

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

November 29, 2015

First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 28

5:30 pm For Al Arbour by Stenger Family

Sunday, November 29

8:00 am For Darren Reilly by Santorelli Family

9:30 am For Mary Curtis by Madaras Family

11:00 am For Joseph Stypulkoski by Fania Family

For Joan Lynch by Stenger Family

Monday, November 30

8:45 am For those who work to feed others

Tuesday, December 1

8:45 am For Religious Priests and Brothers

Wednesday, December 2

8:45 am For those who work with poor

Saturday, December 5

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village

5:30 pm For Al Arbour by Barron Family

Sunday, December 6

8:00 am For Bill Dondiego by Martin Family

9:30 am For Julie Pecora by Uccardi Family

11:00 am For Norman Milz by Vanko Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE November December 5, 6, 2015

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Daniel Dilizia, Isabella Dilizia

Eucharistic Ministers: Helen Belen

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Rev. Dan Chajkowski

Greeter: Carmen Veras

Lector: Bill & Amy Barron

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Gebbia

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday 9:30 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Greeter: Anne Ronceray

Lector: Sarah Murray, Katie Van Woert

Eucharistic Minister: Terri & Bob Baffuto, Steve Beggin

Altar Servers: Kaitlyn Buchanan

Sunday 11:00 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Greeter: Kathy Yates

Lector: Sharon Donovan, Tom Hanifin

Eucharistic Ministers: Andrew Mount, Eileen Labue

Altar Servers: Help Needed

FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Altar Breads & Wine – In loving memory of Patsy & Philip Marchese by Marchese family.

Sanctuary Lamp – In loving memory of Vito and Marie Benardone by Corry and Benardone families.

Mass Candles –

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PARISH

Saturday, December 5

5:00 pm Celebrant: Rev. Dan Chajkowski

7:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Peter McHugh

Sunday, December 6

7:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

9:15 am Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky

10:45 am Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

12:15 pm Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

ST. MARK'S NEEDS \$5,280 PER WEEK TO MEET OUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

Current Year	Last Year 2014
Figures Not Available	November 22, 2014: \$3,444.50 Envelopes used: 65
Supermarket Gift Cards Week of November 15, 2015 Figures Not Available	St. Mark's Faith Direct church code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

With the busy times of Thanksgiving and the Season of Advent right around the corner, enrolling in *Faith Direct* today is a great way to ensure your gifts of treasure to St. Mark the Evangelist are received even if you may be out of town. Please pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at www.faithdirect.net - our Church Code is NJ484. Already using *Faith Direct*? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account this fall.

Thank you in advance for your support and for using *Faith Direct*!

God Bless, Fr. Joe





ADVENT 2015

I don't know about you but I do not spend a lot of time waiting. Most of the time, I spend time trying to catch up with things that I have to do or an appointment that I have to be at. I don't like the pace all the time because I know I need to slow down and enjoy the things that happen during the day. Sometimes things just happen that upset a planned schedule for the day. This happens to all of us. Our responsibilities towards our families or parishioners, sometimes redirects our intended plans and sets us on a new path.

Advent is a season that is often characterized by the word "waiting". Symbolically and scripturally our religious tradition speaks of the many centuries that the people of Israel waited for the coming of the promised Messiah. When Jesus came some did not accept his type of Messiahship and were left still waiting and wondering. For Christians in this final era we "await" the second coming of Jesus at the end of time as he promised. What is our "waiting time" to be characterized by? I do not believe many of us will just stop what we are doing and wait for the coming of the Lord. The early Thessalonian community thought they could. St. Paul wrote to them and said the time of the second coming is not up to us but it will happen in God's time...so he told them to keep doing good things each day and not worry about the time when the Lord will come again. Be found waiting as good servants doing what God wants you to do was his advice to them.

So how are we going to fit this "Advent waiting" into our schedule this year? Or should we even try to fit it in? I believe that we should not fit it in but try to live with the hopefulness that Advent brings into our lives. Instead of just waiting we should let the flow of the day – times of fast paced activity and quieter moments remind us that Jesus is already with us and directing our efforts. This Advent can be a time to make the effort to at least plan our day as an Advent Day that beings with quiet prayer before all else; that helps view our responsibilities towards others as opportunities to bring others Advent joy and hopefulness. We can do this because God is already among us and with us in everything we do. We just have to slow down and recognize this a little more this Advent season...Fr. Joe

SERVING CHRIST IN OTHERS... Bishop's Annual Appeal

We need to think less about our own personal comforts and more about the pain of those who are suffering. We need to look into the face of the poor and see Christ there. Those in need are not a burden they are gifts given by God so we have opportunities to share and to serve. Please make a pledge to the 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift at www.2015appeal.org.

