

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

January 20, 2019

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, January 19

5:30 pm For Raymond Anthony McCarthy Jr. by Kellyann Tell

Sunday, January 20

9:00 am For a Special Intention for one of our parishioners
For a Special Intention for Bill Pirolo by Masterson Family
11:00 am For Frances Ferrante by Woelfel Family

Monday, January 21

8:45 am For Fr. Ed Collins by Parishioners of St. Mark

Tuesday, January 22

8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen by Parishioners of St. Mark

Wednesday, January 23

8:45 am For a special intention for Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski by Corry Family

Thursday, January 24

8:45 am For

Saturday, January 26

5:30 pm For Theresa Dobbings by McDermott Family

Sunday, January 27

9:00 am For Patricia Burchill by Deborah & Brian Lawson
11:00 am For Gabriella M. Tobia by DelGuercio Family

REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

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

Altar Breads & Wine:

Mass Candles:

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 26, 27, 2019

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski
Lector: Help Needed
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Nancy Lennon
Altar Servers: Brendan & Jordan Roehrig

Sunday, 9:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski
Lector: Help Needed
Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed
Altar Servers: Teagan Daniels

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski
Lector: Sharon Donovan
Eucharistic Ministers: Eric Woelfel
Altar Servers: Luke & Mia D'Aconti

**NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE A SECOND
COLLECTION FOR SNOW REMOVAL AND
MAINTENANCE OF OUR PARISH PROPERTY.**

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, January 21

8:45 am Mass
Parish office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
No CEC
7:30 pm Fundraising Meeting

Tuesday, January 22

8:45 am Mass
No CEC
8:00 pm K of C Meeting

Wednesday, January 23

8:45 am Mass
9:30 am Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm Parish hall rental – outside organization

Thursday, January 24

8:45 am Mass

Friday, January 25

Parish Office Closed
Antioch Retreat

Saturday, January 26

Antioch Retreat
8:00 am Men's Bible Study
8:00 am Parish hall rental - outside organization
5:30 pm Mass – Columbiettes PJ & Book Collection

Sunday, January 27

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass (closing mass for Antioch Retreat and Rite of Inscription)
Columbiettes PJ & Book Collection

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2018
January 13, 2019: \$2,473	January 14, 2018: \$3,643
Supermarket Gift Cards: Sales: \$3,550 Profit: \$177.50 YTD Profit \$312.50 # of families: 14	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

I am thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish, I realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, Faith Direct. **Visit faith.direct/NJ484**, or text the word ENROLL to (Text-to-Give Phone Number). God Bless you, Fr. Marcin

FOOD PANTRY – 2019...

Have you made any New Year's resolutions yet? (Have you broken any yet?) Whether it's your first, or one of many, here's a good resolution to consider: Donate something to the Food Pantry *every month* during 2019. You'll be sure to have a blessed year, and you'll be helping others at the same time. And, you don't have to worry that you'll forget – the Bulletin will remind you every month! For January, consider stews or hearty soups, hot cereals, canned fruits/vegetables, and medicine cabinet items such as Tylenol, cough drops, etc. As always, anything you donate will be appreciated.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Christmas Season is over but we still have our Lord Jesus with us and He will never leave us alone. We are already in the Ordinary Time and today we celebrate 2nd Sunday in this Ordinary Time --- “green is back”.

In today’s Gospel Jesus performed his first miracle at the wedding in Cana. Jesus is in the beginning of his public ministry to the poor and sinners. It was another epiphany or manifestation of Jesus following on the two previous epiphanies, the star guiding the Magi to Bethlehem, and the Father speaking from heaven at Jesus’ baptism and the Spirit descending on Jesus. We enjoy an even greater privilege here today when Jesus comes to us in the form of bread and wine and offers us his body and blood to spiritually nourish us.

Who was present with Jesus at Cana pleading that he would change the water into wine? It was his mother, Mary. Just as Mary interceded on behalf of that couple in difficulty in Cana she continues to intercede for us, when we are in need so we can confidently turn to her in our difficulties.

