

# I will sing of your salvation.

**February 3, 2019**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Saturday, February 2**

5:30 pm For Marilyn Uccardi by Hughes Family

**Sunday, February 3**

9:00 am For Patricia Phoenix Harrington by Stokes Family

11:00 am For Shane R. Kleindienst by Schwint Family

**Monday, February 4**

8:45 am For

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village Faith Chapel

**Tuesday, February 5**

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

**Wednesday, February 6**

8:45 am For

**Thursday, February 7**

8:45 am For

**Saturday, February 9**

5:30 pm For

**Sunday, February 10**

9:00 am For Eleanor Lamont by Monteverde Family

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village Health Care Center

11:00 am For Michael Zimbile by Fania Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS  
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

**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  
2019**

**Saturday, February 9, 5:30 pm**

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Tom Morley

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Scarda

Altar Servers: Help Needed

**Sunday, February 10, 9:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno

Lector: Tony Cretella

Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed

Altar Servers: Help Needed

**Sunday, 11:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno

Lector: Isabella DiLizia

Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine Fleming

Altar Servers: Help Needed

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

**Monday, February 4**

8:45 am Mass

4:30 pm CEC K-5

**Tuesday, February 5**

8:45 am Mass

6:15 pm Family Faith Formation

8:00 pm K of C Meeting

**Wednesday, February 6**

8:45 am Mass

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

7:00 pm K of C

**Thursday, February 7**

8:45 am Mass

**Friday, February 8**

Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, February 9**

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

K of C Barn Dance Ticket Sale

**Sunday, February 10**

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

SYM Classes

K of C Barn Dance Ticket Sales

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Current Year	Last Year 2018
January 27, 2019: \$2,091 Snow Removal: \$541	January 28, 2018: \$2,202
Supermarket Gift Cards: Sales: \$1,300 Profit: \$65 YTD Profit \$437 # of families: 6	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](http://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,

In the liturgy of the Church we celebrate 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Ordinary Time and this weekend we observe also Boy Scouting Sunday. In today's Gospel people did not want to accept and listen to Jesus because they knew him. Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place."

Do you believe that God wants to act with power in your life today? Power to set you free from sin and hurtful desires, fear and oppression. Throughout the Scriptures we see God performing mighty acts to save his people from death and destruction - from Noah's ark that spared his family from the flood of wickedness that had spread across the land to Moses and the Israelites who crossed through the parting waters of the Red Sea as they fled the armies of Pharaoh their slave Master and oppressor.

### St. Paul's Hymn to Love (1 Corinthians 13) our second reading today

One of the very best summaries of St. Paul's spiritual and theological thoughts is chapter 13 of his first letter to the Corinthians. In it, Paul addresses the Church of Corinth, who was more captivated by the spectacular manifestations of spiritual life: speaking in tongues, trading in words of knowledge, engaging in prophecy etc. This letter's purpose was to bring them back to the fundamentals, so he insists on the superiority of love.

Paul speaks of having these gifts, but he asserts here that it counts for nothing unless they are accompanied by, and give rise to, love. Why should this be true? It is true because God is love (1 John 4:16); love is the divine life – and the entire purpose of spirituality is to get that life in us. But specifically, what is love?

There are so many different kinds of love that it is hard to define it. We love our spouses, children, family, friends and even our pets. There are as many different kinds of love as there are people, because we love each person in a completely different way from any other person. Our love for each individual person in our lives is as unique and different as their fingerprints. We are loved by God in this same way. He loves each of us individually and collectively as well.

Love is not primarily a feeling or emotion (though love can be accompanied by feelings and emotions); it is willing the good of the other as other. When we love, we escape the black hole of our own clinging egotism and live for someone else; to love is to leap ecstatically out of the self.

Genuine love always desires the good of another. Love reigns at every mass. Christ's love for us is eternal. He has never stopped loving us and he never will. He always wants what is good for us and is personally concerned about our well-being. **Jesus Christ is Love Incarnate.**

### .Boy Scout Sunday.

The Boy Scouts of America annually celebrates its founding on February 8, 1910, based on the program started by Lord Baden Powell in England on August 1, 1907. Scout Sunday was added to the Scout celebration in the middle 1940s. Scout Sunday is always the Sunday preceding February 8th, unless the 8th is a Sunday, in which case the 8th would be Scout Sunday. The Saturday following February 8th is Scout Sabbath.

