and all year round! You shop. Amazon donates. Here's how: Visit smile.amazon.com to complete your Christmas and year round shopping. Type in "St. Mark the Evangelist Church Long Valley, NJ" under "Select a Charity". 0.5% of your purchase goes to St. Mark's at no cost to you!

NEW YEARS DAY 5K RUN...

There is still time to join us on January 1 for the New Year's Day 5K. Come on out and support St. Mark's!! Online registration will be open until December 27 at runsignup.com with a fee of \$30 per runner. We are accepting day of registrations on January 1 at the race starting at 9:30 am with a cost of \$35 per runner (payment by cash or check). Not a walker or runner? – come out and join the fun as a volunteer. Email Kim at fkduinn@comcast.net to sign up or fill out the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space

GOLD'S GYM – NOURISH YOUR MIND, BODY & SPIRIT...

Join the Gold's Family this **December** and 50% of enrollment fee will be donated to St. Mark's. Call today for more information Hackettstown Gym (908) 852-4141, Flanders Gym (973) 584-5656. Kids Club, Group Exercise Classes, Personal Training & more.



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, Matthew Augustine, Kenneth Bernisky, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Emily Condit, Naalia Danilczuk, Jerry Devine, Krish Dharia, Catherine DiPasquale, Neil Donohue, Elizabeth, Connie Elliott, Larry Fine, Tracey F, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Jerry Green, Barbara Gotterdam, David Guemond,, Helen Greenly, Harper Lynn Granito, Regina Hague, William Heimsly, Bob Hodiern, Maria Dougherty Jante, Donna Jennings, Laurel Jilek, Joey, Jim Karpinski, Dana Karpinski, John, Kevin Kay, Russell H. Keller, Mary Koenig, Jean Koenig, Rocky Labato, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris, Maryann Litori, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Madelyn Maruggi, , Jonathon McClelland, Anna McFarland, Harold & Mary McKay, Edward Michonski Sr., Kathy Minichini, Faith Morelli, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Josh Olsen, Jim Owens, Arlene Parikh, Nicky Pilosi, Laurie Pitcock, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Donald Schmitt, Jeff Schpiner, Ann Sentfinger, George Sentfinger,, Bill Siegrist, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, Cindy Sullivan, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau,, Patricia Villano, Anne Walsh

Starting in January we will be updating our sick list. There may be people on the list who no longer need special prayers for the sick. Please look it over and see if you know of anyone who should be removed. We will start a new list in January. Please call the parish office or email Mary at mary.stm@comcast.net if you have someone you would like included on our list.