THE HOMELESS JESUS STATUE...

Today at the 11 a.m. liturgy Deacon Ray Chimileski of St. Luke will be here to present the Knights of Columbus and OLM Parish and St. Mark's statue of the Homeless Jesus...it is being presented in thanksgiving by Operation Chillout to the knights and the two parishes for your efforts in serving the poor.

The statue will be placed on a small ledge near where we have our food pantry basket in the gathering space. Thank you - Deacon Ray and thank you all who have given so much over the years to help the poor and those in need.

SIGN UP TO LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH...

Families, individuals, couples take your turn and help light the advent wreath before each of our masses on the weekends during advent... sign-up poster in the gathering space.

FIRST RECONCILIATION...

On Friday Dec 5 our 2nd graders will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Keep these young ones in your prayers and ask the Lord to help them continue grow in the faith.

ST MARK'S EPIPHANY POT LUCK LUNCH –

EARLY NOTICE – SAVE THE DATE –

SUNDAY JANUARY 3RD AFTER THE 11 A.M. MASS ...

This is a fun time for the whole family...Help us welcome our newest parishioners... mark your calendar Jan. 3, 2016. Sign-ups to start December 5th

A CHOICE OF TWO CONCERTS...

Sunday December 6th ---

Hope you can attend at least one of these for an inspiring afternoon concert.

St. Mark's will host a Free invitational Christmas Concert at 4 p.m. at St. Mark's Church...

The Diocesan Choir of the Diocese of Paterson will also be performing a Christmas Concert at 4 p.m. in St. Peter the Apostle Church Route 46 West and Baldwin Road. Parsippany, NJ

A UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFT...

Go to the website: www.heifer.org/catalog if you want to give a family gift to some poor family in need of animals to help with their basic needs. For as little as a \$10 donation you can share in the purchase of various farm animals for the poor in various countries. Check out the website Heifer International works in areas of livestock and agriculture to develop programs that alleviate hunger and poverty.

AN INFORMATIONAL SERIES: to Help Understand and Care for Our Parents and Ourselves as They/We Age at St. Luke Church, Long Valley

December 6, 2015 12:15 to 1:30 PM Taking the Next Steps:

Understanding Palliative Care, Hospice, and Preparing for the End of Life Guest Speakers: Marie Peppas, Hospice Nurse

January 24, 2016 12:15 TO 1:30 P.M. --- LAST OF THE SERIES.

Taking Care Financially & Legally: Using Foresight to Maximize Care and Financial Security. Guest Speakers: Matt Farley, Financial Planner & Tim Duffy, Attorney.

WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC

We are Catholic because we believe:

Jesus himself affirms that God is "the one Lord" whom you must love "with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." At the same time Jesus gives us to understand that he himself is "the Lord." To confess that Jesus is Lord is distinctive of Christian faith. This is not contrary to belief in the One God. Nor does believing in the Holy Spirit as "Lord and giver of life" introduce any division into the One God: We firmly believe and confess without reservation that there is only one true God, eternal, infinite (immensus) and unchangeable, incomprehensible, almighty, and ineffable, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; three persons indeed, but one essence, substance or nature entirely simple. The Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph# 202

50+ CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON...

The buffet luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9th 12pm at Shabo's Italian Restaurant (next to New York Pizza), 57 Main St., Chester. For those who would like to participate there will be a \$15 gift exchange. We are asking for all to respond no later than December 4th call Mary Scarda 852-9089 or Barbara Burke 876-3557. Hope to see you there for this special holiday luncheon.

OLM ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY – DECEMBER MEETING...

Our Lady of the Mountain Rosary Altar Society would like to cordially invite all the ladies of St. Mark's to join them on Tuesday, December 1st, for their monthly meeting to be held at Our Lady of the Mountain. Recitation of the Rosary is at 7:15 pm followed by mass and Novena to our Blessed Mother at 7:30 pm. Immediately following Mass, we will be enjoying many delicious appetizers and desserts provided by Rosarians in the Parish Center. As in the past we will be collecting items for Birth Haven and have our annual Christmas Grab Bag. It will be an enjoyable evening for all. We look forward to seeing you and a friend and getting into the Christmas Spirit. For more information call Linda Richartz at 876-9601 or Carol McKevitt at 852-0953

PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE...

