

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

February 10, 2019

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 9

5:30 pm For Parishioners of St. Marks

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

Monday, February 11

8:45 am For the sick

Tuesday, February 12

8:45 am For

Wednesday, February 13

8:45 am For

Thursday, February 14

8:45 am For

Saturday, February 16

5:30 pm For Lorianne Liskiewicz by Kelly Fleidner, David Book

Sunday, February 17

9:00 am For Gaetano Ficarra by Schwint Family

11:00 am For Eileen Schiano

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

Saturday, February 16, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Joanne Lee

Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, February 17 9:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Jim Scott

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul & Gina Tupaczewski

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Al & David Escudero

Eucharistic Ministers: Nick Caruso

Altar Servers: Help Needed

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND...

Bishop has asked us to take up a special collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Support of this important mission helps rebuild the Catholic Church that was constrained for decades under Communist Rule. Funds collected are used to support seminaries, youth ministry, social service programs, pastoral centers, church construction and renovation and Catholic communication projects.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, February 11

8:45 am Mass – Sacrament of the sick will be administered
CEC K-5

Tuesday, February 12

8:45 am Mass

6:15 pm JYM

8:00 pm K of C Meeting

Wednesday, February 13

8:45 am Mass

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Thursday, February 14

8:45 am Mass

Friday, February 15

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, February 16

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

K of C Barn Dance

Sunday, February 17

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2018
February 3, 2019: \$2,036	Figures not available
Supermarket Gift Cards: Figures not available	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

Have you already slipped on the New Year's resolutions? Don't worry; egiving with Faith Direct is an easy resolution to keep! By enrolling in online giving you will simplify your monthly budget and provide St. Marks with consistent, reliable support. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code **NJ484** or text the word **ENROLL** to (Text to Give) Phone Number. Thank you for your support. Fr. Marcin



Please keep the food pantry in your prayers and on your shopping lists this February. They are in particular need of medicine cabinet items, peanut and jelly, pasta/sauce, and coffee/tea, but anything you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Thank You.

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Agatha – February 15

Martyr

According to very pious tradition and legend, St. Agatha was born in the island of Sicily on about the year 230 of noble parents and was martyred in Catania, in the year 251.

When the Roman emperor Decius issued a decree persecuting Christians, the local consul Quintian (governor of Sicily), who had long harbored lustful feelings for Agatha, tried to force his attentions on her and desired to obtain her inheritance, used the opportunity to bring her to trial on suspicion of being a Christian and force her to renounce her faith.

Quintian tried to break Agatha's vow of purity by having her live for a month in a brothel. All efforts to dissuade Agatha failed. Despite the pressures placed upon her, Agatha survived this ordeal, placing all her trust in the power of God.

The consul then ordered that she be beaten and that her breasts be crushed and cut off. Afterward, Agatha was consigned to prison where Saint Peter appeared to her in a dazzling light and healed her wounds.

At finding her cured the next day Quintian asks her: "Who has cured you?". To which she replied: "I was cured through the power of Jesus Christ". Quintian screams in rage: "How dare you speak the name of Jesus, when you know it is forbidden?". "You can only offer sacrifices to the Roman gods". To which Agatha responds: "Do you think, you fool, that I would adore figures of stone, and deny the God of heavens who healed me?".

Then Quintian ordered that her body be dragged over a field of broken shards and burning coals. During this final torture Agatha gives thanks to God for the strength to preserve her virginity, uphold her faith, and defy her persecutors by saying: "Oh my Lord and Creator, I give You thanks for having protected me from the cradle. I give You thanks for having guided me away from what is evil, lustful and worldly. I give You thanks for the strength to support my sufferings. And now into your awaiting arms I commend my spirit. "Having said this she died, it was the 5th of February of the year 251. Her name has been retained in the Roman Canon of the Mass in the First Eucharistic Prayer.

St. Agatha is the patroness of nurses, firemen and women suffering from breast cancer.

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 the Eucharist preserves us from future mortal sins. The more we share the life of Christ and progress in his friendship, the more difficult it is to break away from him by mortal sin. The Eucharist is not ordered to the forgiveness of mortal sins - that is proper to the sacrament of Reconciliation. The Eucharist is properly the sacrament of those who are in full communion with the Church.

