

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

March 3, 2019

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, March 2

5:30 pm For Dave Woeste by Woeste Family

Sunday, March 3

9:00 am For Helen Capozzi by Nyman Family

11:00 am For Parishioners of St. Mark's

Monday, March 4

8:45 am For

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village

Tuesday, March 5

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

Wednesday, March 6 Ash Wednesday

8:45 am For

7:00 pm For

Thursday, March 7

8:45 am For

Saturday, March 9

5:30 pm For

Sunday, March 10

9:00 am For Raymond McCabe by Nyman Family

11:00 am For

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH**

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
March 9, 10, 2019**

Saturday 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Tom Morley

Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Tony Cretella

Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Tom Hanifin

Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Michonski

Altar Servers: Help Needed

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, March 4

8:45 am Mass

4:30 pm CEC K-4 Only

Tuesday, March 5

8:45 am Mass

4- 7pm Confirmation Interviews

Wednesday, March 6 Ash Wednesday

8:45 am - Mass distribution of ashes

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

4:30 pm Service - distribution of ashes

7:00 pm - Mass - distribution of ashes

Thursday, March 7

8:45 am Mass

Friday, March 8

Parish Office Closed

7:00 pm Confirmation Rehearsal

Saturday, March 9

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass - Confirmation

Sunday, March 10

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2018
February 24, 2019: \$2,217 Online for February: \$7,141	February 25, 2018: \$2,317 Online for February: \$8,380
Supermarket Gift Cards: Sales: \$1,100 Profit: \$55 2019 YTD Profit \$923.25 2018 YTD Profit: \$1,290	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

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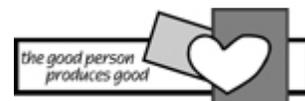
Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help St. Mark the Evangelist by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide the church with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten 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).

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,

Fr Marcin



MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Today we celebrate 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time. It is the last Sunday before lent begins on Wednesday (March 6th).

Jesus told his disciples a parable, Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?

The Lord Jesus wants to heal and restore us to wholeness, not only for our own sake alone. He also wants us to be his instruments of healing, pardon, and restoration for others as well. What can hinder us from helping others draw near to Jesus the divine Physician? How easy it is to misjudge others and how difficult it is to be impartial in giving good judgment. It is easier to find fault in others than in oneself. "Thinking the best of other people" is necessary if we wish to grow in love.

The Lord Jesus is our great Physician because he heals the whole person - soul and body, mind and heart - and restores us to abundant life both now and for the age to come in his everlasting kingdom.

How do we avoid falsehood and bad fruit in our lives? By being true - true to God, his word, and the grace and help he gives us so we can turn away from evil and wrongdoing. And that takes character! Those who are true to God know that their strength lies not in themselves but in God who supplies everything we need to live as his disciples. The Lord strengthens us with the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit - with faith, hope and love, justice, prudence, fortitude and temperance.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND HOLY SEASON OF LENT.

Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ -- Pope Francis

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to sacrifice self-control through fasting.

Here are the church regulations for fasting and abstinence during Lent:

- Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.
- Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

Devotions and activates during Lent

- Stations of the Cross – Traditional Lenten Devotion – Every Monday at 7:00pm.

- Every Monday Sacrament of Penance will be celebrated in our church and in every church of our diocese from 7pm to 8:30pm. Every Catholic should approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation during season of Lent.

Lenten Parish Mission – March 16-20 – Conducted by Msgr. Joseph Goode – SAVE THE DATE!!!

Fr. Joe will preach at all masses (Saturday/Sunday, March 16 & 17) Sunday after 11am mass pot luck lunch.

Monday – 6:30pm - Stations of the cross by children from our parish. 7:00pm – Holy Mass with preaching.

Tuesday – 6:30pm – Lenten music program by our choir. 7:00pm – Holy Mass with preaching.

Wednesday – 6:00pm – Penance service - 7:00pm – Holy Mass with preaching.

After mass on Wednesday – PIZZA DINNER.

ASH WEDNESDAY Liturgy and Mass schedule:

8:45am - Holy Mass with distribution of the ashes.

4:30pm - Liturgy of the Word with distribution of the ashes.

7:00pm - Holy Mass with distribution of the ashes.

Special thanks to the Tedesco family for their donation of the spiritual designs around our statues of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Sacred Heart. Your generosity is appreciated. God bless you!

Saint Mark – Our Patron – Pray for us...

God bless you,

Fr. Marcin

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

Venerable Concepcion Cabrera de Armida – March 3
Mystic (1862 – 1937)

Concepcion Cabrera de Armida was born in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. She married at the age of twenty-two and bore nine children. When she was thirty-nine her husband died, leaving her alone to care for her children. Despite her trials, she maintained a disciplined life of prayer and enjoyed frequent mystical colloquies with Jesus and Mary. These she recorded in handwritten notes that eventually totaled 60,000 pages, resulting in 200 books. This fulfilled a message reportedly received from God: "Ask me for a long suffering life and to write a lot ... That's your mission on earth."