Mary said to Jesus, “They have no wine.” In the Old Testament wine is sometimes a symbol of God’s blessing. Mary’s response to Jesus was to tell the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” It shows us Mary’s total trust in the Word of God. She is the first person in the Gospel to show total trust in the Word of God. Mary is therefore a model Christian for us as she says, “Do whatever he tells you.” Let us ask Mary to help us to do whatever Jesus tells us. As Mary says, “Do whatever he tells you” once again we see Mary’s importance as our intercessor, pleading on our behalf.

We remember that many times each day we ask Mary to intercede before God for us, to be our Advocate, as we pray the “Hail Mary” and say:

Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now, and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

.Tuesday – JANUARY 22 – DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN. 45 YEARS AGO SUPREME COURT MADE ABORTION LEGAL IN OUR COUNTRY

Several passages in the Bible tell us that life in the womb is sacred and comes from God. “*For it was you who created my being, knit me together in my mother’s womb. I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonders of all your creation.*” (Psalm 139).

That passage expresses so beautifully that it is God who is the Creator of life in the womb; “For it was you who created my being, knit me together in my mother’s womb.”

What a unique way to express God forming us in the womb, “you knit me together in my mother’s womb.”

The natural response to this is to praise God as does the Psalm “I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonders of all your creation.”

Then Ps 139 goes on to describe how God knew all about us during gestation in the womb “*Already you knew my soul, my body held no secret from you when I was being fashioned in secret and molded in the depths of the earth.*”

Also in many places in the Bible we read that because life is from God, we do not have the right to decide to take another person’s life. Since life comes from God, we would be playing God to take someone else’s life whether fully grown or still in the womb. **Human**

life is sacred, we do not have the authority from God to interfere with the sacredness of human life, to destroy it in any way.

Pope John Paul II in his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* states: “*I declare that direct abortion, that is, abortion willed as an end or as a means, always constitutes a grave moral disorder, since it is the deliberate killing of an innocent human being*”. (*Evangelium Vitae* §62).

Modern medical science has clearly shown us that human life begins at conception. At conception a new human being begins, complete with his or her own unique set of DNA, which is present from the first day of life. The new little person’s sex is also determined from the beginning. Eighteen days after conception the baby’s heart is beating.

The beautiful thing about this life is that it is created by God. Let us kneel before the God who made us. Because it is God who made us we have great respect for human life. The right to life is the most fundamental of all rights.

Life is the greatest gift from God. Human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. That image cannot be destroyed!!!

PLEASE BE VIGILANT – FALSE EMAILS – NOT SENT FROM OUR PRIESTS

Some of our parishioners and employees received emails pretending to be from Fr. Marcin. They are not from Fr. Marcin, Fr. Javier or Fr. Slawek. Do NOT click on anything in those emails. My official email is frmarcin@comcast.net.

EXPLANATION OF THE HOLY MASS BY FR. MARCIN – AT OLM CHURCH

January 23rd (Wednesday) – 7pm (Parish Center, downstairs)

– The Greatest Miracle --- Part I

January 29 (Tuesday) – 7pm (Church) – Holy Mass --- Part II
Come and see why the Holy Mass is important.

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – MOTHER OF GOD – PRAY FOR US AND HELP US TO BE PRO-LIFE AND PROTECT LIFE FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH. ST. MARK – PRAY FOR US...

Fr. Marcin

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Angela Merici – January 27

Founder, Ursulines (1474 – 1540)

Born in Lombardy and orphaned at an early age, Angela Merici became a Franciscan tertiary and embraced a life of prayerful simplicity. After spending many years in almost continuous pilgrimage, she had a vision one day in which she beheld a company of angels and maidens descending from a ladder in the heavens. A voice revealed that she would found a community whose members would be as numerous as the maidens thus revealed to her.