The Scout Sunday tradition was started to make people in houses of worship aware of Scouting, and to allow Scouts to live out their "Duty to God" pledged each week.

The Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and the Scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God". These values strengthen youth character in their family, community and faith.

### .A wedding vows renewal ceremony – next Sunday at all masses.

Next Sunday marks World Marriage Day and during all masses married couples will have an opportunity to renew their wedding vows. After the homily all couples will be invited to affirm their wedding vows in a simple ceremony. The celebrant will invite couples to stand together in their pews and join their right hands.

*St. Mark --- our patron --- pray for us...*

*God bless you, Fr. Marcia*

### PROTECT VIABLE BABIES POSTCARD CAMPAIGN TO LAUNCH NEXT WEEKEND...

Next weekend our parish will be signing three postcards to our 3 Representatives (one NJ State Senator and two Assembly Members) to ask them to support legislation which would ban abortion past 10 weeks (5 months). Babies at this stage can survive outside the womb and thrive if given the proper medical care. If you would like to bring 3 labels with your name & address if you have them with you to Mass next weekend, that may save some time. If you would like to volunteer next weekend to help out with the campaign please call Lela at 973-479-6139.

### FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

#### Maria Teresa Merlo – February 6

Co-founder, Daughters of St. Paul (1894 – 1964)

Maria Teresa Merlo was born at Castagnito (Cuneo, Piedmont) on February 20, 1894, the second of four children of Hector Merlo and Vincenza Rolando. On June 27, 1915, she met Fr. James Alberione for the first time in the Church of St. Cosmas and Damian in Alba and accepted his invitation to remain in the city to help him begin the "adventure" of our congregation: the future Daughters of St. Paul.

On July 22, 1922, she professed private, perpetual religious vows and took the name Thecla (named after St. Thecla, one of the first followers of St. Paul). Fr. Alberione appointed her Superior General, and thus began the Pious Society Daughters of St. Paul.

Great effort was involved in laying the groundwork for the Institute of the Daughters of St. Paul: it concerned a new mission. Sister Thecla's love for souls and the new apostolate in the church came from attending classes by the now, Venerable Father Francis Chiesa, a theologian and canon lawyer with a degree in philosophy, who for more than fifty years imparted to seminarians and priests of the Society of St. Paul, knowledge and a priestly spirit. These classes helped open her mind and heart to souls and the beginnings of this new congregation which would be using the means of social communication to evangelize throughout the world.

In March 1936 Mother Thecla began the first of a long series of trips to various parts of the world, to visit her Sisters and confirm them in the Pauline vocation.

In the words of the Founder, Father James Alberione, "Mother Thecla marked out the way with much sacrifice and took steps which at times seemed truly difficult and risky. Although her health was frail, she was nevertheless strong in spirit, and steadfast and obedient to the point of sacrifice. The Lord always rewarded her virtue. Therefore follow her examples and spirit: her religious and apostolic spirit."

How often she spoke of doing good to souls, of bringing light to the world. She truly practiced the Congregations' three principal

devotions to Jesus Master, Mary Queen of the Apostles, and St. Paul, the Apostle.

At Ariccia, Italy on May 28, 1961, the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, she offered her life that all the Daughters of St. Paul would become saints. She died at Albano (Rome) in the Queen of Apostles Clinic on February 5, 1964. On January 22, 1991, she was proclaimed Venerable, the Church's recognition that a person had led a life of extraordinary virtue.

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

#### **TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH** **The Sacrament of the Eucharist**

#### **The fruits of Holy Communion**

My dear brothers and sisters Holy Communion separates us from sin. The body of Christ we receive in Holy Communion is "given up for us," and the blood we drink "shed for the many for the forgiveness of sins." For this reason the Eucharist cannot unite us to Christ without at the same time cleansing us from past sins and preserving us from future sins:

*"For as often as we eat this bread and drink the cup, we proclaim the death of the Lord. If we proclaim the Lord's death, we proclaim the forgiveness of sins. If, as often as his blood is poured out, it is poured for the forgiveness of sins, I should always receive it, so that it may always forgive my sins. Because I always sin, I should always have a remedy".*

Also as bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life; and this living charity wipes away venial sins. By giving himself to us Christ revives our love and enables us to break our disordered attachments to creatures and root ourselves in him:

*"Since Christ died for us out of love, when we celebrate the memorial of his death at the moment of sacrifice we ask that love may be granted to us by the coming of the Holy Spirit. We humbly pray that in the strength of this love by which Christ willed to die for us, we, by receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, may be able to consider the world as crucified for us, and to be ourselves as crucified to the world.... Having received the gift of love, let us die to sin and live for God".* God bless you.