The unity of the Mystical Body: the Eucharist makes the Church. Those who receive the Eucharist are united more closely to Christ. Through it Christ unites them to all the faithful in one body - the Church. Communion renews, strengthens, and deepens this incorporation into the Church, already achieved by Baptism. In Baptism we have been called to form but one body. The Eucharist fulfills this call: *"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread:"*

"If you are the body and members of Christ, then it is your sacrament that is placed on the table of the Lord; it is your sacrament that you receive. To that which you are you respond "Amen" ("yes, it is true!") and by responding to it you assent to it. For you hear the words, "the Body of Christ" and respond "Amen." Be then a member of the Body of Christ that your Amen may be true".

God bless you.

PROTECT VIABLE BABIES POST CARD CAMPAIGN LAUNCHES THIS WEEKEND...

This weekend our parish will be signing three postcards to our 3 Representatives (our one NJ State Senator and two Assembly Members) to ask them to support the "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" (A-1686/S-537) which would protect babies in the womb at 20 weeks (5 months) and beyond. Babies at this stage can feel excruciating pain. Seventeen states have already passed this bill. We need to pass it in New Jersey. Also, "baby feet" car magnets are available in the back of church for a suggested donation of \$5. The "baby feet" symbol means we are in solidarity with the babies in the womb and their families.

JOIN OUR HEATH VILLAGE MINISTRY...

For over 30 years, St. Mark's has been ministering communion services and Masses to our Catholic Heath Village residents. We have extended this ministry to OLM as our needs continue to expand, especially with the building of a new Heath retirement community across the street from the existing one. Our ministers often experience incredible joy from serving the Heath residents who are so grateful when we bring them the liturgy and the Eucharist. We so often hear their heartfelt thanks especially at this time in their lives when it's not so easy to make it to church. You do not have to be a current Eucharistic Minister (EM) to join - Fr. Marcin will take care of your brief training. The commitment is just a couple of hours each month. The EMs who serve today often say they get more out of this ministry than do the residents! We hope you will reflect on this request and find it in your heart to join us. Please contact Rick Gebbia at rgebbia@comcast.net or (908) 489-0462 if you are interested.

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.

AMAZON SMILES-YOU SHOP AMAZON DONATES...

Buy your gifts and essentials at smile.amazon.com year round! You shop. Amazon donates. Visit smile.amazon.com 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!

WEBSITE HELP...

St. Mark's is 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? Let us know as we could use the help with our website. If interested, please call the parish office 850-0652,

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS....

NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY

The Knights of Columbus will be having 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.

BARN DANCE...

The Long Valley Knights of Columbus will hold their fourth annual adult Barn Dance on Saturday, February 16th 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, who will have a repertoire of easy dances; 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, or call John at 908-572-7277 or Charles 908-832-5313. Get your tickets early, we had a near sell out last year.

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION...

It's time to eat lots of delicious food, to enjoy Jazz music entertainment and before Lent begins. Come out to St. Mark's on Sunday, March 3rd from 3-5 pm to celebrate the beginning of Lent. Tickets will be sold in the gathering space the weekend of February 23/24 for \$12 a ticket. Please call Patty at 908-3426305 for further information. This event is sponsored by the LV Columbiettes to provide for various local organizations. Thank you

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. Any questions, call 973-347-0008 x4102

FeedFest At Waterloo Village - Sunday, Feb. 10 - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - JAM Catering Hall

This is a family-friendly party to help those in need and have fun while doing it.

Music, Food, Crafts, Games and More...

The event is FREE with a donation of non-perishable food, cash or grocery store gift card.

More information on the Waterloo Village United Methodist Church Facebook page or email pastortimwumc@msn.com, 973-347-7900.



Mary McArdle, Rocky Labato, Anna McFarland, Girard Nolte, Jr., George and Ann Senftinger, Fredrick Senftinger.

We are updating our sick list. If you know someone who is in need of prayers, please email Mary at mary.stm@comcast.net or call parish office



MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Today in the liturgy of the Church we celebrate 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Sunday is designated by the Church as **WORLD MARRIAGE DAY** and we pray for all married couples from our parish and for the sanctity of marriage life.