Her writings on the Eucharist, prayer, and the spiritual life were examined and viewed favorably by Church authorities. Some of them were distributed, inspiring the foundation of five apostolates of the "Work of the Cross," including religious and priestly congregations. Conchita, as she was known, died on March 3, 1937, in Mexico City. Her cause for canonization was introduced in 1959, and in 1999 she was declared venerable.

FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

The Sacrament of Penance And Reconciliation

My dear brothers and sisters let us continue our learning from the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

What is This Sacrament Called?

It is called the sacrament of conversion because it makes sacramentally present Jesus' call to conversion, the first step in returning to the Father from whom one has strayed by sin.

It is called the sacrament of Penance, since it consecrates the Christian sinner's personal and ecclesial steps of conversion, penance, and satisfaction.

It is called the sacrament of confession, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament. In a profound sense it is also a "*confession*" - acknowledgment and praise - of the holiness of God and of his mercy toward sinful man.

It is called the sacrament of forgiveness, since by the priest's sacramental absolution God grants the penitent "*pardon and peace*."

It is called the sacrament of Reconciliation, because it imparts to the sinner the life of God who reconciles: "*Be reconciled to God.*" He who lives by God's merciful love is ready to respond to the Lord's call: "*Go; first be reconciled to your brother.*"

God bless you.

AMAZON SMILE - YOU SHOP AMAZON DONATES

St Mark's has received the Amazon Smile donations for purchases from October to December 2018! Every penny counts! If you have already set up St. Mark's as your charity: Simply shop Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com) every time you make a purchase! So EASY! If you need to set up St. Mark's as your charity: Go to smile.amazon.com. Type in "St Mark the Evangelist Church Long Valley, NJ" under "Select a Charity." 0.5% of your purchases will go to St Mark's at no cost to you. Let's increase our Amazon Smile donation for the first quarter 2019!

FUNDRAISING MEETING...

Fundraising committee will meet on Monday, March 4 at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Space. We will be discussing the upcoming Dance as well as the idea of having an Inspirational Speaker in the fall. All are welcome to join us.

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN ALTAR SOCIETY UPCOMINGEVENTS...

Rosary Altar Society Meeting – March 5, 2019. _All ladies of Our Lady of the Mountain and St. Marks's parishes are invited to join us for our Rosary Altar Society Meeting at OLM on Tuesday, March 5th at 7:15 pm. We begin with the Rosary followed by Mass and the Novena to our Blessed Mother, and end the evening with our meeting. For those of you who are interested and able, please bring your onesies sizes newborn to 24 months to be donated to the children's hospital Laura Bigos' daughter was in.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION – MARCH 30, 2019,

A Day of Reflection sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019, from 9:30 to 3:00 pm. All attendees are to bring a brown bag lunch, desserts will be served. Coffee and Bagels will be provided.. The cost is \$10.00. Please contact Dolores Reagle at 908-296-5660 to sign up. All ladies of OLM & St. Mark's and their guests are invited.

TRIP TO LONGWOOD GARDENS, SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

This is open to all church members. The bus will be leaving the OLM church parking lot at 8 am and returning approximately 6 pm. Price of \$45 includes the bus and entrance fee. Checks must be received by **March 25th**. Checks should be made out to OLM Altar Rosary Society and can be sent to the OLM church office. Please put attention Altar Rosary on the envelope. Questions, call Cyndi Sturla 908-391-4764 or Linda Richartz 908-876-9601.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION UPCOMING EVENTS...

1. YOGA CLASSES: Girls Rock Yoga, Beginner Mat Yoga, Intermediate Yoga and Gentle Mat Yoga, Early Morning Mat Yoga and Beginner Chair Yoga.

2. SOCCER CLINIC WITH KICKZ SOCCER FITNESS PROGRAMS

3. CIRCUIT CRAZE, LET'S MOVE WITH CARDIO DANCE

4. PARENT AND CHILD MEAL PREP NIGHT WITH CHEF JANICE PARISH

For more information on these events contact the recreation office at (908) 876-5941 or email us at recreation@wtmorris.net or visit our website www.wtmorris.org

FISH & CHIPS DINNER –ST. JUDE PARISH BUDD LAKE, MARCH 26, 2019...

Fish & Chips Dinner by Tastefully British. Take out 5-6 pm, Sit Down 6-8 pm. Adults \$15, Kids 9 and under \$8. Family discount (\$1 less per family member). 50/50 Raffle. Call Helena (908) 691-1561 for tickets.