For some years Angela offered religious instruction to the children of her poor neighbors. Other women were gradually inspired to join her. Finally, Angela had a group of twenty-eight women prepared to consecrate themselves to God’s service. They chose as their patron St. Ursula, a legendary fourth-century martyr widely venerated as a protector of women.

Although she devised a simple rule for her Ursuline community, Angela did not initially conceive of them as a religious order. While dedicating themselves to the education of poor girls, the members wore no habits and took no vows.

By the time of her death on January 27, 1540, Angela was revered as a living saint. Four years after her death Rome approved a constitution for her congregation, which would in time come to number many tens of thousands. Angela was canonized in 1807.

“Do now what you’ll wish you had done when your moment comes to die.” St. Angela Merici

FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH
The Sacrament of the Eucharist - The Paschal Banquet

My dear brothers and sisters to prepare for worthy reception of this sacrament, *“the faithful should observe the fast required in their Church. Bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest”*.

It is in keeping with the very meaning of the Eucharist that the faithful, if they have the required dispositions, receive communion each time they participate in the Mass. As the Second Vatican Council says: *“That more perfect form of participation in the Mass whereby the faithful, after the priest's communion, receive the Lord's Body from the same sacrifice, is warmly recommended.”*

The Church obliges the faithful *“to take part in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and feast days”* and, prepared by the sacrament of Reconciliation, to receive the Eucharist at least once a year, if possible during the Easter season. But the Church strongly encourages the faithful to receive the holy Eucharist on Sundays and feast days, or more often still, even daily.

Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace. For pastoral reasons this manner of receiving communion has been legitimately established as the most common form in the Latin rite. But *“the sign of communion is more complete when given under both kinds, since in that form the sign of the Eucharistic meal appears more clearly.”* This is the usual form of receiving communion in the Eastern rites. God Bless you

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS...

If you would like a year-end statement of your contributions to St. Mark's please email your request to Joanne our bookkeeper at joanne.stm@comcast.net or call the parish office.

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**LONG VALLEY COLUMBIETTES...
PJ AND BOOK COLLECTION...**

The Long Valley Columbiettes will be collecting PJs and books the weekend of January 26/27. Newborn to teen size PJs and new/gently used books will be donated to the PJ Project of Warren County which provides to the foster system. A box will be in the gathering space for these donations. Thank you so much for helping others in need.

FUNDRAISER AT CHESAPEAKE TAVERN ON JANUARY 31...

The LV Columbiettes are having a fundraiser at Chesapeake Tavern in Long Valley on January 31st for lunch or dinner. 10% of your bill will be donated to benefit the high school scholarship program, veterans program, supply food pantries, VBS and many other local projects. Flyers are in the gathering space. Please bring the flyer with you to the restaurant. Thank you for participating in our event.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. LUKE “WINES OF THE WORLD”...

Join us for the Special Needs Ministry's 8th Annual Wine Tasting on Sat., Feb. 9 (snow date Feb. 16). 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Tickets \$50/person. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Questions? Contact Jody 908-876-3515 or jody@stlukelv.org.

ST LUKE CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL PROGRAM...

We will have registration from 12- 1 pm at the Preschool during the months of Jan. and Feb., Tuesday through Thursday from 12 – 1 pm. If that time doesn't work, you can bring the registration to the St. Luke Office. Forms are located in the Gathering Room and can also be accessed on our website at www.stlukeparishlv.com. Upon registration, a \$50 non-refundable check is required to reserve your child's enrollment. You can email us at preschool@stlukelv.org

BUNCO AND DESIGNER PURSE FUNDRAISER...

Sponsored by “Sarah's Fight for Hope Foundation”. January 23 at St. Mark's. Doors open at 6 pm game starts at 7:30 pm. Purchase tickets at sarahsfightforhope.org. Fundraiser benefits pediatric oncology children and their families.



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 Piloni, Laurie Pitcock, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Donald Schmitt, Jeff Schpiner, George and Ann Sentfinger, Bill Siegrist, Anne Sheehan, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, Cindy Sullivan, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Patricia Villano, Anne Walsh