Today's readings are about vocation; the vocations of Isaiah, Paul and the Apostles. Each one of us has a vocation, a calling from the Lord. Each one of us is commissioned to be an Apostle of Christ in the world. Each one of us has been given the task of proclaiming the Good News.

The vocation to which every Christian person is called is the call to love. The call to love is ultimately what God asks from each of us; the Gospel message is clear in this regard. One way we can choose to live out our call to love is through the vocation of marriage. Many of you discovered your vocation in marriage life. This is great.

Living life as a married person is a great privilege because the love that exists between wife and husband is an expression of God's perfect love for all creation. More than being a human institution, marriage is a sacrament of our church. In it we recognize the presence of God and the sacredness of the spiritual, emotional and physical bond between a husband and wife.

As in all vocations, marriage requires commitment and fidelity. Living out commitment is not an easy task, especially in a society that does not always value commitment; however, as faithful Christians, you have to take your commitment seriously. By choosing to live as married people, you promise to remain faithful to your spouse.

Marriage is filled with many joyful moments and you should treasure these moments. On the other hand, marriage is also about how you live your daily lives. The routines that couples establish and the practices they keep set the tone for their marriage. **When a married couple considers such questions as: Do we pray as a couple? Do we go to mass together? Do we recognize the fact that God is a participant in our marriage? Then they will be distinguishing themselves as living the authentic Christian vocation of marriage, as opposed to a union that is easily destroyed by our modern culture.**

The love that exists between a man and a woman is the essential part for a happy marriage. The way you love your spouse will take on different meaning as the circumstances of your lives change. Some couples will have to experience times of struggle and hardship, but these challenging times remind us that God is there with us and is the source of our strength.

The vocation to marriage is a call to a life of holiness and service within the couple's own relationship and in their family. As a particular way of following the Lord, this vocation also challenges a couple to live their marriage in a way that expresses God's truth and love in the world.

I wish you, all the best a long life of happiness. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength, and I tell you that you will be able to love one another all the days of your life.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK --- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH. MONDAY MORNING MASS WITH THE ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

On Monday, February 11th is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick. On this day the Holy See reminds us of the care and dignity we must show those who are sick and disabled. We must show the same compassion and care as was demonstrated by our Savior.

"You received without payment; give without payment" (Mt 10:8). These are the words spoken by Jesus when sending forth his apostles

to spread the Gospel, so that his Kingdom might grow through acts of gratuitous love.

On the XXVII World Day of the Sick, to be solemnly celebrated on 11 February 2019 in Calcutta, India, the Church – as a Mother to all her children, especially the infirm – reminds us that generous gestures like that of the Good Samaritan are the most credible means of evangelization. Caring for the sick requires professionalism, tenderness, straightforward and simple gestures freely given, like a caress that makes others feel loved (...) Saint Mother Teresa helps us understand that our only criterion of action must be selfless love for every human being, without distinction of language, culture, ethnicity or religion. Her example continues to guide us by opening up horizons of joy and hope for all those in need of understanding and tender love, and especially for those who suffer (...) I entrust all of you to Mary, *Salus Infirmorum*. May she help us to share the gifts we have received in the spirit of dialogue and mutual acceptance, to live as brothers and sisters attentive to each other's needs, to give from a generous heart, and to learn the joy of selfless service to others. With great affection, I assure you of my closeness in prayer, and to all I cordially impart my Apostolic

Blessing.

POPE FRANCIS.

During Morning mass at 8:45 we will pray for our sick parishioners, and the sacrament of the sick will be administered to all those who are sick, and older. Join us for prayer for our sick brothers and sisters.



Should you know of someone who is in need of a pastoral visit from the clergy or lay ministers please do not hesitate to call the parish office. We will be happy to visit and provide the sacramental care requested.

**AT OLM CHURCH
HOLY HOUR --- MONDAY --- 7PM-8PM --- PRIEST
FOR CONFESSION AVAILABLE.
DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION --- FRIDAY --- 3PM ---
come and see the goodness of the Lord.**

ST. MARK --- our patron --- pray for us...

God bless you...

Fr. Marcin