In our Catholic faith tradition of praying for our deceased loved ones goes back to the beginnings of the Christian communities. In fact, this custom can be traced back to the Old Testament, where in 2 Maccabees 12:38-46, a Jewish leader by the name of Judas Maccabeus, asked his soldiers to pray for their kinsmen who had fallen in battle, for the forgiveness of their sins, and for God's mercy on their souls. During the month of November we too pray for all the faithful who have preceded us in death, especially our loved ones whom we remember at each of our masses.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AUCTION...

The Long Valley Knights of Columbus are seeking goods and services donations for our annual charity auction, occurring on Dec. 5th. This auction is the Knights primary fund raiser for the year, allowing our council to provide scholarships, aid to veterans, support to Birth Haven, and many other charitable endeavors. Examples of items donated to previous auctions include professional services, time shares, sporting goods, artwork, and jewelry. Please look for the donation forms located in the gathering space or contact Deputy Grand Knight Mike Lennon, mike.lennon@comcast.net. Thank you

BON VENTURE SERVICES CARD CONTEST...

The printer of our bulletin is having a "Create A Birthday Card to Jesus" contest. Using an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper folded in half, design a special card to Jesus, wishing Him a Happy Birthday. Don't forget to write a message inside the card! There will be 5 categories and they will select one winner from each category, Ages 3-5, Ages 6-8, Ages 9-11, Ages 12-14, Ages 15-17. You could win a \$100 American Express Gift Check. All entries must be received by 5 pm, on Friday, Dec. 4. Forms are available in the Christian Ed. office.

FAITHDIRECT...

You may be aware we have a way of supporting our parish through "e-giving" called Faith Direct. Many of our families at St. Mark's use this. I count myself among them and I hope you will join us today. This method of giving was introduced in Jan 2009 and has been literally a "life saver" for us especially during the days of Hurricane Sandy and on our snowy weekends. Your consistent donations on line assure us that we will have a source of income even when the weather turns against us. Please consider this. Just go to the home page of the web site and sign up. You can stop it any time. Try it you might find it helps you budget easier. Fr Joe



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, John Andaloro, Tony Atkins, Charlie, Baby Natalie Rose Bassett, Kenneth Bernisky, Luz Bracero, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Arlene Cichlar, Hannah Clark, Emily Condit, Kaitlin Cross, Natalia Danilczuk, Daniel DePaul, Krish Dharia, Charles & Ellen Eichler, Connie Elliott, Larry Fine, George Foehner, Joseph Forlini, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Barbara Gotterdam, Louie Gutierrez, Helen Greenly, Harper Lynn Granito, Regina Hague, William Heimsly, Bob Hodiern, Donna Jennings, Laurel Jilek, Claudia Kallmeyer, George Karabin, Kevin Kay, Russell H. Keller, Mary Anne Kindt, Raymond McCarthy Jr, Mary Koenig, Jean Koenig, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris, Lenore, Maryann Litori, Ann Loughney, Helene Mackie, Anthony Marino, Norman Miltz, Marie Molloy, Irene Maruggi, Raymond McCarthy, Jr., Jonathon McClelland, Harold & Mary McKay, Kathy Minichini, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Jim Owens, Dennis Paradise, John Parker, Arlene Parikh, Nicky Piloni, Martha Towne Riley, Clifford Reynolds, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Tommy Scheffler, Ann Senftinger, Kurt Shubert, Rhonda Soto, Judy Stone, Debbie Trepkau, Debra Vitale, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile,

Every now and then we try to update our prayer list of names of the sick and special intentions. We have alphabetized the names in the hopes of making them easier to read. There are some names that we in the parish office cannot associate with a person who made the request to pray for them. Please look over the list and if you requested prayers for a person please either call the office or e mail Fr. Joe to let us know if you wish to continue to be on this prayer list.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOLEY'S MOUNTAIN FIRE COMPANY... BREAKFAST WITH SANTA...

Sunday, December 6th 8 am-12:00 pm. Cost: Ages 4-10 \$4, Adults \$8, Senior Citizens \$6. All You Can Eat! Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, & Pastry. Bring the whole family to enjoy Pancake Breakfast with The Claus'!!! 231 Schooley's Mountain Road

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION EVENTS...

Afternoon with Santa, Sat. Dec. 5th 12:00 am-3:00 pm at St. Mark's Cost \$8 per person & children under 2 free. Activities for the kids and a catered menu. Please do not contact or send checks to St. Mark's, Washington Township is running this event.

Letters to Santa, Arrangements have been made with Santa to accept mail delivery to the North Pole. Letters should include child's first and last name and complete return address. Place the letter in the red drop box at the Recreation Office or mail to 50 Rock Road, LV. 07853 Attn: Santa Clause; Deadline is Dec. 17. For more information on these events call (908) 876-5941 or visit www.wtmorris.org