#### **WINE TASTING DINNER...**

Join us for the tastiest value-priced red and white wine varietals/blends in the world in addition to appetizers, a buffet dinner (which some say is fit for the finest kings and queens of Europe) plus coffee and dessert! Friday, March 1, 2019 7:00 to 10:00pm St. Marks Church. Seating is limited to 100 - Sign up now! Cost: \$40 per person at the door. **HURRY!** Sign up by February 24, *pay* by February 24 and... treat yourself to a \$10 advance discount so that you pay only \$30 per person! Place checks payable to St Marks in the box in the gathering space.

#### **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](mailto:joanne.stm@comcast.net) or call the parish office.

#### **ST MARK'S WEBSITE...**

We are looking for someone to maintain our website. Do you have website experience? Could you spend a few hours a month making updates to keep our website fresh and updated. Please call the parish office 908-850-0652 if you are interested.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY...**

There is an eyeglass recycling container in the gathering space beginning February 1 through February 28. Please donate your used eyeglasses which will be given to the needy and will be sincerely appreciated.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BARN DANCE...**

The L.V. K of C will hold their fourth annual adult Barn Dance on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Mark's 7-11 pm, ticket price is \$15. The affair will be a BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverage and Snacks). The proceeds from the dance will be used to support our veterans at various Veteran hospitals and facilities. There will be a professional barn dance caller, Ed LaPlante.; he will provide instructions for all experience levels with the aim to provide a relaxed and lively social occasion. Tickets are available today in the gathering space. For information email us at [koc.barn@gmail.com](mailto:koc.barn@gmail.com), or call John at 908-572-7277 or Charles 908-832-5313. Get your tickets early, we had a near sell out last year.

#### **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING...**

Tuesday, February 5 at 7:15 pm. Rosary, Mass and Novena then our meeting. Speaker is Deacon Jim Jones who will give a presentation on Lent.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **PART TIME EMPLOYMENT...2 positions ...**

Cafeteria/Recess Aides needed in K-8 school in Stanhope (only 10 miles from St. Mark's). 2.5 hours per day; 5 days per week \$12 per hour Hours are 10:45 AM - 1:15 PM Perfect for stay-at-home parent with school-aged children and/or recent retirees Duties include monitor lunchroom and outdoor recess; assist younger students with lunch orders. If interested, email letter of interest and resume to Cathy Yonki: [cyonki@stanhopeschools.org](mailto:cyonki@stanhopeschools.org). Call 973-347-0008 x4102.

#### **FEED FEST AT WATERLOO VILLAGE...**

Sunday, Feb. 10 1-3 pm- JAM Catering Hall. Family friendly event to help those in need. Music, Food, Crafts and more. Event is Free with a donation of nonperishable food, case or grocery gift card. For Info call 973-347-7900 or email [pastortimwumc@msn.com](mailto:pastortimwumc@msn.com) or Waterloo Village United Methodist Church Facebook page.

#### **BSA TROOP 336 OPEN HOUSE...**

Calling all girls ages 11 - 17 from Long Valley, Chester, Mount Olive and Flanders to the Open House/Information meeting for NEW Scouts BSA Troop 336, **Sunday February 10th**, 1:00-3:00 PM at Long Valley Presbyterian Church on Bartley Road. Come and learn about this new adventure in Scouting for Girls. For additional information please contact Kevin O'Shea at [koshea98@yahoo.com](mailto:koshea98@yahoo.com).

#### **PRAY FOR THE SICK...**

Mary McArdle, Rocky Labato, Anna McFarland, Girard Nolte, Jr., George and Ann Sentfinger,  
We are updating our sick list. If you know someone who is in need of prayers, please email Mary at [mary.stm@comcast.net](mailto:mary.stm@comcast.net) or call parish office 908-850-0652.